**ComFuturo iAGE (IV Edition) Call**

**Declaration of Interest letter from proposed CSIC host institute for a ComFuturo iAGE candidate**

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, holder of identification number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Passport/ID), Director of the CSIC Institute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

**EXPRESSES HIS/HER PREDISPOSITION:**

1. **Hosting and supervision**

To host and act as Supervisor 1 of Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, holder of identification number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Passport/ID), in the event he/she becomes a beneficiary of the fourth edition of the ComFuturo (ComFuturo iAGE) call managed by Fundación General CSIC, at the CSIC Institute*,* for the execution of the research project *“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*” during the 36-month fellowship period.

1. **Co-funding (if applicable)**

Should this Institute have proposed an eligible research topic agreed with Fundación General CSIC, and a candidate in said topic be selected, the Institute commits to providing the agreed co-funding contribution.

1. **Supervisor 2**

In agreement with the candidate and having been informed of this proposal, Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is proposed as **Supervisor 2**, who will also act as academic supervisor throughout the fellowship. The final confirmation of Supervisor 2 will be made after the fellowship is awarded, always with the fellow’s agreement.

**COMMITMENT OF THE PROPOSED SUPERVISORS:**

To oversee the professional development of the above-mentioned candidate, should he/she become a ComFuturo fellow, towards achieving scientific, training, and career objectives, including jointly preparing a Personalised Career Development Plan. Also, to ensure compliance with the commitments applicable to host institutes as stated in the ComFuturo iAGE Call Guidelines.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Digital signature of the Director of the CSIC Institute**
*(By signing this Declaration, the Director of the CSIC Institute confirms that the proposed Supervisor 2 has been informed of this nomination.)*

**Annex – Requirements and roles of CSIC supervisors**

**Role of supervisors**

* ComFuturo iAGE aims to empower fellows to become independent researchers and future scientific leaders. To this end, fellows will act as Principal Investigators (PIs) of their own research projects, while receiving structured supervision and tailored career guidance throughout the programme.
* Supervisors will provide scientific support, career guidance, and assist in preparing a Personalised Career Development Plan (PCDP) which, following Europe’s recommendations, will include research and innovation objectives but also the fellow’s training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, teaching, planning for publications and participation in conferences. Supervisors and fellows will analyse the needs of the latter to acquire new skills through training in transferable and non-transferable skills and will establish the short and long term objectives for their career development.

**Number and profile**

* **Supervisor 1:** The Director of the CSIC host institute, who will provide institutional support and oversight.
* **Supervisor 2:** A CSIC researcher from the host research group or department, typically the group leader, who will provide scientific guidance throughout the project.

**Requirements for Supervisor 2**

* Must guarantee contractual binding to CSIC for the entire 36-month fellowship.
* Must confirm this commitment after the call’s outcome, providing documentary evidence of contractual status until three years after the fellowship start date.
* May be listed as Supervisor 2 for more than one candidate, but the ComFuturo Scientific-Technical Board will assess whether adequate supervision can be ensured.

**Validation and final selection**

* The final allocation of supervisors will be decided by the ComFuturo Scientific-Technical Board after the fellows and projects are selected.
* The Board will ensure that supervisors:
	+ Have excellent track records.
	+ Possess proven mentoring and supervision experience.
	+ Have a broad professional network to support the fellow in various aspects of the project (e.g., IPR, open science).
	+ Can bring significant added value to the fellow’s career development.