

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME¹

Project [insert number] — [insert title if applicable]

PREAMBLE

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

on the one part,

the **National Agency** ('NA'), ('granting authority'),

[full official name of the NA]

[official legal form]

[official registration No]

[official address in full]

[functional mailbox of the NA]

[VAT number],

represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by [forename and surname,
function]

and

on the other part,

the '**the coordinator**':

[full official name], OID [number], established in [legal official address in full],

[official legal form] [if applicable]

[official registration No] [if applicable]

[Email address]

[VAT number], [if applicable]

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

Unless otherwise specified, references to ‘beneficiary’ or ‘beneficiaries’ include the coordinator.

If only one beneficiary signs the grant agreement (‘mono-beneficiary grant’), all provisions referring to the ‘coordinator’ or the ‘beneficiaries’ will be considered — *mutatis mutandis* — as referring to the beneficiary.

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

By signing the Agreement and the accession forms, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

The Agreement is composed of:

Preamble

Terms and Conditions (including Data Sheet)

Annex 1 Description of the action and of the approved accreditation application for the mobility consortium]; [*Option for multi-beneficiary grant* – list of other beneficiaries] and Estimated budget for the action

Annex 2 Applicable rules to eligible costs

Annex 3 Applicable rates

Annex 4 Accession form for beneficiaries (if applicable)

Annex 5 Specific rules

Annex 6 Templates for agreements to be used between beneficiaries and participants (if applicable)²

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DATA SHEET

1. General data

Project summary: see Annex 1 if applicable

Project number: [project code generated by PMM]

Project title: [full title, if applicable]

Call: [call ID, e.g. PROGRAMME-CALLABREVIATION-YEAR]

Type of action: [e.g. KA1/VET/AD/SE/SPO]

Granting authority: National Agency

Project start date: [dd/mm/yyyy]

Project end date: [dd/mm/yyyy]

Project duration: [number of months/days, e.g. 36 months]

Consortium agreement: [OPTION 1: Yes] [OPTION 2: No]

2. Participating entities

List of participating entities: see Annex 1

3. Grant

Maximum grant amount awarded: EUR [insert amount]

Grant form: Budget-based mixed: actual costs and unit contributions

Grant mode: Action grant

Budget categories/activity types: Unit contributions:

- Individual support
- Travel
- Inclusion support for organisations
- Linguistic support
- Preparatory visits
- Course fees

Actual costs:

- Exceptional costs
- Inclusion support for participants

Cost eligibility options (funding rate):

- Exceptional costs: 80% of the eligible direct costs
- Inclusion support for participants: 100%
- VAT: Yes – if not deductible or not refundable

Budget flexibility: Yes (flexibility with conditions, see art 2 in Annex 5)

4. Reporting, payments and recoveries

4.1 Continuous reporting (art 21)

Deliverables: *[Option if no progress report(s): No] [Option if progress report(s): Yes]*

4.2 Periodic reporting and payments

Reporting and payment schedule (art 21, 22):

Reporting					Payments	
Reporting periods			Type	Deadline ³	Type	Deadline (time to pay)
RP No	Date from	Date to				
/					Pre-financing	<p><i>[one pre-financing in one instalment]</i> 30 days, either from the entry into force of the Agreement or from the receipt of the pre-financing guarantee, whichever is the latest]</p> <p><i>[one pre-financing in two instalments – First instalment:</i> 30 days, either from the entry into force of the Agreement or from the receipt of the pre-financing guarantee, whichever is the latest</p> <p>Second instalment - By [NA insert date]]</p>
[1] <i>optional if second pre-financing</i>	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	Periodic report	[30] days after end of reporting period	Second pre-financing,	60 days from receiving the periodic report
[2] <i>optional if third pre-financing</i>	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	Periodic report	[30] days after end of reporting period	Third pre-financing,	60 days from receiving the periodic report
[3] <i>optional if progress report</i>	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	[dd/mm/yyyy]]	Progress report	[30] days after end of reporting period	Not applicable	Not applicable
[4]	[dd/mm/yyyy start date]	[dd/mm/yyyy end date]	Final report	[30] days after end of reporting period	Final payment	60 days from receiving final report

Option 2 [two] [three], etc. pre-financings

Pre-financing payment		Pre-financing guarantee
Type	Amount	Guarantee amount*
Pre-financing 1	[amount]	/[amount] 0
Pre-financing 2	[amount]	/[amount] 0
Pre-financing 3	[amount]	

* The amount of the financial guarantee must be the same as the amount of the pre-financing payment.

Reporting and payment modalities (art 21, 22):

No-profit rule: n/a

Late payment interest: ECB + 3.5 %

Denomination of the bank account holder:

Bank account for payments:

[IBAN account number and SWIFT/BIC, e.g. IT75Y0538703601000000198049; GEBABEBB]

Conversion into euros: Double conversion⁴

Reporting language: All requests for payments and reporting must be submitted in Latvian.

4.3 Certificates (art 24)

n/a

4.4 Recoveries (art 22)

First-line liability for recoveries:

Beneficiary termination: Beneficiary concerned

Final payment: Coordinator

After final payment: Beneficiary concerned

Joint and several liability for enforced recoveries (in case of non-payment):

⁴ Beneficiaries with general accounts established in a currency other than the euro must convert the costs recorded in their accounts into euro, at the average of the daily exchange rates published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union (ECB website), calculated over the corresponding reporting period.

If no daily euro exchange rate is published in the Official Journal for the currency in question, they must be converted at the average of the monthly accounting exchange rates published on the European Commission website (InforEuro), calculated over the corresponding reporting period.

Beneficiaries with general accounts in euro must convert costs incurred in another currency into euro according to their usual accounting practices.

Individual financial responsibility: Each beneficiary is liable only for its own debts/

5. Consequences of non-compliance, applicable law & dispute settlement forum

Applicable law (art 43):

EU beneficiaries: Standard applicable law regime: EU law + national law of the Member State of the granting authority.

Non-EU beneficiaries: Special applicable law regime: EU law + national law of the country of the granting authority + general principles governing the law of international organisations and the general rules of international law

Dispute settlement forum (art 43):

Standard dispute settlement forum:

EU beneficiaries: competent national courts of the Member State of the granting authority

Non-EU beneficiaries: Courts of Brussels, Belgium (unless an international agreement provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements)

6. Other

Specific rules (Annex 5): Yes

- Maximum grant amount
- Budget flexibility
- Recipients of financial support to third parties
- Inclusion support for participants with fewer opportunities
- Data protection
- IPR, background and results, access rights and rights of use
- Communication, dissemination and visibility
- Specific rules for carrying out the action
- Reporting
- Amount due
- Checks, reviews, audits and investigations
- Grant reduction
- Communication between the parties
- Monitoring and evaluation of accreditations
- Online Language Support (OLS)
- Protection and safety of participants
- Any additional provisions required by the national law

Standard time-limits after project end⁵:

Confidentiality: 5 years after final payment

Record-keeping: 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000) years after final payment

Reviews: up to 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000) years after final payment

Audits: up to 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000) years after final payment

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 — SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets out the rights and obligations and terms and conditions applicable to the grant awarded for the implementation of the action set out in Chapter 2.

ARTICLE 2 — DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

Action — The project which is being funded in the context of this Agreement.

Grant — The grant awarded in the context of this Agreement.

Participating entities — Entities participating in the action as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties.

Participants — Individuals who are fully involved in a project and who may receive part of the European Union grant intended to cover their costs of participation (notably travel and subsistence).

Beneficiaries (BEN) — The signatories of this Agreement (either directly or through an accession form).

Associated partners (AP) — Entities which participate in the action, but without the right to charge costs or claim contributions.

Subcontracting — Contracts for goods, works or services that are part of the action tasks (see Annex 1).

In-kind contributions — In-kind contributions within the meaning of Article 2(36) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046, i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties.

Fraud — Fraud within the meaning of Article 3 of EU Directive 2017/1371⁶ and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995⁷, as well as any other wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

⁶ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

⁷ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

Irregularities — Any type of breach (regulatory or contractual) which could impact the EU financial interests, including irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation 2988/95⁸.

Grave professional misconduct — Any type of unacceptable or improper behaviour in exercising one’s profession, especially by employees, including grave professional misconduct within the meaning of Article 136(1)(c) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

CHAPTER 2 ACTION

ARTICLE 3 — ACTION

The grant is awarded for the action set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 1), as described in Annex 1.

ARTICLE 4 — DURATION AND STARTING DATE

The duration and the starting date of the action are set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 1).

CHAPTER 3 GRANT

ARTICLE 5 — GRANT

5.1 Form of grant

The grant is an action grant⁹ which takes the form of a budget-based mixed grant (i.e. a grant based on unit costs, but which also includes actual costs incurred.)

5.2 Maximum grant amount

The maximum grant amount is set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3) and in the estimated budget (Annex 1).

5.3 Funding rate

The funding rate is set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3).

Unit contributions are not subject to any funding rate.

5.4 Estimated budget, budget categories and forms of funding

The estimated budget for the action is set out in Annex 1.

It contains the estimated eligible costs and unit contributions for the action, broken down by beneficiary and budget category.

⁸ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

⁹ For the definition, see Article 180(2)(a) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: ‘**action grant**’ means an EU grant to finance “an action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective”.

Annex 1 also shows the types of costs and contributions (forms of funding)¹⁰ to be used for each budget category.

The details on the calculation of the unit contributions are explained in Annex 2.

5.5 Budget flexibility

The budget breakdown may be adjusted — without an amendment (see Article 39) — by transfers (between budget categories), as long as this does not imply any substantive or important change to the description of the action in Annex 1.

However:

- other changes require an amendment or simplified approval, if specifically provided for in Annex 5.

ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to be eligible, costs and contributions must meet the **eligibility** conditions set out in this Article.

6.1 General eligibility conditions

The **general eligibility conditions** are the following:

(a) for actual costs (if any) :

- (i) they must be actually incurred by the beneficiary
- (ii) they must be incurred in the period set out in Article 4
- (iii) they must be declared under one of the budget categories set out in Article 6.2 and Annex 2
- (iv) they must be incurred in connection with the action as described in Annex 1 and necessary for its implementation
- (v) they must be identifiable and verifiable, in particular recorded in the beneficiary's accounts in accordance with the accounting standards applicable in the country where the beneficiary is established and with the beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices
- (vi) they must comply with the applicable national law on taxes, labour and social security and
- (vii) they must be reasonable, justified and must comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency

(b) for unit contributions:

¹⁰ See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

- (i) they must be declared under one of the budget categories set out in Article 6.2 and Annex 2
- (ii) the units must:
 - be actually used or produced by the beneficiary in the period set out in Article 4
 - be necessary for implementing the action or produced by it and
- (iii) the number of units must be identifiable and verifiable, in particular supported by records and documentation (see Article 20).

Indirect costs

Indirect costs will be reimbursed at the flat rate as set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3).

6.2 Specific eligibility conditions for each budget category

For each budget category, the **specific eligibility conditions** are set in Annex 2.

6.3 Ineligible costs and contributions

The following costs or contributions are **ineligible**:

- (a) costs or contributions that do not comply with the conditions set out above (see Articles 6.1 and 6.2), in particular:
 - (i) costs related to return on capital and dividends paid by a beneficiary
 - (ii) debt and debt service charges
 - (iii) provisions for future losses or debts
 - (iv) interest owed
 - (v) currency exchange losses
 - (vi) bank costs charged by the beneficiary's bank for transfers from the granting authority
 - (vii) excessive or reckless expenditure
 - (viii) deductible or refundable VAT (including VAT paid by public bodies acting as public authority)
 - (ix) costs incurred or contributions for activities implemented during grant agreement suspension (see Article 31)
 - (x) in-kind contributions by third parties
- (b) costs or contributions declared under other EU grants (or grants awarded by an EU Member State, non-EU country or other body implementing the EU budget), except for the following cases:

- (i) if the action grant is combined with an operating grant¹¹ running during the same period and the beneficiary can demonstrate that the operating grant does not cover any (direct or indirect) costs of the action grant;
- (c) costs or contributions for staff of a national (or regional/local) administration, for activities that are part of the administration’s normal activities (i.e. not undertaken only because of the grant)
- (d) costs or contributions (especially travel and subsistence) for staff or representatives of EU institutions, bodies or agencies
- (e) other¹²:
 - (i) costs or contributions declared specifically ineligible in the call conditions.

6.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary declares costs or contributions that are ineligible, they will be rejected (see Article 27).

This may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 4 GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1 CONSORTIUM; BENEFICIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND OTHER PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

ARTICLE 7 — BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries, as signatories of the Agreement, are fully responsible towards the granting authority for implementing it and for complying with all its obligations.

They must implement the Agreement to their best abilities, in good faith and in accordance with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

They must have the appropriate resources to implement the action and implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with Article 11. If they rely on other participating entities (see Article 9), they retain sole responsibility towards the granting authority and the other beneficiaries.

They are jointly responsible for the *technical* implementation of the action. If one of the beneficiaries fails to implement their part of the action, the other beneficiaries must ensure that this part is implemented by someone else (without being entitled to an increase of the maximum grant amount and subject to an amendment; see Article 39). The *financial* responsibility of each beneficiary in case of recoveries is governed by Article 22.

¹¹ For the definition, see Article 180(2)(b) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: ‘**operating grant**’ means an EU grant to finance “the functioning of a body which has an objective forming part of and supporting an EU policy”.

¹² Condition must be specified in the call.

The beneficiaries (and their action) must remain eligible under the EU programme funding the grant for the entire duration of the action. Costs and contributions will be eligible only as long as the beneficiary and the action are eligible.

The **internal roles and responsibilities** of the beneficiaries are divided as follows:

(a) Each beneficiary must:

- (i) keep information stored in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool up to date (see Article 19)
- (ii) inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) immediately of any events or circumstances likely to affect significantly or delay the implementation of the action (see Article 19)
- (iii) submit to the coordinator in good time:
 - the pre-financing guarantees (if required; see Article 23)
 - the financial statements
 - the contribution to the deliverables and technical reports (see Article 21)
 - any other documents or information required by the granting authority under the Agreement

(b) The coordinator must:

- (i) monitor that the action is implemented properly (see Article 11)
- (ii) act as the intermediary for all communications between the consortium and the granting authority, unless the Agreement or granting authority specifies otherwise, and in particular:
 - submit the prefinancing guarantees to the granting authority (if any)
 - request and review any documents or information required and verify their quality and completeness before passing them on to the granting authority
 - submit the deliverables and reports to the granting authority
 - inform the granting authority about the payments made to the other beneficiaries (report on the distribution of payments; if required, see Articles 22 and 32)
- (iii) distribute the payments received from the granting authority to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay (see Article 22).

The coordinator may not delegate or subcontract the above-mentioned tasks to any other beneficiary or third party.

However, coordinators which are public bodies may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(ii) last indent and (iii) above to entities with ‘authorisation to administer’ which they have created or which are controlled by them. In this case, the coordinator retains sole responsibility for the payments and for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Moreover, coordinators which are ‘sole beneficiaries’¹³ may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(i) to (iii) above to one of their members. The coordinator retains sole responsibility for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

The beneficiaries must have **internal arrangements** regarding their operation and coordination, to ensure that the action is implemented properly.

If required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 1), these arrangements must be set out in a written **consortium agreement** between the beneficiaries, covering for instance:

- the internal organisation of the consortium
- the management of access to the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool
- different distribution keys for the payments and financial responsibilities in case of recoveries (if any)
- additional rules on rights and obligations related to background and results (see Article 16)
- settlement of internal disputes
- liability, indemnification and confidentiality arrangements between the beneficiaries.

The internal arrangements must not contain any provision contrary to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 — AFFILIATED ENTITIES

Not applicable.

ARTICLE 9 — OTHER PARTICIPATING ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE ACTION

9.1 Associated partners

Not applicable

9.2 Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action

Other third parties may give in-kind contributions to the action (i.e. personnel, equipment, other goods, works and services, etc. which are free-of-charge), if necessary for the implementation.

¹³ For the definition, see Article 187(2) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: “Where several entities satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant and together form one entity, that entity may be treated as the **sole beneficiary**, including where it is specifically established for the purpose of implementing the action financed by the grant.”

Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge costs or contributions to the action and the costs for the in-kind contributions are not eligible.

The third parties and their in-kind contributions should be set out in Annex 1.

9.3 Subcontractors

Subcontractors may participate in the action, if necessary for the implementation.

Subcontractors must implement their action tasks in accordance with Article 11. The beneficiaries' costs for subcontracting are considered entirely covered by the unit contributions (irrespective of the actual subcontracting costs incurred, if any).

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the subcontractors.

The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the subcontractors.

9.4 Recipients of financial support to third parties¹⁴

If the action includes providing financial support to third parties (e.g. grants, prizes or similar forms of support), the beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients).

If the beneficiaries have to give support to participants in project activities, the beneficiaries will provide such support in accordance with the conditions specified in Annex 5.

The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.

ARTICLE 10 — PARTICIPATING ENTITIES WITH SPECIAL STATUS

10.1 Non-EU participating entities

Participating entities which are established in a non-EU country (if any) undertake to comply with their obligations under the Agreement and:

- to respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)

¹⁴ Third parties receiving financial support under Erasmus+ are to be understood as participants.

- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: to use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC¹⁵
- for the controls under Article 25: to allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the bodies mentioned in that Article (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.).

Special rules on dispute settlement apply (see Data Sheet, Point 5).

SECTION 2 RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

ARTICLE 11 — PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION

11.1 Obligation to properly implement the action

The beneficiaries must implement the action as described in Annex 1 and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, the call conditions and all legal obligations under applicable EU, international and national law.

11.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

12.1 Conflict of interests

The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').

They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The granting authority may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

12.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the beneficiary may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

¹⁵ Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts or similar national regulations (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

13.1 Sensitive information

The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') — during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

If a beneficiary requests, the granting authority may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement.

The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participating entities involved in the action only if they:

- (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and
- (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The granting authority may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies.

It may moreover disclose sensitive information to third parties, if:

- (a) this is necessary to implement the Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests and
- (b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party
- (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation
- (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

Specific confidentiality rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.2 Classified information

The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/444¹⁶ and its implementing rules).

¹⁶ Commission Decision 2015/444/EC, Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according to special procedures agreed with the granting authority.

Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority.

Classified information may not be disclosed to any third party (including participating entities involved in the action implementation) without prior explicit written approval from the granting authority.

Specific security rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 14 — ETHICS AND VALUES

14.1 Ethics

The action must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

14.2 Values

The beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

14.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 15 — DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Data processing by the granting authority

Any personal data under the Agreement will be processed under the responsibility of the data controller identified in the privacy statement in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation, in particular Regulation 2018/1725¹⁷ and related national data protection acts and

¹⁷ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

for the purposes set out in the Privacy Statement available at <https://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc-personal-data>.

15.2 Data processing by the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must process personal data under the Agreement in compliance with the applicable EU, international and national law on data protection (in particular, Regulation 2018/1725¹⁸). The beneficiaries act as processors in this processing activity.

They must ensure compliance with Articles 29, 30, 31 and 33 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed and
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the data.

The beneficiaries may grant their personnel access to personal data only if it is strictly necessary for implementing, managing and monitoring the Agreement. The beneficiaries must ensure that the personnel is under a confidentiality obligation.

The beneficiaries must inform the data subjects about the processing and provide them with the Privacy Statement available at <https://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc-personal-data>.

15.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

¹⁸ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC

ARTICLE 16 — INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) — BACKGROUND AND RESULTS — ACCESS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF USE

16.1 Background and access rights to background

The beneficiaries must give each other and the other participating entities access to the background identified as needed for implementing the action, subject to any specific rules in Annex 5.

‘Background’ means any data, know-how or information — whatever its form or nature (tangible or intangible), including any rights such as intellectual property rights — that is:

- (a) held by the beneficiaries before they acceded to the Agreement and
- (b) needed to implement the action or exploit the results.

If background is subject to rights of a third party, the beneficiary concerned must ensure that it is able to comply with its obligations under the Agreement.

16.2 Ownership of results

The granting authority does not obtain ownership of the results produced under the action.

‘Results’ means any tangible or intangible effect of the action, such as data, know-how or information, whatever its form or nature, whether or not it can be protected, as well as any rights attached to it, including intellectual property rights.

16.3 Rights of use of the granting authority on materials, documents and information received for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes

The granting authority and the European Commission have the right to use non-sensitive information relating to the action and materials and documents received from the beneficiaries (notably summaries for publication, deliverables, as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material, in paper or electronic form) for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes — during the action or afterwards.

The right to use the beneficiaries’ materials, documents and information is granted in the form of a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable licence, which includes the following rights:

- (a) **use for their own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for them or any other EU service (including institutions, bodies, offices, agencies, etc.) or EU Member State institution or body; copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers; and communication through press information services)
- (b) **distribution to the public** (in particular, publication as hard copies and in electronic or digital format, publication on the internet, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file, broadcasting by any channel, public display or presentation, communicating through press information services, or inclusion in widely accessible databases or indexes)

- (c) **editing or redrafting** (including shortening, summarising, inserting other elements (e.g. meta-data, legends, other graphic, visual, audio or text elements), extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts, use in a compilation)
- (d) **translation**
- (e) **storage** in paper, electronic or other form
- (f) **archiving**, in line with applicable document-management rules
- (g) the right to authorise **third parties** to act on its behalf or sub-license to third parties the modes of use set out in Points (b), (c), (d) and (f), if needed for the information, communication and publicity activity of the granting authority
- (h) **processing**, analysing, aggregating the materials, documents and information received and **producing derivative works** and
- (i) **disseminating** the results in widely accessible databases or indexes (such as through ‘open access’ or ‘open data’ portals or similar repositories, whether free of charge or not).

The rights of use are granted for the whole duration of the industrial or intellectual property rights concerned.

If materials or documents are subject to moral rights or third party rights (including intellectual property rights or rights of natural persons on their image and voice), the beneficiaries must ensure that they comply with their obligations under this Agreement (in particular, by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned).

Where applicable, the granting authority will insert the following information:

“© – [year] – [name of the copyright owner]. All rights reserved. Licensed to the [name of granting authority][European Commission] under conditions.”

16.4 Specific rules on IPR, results and background

Specific rules regarding intellectual property rights, results and background (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

16.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such a breach may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 17 — COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY

17.1 Communication — Dissemination — Promoting the action

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, the beneficiaries must promote the action and its results by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public), in accordance with Annex 1 and in a strategic, coherent and effective manner.

Before engaging in a communication or dissemination activity expected to have a major media impact, the beneficiaries must inform the granting authority.

17.2 Visibility — European flag and funding statement

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, communication activities of the beneficiaries related to the action (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text.

Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support.

When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. of beneficiaries or sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of their obligations under this Article, the beneficiaries may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the granting authority. This does not, however, give them

the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

17.3 Quality of information — Disclaimer

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the action must use factually accurate information.

Moreover, it must indicate the following disclaimer (translated into local languages where appropriate):

“Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or [name of the granting authority]. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.”

17.4 Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules

Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

17.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

18.1 Specific rules for carrying out the action

Specific rules for implementing the action (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

18.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such a breach may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS

19.1 Information requests

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the costs or contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement.

The information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

19.2 Data updates in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action— their information stored in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool up to date, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.

19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action

The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any of the following:

- (a) **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action or affect the EU's financial interests, in particular:
 - (i) changes in their legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour signed before grant signature)
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
 - (ii) the decision to award the grant or
 - (iii) compliance with requirements under the Agreement.

19.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 20 — RECORD-KEEPING

20.1 Keeping records and supporting documents

The beneficiaries must — at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6) — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action in line with the accepted standards in the respective field (if any).

In addition, the beneficiaries must — for the same period — keep the following to justify the amounts declared:

- (a) for actual costs: adequate records and supporting documents to prove the costs declared (such as contracts, subcontracts, invoices and accounting records); in addition, the beneficiaries' usual accounting and internal control procedures must enable direct reconciliation between the amounts declared, the amounts recorded in their accounts and the amounts stated in the supporting documents
- (b) for unit contributions according to usual cost accounting practices (if any): adequate records and supporting documents in line with Annex 2 to prove the number of units declared and that their cost accounting practices have been applied in a consistent manner, based on objective criteria, regardless of the source of funding, and that they

comply with the eligibility conditions set out in Articles 6.1 and 6.2; beneficiaries do not need to keep specific records on the actual costs incurred.

The records and supporting documents must be made available upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

If there are on-going checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims under the Agreement, the beneficiaries must keep these records and other supporting documentation until the end of these procedures.

The beneficiaries must keep the original documents. Digital and digitalised documents are considered originals if they are authorised by the applicable national law. The granting authority may accept non-original documents if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

20.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, costs or contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 21 — REPORTING

21.1 Continuous reporting

Where applicable, the coordinator must submit a progress report in accordance with the timing set out in the Data sheet (see Point 4.2) and conditions set in Annex 5.

21.2 Periodic reporting

In addition, the beneficiaries must provide reports to request payments, in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2):

- for additional pre-financing (if any): a **periodic report**
- for the final payment: a **final report**.

The periodic reports include a technical and financial part.

The technical part includes an overview of the action implementation. It must be prepared using the template provided by the National Agency.

The financial part includes:

- a statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment
- the financial statements (individual and consolidated for all beneficiaries)
- the explanation on the use of resources (or detailed cost reporting table, if required).

The financial statements must detail the contributions for the units implemented in the reporting period.

Unit contributions which are not declared in a financial statement will not be taken into account by the granting authority.

By signing the financial statements (in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool), the beneficiaries confirm that:

- the information provided is complete, reliable and true
- the unit contributions declared are eligible (see Article 6)
- the contributions can be substantiated by adequate records and supporting documents (see Article 20 and Annex 2) that will be produced upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits and investigations (see Article 25).

21.3 Currency for financial statements and conversion into euros

The financial statements must be drafted in euro.

Beneficiaries with general accounts established in a currency other than the euro must convert the costs recorded in their accounts into euro, at the average of the daily exchange rates published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*, calculated over the corresponding reporting period (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/exchange/eurofxref/html/index.en.html>).

If no daily euro exchange rate is published in the *Official Journal* for the currency in question, they must be converted at the average of the monthly accounting exchange rates published on the European Commission website ([InforEuro](#)), calculated over the corresponding reporting period.

Beneficiaries with general accounts in euro must convert costs incurred in another currency into euro according to their usual accounting practices.

21.4 Reporting language

The reporting must be in the language of the Agreement, unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

21.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a report submitted does not comply with this Article, the granting authority may suspend the payment deadline (see Article 29) and apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

If the coordinator breaches its reporting obligations, the granting authority may terminate the grant or the coordinator's participation (see Article 32) or apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 22 — PAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES — CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS DUE

22.1 Payments and payment arrangements

Payments will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

They will be made in euro to the bank account indicated by the coordinator (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) and must be distributed without unjustified delay (restrictions may apply to distribution of the initial prefinancing payment; see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

Payments to this bank account will discharge the granting authority from its payment obligation.

The cost of payment transfers will be borne as follows:

- the granting authority bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the beneficiary bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the party causing a repetition of a transfer bears all costs of the repeated transfer.

Payments by the granting authority will be considered to have been carried out on the date when they are debited to its account.

22.2 Recoveries

Recoveries will be made, if — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — it turns out that the granting authority has paid too much and needs to recover the amounts undue.

The general liability regime for recoveries (first-line liability) is as follows: At final payment, the coordinator will be fully liable for recoveries, even if it has not been the final recipient of the undue amounts. At beneficiary termination or after final payment, recoveries will be made directly against the beneficiaries concerned.

In case of enforced recoveries (see Article 22.4):

- the beneficiaries will be jointly and severally liable for repaying debts of another beneficiary under the Agreement (including late-payment interest), if required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)

22.3 Amounts due

22.3.1 Pre-financing payments

The aim of the pre-financing is to provide the beneficiaries with a float.

It remains the property of the EU until the final payment.

For **initial pre-financings** (if any), the amount due, schedule and modalities are set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

For **additional pre-financings** (if any), the amount due, schedule and modalities are also set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2). However, if the statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment shows that less than 70% was used, the amount set out in the Data Sheet will be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used.

Pre-financing payments (or parts of them) may be offset (without the beneficiaries' consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

Payments will not be made if the payment deadline or payments are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30).

22.3.2 Amount due at beneficiary termination — Recovery

In case of beneficiary termination, the granting authority will determine the provisional amount due for the beneficiary concerned. Payments (if any) will be made with the final payment.

The **amount due** will be calculated based on the total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary concerned:

Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary for all reporting periods, by calculating the ‘maximum EU contribution to costs’ (applying the funding rate to the accepted costs of the beneficiary), and adding the unit contributions for the accepted units.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting amount is the ‘total accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary.

The **balance** is then calculated by deducting the payments received (if any; see report on the distribution of payments in Article 32), from the total accepted EU contribution for that beneficiary:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{minus} \\ \text{prefinancing payments received (if any)} \end{array} \right\}.$$

If the balance is **positive**, the amount will be included in the final payment to the consortium.

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the amount due, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered and ask this amount to be paid to the coordinator (**confirmation letter**).

The amounts will later on also be taken into account for the final payment.

22.3.3 Interim payments

Not applicable.

22.3.4 Final payment — Final grant amount — Revenues and Profit — Recovery

The final payment (payment of the balance) reimburses the remaining part of the eligible costs and contributions claimed for the implementation of the action (if any).

The final payment will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

Payment is subject to the approval of the final report. Its approval does not imply recognition of compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of its content.

The **final grant amount for the action** will be calculated based on the total accepted EU contribution

Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the action for all reporting periods, by calculating the ‘maximum EU contribution to costs’ (applying the funding rate to the total accepted costs of each beneficiary), adding the unit contributions for the accepted units.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting amount is the ‘total accepted EU contribution’.

If the resulting amount is higher than the maximum grant amount set out in Article 5.2, it will be limited to the latter.

The **balance** (final payment) is then calculated by deducting the total amount of prefinancing payments already made (if any), from the final grant amount:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ \text{final grant amount} \\ \text{minus} \\ \{ \text{prefinancing payments made (if any)} \} \} . \end{array}$$

If the balance is **positive**, it will be **paid** to the coordinator.

The final payment (or part of it) may be offset (without the beneficiaries’ consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

Payments will not be made if the payment deadline or payments are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30).

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the final grant amount, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered (**confirmation letter**), together with a **debit note** with the terms and date for payment.

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the granting authority will **enforce recovery** in accordance with Article 22.4.

22.3.5 Audit implementation after final payment — Revised final grant amount — Recovery

If — after the final payment (in particular, after checks, reviews, audits or investigations; see Article 25) — the granting authority rejects costs or contributions (see Article 27) or reduces the grant (see Article 28), it will calculate the **revised final grant amount** for the beneficiary concerned.

The **beneficiary revised final grant amount** for the beneficiary concerned will be calculated based on the revised total accepted EU contribution:

Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘revised accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary, for all reporting periods, by calculating the ‘revised accepted costs’ and ‘revised accepted contributions’.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting is the ‘revised total accepted EU contribution’.

If the revised final grant amount is lower than the beneficiary’s final grant amount, it will be **recovered** by deducting the revised final grant amount from the final grant amount:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{final grant amount for the beneficiary} \\ \text{minus} \\ \text{revised final grant amount for the beneficiary} \end{array} \right\}.$$

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered (**confirmation letter**), together with a **debit note** with the terms and the date for payment.

Recoveries against affiliated entities (if any) will be handled through their beneficiaries.

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the granting authority will **enforce recovery** in accordance with Article 22.4.

22.4 Enforced recovery

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the amount due will be recovered:

- (a) by offsetting the amount — without the coordinator or beneficiary’s consent — against any amounts owed to the coordinator or beneficiary by the granting authority.

In exceptional circumstances, to safeguard the EU financial interests, the amount may be offset before the payment date specified in the debit note.

- (b) by drawing on the financial guarantee(s) (if any)
- (c) by holding other beneficiaries jointly and severally liable (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- (d) by taking legal action (see Article 43).

The amount to be recovered will be increased by **late-payment interest** at the rate set out in Article 22.5, from the day following the payment date in the debit note, up to and including the date the full payment is received.

Partial payments will be first credited against expenses, charges and late-payment interest and then against the principal.

Bank charges incurred in the recovery process will be borne by the beneficiary, unless Directive 2015/2366¹⁹ applies.

22.5 Consequences of non-compliance

22.5.1 If the granting authority does not pay within the payment deadlines (see above), the beneficiaries are entitled to **late-payment interest** at the reference rate applied by the European Central Bank (ECB) for its main refinancing operations in euros, plus the percentage specified in the Data Sheet (Point 4.2). The ECB reference rate to be used is the rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment deadline expires, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

If the late-payment interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it will be paid to the coordinator only on request submitted within two months of receiving the late payment.

Late-payment interest is not due if all beneficiaries are EU Member States (including regional and local government authorities or other public bodies acting on behalf of a Member State for the purpose of this Agreement).

If payments or the payment deadline are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30), payment will not be considered as late.

¹⁹ Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC (OJ L 337, 23.12.2015, p. 35).

Late-payment interest covers the period running from the day following the due date for payment (see above), up to and including the date of payment.

Late-payment interest is not considered for the purposes of calculating the final grant amount.

22.5.2 If the coordinator breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the coordinator may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 23 — GUARANTEES

23.1 Pre-financing guarantee

If required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2), the beneficiaries must provide (one or more) pre-financing guarantee(s) in accordance with the timing and the amounts set out in the Data Sheet.

The coordinator must submit a financial guarantee to the granting authority together with the application for a pre-financing payment.

The guarantee must fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) be provided by a bank or approved financial institution established in the EU or — if requested by the coordinator and accepted by the granting authority — by a third party or a bank or financial institution established outside the EU offering equivalent security
- (b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the granting authority to first have recourse against the principal debtor (i.e. the beneficiary concerned) and
- (c) remain explicitly in force until the final payment and, if the final payment takes the form of a recovery, until five months after the debit note is notified to a beneficiary.

They will be released within the following month.

23.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If the beneficiaries breach their obligation to provide the prefinancing guarantee, the prefinancing will not be paid.

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 24 — CERTIFICATES

Not applicable.

ARTICLE 25 — CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS — EXTENSION OF FINDINGS

25.1 Granting authority checks, reviews and audits

25.1.1 Internal checks

The granting authority may — during the action or afterwards — check the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement, including assessing costs and contributions, deliverables and reports.

25.1.2 Project reviews

The granting authority may carry out reviews on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement (general project reviews or specific issues reviews).

Such project reviews may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent, outside experts. If it uses outside experts, the coordinator or beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information and data in addition to deliverables and reports already submitted (including information on the use of resources). The granting authority may request beneficiaries to provide such information to it directly. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may be requested to participate in meetings, including with the outside experts.

For **on-the-spot** visits, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including to the outside experts) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the review findings, a **project review report** will be drawn up.

The granting authority will formally notify the project review report to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations.

Project reviews (including project review reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.1.3 Audits

The granting authority may carry out audits on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Such audits may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

The granting authority may use its own audit service, delegate audits to a centralised service or use external audit firms. If it uses an external firm, the beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data) to verify compliance with the Agreement. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

For **on-the-spot** visits, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including for the external audit firm) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the audit findings, a **draft audit report** will be drawn up.

The auditors will formally notify the draft audit report to the beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations (contradictory audit procedure).

The **final audit report** will take into account observations by the beneficiary concerned and will be formally notified to them.

Audits (including audit reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.2 European Commission checks, reviews and audits in grants of other granting authorities

The European Commission has the same rights of checks, reviews and audits as the granting authority.

25.3 Access to records for assessing simplified forms of funding

The beneficiaries must give the European Commission access to their statutory records for the periodic assessment of simplified forms of funding which are used in EU programmes.

25.4 OLAF, EPPO and ECA audits and investigations

The following bodies may also carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations — during the action or afterwards:

- the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) under Regulations No 883/2013²⁰ and No 2185/96²¹

²⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18/09/2013, p. 1).

²¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/1996 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15/11/1996, p. 2).

- the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) under Regulation 2017/1939
- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) under Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 257 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

If requested by these bodies, the beneficiary concerned must provide full, accurate and complete information in the format requested (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data, including in electronic format) and allow access to sites and premises for on-the-spot visits or inspections — as provided for under these Regulations.

To this end, the beneficiary concerned must keep all relevant information relating to the action, at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (Point 6) and, in any case, until any ongoing checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims have been concluded.

25.5 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations — Extension of findings

25.5.1 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations in this grant

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations carried out in the context of this grant may lead to rejections (see Article 27), grant reduction (see Article 28) or other measures described in Chapter 5.

Rejections or grant reductions after the final payment will lead to a revised final grant amount (see Article 22).

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations during the action implementation may lead to a request for amendment (see Article 39), to change the description of the action set out in Annex 1.

Moreover, findings arising from an OLAF or EPPO investigation may lead to criminal prosecution under national law.

25.5.2 Extension from other grants

Not applicable.

25.6 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, costs or contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 26 — IMPACT EVALUATIONS

Not applicable.

CHAPTER 5 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

SECTION 1 REJECTIONS AND GRANT REDUCTION

ARTICLE 27 — REJECTION OF COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

27.1 Conditions

The granting authority will — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — reject any costs or contributions which are ineligible (see Article 6), in particular following checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

Ineligible costs or contributions will be rejected.

27.2 Procedure

If the rejection does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the rejection, the amounts and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the rejection (payment review procedure).

If the rejection leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

27.3 Effects

If the granting authority rejects costs or contributions, it will deduct them from the costs or contributions declared and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

ARTICLE 28 — GRANT REDUCTION

28.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — reduce the grant for a beneficiary, if:

- (a) the beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) extension of findings: not applicable.

The amount of the reduction will be calculated for each beneficiary concerned and proportionate to the seriousness and the duration of the errors, irregularities or fraud or breach of obligations, by applying an individual reduction rate to their accepted EU contribution.

28.2 Procedure

If the grant reduction does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the reduction, the amount to be reduced and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the reduction (payment review procedure).

If the grant reduction leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

28.3 Effects

If the granting authority reduces the grant, it will deduct the reduction and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

SECTION 2 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

ARTICLE 29 — PAYMENT DEADLINE SUSPENSION

29.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend the payment deadline if a payment cannot be processed because:

- (a) the required report (see Article 21) has not been submitted or is not complete or additional information is needed
- (b) there are doubts about the amount to be paid (e.g. queries about eligibility, need for a grant reduction, etc.) and additional checks, reviews, audits or investigations are necessary, or
- (c) there are other issues affecting the EU financial interests.

29.2 Procedure

The granting authority will formally notify the coordinator of the suspension and the reasons why.

The suspension will **take effect** the day the notification is sent.

If the conditions for suspending the payment deadline are no longer met, the suspension will be **lifted** — and the remaining time to pay (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) will resume.

If the suspension exceeds two months, the coordinator may request the granting authority to confirm if the suspension will continue.

If the payment deadline has been suspended due to the non-compliance of the report and the revised report is not submitted (or was submitted but is also rejected), the granting authority may also terminate the grant or the participation of the coordinator (see Article 32).

ARTICLE 30 — PAYMENT SUSPENSION

30.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend payments, in whole or in part for one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) extension of findings: not applicable

If payments are suspended for one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will make partial payment(s) for the part(s) not suspended. If suspension concerns the final payment, the payment (or recovery) of the remaining amount after suspension is lifted will be considered to be the payment that closes the action.

30.2 Procedure

Before suspending payments, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend payments and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

At the end of the suspension procedure, the granting authority will also inform the coordinator.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent.

If the conditions for resuming payments are met, the suspension will be **lifted**. The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned (and the coordinator) and set the suspension end date.

During the suspension, no prefinancing will be paid to the beneficiaries concerned.

ARTICLE 31 — GRANT AGREEMENT SUSPENSION

31.1 Consortium-requested GA suspension

31.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the suspension of the grant or any part of it, if exceptional circumstances — in particular *force majeure* (see Article 35) — make implementation impossible or excessively difficult.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the date the suspension takes effect; this date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request and
- the expected date of resumption.

The suspension will **take effect** on the day specified in the amendment.

Once circumstances allow for implementation to resume, the coordinator must immediately request another **amendment** of the Agreement to set the suspension end date, the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the amendment. This date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request.

During the suspension, no pre-financing will be paid. Moreover, no units may be implemented. Ongoing units must be interrupted and no new units may be started. Costs incurred or contributions for activities implemented during grant suspension are not eligible (see Article 6.3).

31.2 Granting Authority-initiated GA suspension

31.2.1 Conditions

The granting authority may suspend the grant or any part of it, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) extension of findings: not applicable

31.2.2 Procedure

Before suspending the grant, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend the grant and the reasons why and

- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification).

Once the conditions for resuming implementation of the action are met, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator a **lifting of suspension letter**, in which it will set the suspension end date and invite the coordinator to request an amendment of the Agreement to set the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the lifting of suspension letter. This date may be before the date on which the letter is sent.

During the suspension, no pre-financing will be paid. Moreover, no units may be implemented, ongoing units must be interrupted and no new units may be started. Costs incurred or contributions for activities implemented during suspension are not eligible (see Article 6.3).

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to suspension by the granting authority (see Article 33).

Grant suspension does not affect the granting authority's right to terminate the grant or a beneficiary (see Article 32) or reduce the grant (see Article 28).

ARTICLE 32 — GRANT AGREEMENT OR BENEFICIARY TERMINATION

32.1 Consortium-requested GA termination

32.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the termination of the grant.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the date the consortium ends work on the action ('end of work date') and
- the date the termination takes effect ('termination date'); this date must be after the date of the submission of the amendment request.

The termination will **take effect** on the termination date specified in the amendment.

If no reasons are given or if the granting authority considers the reasons do not justify termination, it may consider the grant terminated improperly.

32.1.2 Effects

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **final report** (for the open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the costs incurred and contributions for activities implemented before the end of work date (see Article 22). Costs relating to contracts due for execution only after the end of work are not eligible.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only costs and contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no costs/contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Improper termination may lead to a grant reduction (see Article 28).

After termination, the beneficiaries' obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.2 Consortium-requested beneficiary termination

32.2.1 Conditions and procedure

The coordinator may request the termination of the participation of one or more beneficiaries, on request of the beneficiary concerned or on behalf of the other beneficiaries.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the opinion of the beneficiary concerned (or proof that this opinion has been requested in writing)
- the date the beneficiary ends work on the action ('end of work date')
- the date the termination takes effect ('termination date'); this date must be after the date of the submission of the amendment request.

If the termination concerns the coordinator and is done without its agreement, the amendment request must be submitted by another beneficiary (acting on behalf of the consortium).

The termination will **take effect** on the termination date specified in the amendment.

If no information is given or if the granting authority considers that the reasons do not justify termination, it may consider the beneficiary to have been terminated improperly.

32.2.2 Effects

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit:

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned

- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work, the financial statement, the explanation on the use of resources, and, if applicable, the certificate on the financial statement and the explanation on the use of resources
- (iii) a second **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with other amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the costs incurred and contributions for activities implemented before the end of work date (see Article 22). Costs relating to contracts due for execution only after the end of work are not eligible.

The information in the termination report must also be included in the periodic report for the next reporting period (see Article 21).

If the granting authority does not receive the termination report within the deadline, only costs and contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no costs/contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the second request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the second request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

Improper termination may lead to a reduction of the grant (see Article 31) or grant termination (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.3 Grant authority-initiated GA or beneficiary termination

32.3.1 Conditions

The granting authority may terminate the grant or the participation of one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) one or more beneficiaries do not accede to the Agreement (see Article 40)

- (b) a change to the action or the legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation of a beneficiary is likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action or calls into question the decision to award the grant (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour)
- (c) following termination of one or more beneficiaries, the necessary changes to the Agreement (and their impact on the action) would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (d) implementation of the action has become impossible or the changes necessary for its continuation would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (e) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is subject to bankruptcy proceedings or similar (including insolvency, winding-up, administration by a liquidator or court, arrangement with creditors, suspension of business activities, etc.)
- (f) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is in breach of social security or tax obligations
- (g) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct
- (h) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed fraud, corruption, or is involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking
- (i) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) was created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (or created another entity with this purpose)
- (j) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.)
- (k) extension of findings: not applicable
- (l) despite a specific request by the granting authority, a beneficiary does not request — through the coordinator — an amendment to the Agreement to end the participation of one of its associated partners that is in one of the situations under points (d), (f), (e), (g), (h), (i) or (j) and to reallocate its tasks.

32.3.2 Procedure

Before terminating the grant or participation of one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to terminate and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the termination and the date it will take effect (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

For beneficiary terminations, the granting authority will — at the end of the procedure — also inform the coordinator.

The termination will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification; ‘termination date’).

32.3.3 Effects

(a) for **GA termination**:

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **final report** (for the last open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the costs incurred and contributions for activities implemented before termination takes effect (see Article 22). Costs relating to contracts due for execution only after termination are not eligible.

If the grant is terminated for breach of the obligation to submit reports, the coordinator may not submit any report after termination.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only costs and contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no costs/contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Termination does not affect the granting authority’s right to reduce the grant (see Article 28) or to impose administrative sanctions (see Article 34).

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to termination by the granting authority (see Article 33).

After termination, the beneficiaries’ obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

(b) for **beneficiary termination**:

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit:

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work, the financial statement, the explanation on the use of resources, and, if applicable, the certificate on the financial statement and the explanation on the use of resources
- (iii) a **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with any amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the costs incurred and contributions for activities implemented before termination takes effect (see Article 22). Costs relating to contracts due for execution only after termination are not eligible.

The information in the termination report must also be included in the periodic report for the next reporting period (see Article 21).

If the granting authority does not receive the termination report within the deadline, only costs and contributions included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no costs/contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

SECTION 3 OTHER CONSEQUENCES: DAMAGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 33 — DAMAGES

33.1 Liability of the granting authority

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the beneficiaries or to third parties as a consequence of the implementation of the Agreement, including for gross negligence.

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the beneficiaries or other participating entities involved in the action, as a consequence of the implementation of the Agreement.

33.2 Liability of the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must compensate the granting authority for any damage it sustains as a result of the implementation of the action or because the action was not implemented in full compliance with the Agreement, provided that it was caused by gross negligence or wilful act.

The liability does not extend to indirect or consequential losses or similar damage (such as loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of contracts), provided such damage was not caused by wilful act or by a breach of confidentiality.

ARTICLE 34 — ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES

Nothing in this Agreement may be construed as preventing the adoption of administrative sanctions (i.e. exclusion from EU award procedures and/or financial penalties) or other public law measures, in addition or as an alternative to the contractual measures provided under this Agreement (see, for instance, Articles 135 to 145 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 and Articles 4 and 7 of Regulation 2988/95²²).

SECTION 4 FORCE MAJEURE

ARTICLE 35 — FORCE MAJEURE

A party prevented by force majeure from fulfilling its obligations under the Agreement cannot be considered in breach of them.

‘Force majeure’ means any situation or event that:

- prevents either party from fulfilling their obligations under the Agreement,
- was unforeseeable, exceptional situation and beyond the parties’ control,
- was not due to error or negligence on their part (or on the part of other participating entities involved in the action), and

²² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

- proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.

Any situation constituting force majeure must be formally notified to the other party without delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

The parties must immediately take all the necessary steps to limit any damage due to force majeure and do their best to resume implementation of the action as soon as possible.

CHAPTER 6 FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 36 — COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

36.1 Forms and means of communication — Electronic management

Communication under the Agreement (information, requests, submissions, ‘formal notifications’, etc.) must:

- be made in writing
- clearly identify the Agreement (project number and title if any) and
- using the forms and templates when provided.

Except for formal notifications, the parties should recourse to communications using electronic means.

Formal notifications must be made by registered post with proof of delivery (‘formal notification on paper’).

However, formal notifications may be sent electronically if the applicable national law in the Member State concerned allows it, notably with proof of delivery.

36.2 Date of communication

Communications are considered to have been made when they are sent by the sending party (i.e. on the date and time they are sent).

Formal notifications on paper sent by registered post with proof of delivery are considered to have been made on either:

- the delivery date registered by the postal service or
- the deadline for collection at the post office.

ARTICLE 37 — INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The provisions in the Data Sheet take precedence over the rest of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

Annex 5 takes precedence over the Terms and Conditions; the Terms and Conditions take precedence over the Annexes other than Annex 5.

Annex 2 takes precedence over Annex 1.

ARTICLE 38 — CALCULATION OF PERIODS AND DEADLINES

In accordance with Regulation No 1182/71²³, periods expressed in days, months or years are calculated from the moment the triggering event occurs.

The day during which that event occurs is not considered as falling within the period.

‘Days’ means calendar days, not working days.

ARTICLE 39 — AMENDMENTS

39.1 Conditions

The Agreement may be amended, unless the amendment entails changes to the Agreement which would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

Amendments may be requested by any of the parties.

39.2 Procedure

The party requesting an amendment must submit a request for amendment (see Article 36).

The coordinator submits and receives requests for amendment on behalf of the beneficiaries (see Annex 4). If a change of coordinator is requested without its agreement, the submission must be done by another beneficiary (acting on behalf of the other beneficiaries).

The request for amendment must include:

- the reasons why
- the appropriate supporting documents and
- for a change of coordinator without its agreement: the opinion of the coordinator (or proof that this opinion has been requested in writing).

The granting authority may request additional information.

If the party receiving the request agrees, it must sign the amendment within 45 days of receiving notification (or any additional information the granting authority has requested). If it does not agree, it must formally notify its disagreement within the same deadline. The deadline may be extended, if necessary for the assessment of the request. If no notification is received within the deadline, the request is considered to have been rejected.

An amendment **enters into force** on the day of the signature of the receiving party.

An amendment **takes effect** on the date of entry into force or other date specified in the amendment.

²³ Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of the Council of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time-limits (OJ L 124, 8/6/1971, p. 1).

ARTICLE 40 — ACCESSION AND ADDITION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES

40.1 Accession of the beneficiaries mentioned in the Preamble

The beneficiaries which are not coordinator must accede to the grant by signing the accession form (see Annex 4).

They will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of its entry into force (see Article 44).

40.2 Addition of new beneficiaries

In justified cases, the beneficiaries may request the addition of a new beneficiary.

For this purpose, the coordinator must submit a request for amendment in accordance with Article 39. It must include an accession form (see Annex 4) signed by the new beneficiary.

New beneficiaries will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of their accession specified in the accession form (see Annex 4).

ARTICLE 41 — TRANSFER OF THE AGREEMENT

Not applicable.

ARTICLE 42 — ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT AGAINST THE GRANTING AUTHORITY

The beneficiaries may not assign any of their claims for payment against the granting authority to any third party, except if expressly approved in writing by the granting authority on the basis of a reasoned, written request by the coordinator (on behalf of the beneficiary concerned).

If the granting authority has not accepted the assignment or if the terms of it are not observed, the assignment will have no effect on it.

In no circumstances will an assignment release the beneficiaries from their obligations towards the granting authority.

ARTICLE 43 — APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

43.1 Applicable law

The Agreement is governed by the applicable EU law, supplemented if necessary by the national law of the Member State of the granting authority.

43.2 Dispute settlement

If a dispute concerns the interpretation, application or validity of the Agreement, the parties must bring action before the competent courts of the Member State of the granting authority.

For non-EU beneficiaries (if any), such disputes must be brought before the courts of Brussels, Belgium — unless an association agreement to the EU programme provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements under Article 272 TFEU.

If a dispute concerns administrative sanctions, offsetting or an enforceable decision under Article 299 TFEU (see Articles 22 and 34), the beneficiaries must bring action before the General Court — or, on appeal, the Court of Justice — under Article 263 TFEU.

ARTICLE 44 — ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Agreement will enter into force on the day of last signature, which is of the granting authority.

SIGNATURES

For the coordinator
[forename/surname/function]
[signature]
Done at [place] on [date]

For the granting authority
[forename/surname]
[signature]
Done at [place] on [date]

ANNEX 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION AND ESTIMATED BUDGET

ANNEX 2 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF COSTS

1. UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS

Place of origin: the place where the sending organisation is located.

Sustainable means of transport: bike, bus, car-pooling, and train. The National Agency may accept other means of transport as sustainable based on established practice and on a case-by-case basis.

Travel unit contribution for sustainable means of transport (green travel) is eligible if sustainable means of transport have been used for the majority of the round trip (in terms of distance travelled).

Unit contribution per distance band: the amount paid for a return travel between the place of departure and the place of arrival.

Venue: the place where the receiving organisation is located. If a different place of origin or venue is reported, the beneficiary must provide the reason for this difference.

Travel time will not be considered when determining compliance with minimum eligible duration of mobility activities specified in the Programme Guide.

1.1 TRAVEL

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution for travel support is calculated by multiplying the number of participants [*Option for VET, AE, SE, SPO:* and accompanying persons] per distance band, by the unit contribution applicable to the distance band concerned and type of travel (green or non-green), as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

For the establishment of the distance band applicable, the beneficiary must indicate the distance of a one-way travel using the on-line distance calculator available on the Commission's website at: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm.

The total unit contribution for travel support is calculated by the beneficiary in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool based on the applicable unit contribution rates.

b) Triggering event

The travel support is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

c) Supporting documents

The supporting document is

[Option for VET/SE/AE:

for individual activities:

- Europass Mobility or another document specifying the participant's achieved learning outcomes, as well as the start and end date of the activity.

If accompanying persons were involved, their names and period of stay must be included in the same document or a separate certificate must be issued.

The supporting documents must be signed by the hosting or sending organisation.

[Option for VET/SE/AE: For invited experts, the list of learning outcomes will be replaced with a learning programme provided by the expert and signed by the inviting organisation and the invited expert.]

Additionally, a signed grant agreement between the beneficiary and the participant will be required as supporting documentation for the following activity types: job-shadowing, teaching/training assignment, short-term individual learner mobility, long-term individual learner mobility, invited expert.

[Option for VET/SE/AE:

For group activities:

- a list of participants and accompanying persons and the implemented learning programme specifying the start and end date of the activity, the schedule of the activities and the methods used.

The supporting documents must be signed by the sending and hosting organisation.

For activities organised at a seat of an institution of the European Union, the supporting documents must be signed by the two sending organisations.]

[Option for SPO: The supporting document is a declaration signed by the receiving organisation and specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its confirmed starting and end date of the physical mobility activity.

If accompanying persons were involved, their names and duration of stay must be included in the same document.]

In addition to the supporting documents mentioned above, in case of use of sustainable means of transport (green travel): a declaration on honour signed by the person receiving the travel grant will serve as supporting documentation. *[Option for VET/SE/AE: In group activities, the declaration for the travel of the group will be signed by the sending organisation.]]*

If the starting point of travel is different than the place of origin or the end point is different than the venue, the beneficiary must report the reason for this difference. In case no travel took place or the travel was funded from EU sources other than the Erasmus+ Programme, the beneficiary will indicate in their report that financial support for travel is not required.

1.2 INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

[Option for AE, SE, VET, SPO: The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the number of days per participant and accompanying person by the unit contribution applicable per day for the receiving country concerned, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Travel days may be added if relevant for a specific activity.]

In case of an interruption during the stay, the period of the interruption will not be counted when calculating the individual support grant. In case of interruption due to *force majeure*, the participant must be allowed to resume and continue the activities after the interruption (within the conditions established in this Agreement).

In case of termination of the agreement by the participant due to *force majeure*, the participant must be entitled to receive the amount of the grant corresponding to the actual duration of the mobility period. Any remaining funds must be refunded to the beneficiary, except if agreed differently by both parties.

b) Triggering event:

The individual support is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity for the specified period.

c) Supporting documents:

[Option for VET/SE/AE: The same supporting documents as required for non-green travel (see section 1.1.c).]

[Option for SPO:

The supporting document is a declaration signed by the receiving organisation and specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its confirmed starting and end date of the physical mobility activity.

d) Reporting:

Participants must use the standard on-line questionnaire provided by the European Commission (the participant report) to report on factual information and their appreciation of the mobility activity, its preparation and follow-up.

[Option for SE/AE/VET: Invited experts will not be asked to submit a participant report.]

[Option for SE/AE/VET: Participant reports for group mobility activities will be completed by the lead accompanying person on behalf of the entire group.]

1.3 ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution

[Option for VET, AE, SE, SPO: The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants in mobility activities by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Accompanying persons Triggering event:

The organisational support is eligible only if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

b) Supporting documents:

[Option for VET/SE/AE: The same supporting documents as required for travel support (see section 1.1.c)]

[Option for SPO: The supporting document is a declaration signed by the receiving organisation and specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its confirmed starting and end date of the physical mobility activity.]

1.4 PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the number of months per project by the unit contribution applicable as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The project management costs are eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity for the specified period.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a description of the undertaken activities in the final report, including a timetable of each of the mobility activities and events implemented.

d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on the Youth participation activities project (for informal groups of young people: coordinator on behalf of the informal group of young people) and provide information on the implemented project activities in the final report.

Members of informal group(s) of young people implementing the project must report via an on-line questionnaire providing their feedback on their participation in the project.

1.5 COACHING COSTS

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the working days of the coach by the unit contribution applicable for the country concerned as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. A cap limiting the amount awarded for coaching costs will be set at maximum 12 days per project.

b) Triggering event:

The coaching costs are eligible if the beneficiary has used the services of a coach/several coaches.

c) Supporting documents:

Proof of involvement of the coach in the project will be provided in the form of a description of the undertaken activities in the final report.

Proof of the time spent on the project by the coach will be provided in the form of a time sheet including the name of the coach, the dates and the total number of days of work of the coach for the project, duly signed by the coach and the legal representative of the beneficiary.

d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on the role/involvement of the coach in the project, and include information on the number of days of coaching received, in the final report.

1.6 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PHYSICAL EVENTS IN YPA PROJECTS (YOUTH PARTICIPATION EVENTS SUPPORT)

(a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants in physical project events by the unit contribution applicable as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. The total number of participants considered for the calculation of Youth Participation events support includes the number of participants physically present during the events, with the exception of staff of the participating organisation(s)/ members of the informal group(s) of young people and facilitators (but including decision makers, if relevant).

(b) Triggering event:

The youth participation support is eligible if the participant has physically attended the activity.

(c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a declaration signed by the participants and receiving organisation, specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its starting and end date.

Detailed agenda of the event and any documents used or distributed during the event.

(d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on the implementation of the activity, results, venue and numbers of local and (if relevant) international participants in the Youth Participation Event(s).]

1.7 INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR ORGANISATIONS

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants with fewer opportunities in mobility activities by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The inclusion support for organisations is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is

[Option for VET/SE/AE/: The same supporting documents as required for travel support (see section 1.1.c).]

[Option for SPO: a declaration signed by the receiving organisation and by the participant specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its starting and end date of the activity.

[Option for VET/SE/AE/SPO: In addition: documentation specified by the National Agency as admissible proof that the participant belongs to one of the categories of fewer opportunities listed in the Programme Guide.]

1.8 LINGUISTIC SUPPORT

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants receiving linguistic support by the unit contribution as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

Participants that have used Online Language Support (OLS) courses will be excluded from this calculation. If the result of OLS assessment shows that a participant's level in required language is not covered by OLS, this result will be considered as sufficient justification to claim the linguistic support unit contribution, as specified by the Programme Guide.

Learners in long-term mobility will receive further linguistic support equivalent to the same unit contribution as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution is eligible if the participant has actually received language learning support.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a declaration or certificate signed by the course provider, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the provided courses, or in case the linguistic training is provided by the sending or receiving organisation: a declaration signed and dated by the organisation providing the training, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the linguistic training provided.]

d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on participants that have used linguistic support grants and OLS.

[1.9 Option for SE/VET/AE

1.9 COURSE FEES

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of days per course or training by the unit contribution applicable as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Only the days during which the learning activity actually takes place are considered for the calculation of the grant support for course fees.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution for course fees is eligible if the participant has actually participated in a course or training requiring payment of a course fee.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is an invoice or other declaration issued and signed by the course or training provider specifying the name of the participant, the name of the course or training taken, as well as the start and end date of the participant's participation].

1.10 PREPARATORY VISITS

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of persons participating in preparatory visits by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution for preparatory visit is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the preparatory visit.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a completed agenda, including the names of the visiting persons, and signed by the visiting persons and the hosting organisation.

2. ACTUAL COSTS

2.1 INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

(a) Calculation of the grant amount:

The grant is a reimbursement of 100% of eligible costs actually incurred.

b) Eligible costs:

[Option for SE/VET/AE/SPO: costs directly related to participants with fewer opportunities and their accompanying persons

d) Supporting documents:

proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, the date of the invoice, and if relevant a documentation signed by the receiving organisation specifying the confirmed start and end date of the stay of the accompanying person.

e) Reporting:

For each cost item in this budget category, the beneficiary must report the nature of costs and the real amount of costs incurred.

2.2 EXCEPTIONAL COSTS

a) Calculation of the grant amount:

The grant is a reimbursement of 80% of the following eligible costs actually incurred with the exception of the cost related to visa, residence permits and vaccinations and medical certifications, which will be reimbursed at 100%.

(b) Eligible costs:

- (i) Costs relating to a pre-financing guarantee lodged by the beneficiary where such guarantee is required by the NA as set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4).
- (ii) Expensive travel cost: Cost of travel in the most economical and effective way if the unit contribution does not cover at least 70% of the costs of travel. The exceptional costs for expensive travel replace the travel support.

- (iii) Visa and visa-related costs, residence permits and vaccinations and medical certifications.

(c) Supporting documents:

Proof of the cost of the financial guarantee issued by the body providing the guarantee to the beneficiary, specifying the name and address of the body issuing the financial guarantee, the amount and currency of the cost of the guarantee, and providing the date and signature of the legal representative of the body issuing the guarantee.

In the case of expensive travel costs: proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, the date of the invoice and the travel route.

In the case of travel costs related to visa, residence permits and vaccinations and medical certifications: proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, and the date of the invoice.

ANNEX 3 – APPLICABLE RATES

[Option for mobility for learners and staff in vocational education and training]

1. Travel

Travel distances	Green travel Amount per participant	Non-green travel Amount per participant
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

2. Individual support

Receiving country	Learners Base rate per day	Staff Base rate per day
Country group 1: Austria, Belgium, France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden	127 EUR	191 EUR
Country group 2: Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain	110 EUR	169 EUR
Country group 3: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye	93 EUR	148 EUR

The base rate is payable up to the 14th day of activity. From the 15th day of activity, the payable rate will be equal to 70% of the base rate. Payable rates will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro. Staff rates apply for accompanying persons.

The same rates and rules apply for mobility activities with third countries not associated to the Programme. Those countries are sorted into country groups as follows:

<p>Country group 1: Japan, Israel, South Korea, Georgia, Argentina, Armenia, Angola, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United States, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Sudan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and Grenadines, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Lebanon, Vietnam, Mexico, Taiwan, Moldova, Malaysia, Tanzania, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Thailand, Faroe Islands, Vatican City State, Andorra, San Marino, Monaco</p>

Country group 2: India, Kazakhstan, Brazil, DR Congo, Chile, Nigeria, Uganda, Liberia, Djibouti, DPR Korea, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Belarus, Libya, Syria, Cuba, Yemen, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Antigua and Barbuda, Brunei, Montenegro, Malawi, Barbados, Saint Lucia, Grenada, Dominica, Uruguay, Albania, China, Philippines, Peru, Venezuela, Panama, Ghana, Chad, Guyana, Egypt, Morocco, Kiribati, Oman, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iran, Mozambique, Senegal, Mauritius, Qatar, Jordan, Indonesia, Laos, South Africa, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Gabon, Haiti, Bahamas, Papua New Guinea, Micronesia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Palestine

Country group 3: Nepal, Maldives, Tajikistan, Nicaragua, Zambia, Guinea, Congo, Botswana, Belize, Samoa, Marshall Islands, Palau, Tuvalu, Nauru, Cook Islands, Niue, New Zealand, Pakistan, Bhutan, El Salvador, Suriname, Guatemala, Honduras, Somalia, Trinidad and Tobago, Algeria, Colombia, Gambia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Mongolia, Cameroon, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Mali, Togo, Sao Tome and Principe, Tonga, Bolivia, Benin, Lesotho, Macao, Tunisia, Iraq, Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Namibia, Comoros, Eritrea, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Niger, Mauritania, Cabo Verde, Kosovo, Eswatini, South Sudan

3. Organisational support

Activity types	Amount per participant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group mobility of VET learners - Participation in VET skills competitions - Courses and training - Invited experts - Hosting teachers and educators in training 	100 EUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term learning mobility of VET learners - Job-shadowing - Teaching or training assignments 	350 EUR; 200 EUR after one hundred participants in the same type of activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-term learning mobility of VET learners (ErasmusPro) - Any activity taking place in a third country not associated to the Programme 	500 EUR

Accompanying persons are not participants in learning mobility activities and are not counted for calculation of Organisational support.

4. Course fees

80 EUR per day per participant per day; an individual staff member can receive a maximum of **800 EUR** in course fees.

5. Inclusion support for organisations

125 EUR per participant for costs related to the organisation of mobility activities for participants with fewer opportunities.

6. Preparatory visits

680 EUR per participant

7. Linguistic support

150 EUR per participant in job shadowing, teaching and training assignments, short-term learning mobility of VET learners and long-term learning mobility of VET learners (ErasmusPro) if the participant cannot receive Online Language Support due to unavailability of the required language or level, or due to particular barriers faced by participants with fewer opportunities.

In addition: **150 EUR** per participant in long-term learning mobility of VET learners (ErasmusPro).

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[Option for mobility for pupils and staff in school education:

1. Travel

Travel distances	Green travel Amount per participant	Non-green travel Amount per participant
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

2. Individual support:

Receiving country	Learners Base rate per day	Staff Base rate per day
Country group 1: Austria, Belgium, France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden	85 EUR	191 EUR
Country group 2: Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain	74 EUR	169 EUR
Country group 3: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye	64 EUR	148 EUR

The base rate is payable up to the 14th day of activity. From the 15th day of activity, the payable rate will be equal to 70% of the base rate. Payable rates will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro. Staff rates apply for accompanying persons.

3. Organisational support

Activity types	Amount per participant
- Group mobility of school pupils - Courses and training - Invited experts - Hosting teachers and educators in training	100 EUR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term learning mobility of pupils - Job-shadowing - Teaching or training assignments 	350 EUR; 200 EUR after one hundred participants in the same type of activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-term learning mobility of pupils 	500 EUR

Accompanying persons are not participants in learning mobility activities and are not counted for calculation of Organisational support.

4. Course fees

80 EUR per day per participant; an individual staff member may receive a maximum of **800 EUR** in course fees.

5. Inclusion support for organisations

125 EUR per participant for costs related to the organisation of mobility activities for participants with fewer opportunities.

6. Preparatory visits

680 EUR per participant, with a maximum of three participants per visit

7. Linguistic support

150 EUR per participant in job shadowing, teaching and training assignments, short-term learning mobility of pupils and long-term learning mobility of pupils if the participant cannot receive Online Language Support due to unavailability of the required language or level, or due to particular barriers faced by participants with fewer opportunities.

In addition: **150 EUR** per participant in long-term learning mobility of pupils.

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[Option for mobility for learners and staff in adult education:

1. Travel

Travel distances	Green travel Amount per participant	Non-green travel Amount per participant
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

2. Individual support:

Receiving country	Learners Base rate per day	Staff Base rate per day
Country group 1: Austria, Belgium, France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden	127 EUR	191 EUR
Country group 2: Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain	110 EUR	169 EUR
Country group 3: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye	93 EUR	148 EUR

The base rate is payable up to the 14th day of activity. From the 15th day of activity, the payable rate will be equal to 70% of the base rate. Payable rates will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro. Staff rates apply for accompanying persons.

3. Organisational support

Activity types	Amount per participant
- Group mobility of adult learners	125 EUR
- Courses and training - Invited experts - Hosting teachers and educators in training	100 EUR

- Short-term learning mobility of adult learners - Job-shadowing - Teaching or training assignments	350 EUR; 200 EUR after one hundred participants in the same type of activity
- Long-term learning mobility of adult learners	500 EUR

Accompanying persons are not participants in learning mobility activities and are not counted for calculation of Organisational support.

4. Course fees

80 EUR per day per participant; an individual staff member can receive a maximum of 800 EUR in course fees.

5. Inclusion support for organisations

125 EUR per participant for costs related to the organisation of mobility activities for participants with fewer opportunities.

6. Preparatory visits

680 EUR per participant, with a maximum of three participants per visit

7. Linguistic support

150 EUR per participant in job shadowing, teaching and training assignments, short-term learning mobility of adult learners and long-term learning mobility of adult learners if the participant cannot receive Online Language Support due to unavailability of the required language or level, or due to particular barriers faced by participants with fewer opportunities.

In addition: **150 EUR** of reinforced language support per participant in long-term learning mobility of adult learners.

[Option for Mobility of staff in the field of sport

1. Travel

Travel distances	Green travel – Amount per participant	Non-green travel – Amount per participant
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more:	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

The "travel distance" represents the distance between the place of origin and the venue, whereas the "amount" covers the contribution to the travel both to and from the venue.

2. Organisational support

350 EUR per participant based on the number of participants, excluding accompanying persons

3. Individual support

Nota bene: the amount per day is calculated as follows:

up to the 14th day of activity: the amount specified in the table below per day per participant

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from the 15th day of activity: 70% of the amount specified in the table below per day per participant. Payable rates will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

Receiving country	Staff mobility Amount per day in EUR
Group 1: Austria, Belgium, France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden,	191
Group 2: Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain	169
Group 3: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, , Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Turkiye	148

4. Inclusion support for organisations

125 EUR per participant based on the number of participants with fewer opportunities, excluding accompanying persons.

5. Preparatory visits

680 EUR per participant, with a maximum of two participants per visit

6. Linguistic Support

150 EUR per participant if the participant cannot receive Online Language Support due to unavailability of the required language or level, or due to particular barriers faced by participants with fewer opportunities.

ANNEX 4 – ACCESSION FORM FOR BENEFICIARIES

[**BEN legal name**], established in [legal official full address]

hereby agrees

to become beneficiary

in Grant Agreement for the Call for Proposals [insert number] ('the Grant Agreement')

between [COO legal name] **and** the [insert name of the National Agency] ('granting authority'),

and mandates

the coordinator:

- to submit and sign in its name and on its behalf the project application for funding within the Erasmus+/ESC Programme to [Name of the National Agency where the application is going to be submitted] in [Name of the country]
- in case the project is granted by the National Agency, to sign in its name and on its behalf the grant agreement
- in case the grant agreement is signed to submit and sign in its name and on its behalf any amendments to the Agreement, in accordance with Article 39.

By signing this accession form, the beneficiary accepts the grant and agrees to implement it in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out as from the date of the signature of the accession form (**'accession date'**).

SIGNATURE

For the beneficiary

[function/forename/surname]

[signature]

Done in [English] on [date]

ANNEX 5 - SPECIFIC RULES

1. MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT (— ARTICLE 5.2)

1.1 GRANT INCREASE DUE TO REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

[Option for accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE:

If the National Agency launches a redistribution exercise, the beneficiary may submit a request to increase the total maximum grant amount indicated in Article 5.2 through amendment in line with Article 39. The beneficiary shall support the request with information provided through the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool showing that they are able to implement additional mobility activities.]

[Option for accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE:

The beneficiary may submit a justified request for additional funds for exceptional costs and inclusion support for participants provided that these additional costs cannot be covered with a transfer of funds within the existing grant amount without negatively affecting the delivery of targets specified in Annex 1.

The National Agency shall issue the required amendment as a matter of urgency if it is necessary for the beneficiary to comply with rules on provision of inclusion support for participants.]

2. BUDGET FLEXIBILITY (— ARTICLE 5.5)

[Option for accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE/ and for non-accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE/SPO:

With regard to Article 5.5, an amendment is required if budget transfers from budget category ***Inclusion support for participants*** exceed 15% of the total funds in that category.]

3. RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES (— ARTICLE 9.4)

If, while implementing the project, the beneficiary has to give support to participants, the beneficiary must provide such support in accordance with the conditions specified in Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3.

The beneficiary must either:

- a) pay the *[Option for SE/VET/AE: travel support, individual support, linguistic support, course fees and preparatory visits]* *[Option for SPO: travel support, individual support, preparatory visits, linguistic support]* in full to the participants of project activities, applying the rates for unit contributions as specified in Annex 3 or
- b) provide the support for the same budget categories referred above to participants of project activities in the form of provision of the required goods and services. In such

case, the beneficiary must ensure that the provision of these goods and services will meet the necessary quality and safety standards.

The beneficiary may combine the two options set out in the previous paragraph in so far as they ensure fair and equal treatment of all participants. In such case, the conditions applicable to each option must be applied for the budget categories to which the respective option is applied.

4. INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

For participants with fewer opportunities, the beneficiary will ensure that, when possible, the inclusion support.

5. DATA PROTECTION (— ARTICLE 15)

5.1 REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE WITH DATA PROTECTION OBLIGATIONS

The beneficiaries will report in the final report on the measures put in place for ensuring compliance of its data processing operations with the Regulation 2018/1725, in line with the obligations established in the Article 15 at least on the following topics: security of processing, confidentiality of the processing, assistance to the data controller, data retention, contribution to audits, including inspections, establishment of personal data records of all categories of processing activities carried out on behalf of the controller.

5.2 INFORMING THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE PROCESSING OF THEIR PERSONAL DATA

The beneficiaries will provide the participants with the relevant privacy statement for the processing of their personal data before these are encoded in the electronic systems for managing the Erasmus+ mobilities.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) — BACKGROUND AND RESULTS — ACCESS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF USE (— ARTICLE 16)

6.1 LIST OF BACKGROUND

The beneficiaries must, where industrial and intellectual property rights (including rights of third parties) exist prior to the Agreement, establish a list of these pre-existing industrial and intellectual property rights, specifying the rights owners.

The coordinator must — before starting the action — submit this list to the granting authority.

6.2 EDUCATION MATERIALS

If the beneficiaries produce educational materials under the scope of the project, such materials must be made available through the Internet, free of charge and under open licenses²⁴ The beneficiaries must ensure that the website address used is valid and up to date. If the website

²⁴ Open licence – a way by which the owner of a work grants permission to others to use the resource. A license is associated to each resource. There are different open licences according to the extent of the permissions granted or the limitations imposed and the beneficiary is free to choose the specific license to apply to their work. An open licence must be associated to each resource produced. An open licence is not a transfer of copyrights or Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

hosting is discontinued the beneficiaries must remove the website from the Organisation Registration System to avoid the risk that the domain is taken over by another party and redirected to other websites.

7. COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (— ARTICLE 17.4)

The beneficiaries must acknowledge the support received under the Erasmus+ programme in all communication and promotional materials, including on websites and social media.

The guidelines on visual identity for the beneficiary and other third parties are available at:

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/managing-your-project/communicating-and-raising-eu-visibility_en

7.1 ERASMUS+ PROJECT RESULTS PLATFORM

If the project has produced results that can be shared, the beneficiary will make them available to the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform (<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects>)

8. SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION (— ARTICLE 18)

8.1 EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

The beneficiaries must ensure that the EU grant does not benefit any associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties that are subject to restrictive measures adopted under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union or Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

8.2 OBLIGATORY INFORMATION SESSIONS AND TRAINING

The beneficiary must attend information sessions and trainings that the National Agency defines as obligatory.

9. REPORTING (— ARTICLE 21)

9.1 ERASMUS+ REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT TOOL

The coordinator must make use of the web-based reporting and management tool provided by the European Commission to record all information in relation to the activities undertaken under the project (including activities that were not directly supported with a grant from EU funds) and to complete and submit the periodic and progress report(s) (if available in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool and for the cases specified in Article 21.2) and final report. The beneficiary may not outsource the reporting task and may not provide access to the reporting and management tool to persons external to the beneficiary.

Activities must be encoded in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool before their start date and reviewed once they are completed.

9.2 PERIODIC REPORT AND PROGRESS REPORT

The periodic and progress reports include a technical part.

The technical part includes an overview of the action implementation. It must be prepared using the template provided by the National Agency (if any).

By signing the technical report, the beneficiaries confirm that the information provided is complete, reliable and true.

For the periodic report, in addition to the technical part, a financial statement must be provided.

9.3 FINAL REPORT

The final report must include the following information:

1. Unit contributions consumed for budget categories:
 - Organisational support
 - Individual support
 - Travel
 - Inclusion support for organisations
 - Linguistic support
 - Preparatory visits
 - *[Option for SE/AE/VET: Course fees*
2. Actual costs incurred for budget categories:
 - Exceptional costs
 - Inclusion support for participants

As part of the final report check, the National Agency may request supporting documentation for any of the costs that the beneficiary declares in the final report.

9.4 ASSESSMENT OF THE FINAL REPORT

[Option for SE/VET/AE/: The beneficiary must submit the final report after the project end date. The beneficiary may submit the final report earlier than the project end date if the foreseen activities have been completed and if respecting the minimum duration set in Programme Guide.]

[Option for non-accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE/SPO:

The final report will be assessed in conjunction with the participant reports, and other project documentation required by this grant agreement and *[Option for non-accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE* the Erasmus quality standards]. The result of the evaluation will be a score out of maximum 100 points. A common set of evaluation criteria will be used to measure the extent to which the project was implemented in line with the approved grant application and the Erasmus quality standards.

[Option for accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE:

The final report will be assessed in conjunction with the participant reports, and other project documentation required by this grant agreement and the Erasmus quality standards. A common set of evaluation criteria will be used to measure the extent to which the project was implemented in line with the targets defined in Annex 1 of this Agreement, the approved *[Option for SE/AE/VET: Erasmus Plan]*, and the Erasmus quality standards.

The beneficiary must submit the final report after the project end date or whenever the foreseen activities have been completed when respecting the minimum duration set in programme guide.]

10. Amount due (— Article 22.3)

If no further prefinancing payment is foreseen in the Data Sheet, the beneficiary may nonetheless request it without requesting an amendment to the grant agreement. The request must be duly justified and accompanied by a periodic report. The request may not exceed the 80% of the maximum grant amount specified in Point 4.2 of the Data sheet and may be made only once at least 70 % of the amount of the previous prefinancing payments have been implemented.

The beneficiary must ensure that the activities of the project for which the grant was awarded are eligible in accordance with the rules set out in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and with this Agreement.

The National Agency will consider ineligible any activity that is not compliant with the rules set out in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, as complemented by the rules set out in this Agreement.

The grant amounts corresponding to those activities will be recovered in full. The recovery will cover all budget categories for which a grant was awarded in relation to the activity that is declared ineligible.

11. CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS (— ARTICLE 25)

For the purposes of Articles 21 and 25, the coordinator or the concerned beneficiaries must provide to the National Agency physical or electronic copies of supporting documents specified in Annex 2, unless the National Agency makes a request for originals to be delivered. The National Agency must return original supporting documents to the concerned beneficiary upon its analysis thereof. If the beneficiary is legally not authorised to send original documents, a copy of the supporting documents will be sent instead.

The project may be subject to desk check, on-the-spot check and system check. In this context, the beneficiary may be requested by the National Agency to provide additional supporting documents or evidence, other than those in Annex 2 and that are typically required for the type of check.

11.1 DESK CHECK

Desk check is an in-depth check of supporting documents at the National Agency's premises that may be conducted at or after the final report stage. Upon request, the beneficiary must submit to the National Agency the supporting documents for all budget categories.

11.2 ON-THE-SPOT CHECKS

On-the-spot checks are performed by the National Agency at the premises of the beneficiary or at any other premises relevant for the execution of the project. During on-the-spot checks, the beneficiary must make original supporting documentation for all budget categories available for review by the National Agency, and must enable the National Agency access to the recording of project expenses in the beneficiary's accounts.

On-the-spot checks can take the following forms:

- a) **On-the-spot check during project implementation:** this check is undertaken during the implementation of the project in order for the National Agency to directly verify the reality and eligibility of all project activities and participants.
- b) **On-the-spot check after completion of the project:** this check is undertaken after the end of the project and usually after the verification of the final report.

11.3 SYSTEMS CHECK

The systems check is performed to establish the beneficiary's system for making its regular grant claims in the context of the Programme as well as its compliance with the commitments undertaken as a result of their accreditation. The systems check is performed to establish the beneficiary's compliance with the implementation standards committed to in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. The beneficiary must enable the National Agency to verify the reality and eligibility of all project activities and participants by all documentary means, including video and photographic records of the activities undertaken, in order to rule out double funding or other irregularities.

12. GRANT REDUCTION (— ARTICLE 28)

Poor, partial or late implementation of the project may be established by the National Agency based on the final report submitted by the beneficiary, or any other relevant source, including participant reports, monitoring visits, accreditation reports, desk checks or on-the-spot checks undertaken by the National Agency.

In line with the scoring procedure of the final report to be found in Article 9.4 of Annex 5, the National Agency may reduce the final grant amount for organisational support as follows:

- 10% if the final report scores at least 50 points and below 60 points;
- 25% if the final report scores at least 40 points and below 50 points;
- 50% if the final report scores at least 25 points and below 40 points;

- 75% if the final report scores below 25 points.

[Option for SE/VET/AE: In addition, the National Agency may reduce by up to 100% the final grant amount for organisational support or project management costs and/or course fees in case the final report evaluation or another relevant source mentioned above shows that the Erasmus quality standards or the qualitative requirements defined in the Programme Guide have not been respected. The applied reduction shall be proportional to the severity and impact of the identified issues.]

13. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES (— ARTICLE 36)

Formal notifications on paper addressed to the granting authority must be sent to the address of the National Agency as set out in the Preamble.

Formal notifications on paper addressed to the beneficiaries must be sent to their legal address, as set out in the Preamble.

14. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF ACCREDITATIONS

[Option for accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE: The National Agency will monitor the implementation of the Erasmus accreditation in accordance with the rules established in the programme guide that led to the award of the accreditation, and in accordance with the Erasmus quality standards.

In case the monitoring reveals weaknesses, the National Agency will issue recommendations and/or obligatory instructions to remedy the situation. In case of need, the National Agency may take further remedial measures, as defined in the programme guide that led to the award of the accreditation.]

[Option for non-accredited beneficiaries in SE/VET/AE/ /SPO: Not applicable]

15. ONLINE LANGUAGE SUPPORT (OLS)

The beneficiary must promote, monitor and support the use of language courses in the Online Language Support (OLS) platform

The beneficiary must monitor the use of the OLS by participants, based on the information provided through the management tools, and report on the number of used language assessments and courses in their final reports, if statistics are available.

[Option for SE/VET/Youth/SPO: Prior to any participation of minors in the project, the beneficiary must ensure full respect of applicable regulation on protection and safety of minors as defined by the applicable legislation in the sending and hosting countries, including but not limited to: parental or guardian consent, insurance arrangements, and age limits.]

18. ANY ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL LAW

[The National Agency may include any additional compulsory legal provision required by the national law as long as they do not contradict the provisions of this grant agreement].

