**European Network of Pesticide Free Towns**

**Commitment of**

**[Name of City or Town]**

 **[Name of country/region]**

**[Logo if applicable]**

I, **[Name]**, **[Mayor or equivalent representative title]** of **[name of city or town]** commit to the Pesticide Free Towns Network, joining forward-looking mayors representing cities and towns across Europe who are engaged in the move towards becoming pesticide free.

The European Network of Pesticide Free Towns envisions a Europe where the use of pesticides is minimized and replaced with sustainable alternatives, hence, the health of citizens and the environment is safeguarded, and an improved quality of life is achieved.

To implement this vision, the **[name of city/town]** pledges to implement policies and undertake measures to

1. Achieve a significant reduction of pesticide use within no more than three years of this commitment, with the aim of complete phase-out of all pesticides in public areas under city/town’s control.

 (ii) Adopt an action plan with quantitative targets, timetables and measures to phase-out all pesticides in all public areas, including plans for continuous phase-out for private areas with public access and agricultural areas next to where citizens live.

(iii) Develop and promote campaigns aimed at informing citizens about the transition to become pesticide-free; raising awareness about dangers of pesticides; and encouraging citizens to become active partners in the transition by promoting the use of sustainable alternatives in private gardens and allotments

(iv) Communicate with all stakeholders (communal gardeners, local farmers, etc.) the activities related to the pesticide-free commitment of the city/town and ensure their involvement in the transition towards pesticide-free.

(v) Exchange good practices and experience with other European towns through the Pesticide Free Towns Network, and provide regular updates on the state of play of undertaken activities, achievements and failures.

 (vi) Dynamically continue with urban greening efforts and actions.

**[Name and complete postal address of the city/town] [Website of city or town]**

**[Name of the Mayor]**

**[Name, e-mail and phone number of the main contact person]**

**OFFICIAL SIGNATURE**

 Mandated by the **[Responsible officer or municipal council]** on **[DATE]**