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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101054101 — EPP

PREAMBLE

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

on the one part,

the **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** ('EU executive agency' or 'granting authority'), under the powers delegated by the European Commission ('European Commission'),

and

on the other part,

1. 'the coordinator':

OBEC NEDED (Neded), PIC 889666541, established in HLAVNA 844, NEDED 925 85, Slovakia,

Unless otherwise specified, references to 'beneficiary' or 'beneficiaries' include the coordinator and affiliated entities (if any).

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 action¹
- Annex 2 Estimated budget for the action
- Annex 3 Accession forms (if applicable)²
- Annex 3a Declaration on joint and several liability of affiliated entities (if applicable)³
- Annex 4 Model for the financial statements
- Annex 5 Specific rules (if applicable)

¹ Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

² Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

³ Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

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DATA SHEET**1. General data**

Project summary:

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| The project is mainly focused on equality among European nations, generations, EU citizens, and majorities and minorities. This way, the project emphasizes one of the fundamental elements of the European Union. The issue of equality will be present in all project activities. The theme was selected as a response to the interest of partners to change the negative direction of society in times of the pandemic, which rather lead to divisions. In each municipality there are citizens who are somehow different. It shall be showed to the world. The theme of equality is present in the EU functioning. Within the project, the EU will be addressed from various aspects. At the same time, the current, EU-level issues linked with belonging to Europe will be solved. This way, the project will shift attention to the perception of the EU. Learning about life and culture of ethnical minorities living in the territories of the partner municipalities will be the element connecting majority and minorities. It will be specifically manifested in intercultural dialogue. From the perspective of age groups, the project will be conducted by people from all age groups. Young as well as old ones will take equal part in the activities, thus supporting the equality of generations. The theme of equality will be present in the partnership and the lives of the partner municipalities. The following objectives will be met: 1. Guidelining people towards the EU 2. Building meaningful relations between nations thanks to intercultural dialogue 3. Development of tolerance and solidarity in all levels of societal life |

Keywords:

- Europe for citizens

Project number: 101054101

Project name: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU

Project acronym: EPP

Call: CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN

Topic: CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT

Type of action: CERV Lump Sum Grants

Granting authority: European Education and Culture Executive Agency

Grant managed through EU Funding & Tenders Portal: Yes (eGrants)

Project starting date: first day of the month following the entry into force date

Project end date: starting date + months of duration

Project duration: 9 months

Consortium agreement: No

2. Participants**List of participants:**

| N° | Role | Short name | Legal name | Ctry | PIC | Max grant amount |
|--------------|------|-------------|---------------------------------|------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | COO | Neded | OBEC NEDED | SK | 889666541 | 27 485.00 |
| 2 | AP | Bóly | Bóly Város Önkormányzata | HU | 944722771 | 0.00 |
| 3 | AP | Törökbálint | Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata | HU | 895862610 | 0.00 |
| 4 | AP | Cernat | COMUNA CERNAT | RO | 945833615 | 0.00 |
| Total | | | | | | 27 485.00 |

Coordinator:

- OBEC NEDED (Neded)

3. Grant**Maximum grant amount, total estimated eligible costs and contributions and funding rate:**

| Maximum grant amount (Annex 2) | Maximum grant amount (award decision) |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 27 485.00 | 27 485.00 |

Grant form: Lump Sum**Grant mode:** Action grant**Budget categories/activity types:** Lump sum contributions**Cost eligibility options:** n/a**Budget flexibility:** No**4. Reporting, payments and recoveries****4.1 Continuous reporting** (art 21)**Deliverables:** see Funding & Tenders Portal Continuous Reporting tool**4.2 Periodic reporting and payments****Reporting and payment schedule** (art 21, 22):

| Reporting | | | | | Payments | |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Reporting periods | | | Type | Deadline | Type | Deadline (time to pay) |
| RP No | Month from | Month to | | | | |
| | | | | | Initial prefinancing | n/a |
| | | | | | Final payment | 90 days from receiving periodic report |
| 1 | 1 | 9 | Periodic report | 60 days after end of reporting period | | |

Prefinancing payments and guarantees: n/a**Reporting and payment modalities** (art 21, 22):

Mutual Insurance Mechanism (MIM): No

Restrictions on distribution of initial prefinancing: The prefinancing may be distributed only if the minimum number of beneficiaries set out in the call conditions (if any) have acceded to the Agreement and only to beneficiaries that have acceded.

Interim payment ceiling (if any): 100% of the maximum grant amount

No-profit rule: n/a

Late payment interest: ECB + 3.5%

Bank account for payments:

SK625600000003845133001

Conversion into euros: n/a

Reporting language: Language of the Agreement or other EU official language, if specified in the call conditions

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):

Limited joint and several liability of other beneficiaries — up to the maximum grant amount of the beneficiary

Joint and several liability of affiliated entities — n/a

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

Applicable law (art 43):

Standard applicable law regime: EU law + law of Belgium

Dispute settlement forum (art 43):

Standard dispute settlement forum:

EU beneficiaries: EU General Court + EU Court of Justice (on appeal)

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

Standard time-limits after project end:

Confidentiality (for X years after final payment): 5

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

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

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

Extension of findings from other grants to this grant (no later than X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)

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

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:

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

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

EU grants — Grants awarded by EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies (including EU executive agencies, EU regulatory agencies, EDA, joint undertakings, etc.).

Participants — 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.

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

Affiliated entities (AE) — Entities affiliated to a beneficiary within the meaning of Article 187 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046⁴ which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries (obligation to implement action tasks and right to charge costs and claim contributions).

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

Purchases — Contracts for goods, works or services needed to carry out the action (e.g. equipment, consumables and supplies) but which are not part of the action tasks (see Annex 1).

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

⁴ For the definition, see Article 187 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1): "**affiliated entities** [are]:

- (a) entities that form a sole beneficiary [(i.e. where an entity is formed of several entities that satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant, including where the entity is specifically established for the purpose of implementing an action to be financed by a grant)];
- (b) entities that satisfy the eligibility criteria and that do not fall within one of the situations referred to in Article 136(1) and 141(1) and that have a link with the beneficiary, in particular a legal or capital link, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation".

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 2017/1371⁵ and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995⁶, as well as any other wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

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 2988/95⁷.

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.

Applicable EU, international and national law — Any legal acts or other (binding or non-binding) rules and guidance in the area concerned.

Portal — EU Funding & Tenders Portal; electronic portal and exchange system managed by the European Commission and used by itself and other EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies for the management of their funding programmes (grants, procurements, prizes, etc.).

CHAPTER 2 ACTION

ARTICLE 3 — ACTION

The grant is awarded for the action **101054101 — EPP** ('action'), 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

⁵ 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).

⁶ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

⁷ 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).

The grant is an action grant⁸ which takes the form of a lump sum grant for the completion of work packages.

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 2).

5.3 Funding rate

Not applicable

5.4 Estimated budget, budget categories and forms of funding

The estimated budget for the action (lump sum breakdown) is set out in Annex 2.

It contains the estimated eligible contributions for the action (lump sum contributions), broken down by participant and work package.

Annex 2 also shows the types of contributions (forms of funding)⁹ to be used for each work package.

5.5 Budget flexibility

Budget flexibility does not apply; changes to the estimated budget (lump sum breakdown) always require an amendment (see Article 39).

Amendments for transfers between *work packages* are moreover possible only if:

- the work packages concerned are not already completed (and declared in a financial statement) and
- the transfers are justified by the technical implementation of the action.

ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 and 6.2 General and specific eligibility conditions

Lump sum contributions are eligible ('eligible contributions'), if:

- (a) they are set out in Annex 2 and
- (b) the work packages are completed and the work is properly implemented by the beneficiaries and/or the results are achieved, in accordance with Annex 1 and during in the period set out in Article 4 (with the exception of work/results relating to the submission of the final periodic report, which may be achieved afterwards; see Article 21)

They will be calculated on the basis of the amounts set out in Annex 2.

⁸ 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".

⁹ See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

6.3 Ineligible contributions

‘Ineligible contributions’ are:

- (a) lump sum contributions that do not comply with the conditions set out above (see Article 6.1 and 6.2)
- (b) lump sum contributions for activities already funded 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 case:
 - (i) Synergy actions: not applicable
- (c) other:
 - (i) country restrictions for eligible costs: not applicable.

6.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary declares lump sum 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 PARTICIPANTS

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 affiliated entities or other participants (see Articles 8 and 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.

The beneficiaries (and their action) must remain eligible under the EU programme funding the grant

for the entire duration of the action. Lump sum 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 Portal Participant Register 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 prefinancing guarantees (if required; see Article 23)
 - the financial statements and certificates on the financial statements (CFS): not applicable
 - the contribution to the deliverables and technical reports (see Article 21)
 - any other documents or information required by the granting authority under the Agreement
- (iv) submit via the Portal data and information related to the participation of their affiliated entities.

(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 (including affiliated entities).

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 or affiliated to 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’¹⁰ (or similar, such as European research infrastructure consortia (ERICs)) 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 co-ordination, 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 Portal
- 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 PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THE ACTION

9.1 Associated partners

The following entities which cooperate with a beneficiary will participate in the action as ‘associated partners’:

- **Bóly Város Önkormányzata (Bóly)**, PIC 944722771
- **Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata (Törökbálint)**, PIC 895862610
- **COMUNA CERNAT (Cernat)**, PIC 945833615

Associated partners must implement the action tasks attributed to them in Annex 1 in accordance with

¹⁰ 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.”

Article 11. They may not charge contributions to the action (no lump sum contributions) and the costs for their tasks are not eligible (may not be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2).

The tasks must be set out in Annex 1.

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interests), 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 associated partners.

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 associated partners.

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.

Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge contributions to the action (no lump sum contributions) and the costs for the in-kind contributions are not eligible (may not be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2).

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 lump sum contributions for implementing the work packages (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 parties

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).

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 — PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL STATUS

10.1 Non-EU participants

Participants 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)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC¹¹
- for the controls under Article 25: 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).

10.2 Participants which are international organisations

Participants which are international organisations (IOs; 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)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: to use either independent public officers or external auditors which comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC
- for the controls under Article 25: to allow for the checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the bodies mentioned in that Article, taking into account the specific agreements concluded by them and the EU (if any).

For such participants, nothing in the Agreement will be interpreted as a waiver of their privileges or immunities, as accorded by their constituent documents or international law.

Special rules on applicable law and dispute settlement apply (see Article 43 and Data Sheet, Point 5).

10.3 Pillar-assessed participants

Pillar-assessed participants (if any) may rely on their own systems, rules and procedures, in so far as they have been positively assessed and do not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries.

‘Pillar-assessment’ means a review by the European Commission on the systems, rules and procedures which participants use for managing EU grants (in particular internal control system, accounting

¹¹ 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).

system, external audits, financing of third parties, rules on recovery and exclusion, information on recipients and protection of personal data; see Article 154 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046).

Participants with a positive pillar assessment may rely on their own systems, rules and procedures, in particular for:

- record-keeping (Article 20): may be done in accordance with internal standards, rules and procedures
- currency conversion for financial statements (Article 21): may be done in accordance with usual accounting practices
- guarantees (Article 23): for public law bodies, prefinancing guarantees are not needed
- certificates (Article 24):
 - certificates on the financial statements (CFS): may be provided by their regular internal or external auditors and in accordance with their internal financial regulations and procedures
 - certificates on usual accounting practices (CoMUC): are not needed if those practices are covered by an ex-ante assessment

and use the following specific rules, for:

- recoveries (Article 22): in case of financial support to third parties, there will be no recovery if the participant has done everything possible to retrieve the undue amounts from the third party receiving the support (including legal proceedings) and non-recovery is not due to an error or negligence on its part
- checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the EU (Article 25): will be conducted taking into account the rules and procedures specifically agreed between them and the framework agreement (if any)
- impact evaluation (Article 26): will be conducted in accordance with the participant's internal rules and procedures and the framework agreement (if any)
- grant agreement suspension (Article 31): certain costs incurred during grant suspension are eligible (notably, minimum costs necessary for a possible resumption of the action and costs relating to contracts which were entered into before the pre-information letter was received and which could not reasonably be suspended, reallocated or terminated on legal grounds)
- grant agreement termination (Article 32): the final grant amount and final payment will be calculated taking into account also costs relating to contracts due for execution only after termination takes effect, if the contract was entered into before the pre-information letter was received and could not reasonably be terminated on legal grounds
- liability for damages (Article 33.2): the granting authority must be compensated for 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 only if the damage is due to an infringement of the participant's internal rules and procedures or due to a violation of third

parties' rights by the participant or one of its employees or individual for whom the employees are responsible.

Participants whose pillar assessment covers procurement and granting procedures may also do purchases, subcontracting and financial support to third parties (Article 6.2) in accordance with their internal rules and procedures for purchases, subcontracting and financial support.

Participants whose pillar assessment covers data protection rules may rely on their internal standards, rules and procedures for data protection (Article 15).

The participants may however not rely on provisions which would breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries or call into question the decision awarding the grant, such as in particular:

- eligibility (Article 6)
- consortium roles and set-up (Articles 7-9)
- security and ethics (Articles 13, 14)
- IPR (including background and results, access rights and rights of use), communication, dissemination and visibility (Articles 16 and 17)
- information obligation (Article 19)
- payment, reporting and amendments (Articles 21, 22 and 39)
- rejections, reductions, suspensions and terminations (Articles 27, 28, 29-32)

If the pillar assessment was subject to remedial measures, reliance on the internal systems, rules and procedures is subject to compliance with those remedial measures.

Participants whose assessment has not yet been updated to cover (the new rules on) data protection may rely on their internal systems, rules and procedures, provided that they ensure that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject
- 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 personal data.

Participants must inform the coordinator without delay of any changes to the systems, rules and procedures that were part of the pillar assessment. The coordinator must immediately inform the granting authority.

Pillar-assessed participants that have also concluded a framework agreement with the EU, may moreover — under the same conditions as those above (i.e. not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries) — rely on provisions set out in that framework agreement.

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.

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 participants 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 2015/444¹² and its implementing rules).

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 participants 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.

¹² 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).

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.

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

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).

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

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 of the granting authority in accordance with and for the purposes set out in the Portal Privacy Statement.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission, an EU regulatory or executive agency, joint undertaking or other EU body, the processing will be subject to Regulation 2018/1725¹³.

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 2016/679¹⁴).

¹³ 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 (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural

They must ensure 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 persons whose data are transferred to the granting authority and provide them with the Portal Privacy Statement.

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.

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 participants 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.

persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (‘GDPR’) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

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 has 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 its own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for the granting authority 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 and
- (h) **processing**, analysing, aggregating the materials, documents and information received and **producing derivative works**.

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] 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 the EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



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European Union



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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

Not applicable

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 lump sum 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 Participant Register data updates

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action or afterwards — their information stored in the Portal Participant Register 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)
 - (ii) linked action information: not applicable
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
 - (i) the decision to award the grant or
 - (ii) 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 (proper implementation of the work and/or achievement of the results as described in Annex 1) in line with the

accepted standards in the respective field (if any); 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 (including the extension of findings; see Article 25), 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, lump sum 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

The beneficiaries must continuously report on the progress of the action (e.g. **deliverables, milestones, outputs/outcomes, critical risks, indicators**, etc; if any), in the Portal Continuous Reporting tool and in accordance with the timing and conditions it sets out (as agreed with the granting authority).

Standardised deliverables (e.g. progress reports not linked to payments, reports on cumulative expenditure, special reports, etc; if any) must be submitted using the templates published on the Portal.

21.2 Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements

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 prefinancings (if any): **an additional prefinancing report**
- for interim payments (if any) and the final payment: a **periodic report**

The prefinancing and 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 available in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool.

The financial part of the additional prefinancing report includes a statement on the use of the previous prefinancing payment.

The financial part of the periodic report includes:

- the financial statement (consolidated statement for the consortium)
- the explanation on the use of resources (or detailed cost reporting table): not applicable
- the certificates on the financial statements (CFS): not applicable.

The **financial statement** must contain the lump sum contributions indicated in Annex 2, for the work packages that were completed during the reporting period.

For the last reporting period, the beneficiaries may exceptionally also declare partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to force majeure or technical impossibility).

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

By signing the financial statement (directly in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool), the coordinator confirms (on behalf of the consortium) that:

- the information provided is complete, reliable and true
- the lump sum contributions declared are eligible (in particular, the work packages have been completed, that the work has been properly implemented and/or the results were achieved in accordance with Annex 1; see Article 6)
- the proper implementation and/or achievement can be substantiated by adequate records and supporting documents (see Article 20) that will be produced upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits and investigations (see Article 25).

In case of recoveries (see Article 22), beneficiaries will be held responsible also for the lump sum contributions declared for their affiliated entities (if any).

21.3 Currency for financial statements and conversion into euros

The financial statements must be drafted in euro.

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.

Beneficiaries will be fully liable for repaying the debts of their affiliated entities.

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)
- affiliated entities will be held liable for repaying debts of their beneficiaries 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 Prefinancing payments

The aim of the prefinancing is to provide the beneficiaries with a float.

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

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

For **additional prefinancings** (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 prefinancing 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.

Prefinancing 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.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

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.

This will be done on the basis of work packages already completed in previous interim payments. Payments for ongoing/not yet completed work packages which the beneficiary was working on before termination (if any) will therefore be made only later on, with the next interim or final payments when those work packages have been completed.

The **amount due** will be calculated in the following step:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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The granting authority will first calculate the 'accepted EU contribution' for the beneficiary, on the basis of the beneficiary's lump sum contributions for the work packages which were approved in previous interim payments.

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:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\text{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ &\text{minus} \\ &\{\text{prefinancing and interim payments received (if any)}\} \}. \end{aligned}$$

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**).

22.3.3 Interim payments

Interim payments reimburse the eligible lump sum contributions claimed for work packages implemented during the reporting periods (if any).

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

Payment is subject to the approval of the periodic report and the work packages declared. Their approval does not imply recognition of compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of their content.

Incomplete work packages and work packages that have not been delivered or cannot be approved will be rejected (see Article 27).

The **interim payment** will be calculated by the granting authority in the following steps:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the action for the reporting period, by calculating the lump sum contributions for the approved work packages.

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

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

The resulting amount is then capped to ensure that the total amount of prefinancing and interim payments (if any) does not exceed the interim payment ceiling set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

Interim 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.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

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

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

The final payment (payment of the balance) reimburses the remaining eligible lump sum contributions claimed for the implemented work packages (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 periodic report and the work packages declared. Their approval does not imply recognition of compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of their content.

Work packages (or parts of them) that have not been delivered or cannot be approved will be rejected (see Article 27).

The **final grant amount for the action** will be calculated in the following steps:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Step 1 — 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 lump sum contributions for the approved work packages.

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

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Not applicable

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Not applicable

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\text{final grant amount} \\ &\text{minus} \\ &\{\text{prefinancing and interim payments made (if any)}\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency,

offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

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 lump sum 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** will be calculated in the following step:

Step 1 — Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

Step 1 — Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

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

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

If the revised final grant amount is lower than the beneficiary’s final grant amount (i.e. its share in the final grant amount for the action), it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The **beneficiary final grant amount** (i.e. share in the final grant amount for the action) is calculated as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{divided by} \\ \text{total accepted EU contribution for the action} \end{array} \right\} \times \text{final grant amount for the action}.$$

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.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, debts may also be offset against amounts owed by other Commission services or executive agencies.

- (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 holding affiliated entities jointly and severally liable (if any, see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- (e) by taking legal action (see Article 43) or, provided that the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, by adopting an enforceable decision under Article 299 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 100(2) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

The amount to be recovered will be increased by **late-payment interest** at the rate set out in Article 23.5, 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 2015/2366¹⁵ applies.

¹⁵ 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).

For grants where the granting authority is an EU executive agency, enforced recovery by offsetting or enforceable decision will be done by the services of the European Commission (see also Article 43).

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.

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 29) 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 Prefinancing guarantee

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

The coordinator must submit them to the granting authority in due time before the prefinancing they are linked to.

The guarantees must be drawn up using the template published on the Portal and 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 lump sum 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. 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

Where the granting authority is not the European Commission, the latter 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 883/2013¹⁶ and No 2185/96¹⁷
- 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.

Checks, reviews, audits or investigations that find systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations in any EU grant may also lead to consequences in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions ('extension to other grants').

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

25.5.2 Extension from other grants

¹⁶ 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).

¹⁷ 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).

Findings of checks, reviews, audits or investigations in other grants may be extended to this grant, if:

- (a) the beneficiary concerned is found, in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions, to have committed systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant and
- (b) those findings are formally notified to the beneficiary concerned — together with the list of grants affected by the findings — within the time-limit for audits set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned of the intention to extend the findings and the list of grants affected.

If the extension concerns **rejections of lump sum contributions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings
- (b) the request to submit revised financial statements for all grants affected
- (c) the correction rate for extrapolation, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors, to calculate the amounts to be rejected, if the beneficiary concerned:
 - (i) considers that the submission of revised financial statements is not possible or practicable or
 - (ii) does not submit revised financial statements.

If the extension concerns **grant reductions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings and
- (b) the **correction rate for extrapolation**, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors and the principle of proportionality.

The beneficiary concerned has **60 days** from receiving notification to submit observations, revised financial statements or to propose a duly substantiated **alternative correction method/rate**.

On the basis of this, the granting authority will analyse the impact and decide on the implementation (i.e. start rejection or grant reduction procedures, either on the basis of the revised financial statements or the announced/alternative method/rate or a mix of those; see Articles 27 and 28).

25.6 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, lump sum 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

26.1 Impact evaluation

The granting authority may carry out impact evaluations of the action, measured against the objectives and indicators of the EU programme funding the grant.

Such evaluations may be started during 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 beneficiaries and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent outside experts.

The coordinator or beneficiaries must provide any information relevant to evaluate the impact of the action, including information in electronic format.

26.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the granting authority may apply the measures described in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 5 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

SECTION 1 REJECTIONS AND GRANT REDUCTION

ARTICLE 27 — REJECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

27.1 Conditions

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

The rejection may also be based on the extension of findings from other grants to this grant (see Article 25).

Ineligible lump sum 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 lump sum contributions, it will deduct them from the lump sum 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) 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 — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

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. ongoing extension procedure, 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) 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 — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

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. For interim payments, the periodic reports for all reporting periods except the last one (see Article 21) must not contain any financial statements from the beneficiary concerned (or its affiliated entities). The coordinator must include them in the next periodic report after the suspension is lifted or — if suspension is not lifted before the end of the action — in the last periodic report.

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 prefinancing will be paid. Moreover, no work may be done. Ongoing work packages must be interrupted and no new work packages may be started.

31.2 EU-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) 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 — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (c) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA suspension grounds: 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 prefinancing will be paid. Moreover, no work may be done. Ongoing work packages must be interrupted and no new work packages may be started.

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 **periodic 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 lump sum contributions for activities implemented before the end of work date (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only lump sum contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no 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 41 (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
- (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 reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

Lump sum contributions for ongoing/not yet completed work packages will have to be included in the periodic report for the next reporting periods when those work packages have been completed.

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 41 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.3 EU-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) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (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 affiliated entities or associated partners that is in one of the situations under points (d), (f), (e), (g), (h), (i) or (j) and to reallocate its tasks, or
- (m) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA termination grounds: not applicable.

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 **periodic 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 lump sum contributions for activities implemented before termination takes effect (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

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 lump sum contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no 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 41 (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
- (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

reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

Lump sum contributions for ongoing/not yet completed work packages will have to be included in the periodic report for the next reporting periods when those work packages have been completed.

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 41 (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 participants 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 2988/95¹⁸).

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 participants involved in the action), and
- 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

EU grants are managed fully electronically through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (‘Portal’).

All communications must be made electronically through the Portal in accordance with the Portal Terms and Conditions and using the forms and templates provided there (except if explicitly instructed otherwise by the granting authority).

Communications must be made in writing and clearly identify the grant agreement (project number and acronym).

Communications must be made by persons authorised according to the Portal Terms and Conditions. For naming the authorised persons, each beneficiary must have designated — before the signature of

¹⁸ 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).

this Agreement — a ‘legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)’. The role and tasks of the LEAR are stipulated in their appointment letter (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

If the electronic exchange system is temporarily unavailable, instructions will be given on the Portal.

36.2 Date of communication

The sending date for communications made through the Portal will be the date and time of sending, as indicated by the time logs.

The receiving date for communications made through the Portal will be the date and time the communication is accessed, as indicated by the time logs. Formal notifications that have not been accessed within 10 days after sending, will be considered to have been accessed (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

If a communication is exceptionally made on paper (by e-mail or postal service), general principles apply (i.e. date of sending/receipt). Formal notifications by registered post with proof of delivery will be considered to have been received either on the delivery date registered by the postal service or the deadline for collection at the post office.

If the electronic exchange system is temporarily unavailable, the sending party cannot be considered in breach of its obligation to send a communication within a specified deadline.

36.3 Addresses for communication

The Portal can be accessed via the Europa website.

The address for paper communications to the granting authority (if exceptionally allowed) is the official mailing address indicated on its website.

For beneficiaries, it is the legal address specified in the Portal Participant Register.

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 1182/71¹⁹, 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.

¹⁹ 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).

‘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 signed directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

The coordinator submits and receives requests for amendment on behalf of the beneficiaries (see Annex 3). 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 in the tool 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.

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 3) directly in the Portal Grant Preparation tool, within 30 days after the entry into force of the Agreement (see Article 44).

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

If a beneficiary does not accede to the grant within the above deadline, the coordinator must — within 30 days — request an amendment (see Article 39) to terminate the beneficiary and make any changes necessary to ensure proper implementation of the action. This does not affect the granting authority's right to terminate the grant (see Article 32).

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 3) signed by the new beneficiary directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

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 3).

Additions are also possible in mono-beneficiary grants.

ARTICLE 41 — TRANSFER OF THE AGREEMENT

In justified cases, the beneficiary of a mono-beneficiary grant may request the transfer of the grant to a new beneficiary, provided that this would not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

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

- the reasons why
- the accession form (see Annex 3) signed by the new beneficiary directly in the Portal Amendment tool and
- additional supporting documents (if required by the granting authority).

The new beneficiary will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of accession specified in the accession form (see Annex 3).

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 law of Belgium.

Special rules may apply for beneficiaries which are international organisations (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 5).

43.2 Dispute settlement

If a dispute concerns the interpretation, application or validity of the Agreement, the parties must bring action before the EU General Court — or, on appeal, the EU Court of Justice — under Article 272 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

For non-EU beneficiaries (if any), such disputes must be brought before the courts of Brussels, Belgium — unless an international agreement provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements.

For beneficiaries with arbitration as special dispute settlement forum (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 5), the dispute will — in the absence of an amicable settlement — be settled in accordance with the Rules for Arbitration published on the Portal.

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.

For grants where the granting authority is an EU executive agency (see Preamble), actions against offsetting and enforceable decisions must be brought against the European Commission (not against the granting authority; see also Article 22).

ARTICLE 44 — ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Agreement will enter into force on the day of signature by the granting authority or the coordinator, depending on which is later.

SIGNATURES

For the coordinator

For the granting authority

ANNEX 1



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Description of the action (DoA)

Part A

Part B

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (PART A)

COVER PAGE

Part A of the Description of the Action (DoA) must be completed directly on the Portal Grant Preparation screens.

| PROJECT | |
|---|--|
| <i>Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Enter the info.</i> | |
| Project number: | 101054101 |
| Project name: | Every piece of partnership belongs to EU |
| Project acronym: | EPP |
| Call: | CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN |
| Topic: | CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT |
| Type of action: | CERV-LS |
| Service: | EACEA/B/03 |
| Project starting date: | first day of the month following the entry into force date |
| Project duration: | 9 months |

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Provide an overall description of your project (including context and overall objectives, planned activities and main achievements, and expected results and impacts (on target groups, change procedures, capacities, innovation etc)). This summary should give readers a clear idea of what your project is about.

Use the project summary from your proposal.

The project is mainly focused on equality among European nations, generations, EU citizens, and majorities and minorities. This way, the project emphasizes one of the fundamental elements of the European Union. The issue of equality will be present in all project activities. The theme was selected as a response to the interest of partners to change the negative direction of society in times of the pandemic, which rather lead to divisions. In each municipality there are citizens who are somehow different. It shall be showed to the world. The theme of equality is present in the EU functioning. Within the project, the EU will be addressed from various aspects. At the same time, the current, EU-level issues linked with belonging to Europe will be solved. This way, the project will shift attention to the perception of the EU. Learning about life and culture of ethnical minorities living in the territories of the partner municipalities will be the element connecting majority and minorities. It will be specifically manifested in intercultural dialogue. From the perspective of age groups, the project will be conducted by people from all age groups. Young as well as old ones will take equal part in the activities, thus supporting the equality of generations. The theme of equality will be present in the partnership and the lives of the partner municipalities. The following objectives will be met:

1. Guidelining people towards the EU
2. Building meaningful relations between nations thanks to intercultural dialogue
3. Development of tolerance and solidarity in all levels of societal life

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.

| Number | Role | Short name | Legal name | Country | PIC |
|--------|------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | COO | Neded | OBEK NEDED | SK | 889666541 |
| 2 | AP | Bóly | Bóly Város Önkormányzata | HU | 944722771 |
| 3 | AP | Törökbálint | Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata | HU | 895862610 |
| 4 | AP | Cernat | COMUNA CERNAT | RO | 945833615 |

LIST OF WORK PACKAGES

| Work packages | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Grant Preparation (Work Packages screen) — Enter the info.</i> | | | | | | |
| Work Package No | Work Package name | Lead Beneficiary | Effort (Person-Months) | Start Month | End Month | Deliverable No(s) |
| WP1 | Event: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU | 1 - Neded | 1.00 | 1 | 9 | D1.1 |

Work package WP1 – Event: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------|
| Work Package Number | WP1 | Lead Beneficiary | 1. Neded |
| Work Package Name | Event: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU | | |
| Start Month | 1 | End Month | 9 |

Objectives

Steering citizens towards the EU
 Building constructive relations between nations thanks to intercultural dialogue
 Development of tolerance and solidarity at all levels of societal life
 Favours equality among nations, between genders, between majority and minorities
 Development of ties between the citizens and friendships

Description

The project is mainly focused on equality among European nations, generations, EU citizens, and majorities and minorities. This way, the project emphasizes one of the fundamental elements of the European Union. The issue of equality will be present in all project activities. The project is implemented as an event consisting of workshops, training activities, awareness-raising activities, presentations, and communication activities. The project will be implemented as a single 3-day event. Implemented activities can be divided into following groups:

Support for the European ideas
 Presentation of cultural diversity
 Volunteering as the sense of life
 Equality with ethnical minorities
 Impacts of corona virus on communities
 Overcoming prejudices

STAFF EFFORT

| Staff effort per participant | | |
|--|------|---------------------|
| <i>Grant Preparation (Work packages - Effort screen) — Enter the info.</i> | | |
| Participant | WP1 | Total Person-Months |
| 1 - Neded | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Total Person-Months | 1.00 | 1.00 |

LIST OF DELIVERABLES

Deliverables

Grant Preparation (Deliverables screen) — Enter the info.

The labels used mean:

Public — fully open ( automatically posted online)

Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement

EU classified —RESTREINT-UE/EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE/EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE/EU-SECRET under Decision [2015/444](#)

| Deliverable No | Deliverable Name | Work Package No | Lead Beneficiary | Type | Dissemination Level | Due Date (month) |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| D1.1 | Event implementation | WP1 | 1 - Neded | R — Document, report | PU - Public | 9 |

Deliverable – Event implementation

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Deliverable Number | D1.1 | Lead Beneficiary | 1. Neded |
| Deliverable Name | Event implementation | | |
| Type | R — Document, report | Dissemination Level | PU - Public |
| Due Date (month) | 9 | Work Package No | WP1 |

| Description |
|---|
| <p>Title of the event: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU</p> <p>Type of event (in situ): public event</p> <p>Venue: Neded (Slovakia)</p> <p>Indicative dates of the event: 19-21/08/2022</p> <p>Duration of the project 6 months</p> <p>Estimated number of countries: 3 (SK, RO, HU)</p> <p>Estimated number of individual direct participants: 600</p> <p>Estimated number of invited participants: 180</p> <p>Agenda/brief description of the event: Event will fulfil following ideas: Support for the European ideas, Presentation of cultural diversity, Volunteering as the sense of life, Equality with ethnical minorities, Impacts of corona virus on communities, Overcoming prejudices. Implementation of workshops, seminars, expert meetings, awareness-raising activities, debates and exhibition. Result: increased interest of citizens in volunteering and active assistance in their communities, exchange of experiences with crisis management, development of tolerance and solidarity, overcoming prejudices against minorities, overcoming barriers between nations, support for intercultural dialogue. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day.</p> <p>Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the 3 days event.</p> <p>The activities are designed for the target group of: citizens from the partner municipalities – participants in the project.</p> |

LIST OF MILESTONES

| Milestones <i>Grant Preparation (Milestones screen) — Enter the info.</i> | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Milestone No | Milestone Name | Work Package No | Lead Beneficiary | Means of Verification | Due Date (month) |
| 1 | N/A | WP1 | 1-Neded | N/A | 9 |

LIST OF CRITICAL RISKS

| Critical risks & risk management strategy <i>Grant Preparation (Critical Risks screen) — Enter the info.</i> | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Risk number | Description | Work Package No(s) | Proposed Mitigation Measures |
| 1 | N/A | WP1 | N/A |



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Application Form

Technical Description (Part B)

(CERV Standard)

Version 1.0
01 April 2021

Disclaimer

This document is aimed at informing applicants for EU funding. It serves only as an example. The actual web forms and templates are provided in the Funding & Tenders Portal Submission System (and may contain certain differences). The applications (including annexes and supporting documents) must be prepared and submitted online via the Portal.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

What is the Application Form?

The Application Form is the template for EU grants applications; it must be submitted via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal before the call deadline.

The Form consists of 2 parts:.

- Part A contains structured administrative information
- Part B is a narrative technical description of the project.

Part A is generated by the IT system. It is based on the information which you enter into the Portal Submission System screens.

Part B needs to be uploaded as PDF (+ annexes) in the Submission System. The templates to use are available there.


How to prepare and submit it?


The Application Form must be prepared by the consortium and submitted by a representative. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation.

Character and page limits:

- page limit normally **45** pages (unless otherwise provided in the Call document)
- supporting documents can be provided as an annex and do not count towards the page limit
- minimum font size — Arial 9 points
- page size: A4
- margins (top, bottom, left and right): at least 15 mm (not including headers & footers).

Please abide by the formatting rules. They are NOT a target! Keep your text as concise as possible. Do not use hyperlinks to show information that is an essential part of your application.

 If you attempt to upload an application that exceeds the specified limit, you will receive an automatic warning asking you to shorten and re-upload your application. For applications that are not shortened, the excess pages will be made invisible and thus disregarded by the evaluators.

 **Please do NOT delete any instructions in the document. The overall page limit has been raised to ensure equal treatment of all applicants.**

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (PART B)

COVER PAGE

Part B of the Application Form must be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and then assembled and re-uploaded as PDF in the system.

Note: Please read carefully the conditions set out in the Call document (for open calls: published on the Portal). Pay particular attention to the award criteria; they explain how the application will be evaluated.

| PROJECT | |
|----------------------|--|
| Project name: | Every piece of partnership belongs to EU |
| Project acronym: | EPP |
| Coordinator contact: | Henrieta Selmecziová, Obec Neded |

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

See Abstract (Application Form Part A).

1. RELEVANCE

1.1 Background and general objectives

Background and general objectives

Describe the background and rationale of the project.

How is the project relevant to the scope of the call? How does the project address the general objectives of the call? What is the project's contribution to the priorities of the call?

Which target groups will be supported/assisted by/in the project. Why have you chosen to focus on them?

The aim of the project is to support equality, highlight the EU and strengthen the partnership. Thanks to this, the citizens of Slovakia, Hungary and Romania will meet in one common project, overcome existing barriers and become European citizens. The presence of the EU in the partnership will support the relations between people and the EU and the sense of belonging to Europe. In this aspect, the project will meet the following objectives and priorities of the call:

To promote exchanges between citizens of different countries – four partner municipalities will take part in the project. The citizens will have the chance to communicate together, discuss interesting topics and exchange experiences. The project will promote exchanges between citizens of different countries.

To give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to make them aware that European values and cultural heritage constitute the foundation for a common future – culture will be important in the project. The project activities will present the cultural diversity of the three present nations. Thus, the citizens will learn about culture of other nations. Within the project, the emphasis will also be put on presentation of European values.

To guarantee peaceful relations between Europeans and to ensure their active participation at the local level – the project activities will lead towards active engagement of citizens in debates and exchanges of opinions. In this way, the citizens will be motivated to become interested in public affairs. This will result in activation at the local level. The connection of citizens from the three countries will result also in mutual familiarization and friendships. Thanks to this, the peaceful relations between Europeans will continue even after the event conclusion.

To reinforce mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens – project activities will help in overcoming barriers between nations and providing equality. Common discussions of people from three nations, presentations of culture, workshops and leisure time will give them the opportunity to know each other better. Culture is a special element - a universal language - able to overcome barriers among nations. The common event shall destroy the existing barriers and prejudices and lay foundations for friendships between people from different European countries.

To encourage cooperation between municipalities and the exchange of best practices – within the project, the partners will be able to meet in person and to discuss the current issues at the level of self-governments, partnership and the EU. They will exchange experiences and strengthen their cooperation.

To support good local governance and reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process – exchange of experiences and foundations of cooperation of self-governments from different European countries is an opportunity for those who want to be active at the international level - for example in the international meeting of citizens. The existing cooperation of municipalities will be enriched with new challenges and the project will become a fundament for future European cooperation.

Raising awareness on the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe - the project contains an important series of cultural presentations of the countries. Culture is a universal language. It can overcome linguistic and ethnical barriers and borders between states even without words. All

participating nations will present their cultural identity. We will learn about the rich culture of European nations and its diversity. At the same time, we will have the chance to learn 3 languages of European nations.

Raising awareness of the importance of reinforcing the European integration process based on solidarity - the global situation is getting better with respect to the corona virus. Therefore, the partners wanted to restart their previous cooperation. Representatives of the municipalities of Neded, Bóly, Törökbálint and Cernat will create the forum for the mutual exchange of experiences and information in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic (how to deal with it locally), and also in relation to sports, culture and education. There will be an opportunity to build and restore mutual solidarity. Through its activities, the project is fundamental for mutual interaction and integration of self-governments, based on mutual solidarity and assistance.

Fostering a sense of belonging to Europe by promoting the debate on the future of Europe - the partners identified the need to discuss the EU with their citizens. Therefore, there will be prepared workshops and debates on the EU, its attitudes to the current issues, and its benefits. This way, the often sceptical views of citizens will change and improve. There will also be the discussion with a representative of the European Commission in Slovakia.

Reflecting on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local communities – the COVID-19 pandemic caused the wave of lockdowns, barriers to movement and limited possibilities for culture and meeting people. These limitations are not so tight now and it is possible to implement an event together. The task of the event will be to meet people from the partner municipalities and to use the meeting for the exchange of experiences about dealing with the pandemic at the local level. The representatives of the municipalities will exchange the know-how and prepare for the potential new waves of pandemic and limitations together.

Meeting the objectives and priorities of the call means support for the citizens of the partner municipalities. Through implementation of the project, they will have the chance to meet new people, learn about their culture, become more aware about the EU, learn about its benefits, and become active European citizens. The project is specifically oriented on individual age groups. Youth will have the chance to acquire relevant information about the EU. Young people represent the future of Europe, and the project might prove it. The elderly will learn about the possibilities of active ageing. They will also be able to pass on their experiences. The adults will learn new things, build friendships and become active at the local level. The self-government representatives are also a target group. They will have the opportunity to discuss the important issues for functioning of self-governments and the partnership together. This way, they will enhance their competences and reach for best practices applicable in their municipalities.

1.2 Needs analysis and specific objectives

Needs analysis and specific objectives *(n/a for Programme Contact Points)*

Provide a needs assessment. A need is a gap between what is and what should/ would be helpful or useful.

The needs assessment should be your starting point. Specify what needs will be addressed and how they have been identified. It should be specific and focus on the actual needs of the target group. It should include relevant, reliable data and, a robust analysis clearly demonstrating the need for the action (therefore, avoid references to generic statements and information about the problems and needs of the target group). The needs assessment should incorporate gender equality issues and non-discrimination considerations that identify the differences between and among women and men, girls and boys, in terms of their relative position in society and the distribution of resources, opportunities, constraints and power in a given context. The data supporting the needs assessment should be disaggregated by sex, as well as age or disability, whenever possible. You can refer to existing research, studies and previous projects that already demonstrate the need for action.

If your project is supported by a public authority, annex the Letter of support.

The needs analysis is based on the identified problems of the partners as well as the public poll - the Eurobarometer.

Identified problems:

Within their communication, the partners raised the issue of the mutual project and its implementation. The project shall respond to the needs of the partnership and the problems they come across.

One of the identified problems is the existing discrimination in the communities. Even though we live in

21st century, we still see women discriminated against men e.g. from the perspective of work opportunities, wages etc. We also come across the discrimination of minorities, e.g. the Roma minority, and their physical as well as mental marginalization. The corona pandemic caused many countries to close, while each of them decided on which citizens to let at their territory. This indirect discrimination was also enrooted in the citizens. The partners do not identify themselves with the situation. Therefore, they strive to solve it at the mutual meeting. And how to defeat discrimination? Through culture, indeed. Culture is the very instrument able to link people and overcome barriers.

Another identified problem is Euroscepticism. The COVID-19 pandemic showed what many people think about the EU. Information about its role during the pandemic have been distorted and people tend to complain about the EU and not to defend it. The EU implements many policies helping the citizens in their everyday lives. This is what the partners want to stress - the benefits of the EU, its importance and values.

The third identified problem is the need to restart the partnership. The pandemic resulted in closed borders, prohibited travelling, people closed at their homes, and move of communication, education and work to the Internet. Thus, the social contacts between people were interrupted. The partners want to respond to the situation by organizing the mutual events where approximately 600 people from three different European countries meet.

Polls

The polls were organized by the Eurobarometer - they show interesting statistics related to the issues associated with the perception of the EU.

The Eurobarometer 485 on the EU citizenship and democracy sampled the views of citizens on the following issues: EU citizenship and rights, Freedom of movement and consular protection, Measures to increase the voters' turnout in the elections to the European Parliament. For example, in relation to the first issue, European citizens know what are their rights - 75-89% of respondents gave correct answers to the questions. However, in relation to the voting rights in elections to the European Parliament and local, regional and national bodies, the relevance of answers was about 50%. As for the second issue, the freedom of movement and consular protection, approximately 15% of answers were in opposition to the proposed statements. For example, the statement „The freedom of movement of the EU citizens within the EU is beneficial for economy (of our country)“ was marked as I DO NOT AGREE or I DO NOT KNOW by 16% of respondents. These are eurosceptics or people with little knowledge about the issue.

The Eurobarometer 500 on the Future of Europe collected the views of citizens on the following issues: Conference on the future of Europe, European Union in 2020, the future of Europe, the supranational candidacy and the main candidates. Within the poll, several questions were asked, and the most relevant regarding the analysis of needs are as follows:

„Is it still necessary to strengthen the democracy in the EU?“ 89% of respondents answered I STRONGLY AGREE or I RATHER AGREE.

„Is it still necessary to work on the protection of democracy in the EU?“ 89% of respondents answered I STRONGLY AGREE or I RATHER AGREE.

The above results prove that the vast majority of citizens still does not see the EU as the space where democracy is at its best and where there is nothing to improve.

For example the question „Which of the following ways ensure in the best way that your voice is heard by the decision-makers at the EU level?“ provided interesting results: the option Taking part in the elections to the EP was chosen by 55% of respondents (only 32% in Slovakia); the option Taking part in other events, such as discussions, public meeting etc was chosen only by 15% of EU citizens; the option Entering a civic association or an NGO was chosen by 11% of citizens; the option Participating in online discussions or online consultations was chosen by 10% of respondents.

These answers prove that the citizens do not believe in the discussions about the EU and the project wants to change this little faith and invite the citizens to take part in discussions.

In the question „What are the most important benefits of the EU in your opinion?“ 32% of Europeans selected the option Respect towards democracy, human rights and the state of law, but only 16% of Slovak respondents selected this option. The option Good relations and solidarity among the member states was selected by 23% of the EU citizens, but only 31% of Slovaks.

In the theme The future of Europe there were also interesting questions and answers:

65% of EU citizens consider the EU the place of stability in the unstable world.

66% of EU citizens believe that the EU project offers young people good perspective for the future.

The selected answers from the two Eurobarometers say that there is a large portion of citizens who do not believe the EU project and who are sceptical towards it. At the same time, people see that the EU needs to strengthen democracy at its territory. Therefore, these issues are incorporated in the project.

1.3 Complementarity with other actions and innovation — European added value

Complementarity with other actions and innovation *(n/a for Programme Contact Points)*

Explain how the project builds on the results of past activities carried out in the field and describe its innovative aspects. Explain how the activities are complementary to other activities carried out by other organisations.

Illustrate the European dimension of the activities: trans-national dimension of the project; impact/interest for a number of EU countries; possibility to use the results in other countries, potential to develop mutual trust/cross-border cooperation among EU countries, etc.

Which countries will benefit from the project (directly and indirectly and why have you chosen them)? Where will the activities take place?

Clarify to what extent the project builds on synergies with other EU projects. If applicable, explain to what extent your project builds on previous project results in this field (state of play, relation to existing/recent developments, approaches, achievements, other EU programmes).

Note: *The project should also complement or add benefits to the EU Member States' interventions in the area of gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming.*

The project is in line with the existing partnership of the municipalities. Before the pandemic, the partners organized several meetings, but the numbers of visitors were limited by costs. The meetings were usually focused on culture. The current project is a completely new, independent element of the partnership. It has no links to previous activities nor synergies with other EU projects. The only synergy can be found in the Conference on the future of Europe - selection of interesting themes to be discussed throughout Europe. The activity reflects on the ongoing events with interesting themes for the partners. Within the preparation of the project the partners will pick several themes they would be glad to discuss with their citizens. This way, they will indirectly join the conference.

The project innovativeness is in its coherence with the Conference on the future of Europe. The concept of continuously ongoing conference is also interesting for the partnership. Therefore, the partners decided to make it a part of the concept, although indirectly. It will enable them to link the project to the discussions in the EU. In our project, there will be discussions on themes relevant to the conference. In this way, the citizens will be active in the European field. We will also support the awareness of European citizenship, which is very important for the future of Europe.

The European dimension of the project is given by spreading information about the EU, its policies, and about active European citizenship among the participants. There will also be an interactive presentation, discussions, learning about volunteering and solidarity, and engaging young people in life within the EU. Thanks to this, the EU will become present in lives of ordinary people and the European citizenship will be planted in them. Through the project, the EU will be placed in the centre of attention. The project will have important international and intercultural aspects. Three nations will take part in it. The project represents a universal solution to euroscepticism. The EU will be discovered through the following activities: Debate on Europe, Young volunteers, Creative workshops for children, Conference on the future of Europe, and Thoughts about the future. This way we want to prove the EU is important for us. In the presentation, the common European citizenship will also be presented. It is one of the EU benefits and also an element of equality. It means that people from all EU member states are equal. Active volunteering will also be important in the project as it is one of the important elements of European citizenship. European citizenship will be present in discussions about current themes. This way, we will support the activation of citizens who will become active European citizens.

The following countries will benefit from the project: Slovakia, Hungary, Romania. Direct benefits: know-how on different solutions for self-governments, involvement of people from three countries to debates, support for multicultural and multilingual environment. Improvement of European awareness will also be an international benefit of the project. An indirect benefit will be crossing borders after the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. QUALITY

2.1 Concept and methodology

Concept and methodology

Outline the approach and methodology behind the project. Explain why they are the most suitable for achieving the project's objectives. Include ethical and safety considerations to ensure that target groups are not subjected to harm in any way.

Note: Methodology is not a list of activities but are instruments, approaches that will be used, applied and created.

The project activities reflect on the main intentions of the project – connecting citizens, learning about the EU, planting the seed of active European citizenship, promoting equality. These are the themes resonating in society, partnership and the EU together with the problems related to minorities, euroscepticism and solidarity. During the project preparation, the partners agreed on following the principle of equality which is important for the future of the partnership. Thus, the activity plan helps to follow the set goals and intentions of the project which are in accordance with objectives of the CERV programme. The following working methods need to be used for its proper implementation:

- 1) Preparation: analysis of needs; analysis of problems to be solved; searching for solutions; setting up the programme; preparation of promotional materials; acquiring material and technology; reservation of accommodation; involvement of the partners.
- 2) Implementation: accommodation and catering for the guests; implementation of activities; participation of all participants; taking pictures and recording videos; providing the outputs of activities.
- 3) Dissemination: preparation of commemorative and information items; promotion of results; addressing the target groups; continuation of the partnership and preserving friendships among citizens.
- 4) Safety: the project will be implemented in times of withdrawing COVID-19 pandemic. All activities will be governed by applicable measures of the host country - Slovakia. All participants will be listed for easier looking-up the contacts. Distances shall be kept and mouth and nose covered in case of need.

The project will connect the citizens from the partner municipalities to one unit. Each one of them will be active in project implementation regardless of his/her age, gender or ethnicity. The composition of activities will be of importance: educational, cultural, presentational and societal activities. They will be linked and alternate in order to maintain the attention of the participants. The suitability of the activities is given by the project theme. The activities are aimed at meeting the project goals and goals of the CERV programme. Therefore, their composition is very colourful - the participants shall be given the most meaningful impulses and they also want to have fun and meet new people. The activity plan is as follows:

Friday, August 19, 2022

- 14:00 Introduction of the project, with media attention
- 15:00 Exhibition of amateur photographs. Theme: Corona virus, lockdown and life
- 16:00 Partnership and corona virus - debate of municipality representatives and active citizens on the future of the partnership and the impacts of the pandemic
- 18:00 Debate on Europe – discussion on how the EU helps citizens in their daily lives, discussions on activities which shall be carried out in favour of citizens
- 20:00 What connects us - performances of ethnical minorities' ensembles

Saturday, August 20, 2022

- 09:00 Sports in the morning
- 10:00 Information stand of the EU
- 11:00 Creative workshop for children - learning about the EU in a playful way
- 13:00 Young volunteers - presentation of volunteers and their activities in favour of youth, introduction of the initiative European Solidarity Corps
- 14:00 People in Need - debate with the NGO on development and humanitarian aid and social integration
- 14:00 Competition in cooking gastronomic specialties of European nations
- 15:00 Conference on the future of Europe - selection of interesting themes to be discussed from the

events happening throughout Europe
 16:30 Performances of artists from the partner municipalities
 19:00 Church music
 20:00 Evening party with music

Sunday, August 21, 2022

09:00 Holy Mass/Divine Service
 10:00 Living in a mixed territory - workshop on work with ethnical minorities in municipalities, best practices
 13:00 Thoughts about the future - discussion with a representative of the European Commission in Slovakia about Europe 2030
 15:00 Moment for the elderly - introduction of work with seniors in the partner municipalities, introduction of the initiative Active ageing, introduction of the European Federation of Seniors
 17:00 Show me understanding - beneficial concert of children from the children's home
 18:30 Summarization and conclusion of the event

2.2 Consortium set-up

Consortium cooperation and division of roles (if applicable) *(n/a for Town Twinning and Programme Contact Points)*

Describe the participants (Beneficiaries, Affiliated Entities and Associated Partners, if any) and explain how they will work together to implement the project. How will they bring together the necessary expertise? How will they complement each other?

In what way does each of the participants contribute to the project? Show that each has a valid role and adequate resources to fulfil that role.

Note: When building your consortium you should think of organisations that can help you reach objectives and solve problems.

N/A

2.3 Project teams, staff and experts

Project teams and staff

Describe the project teams and how they will work together to implement the project.

List the staff included in the project budget (budget category A) by function/profile (e.g. project manager, senior expert/advisor/researcher, junior expert/advisor/researcher, trainers/teachers, technical personnel, administrative personnel etc. and describe briefly their tasks. Provide CVs of all key actors (if required).

Note: Please ensure a gender-balanced representation in the composition of project teams and staff performing the action.

| Name and function | Organisation | Role/tasks/professional profile and expertise |
|--|--------------|---|
| Henrieta Selmecziová, project manager | Obec Neded | Role: project manager, coordinator for Neded Tasks: project management, supervising the project preparation, preparation of premises, project monitoring, including milestones, coordination of all partners, participation of people from Nesvady and the region in project activities Profile: mayor of Neded, management of the municipality, HR management, implementation of all project co-financed by the European and national funds. |
| Katarína Fazekasová, financial | Obec Neded | Role: financial manager Tasks: economic management of the project, accounting, paying for |

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| manager | | <p>invoices, project budget monitoring</p> <p>Profile: several years of financial practice in self-government - chairwoman of the financial department at the municipal office. She is responsible for financial transactions in the town, accounting, financial management in all projects implemented by the municipality of Neded.</p> |
| Sándor Elek, coordinator for Obec Törökbálint | Obec Törökbálint | <p>Role: coordinator for Törökbálint</p> <p>Task: coordination of participants from the municipality of Törökbálint in individual project activities, dissemination of promotional materials and outputs in the territory of Törökbálint, helping with the implementation of activities, encouraging active participation of Törökbálint citizens.</p> <p>Profile: mayor of Törökbálint, experience with management of people and implementation of projects</p> |
| József Hárs, coordinator for Obec Bóly | Obec Bóly | <p>Role: coordinator for Bóly</p> <p>Task: coordination of participants from the municipality of Bóly in individual project activities, dissemination of promotional materials and outputs in the territory of Bóly, helping with the implementation of activities, encouraging active participation of Bóly citizens.</p> <p>Profile: mayor of Bóly, experience with management of people and implementation of projects</p> |
| Árpád Rákosi, coordinator for Obec Cernat | Obec Cernat | <p>Role: coordinator for Cernat</p> <p>Task: coordination of participants from the municipality of Cernat in individual project activities, dissemination of promotional materials and outputs in the territory of Cernat, helping with the implementation of activities, encouraging active participation of Cernat citizens.</p> <p>Profile: mayor of Cernat, experience with management of people and implementation of projects</p> |

Outside resources (subcontracting, seconded staff, etc)

If you do not have all skills/resources in-house, describe how you intend to get them (contributions of members, partner organisations, subcontracting, etc).

If there is subcontracting, please also complete the table in section 4. Moreover, ensure that subcontractors are aware of gender mainstreaming and non-discrimination mainstreaming.

The project team mentioned above will manage the project. All the members have enough experience with implementing projects co-financed by the EU as well as by the national funds and financial means. Thus, there is no need to support it by any other stuff by subcontracting.

2.4 Consortium management and decision-making

Consortium management and decision-making (if applicable) *(n/a for Town Twinning and Programme Contact Points)*

Explain the management structures and decision-making mechanisms within the consortium. Describe how decisions will be taken and how regular and effective communication will be ensured. Describe methods to ensure planning and control.

Note: *The concept (including organisational structure and decision-making mechanisms) must be adapted to the complexity and scale of the project.*

N/A

2.5 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Describe the measures planned to ensure that the project implementation is of high quality and completed in time.

Describe the methods to ensure good quality, monitoring, planning and control.

Describe the evaluation methods and indicators (quantitative and qualitative) to monitor and verify the outreach and coverage of the activities and results (including unit of measurement, baseline and target values). The indicators proposed to measure progress should be relevant, realistic and measurable.

Note: The monitoring and evaluation strategy should also incorporate gender and non-discrimination considerations in order to measure changes and assess impact on gender equality issues. The indicators should be gender responsive so that they can measure gender equality changes over time. For instance, a gender responsive indicator can measure the increase in women's rate of employment or changes in social attitudes towards gender roles in work-life balance. The evaluation should be participatory and inclusive to all stakeholders, ensuring that women's and men's voices are prevalent throughout the entire evaluation process.

The project management will be responsible for managing the project. Within the managing structure, a project manager will lead the project team. She will be responsible for coordination of all the partners and citizens from the home municipality, as well as manage the project activities, supervise the project preparation and preparation of the venues, and oversee fulfilment of the project aims and milestones. The financial manager will be responsible for the financial management of the project, accounting of the project, processing accounting statements and records and realizing payments. Coordinators from the individual municipalities will coordinate participation of their citizens in the activities, ensure dissemination of the promoting materials and outputs of the project and help with the implementation of activities. This team will lead the overall project implementation. Every member has direct experience with implementing projects co-financed from the European and national financial means.

The project will be implemented, while coordinated by all the partners. Within the preparatory phase, the partners agreed on the individual duties, activity plan and dissemination, i.e. they divided duties and responsibility to ensure a smooth course of the event. That is also why control mechanisms were set – to prevent possible risks during the implementation. Within the project, a mechanism of control will be created, which will have the duty to oversee the project progress. The project team will be charged with such controlling activity. Except control, the mechanism sets also some further mechanisms and rules. They could be divided into external and internal.

The internal control will be performed by the project team with an aim to immediately find and eliminate defects and possible discrepancy of the implemented activities with the activity plan, budget and project aims. The control will be continuous and consist of:

- preparation of documents for the project implementation
- control of accordance of the implemented activities with reality
- control of public procurement and all linked activities
- control of fulfilling the financial network and financial statements
- control of duties arisen from the contracts

The external control will be performed from the side of the donor – an administrator of CERV Programme in a form of control of the project clearance.

Reaching the project results in the most economic way will be ensured by using personal and expert authorities. Due to this, activities will not be divided into internal and external and financial means will be saved, too, as overpricing the activities via an external part will not take place. Moreover, this will enable a full control over the process of implementation of the activities. It is obvious that the partners do not have enough facilities, means and authorities for all the activities implemented within the project. Therefore, a small part of the budget will be supported externally, too.

The project quality depends to a considerable extent on the planned indicators and mainly on their fulfilment. By fulfilling the measurable indicators, sense of the project and its successful termination will be proved. As the qualitative indicators are measurable with difficulty, quantitative indicators prevail in the chosen indicators.

The project indicators are as the following:

Quantitative indicators:

Number of implemented events: 1

Number of participants in the event: 600

Number of women from the total number of participants: 300

Number of used communication means (media, Internet, promotion): 4

Number of created partnerships: 1
Number of participating countries: 3
Number of partners: 4

Qualitative indicators:

Raised interest in the EU among the young (number of searched themes connected with the EU, raised interest in the projects co-financed by the EU funds)
Equality in opportunities for men and women within the project implementation (attendance lists, photo-documentation)
Participation of all age categories in the project activities (photo-documentation from the activities)
The project encourages creation of other activities after its termination (other mutual activities)
The project has ensured technical and financial sustainability of its outputs (declaration of ensuring the financing of the project and its outputs)


Each from the chosen indicators will provide a possible way of measuring the project success. From the viewpoint of the quantitative indicators, it will be possible to measure the success right after the project ends, whereas the qualitative indicators will show their fulfilment not until several months after the project ends, within a dissemination and monitoring phase.

2.6 Cost effectiveness and financial management

Cost effectiveness and financial management *(n/a for prefixed Lump Sum Grants)*

Describe the measures adopted to ensure that the proposed results and objectives will be achieved in the most cost-effective way.

Indicate the arrangements adopted for the financial management of the project and, in particular, how the financial resources will be allocated and managed within the consortium.

 **Do NOT compare and justify the costs of each work package, but summarize briefly why your budget is cost effective.**

N/A

2.7 Risk management

Critical risks and risk management strategy *(n/a for Town Twinning)*

Describe critical risks, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your measures/strategy for addressing them.

Indicate for each risk (in the description) the impact and the likelihood that the risk will materialise (high, medium, low), even after taking account the mitigating measures.

Note: *Uncertainties and unexpected events occur in all organisations, even if very well-run. The risk analysis will help you to predict issues that could delay or hinder project activities. A good risk management strategy is essential for good project management. The strategy should also incorporate risk mitigation measures that redress any gender inequalities and multiple discriminatory effects in project implementation. For instance, to ensure full participation of target groups in project activities, gender, age or disability-specific constraints should be taken into account. The target groups may face more than one barrier to access project activities (accessibility barriers; language barriers, availability of childcare provision, etc.). Therefore, it is essential to identify these risks and undertake preventive measures in order to ensure full participation of women and men in all their diversity in project design and implementation.*

| Risk No | Description of risk | Work package No | Proposed risk-mitigation measures |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| N/A | | | |
| N/A | | | |

3. IMPACT

3.1 Impact and ambition

Impact and ambition

Define the short, medium and long-term effects of the project.

Who are the target groups? How will the target groups benefit concretely from the project and what would change for them? In what way will the gap identified be reduced? How will the activities contribute to improve the situation (difference between starting point/state of play and the situation after the end of the project?) How will the activities contribute to the promotion and advancement of gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming?

Does the project aim to trigger change/innovation? If so, describe them and the degree of ambition (progress beyond the status quo).

Note: Results/outcomes are immediate changes that materialise for the target groups after the end of the project (e.g. improved knowledge, increased awareness). Results/outcomes are different to deliverables. Deliverables are activities undertaken and outputs produced with the resources allocated to the project, e.g. training courses, conferences, manuals, video etc.

When defining expected results/outcomes and deliverables please consider if and how they will reduce, maintain, or increase inequalities between women and men, boys and girls, in all their diversity. What gender, age and disability differentiated results can be expected? How expected results will affect women and men, boys and girls from a range of diverse social groups, differently?

The project implementation deals with several elementary needs - strengthening the principle of equality in society, engagement of citizens in debates on actual themes, and activation of citizens. The presented themes are important for the municipalities, for the partnership and also for the EU. Therefore, they are the important medium and long-run impacts.

The target group is composed of citizens of the partner municipalities. The impacts on the target groups may be seen in its division to the age categories. Younger generations will take part in learning about the EU, finding new friends, and learning some new things within creative workshops. Thus, their position in the partnership will strengthen. Youth is the future of the EU and it is clear that it shall have the opportunity to learn about the EU. For adults, the project will be beneficial as it spreads the knowledge about the European Union and the European citizenship. Adults will be active in fulfilling the needs of the partnership and creating new friendships. Through learning about the cultural and linguistic environment of the partnership they will become closer to each other. The importance of the event for the elderly is higher due to the opportunity to learn more about the European Union, the COVID-19 pandemic in other municipalities and about active ageing. It is necessary that all age groups are active in the project activities not only passively, but also actively. The equal number of men and women will take part in the project.

The project impacts can be expected in the following project results:

The first impact is the strengthened principle of equality. The theme of equality is present in the whole project. The task of the project is to provide the background for equality = equality between the nations of Europe, equality between generations, between EU citizens and migrant, between minorities and the majority. All generations will take part in the project. Young as well as old people will take active part in the implemented activities. They will present something, discuss, watch performances. This way, the importance of each person regardless of his/her age will be emphasized. As for equality between the majority and minorities, the project will provide a totally new perspective. It will be provided by volunteers offering humanitarian aid. Minorities and their culture will also present themselves. This could make the position of minorities and the majority more even. This way, the project will support the theme of equality. Impact: better coexistence of citizens at the territory of the partner municipalities and within the partnership.

Another impact is involvement of citizens in the debates on the current themes. These themes are closely related to solidarity, integration of minorities and seniors, and learning about the EU principles. These themes resonate in all EU member states and also in the partnership. The theme of solidarity also means learning about the needs of the elderly. Within the activities, the participants will learn about specific aspects of solidarity. Integration is important for removing prejudices. Within the project, it will play important role in introduction of integration processes within the partner municipalities. We will learn how the elderly and minorities are perceived in their municipalities and how they are included in local life. This impact will also bring about better awareness of the EU, which shall improve the position of the EU among citizens and stop euroscepticism. This impact shall help in removing euroscepticism out of the EU.

The third impact is related to activation of citizens. It is the development of European citizenship. The

common citizenship gives rights and opportunities related to European policies. Being active in democratic participation means meeting the project intentions. This impact is also important from the viewpoint of learning about the basic pillars of European citizenship. One of them is volunteering. Its presentation will emphasize the need to do something free of charge, in favour of society. The participants will acquire new impulses for their own activation and volunteering. This way, the European citizenship will become better known and people will be more active.

3.2 Communication, dissemination and visibility

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

Describe the communication and dissemination activities which are planned in order to promote the activities/results and maximise the impact (to whom, which format, how many, etc.). Clarify how you will reach the target groups, relevant stakeholders, policymakers and the general public and explain the choice of the dissemination channels.

Describe how the visibility of EU funding will be ensured.

Communication and dissemination activities should also contribute to the promotion of gender equality and non-discrimination. Communication materials should use gender inclusive language and positive visual representations. E.g.: When developing videos or leaflets ensure that women and men, in all their diversity, are equally represented in a non-stereotypical fashion and portrayed in active empowered roles. In addition, consider using communication channels that they are accessible to general audience, in particular to persons with disabilities, or people from marginalised groups.

The communication plan aims to improve the awareness of the public about the project and its support from the EU (CERV Programme). The following communication activities will be carried out:

- a. Introduction of the project and its support from the EU in the event opening. The welcoming address will be attended by all partners and their citizens. It will be held in Neded. Proper technology, interpreting and catering will be provided. The activity will be dedicated to the direct participants.
- b. Publication of printed invitations – it is one form of the project promotion. The invitations will be prepared in partners' languages - 600 pcs. They will be distributed to partner municipalities before the event opening. The activity is dedicated to the potential participants.
- c. Creation and updating the project website - the website will contain information in Czech language, links to websites of the partners and the EU programme, and obligatory publicity. The activity is dedicated to the general public.
- d. One article will be published in regional/local print. The activity is dedicated to the general public.
- e. Commercial items – they will be labelled by information about the support provided by the EU. This publicity will be placed on several items: pens, notebooks, key fobs. There will be 100 pieces of each item. The activity is dedicated to direct participants.
- f. Promotion campaigns in the partner municipalities - posters, online promotion in social media, invitations. The number of posters - 100 pcs. The activity is dedicated to potential participants and the general public.
- g. Video recordings published on social media - a video will be recorded and processed.

The selected methods of online and offline communication with the target groups are aimed at addressing as many people as possible. The citizens of the partner municipalities coming from disadvantaged groups - the elderly, marginalized citizens, citizens without access to the Internet - will predominantly appreciate the offline tools - posters, invitations, print. On the other hand, younger generations will be much more interested in online promotion. Such combination ensures that all target groups and the general public will become aware of the project and its benefits.

Each prepared promotion material, both online and offline, will be labelled by the EU flag and other obligatory elements in accordance with the grant decision. These will clearly show that the EU supported the project implementation. The EU flag or the inscription „Co-financed by the EU CERV Programme“, will be placed in all places of project implementation. Besides, the support for the project from the EU will be announced in ceremonial opening and conclusion of the event. This way the organizers remind the public that the project is co-financed by the European Union. The prepared promotional materials will also be properly labelled. Printed materials and website will be labelled as well. This way, the information about the financial support from the EU will become public and the citizens will have the chance to identify another sphere supported by European financial mechanisms.

3.3 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

Describe the follow-up of the project after the EU funding ends. How will the project impact be ensured and sustained?

What will need to be done? Which parts of the project should be continued or maintained? How will this be achieved? Which resources will be necessary to continue the project? How will the results be used?

Are there any possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities that can build on the project results?

Sustainability of the project results is tightly connected with the existence of all the project partners and their own financial means. The project results will be owned by all the partners. However, the outputs will not be included in property. Their aim is to spread ideas of solidarity, tolerance, multiculturalism and the EU importance. Such ideas will be published in an edited brochure and a website. The municipality of Neded is responsible for such website. It will be a subsite to the website of the municipality. The rest of the project outputs will be shared by all the partners. By mutual ownership of such outputs, the mutual partnership will be confirmed for the future, too, i.e. all the partners will continue to cooperate in making the mutual project outputs better as well as the partnership, by its enriching with new areas of solutions. The financial sustainability of the project is tightly connected also with personal financial means of the individual partners. Thus, we may assume that the partners have ensured sufficient personal means for financing the partnership in the future, too.

After the co-financing from the EU funds as well as from the personal means, the partnership will be renewed. The partners will mutually recast the partnership towards an active base for an exchange of information and experience. Creation of friendship among citizens will also help the sustainability. Due to this, the partnership will be able to work not only due to the representatives of the municipalities, but also due to friendships of citizens. They themselves will be curious, when the partnership will move towards other mutual projects and events. The partners will hence be pushed to seek solutions and means for the continuation of the partnership as well as for the sustainability of the project results and outputs.

Strengthening the partnership, which has been stagnating, is a long-term project impact. The partners will gain an opportunity to cooperate again and thus lay foundations for making new friendships among citizens. The EU will perform as an intermediary.

The continuation of the project is seen in an intensive form of an information, experience and good practices exchange. For the future, another event will be planned with participation of a wide range of organizations from the civil life from the partner municipalities. While now the project focuses on pointing to the cultural and language diversity, which helps breaking the barriers among nations, in the future, the focus will be on forming civil society. Enlargement of the partnership by other municipalities is also possible.

4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, TIMING AND SUBCONTRACTING

4.1 Work plan

Work plan

Provide a brief description of the overall structure of the work plan (list of work packages or graphical presentation (Pert chart or similar)).

The project work plan was prepared in the first phase. It expresses the common interest of all partners in showing cultural and linguistic diversity of the partnership, restarting the cooperation and find new, active citizens, and eliminating all prejudices. The structure of the work plan was created as follows:

- Mutual discussions of the partners, looking for themes and common lines
- Setting themes of the project
- Design of the activity plan
- Constitution of the project team
- Promotion and dissemination.

The work plan is composed of the following activities: workshops, trainings, debates, presentations, awareness-raising activities, exchanges and dissemination of good practices, communication activities.

Activities within the work plan can be divided as follows:

- *Support for the European ideas*
- *Presentation of cultural diversity*
- *Volunteering as the sense of life*
- *Equality with ethnical minorities*
- *Impacts of corona virus on communities*
- *Overcoming prejudices.*

The structure of the work plan:

- 1) Organizing structure – an organizing team will be responsible for implementing the work plan. Its members are mentioned above. Its duty is to ensure the project concerning the organizing viewpoint – prepare venues for the activities, ensure accommodation, meals, transport and participants.
- 2) Hierarchy of duties – using just one work place is sufficient for the project. Individual duties within the project implementation are set as the following: the project team is responsible for the project and thus, it will ensure fundamental requirements and premises for the implementation. Citizens from the partner municipalities will fulfil the activities. The organizing team will ensure lecturers and lectors.
- 3) Defining targets and results – already in the preparatory phase, the project target was set: to ask essential questions of today's era and seek answers to them. Renewing the partnership, active citizens, international friendships, improved position of the EU and solidarity among nations should all be the project results.
- 4) Setting tasks and deliverables – these are set in a work package below.
- 5) Estimation of costs – the project costs for the foreign participants will consist of travel and accommodation costs, while the organizing costs will be paid by the CERV Programme fund and personal funds of the municipality of Neded.

4.2 Work packages and activities


WORK PACKAGES

This section concerns a detailed description of the project activities.

*Group your activities into work packages. **A work package means a major sub-division of the project.** For each work package, enter an objective (expected outcome) and list the activities, milestones and deliverables that belong to it. The grouping should be logical and guided by identifiable outputs.*

Projects should normally have a minimum of 2 work packages. WP1 should cover the management and coordination activities (meetings, coordination, project monitoring and evaluation, financial management, progress reports, etc) and all the activities which are cross-cutting and therefore difficult to assign to another specific work package (do not try splitting these activities across different work packages). WP2 and further WPs should be used for the other project activities. You can create as many work packages as needed by copying WP1.

For very simple projects, it is possible to use a single work package for the entire project (WP1 with the project acronym as WP name). For Lump Sum Grants, each event should be one work package.

Work packages covering financial support to third parties  only allowed if authorised in the Call document) must describe the conditions for implementing the support (for grants: max amounts per third party; criteria for calculating the exact amounts, types of activity that qualify (closed list), persons/categories of persons to be supported and criteria and procedures for giving support; for prizes: eligibility and award criteria, amount of the prize and payment arrangements).

 *Please limit the number of work packages and reduce the number of deliverables (max 10 to 15 for the entire project). (n/a for Lump Sum Grants).*

 *Enter each activity/milestone/output/outcome/deliverable only once (under one work package).*

Work Package 1

Work Package 1: [Name, e.g. Project management and coordination]

Duration:

M1 – M1

Lead Beneficiary:

Obec Neded

Objectives

List the specific objectives to which this work package is linked.

- Steering citizens towards the EU
- Building constructive relations between nations thanks to intercultural dialogue
- Development of tolerance and solidarity at all levels of societal life
- Favouring equality among nations, between genders, between majority and minorities
- Development of ties between the citizens and friendships

Activities (what, how, where) and division of work

Provide a concise overview of the work (planned tasks). Be specific and give a short name and number for each task.

Show who is participating in each task: Coordinator (COO), Beneficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associated Partners (AP), indicating **in bold** the task leader.

Add information on other participants' involvement in the project e.g. subcontractors, in-kind contributions.

Note:

In-kind contributions: In-kind contributions for free are cost-neutral, i.e. cannot be declared as cost. Please indicate the in-kind contributions that are provided in the context of this work package. The Coordinator remains fully responsible for the coordination tasks, even if they are delegated to someone else. Coordinator tasks cannot be subcontracted (see Model Grant Agreement).

If there is subcontracting, please also complete the table below.

| Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP) | Task Name | Description | Participants | | In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which) |
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| | | | Name | Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER) | |
| T1.1 | Support for the European ideas | Implementation of activities: Debate on Europe – discussion on how the EU helps in daily lives of citizens, what it shall do for the citizens; Information stand of the EU; Creative workshops for children; Conference on the future of Europe – selection of interesting themes from events running throughout Europe; Thoughts about the future – discussion with a representative of the European Commission in Slovakia on Europe 2030. The activities will introduce the EU. The citizens will learn about its roles in their everyday lives. The participants will join the discussion on the future of the EU. The task is aimed at increasing the European awareness of the citizens. | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata Comuna Cernat | COO AP AP AP | NO |
| T1.2 | Presentation of cultural diversity | Implementation of activities: Performances of artists from the partner municipalities; Church music; Evening party with music. The activities will offer cultural elements of the participating nations. Each nation will present its cultural and linguistic identity. This will support | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város | COO AP | NO |

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| | | overcoming barriers between nations. The task is to raise the awareness on the richness of cultural and linguistic environment of the partnership and Europe. | Önkormányzata Comuna Cernat | AP AP | |
| T1.3 | Volunteering as the sense of life | Implementation of activities: Young volunteers – presentation of volunteering options for youth, introduction of the initiative European Solidarity Corps; People in Need – debate with the NGO on development and humanitarian aid and social integration. The activities will introduce volunteering and organizations of volunteers. Volunteering is a free, non-biased work in favour of the community. The task is aimed at making people interested in volunteering and contribute to their activation in favour of the community they live in. | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata Comuna Cernat | COO AP AP AP | NO |
| T1.4 | Equality with ethnical minorities | Implementation of activities: What connects us – performances of ethnical minorities' ensembles; Living in a mixed territory – workshop on work of municipalities with ethnical minorities, best practices. The activities will restart the connections between majority and minorities. The role of minorities in communities will be emphasized. Minorities will present their culture. This way, they will address the majority to start building mutual understanding together. The task is to overcome prejudices against minorities. | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata Comuna Cernat | COO AP AP AP | NO |
| T1.5 | Impacts of corona virus on communities | Implementation of activities: Exhibition of amateur photographs. Theme: Corona virus, lockdown and life. Partnership and corona virus - debate of municipality representatives and active citizens on the future of the partnership and the impacts of the pandemic. The activities offer the perspective of life with corona virus and adopted measures. There will also be a discussion on how to deal with | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata | COO AP AP | NO |

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| | | potential next waves of the pandemic as good as possible. The task is to disseminate good practices amongst public authorities in relation to measures fighting the corona virus. | Comuna Cernat | AP | |
| T1.6 | Overcoming prejudices | Implementation of activities: Introduction of the project, with media attention; Sports in the morning; Competition in cooking gastronomic specialties of European nations; Holy Mass/Divine Service; Moment for the elderly - introduction of work with seniors in the partner municipalities, introduction of the initiative Active ageing, introduction of the European Federation of Seniors; Show me understanding - beneficial concert of children from the children's home; Conclusion and evaluation of the event. The activities will support familiarization between the citizens of the three member states. There will be new friendships and enhanced communication. The task is to connect the citizens of the three nations and influence the development of equality. | Obec Neded Bóly Város Önkormányzata Törökbálint Város Önkormányzata Comuna Cernat | COO AP AP AP | NO |

Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)

Milestones are control points in the project that help to chart progress. They may correspond to the completion of a key deliverable allowing the next phase of the work to begin. Use them only for major outputs in complex projects. Otherwise leave the section on milestones empty. Please limit the number of milestones by work package.

Means of verification are how you intend to prove that a milestone has been reached. If appropriate, you can also refer to indicators.

Deliverables are project outputs which are submitted to show project progress (any format). Refer only to major outputs. Do not include minor sub-items or internal working papers, meeting minutes, etc. Limit the number of deliverables (and their data volume) to max 10-15 for the entire project. You may be asked to further reduce the number during grant preparation.

For deliverables such as meetings, events, seminars, trainings, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc., enter each deliverable separately and provide the following in the 'Description' field: invitation, agenda, signed presence list, target group, number of estimated participants, duration of the event, report of the event, training material package, presentations, evaluation report, feedback questionnaire.

For deliverables such as manuals, toolkits, guides, reports, leaflets, brochures, training materials etc., add in the 'Description' field: format (electronic or printed), language(s), approximate number of pages and estimated number of copies of publications (if any).

For each deliverable you will have to indicate a due month by when you commit to upload it in the Portal. The due month of the deliverable cannot be outside the duration of the work package and must be in line with the timeline provided below. Month 1 marks the start of the project and all deadlines should be related to this starting date.

The labels used mean:

Public — fully open  automatically posted online on the Project Results platforms)

| Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement EU classified — RESTREINT-UE/EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE/EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE/EU-SECRET under Decision 2015/444 . | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP) | Milestone Name | Work Package No | Lead Beneficiary | Description | | Due Date (month number) | Means of Verification |
| MS1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| MS2 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP) | Deliverable Name | Work Package No | Lead Beneficiary | Type | Dissemination Level | Due Date (month number) | Description (including format and language) |
| D1.1 | Support for the European ideas | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of workshops, expert meetings, conferences and seminars on project partnership. Presentation of themes related to the EU. Result: development of European awareness. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
| D1.2 | Presentation of cultural diversity | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of awareness-raising activities. Presentation of culture, traditions, languages of the nations. Result: overcoming barriers between nations, |

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| | | | | | | | support for intercultural dialogue. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
| D1.3 | Volunteering as the sense of life | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of workshops, seminars, expert meetings. Presentation of themes related to volunteering. Result: increased interest of citizens in volunteering and active assistance in their communities. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
| D1.4 | Equality with ethnical minorities | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of workshops and awareness-raising activities. Presentation of ethnical minorities from the viewpoint of culture, work of municipalities with minorities, |

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| | | | | | | | integration of minorities. Result: overcoming prejudices against minorities. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
| D1.5 | Impacts of corona virus on communities | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of debates and exhibition (awareness-raising activity). The activities will show our lives with corona virus. Result: exchange of experiences with crisis management. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
| D1.6 | Overcoming prejudices | 1 | Obec Neded | [OTHER] | [PU — Public] | M1 | Implementation of workshops and awareness-raising activities. The activities will connect three nations and help in making friendships through |

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| | | | | | | | removing of prejudices. Result: development of tolerance and solidarity. Implementation method: implementation of activities planned for the day. Activities are focused on the target group: ordinary citizens of the partner municipalities – project participants. Number of participants: 600. |
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| Estimated budget — Resources | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| Participant | Costs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A. Personnel | | B. Subcontracting | C.1a Travel | | | C.1b Accommodation | C.1c Subsistence | C.2 Equipment | C.3 Other goods, works and services | D.1 Financial support to third parties | | E. Indirect costs | Total costs |
| [name] | X person months | X EUR | X EUR | X travels | X persons travelling | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X grants | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR |
| [name] | X person months | X EUR | X EUR | X travels | X persons travelling | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X prizes | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR |
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| Total | X person months | X EUR | X EUR | X travels | X persons travelling | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR | X grants X prizes | X EUR | X EUR | X EUR |
| For Lump Sum Grants, see detailed budget table/calculator (annex 1 to Part B; see Portal Reference Documents) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Work Package ...

To insert work packages, copy WP1 as many times as necessary.

Overview of Work Packages (n/a for Lump Sum Grants)

| Staff effort per work package | | | | | | |
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| Fill in the summary on work package information and effort per work package. Make sure the figures are consistent with the section estimated budget from each work package (if applicable). There is no automatic reconciliation function across the different tables within this document. | | | | | | |
| Work Package No | Work Package Title | Lead Participant No | Lead Participant Short Name | Start Month | End Month | Person-Months |
| 1 | | | | | | |
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Staff effort per participant

Fill in the effort per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity.

Please indicate the number of person/months over the whole duration of the planned work. Make sure the figures are consistent with the section estimated budget from each work package (if applicable). There is no automatic reconciliation function across the different tables within this document.

*Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant person/month figure in **bold**.*

| Participant | WP1 | WP2 | WP... | Total Person-Months |
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4.3 Timetable**Timetable (projects up to 2 years)**

Fill in cells in beige to show the duration of activities. Repeat lines/columns as necessary.

Note: Use the project month numbers instead of calendar months. Month 1 marks always the start of the project. In the timeline you should indicate the timing of each activity per WP.

| ACTIVITY | MONTHS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | M 1 | M 2 | M 3 | M 4 | M 5 | M 6 | M 7 | M 8 | M 9 | M 10 | M 11 | M 12 | M 13 | M 14 | M 15 | M 16 | M 17 | M 18 | M 19 | M 20 | M 21 | M 22 | M 23 | M 24 |
| Task 1.1 - Support for the European ideas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1.2 - Presentation of cultural diversity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1.3 - Volunteering as the sense of life | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Task 1.4 - Equality with ethnical minorities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1.5 - Impacts of corona virus on communities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1.6 - Overcoming prejudices | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Timetable (projects of more than 2 years)

Fill in cells in beige to show the duration of activities. Repeat lines/columns as necessary.

Note: Use actual, calendar years and quarters. In the timeline you should indicate the timing of each activity per WP. You may add additional columns if your project is longer than 6 years.

| ACTIVITY | YEAR 1 | | | | YEAR 2 | | | | YEAR 3 | | | | YEAR 4 | | | | YEAR 5 | | | | YEAR 6 | | | |
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| | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 | Q 1 | Q 2 | Q 3 | Q 4 |
| Task 1.1 - ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1.2 - ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4.4 Subcontracting**Subcontracting**

Give details on subcontracted project tasks (if any) and explain the reasons why (as opposed to direct implementation by the Beneficiaries/Affiliated Entities).

Subcontracting — Subcontracting means the implementation of 'action tasks', i.e. specific tasks which are part of the EU grant and are described in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

Note: Subcontracting concerns the outsourcing of a part of the project to a party outside the consortium. It is not simply about purchasing goods or services. We normally expect that the participants have sufficient operational capacity to implement the project activities themselves. Subcontracting should therefore be exceptional.

| <i>Include only subcontracts that comply with the rules (i.e. best value for money and no conflict of interest; no subcontracting of coordinator tasks). Make sure that subcontractors are aware of the principles of gender mainstreaming and non-discrimination mainstreaming.</i> | | | | | | |
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| Work Package No | Subcontract No (continuous numbering linked to WP) | Subcontract Name (subcontracted action tasks) | Description (including task number and BEN to which it is linked) | Estimated Costs (EUR) | Justification (why is subcontracting necessary?) | Best-Value-for-Money (how do you intend to ensure it?) |
| 1 | S1.1 | N/A | | | | |
| 1 | S1.2 | N/A | | | | |
| Other issues: <i>If subcontracting for the project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.</i> | | | N/A | | | |

5. OTHER

5.1 Ethics and EU values

Ethics and EU values

Describe ethics issues that may arise during the project implementation and the measures you intend to take to solve/avoid them.

Describe how you will ensure gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming in the project cycle. This means integrating gender equality and non-discrimination considerations in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of project activities. Projects activities should be pro-active and contribute to the equal empowerment of women and men, girls and boys, in all their diversity, and ensure that they achieve their full potential, enjoy the same rights and opportunities. Gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming are a key mechanism for achieving gender equality and combating multiple and intersecting discrimination. In the delivery of project activities gender mainstreaming shall be ensured by systematically monitoring access, participation, and benefits among different genders, and by incorporating remedial action that redresses any gender inequalities and discriminatory effects in implementation of planned activities. The activities shall also seek to reduce levels of discrimination suffered by particular groups (as well as those at risk of multiple discrimination) and to improve equality outcomes for individuals.

If your project has a direct or indirect impact on children and their rights, indicate it clearly here. Make sure that your project is based on a child rights approach, i.e. that all the rights of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Optional protocols, are promoted, respected, protected and fulfilled. The project should address children as rights holders and should ensure their participation in the design and implementation of the project. If you will have direct contacts with children you will have to provide a child protection policies in line with the [Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards](#).

Explain how you intend to address privacy/data protection issues related to data collection, analysis and dissemination.

Outline measures to be taken and the policies in place to guarantee full compliance with the EU values mentioned in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The project is focused on providing a view on the EU functioning, however, not on the institutions but on its impacts on lives of citizens. Due to this, the answer to the question of what it is like to be European will be reached. A European professes values of freedom, solidarity, tolerance, democracy, non-discrimination, and gender equality. These elements are integrated also into the project implementation. Within the activities, it will be ensured that all participants will participate equally, without any difference. The group of participants will consist of citizens from the partner municipalities of all age categories and sex. Within the project, ethical questions will not be put to the centre of attention. The aim is to provide every citizen from each partner municipality with an opportunity to meet new people, make new friendships, learn new language, or get to know new culture. Moreover, knowing the EU and its importance is provided for everyone. Participation in every activity is voluntary – everyone could decide (a woman, man, senior or the young) whether to participate in the activity or not. Due to this, equality of opportunities will be provided and elements of discrimination will be eliminated.

Children will become one category of participants, too. Special activities as e.g. creative workshops and a presentation of Europe will be created for them. Within the bounds of their abilities, children will participate also in other activities. That is why the project has an impact on them, too. It is a positive impact, mainly on finding new friends and knowing new things. Participation of children will follow the documents of fundamental rights of children at the European and world level.

5.2 Security

Security

Not applicable.

6. DECLARATIONS

| Double funding | |
|---|--------|
| Information concerning other EU grants for this project  Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions). | YES/NO |
| We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, European Investment Bank, etc). If NO, explain and provide details. | YES |
| We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, European Investment Bank, etc). If NO, explain and provide details. | YES |

| Financial support to third parties (if applicable) |
|--|
| <i>If in your project the maximum amount per third party will be more than the threshold amount set in the Call document, justify and explain why the higher amount is necessary in order to fulfil your project's objectives.</i> |
| N/A |
| The financial support is designed for direct participants only – citizens from the partner municipalities of Bóly (HU), Törökbálint (HU), Cernat (RO). |

ANNEXES

LIST OF ANNEXES

Standard

Detailed budget table/Calculator (annex 1 to Part B) — *mandatory for Lump Sum Grants (see [Portal Reference Documents](#))*

CVs (annex 2 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document*

Annual activity reports (annex 3 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document*

List of previous projects (annex 4 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document*

Special

Other annexes (annex 5 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document*

LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS

| List of previous projects | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.</i> | | | | | |
| Participant | Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme | Period (start and end date) | Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER) | Amount (EUR) | Website (if any) |
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| HISTORY OF CHANGES | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| VERSION | PUBLICATION DATE | CHANGE |
| 1.0 | 01.04.2021 | Initial version (new MFF) |
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ANNEX 2

ESTIMATED BUDGET (LUMP SUM BREAKDOWN) FOR THE ACTION

| Forms of funding | Estimated EU contribution | |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Estimated eligible lump sum contributions (per work package) | Maximum grant amount ¹ |
| | WP1 Event: Every piece of partnership belongs to EU | |
| | Lump sum contribution | |
| | a | b = a |
| 1 - Neded | 27 485.00 | 27 485.00 |
| 2 - Bóly | | |
| 3 - Törökbálint | | |
| 4 - Cernat | | |
| Σ consortium | 27 485.00 | 27 485.00 |

¹ The 'maximum grant amount' is the maximum grant amount fixed in the grant agreement (on the basis of the sum of the beneficiaries' lump sum shares for the work packages).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE ACTION FOR REPORTING PERIOD [NUMBER]

| | EU contribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| | Eligible lump sum contributions (per work package) | | | | | | | | | | | Requested EU contribution |
| | WP1 [name] | WP2 [name] | WP3 [name] | WP4 [name] | WP5 [name] | WP6 [name] | WP7 [name] | WP8 [name] | WP9 [name] | WP10 [name] | WP [XX] | |
| | Forms of funding | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | / Lump sum contribution// Financing not linked to costs/ | |
| Status of completion | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | COMPLETED | PARTIALLY COMPLETED | PARTIALLY COMPLETED | COMPLETED | NOT COMPLETED | |
| | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k | l = a + b+ c+ d+ e+ f+ g+ h+ i+ j+ k |
| 1 – [short name beneficiary] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.1 – [short name affiliated entity] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 – [short name beneficiary] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 – [short name affiliated entity] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X – [short name associated partner] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total consortium | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The consortium hereby confirms that:

The information provided is complete, reliable and true.

The lump sum contributions declared are eligible (in particular, the work packages have been completed and the work has been properly implemented and/or the results were achieved; see Article 6).

The proper implementation of the action/achievement of the results can be substantiated by adequate records and supporting documentation that will be produced upon request or in the context of checks, reviews, audits and investigations (see Articles 19, 21 and 25).

ANNEX 5

SPECIFIC RULES

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

Rights of use of the granting authority on results for information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes

The granting authority also has the right to exploit non-sensitive results of the action for information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes, using any of the following modes:

- **use for its own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for the granting authority 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)
- **distribution to the public** in hard copies, in electronic or digital format, on the internet including social networks, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file
- **editing** or **redrafting** (including shortening, summarising, changing, correcting, cutting, inserting elements (e.g. meta-data, legends or other graphic, visual, audio or text elements extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts or use in a compilation
- **translation** (including inserting subtitles/dubbing) in all official languages of EU
- **storage** in paper, electronic or other form
- **archiving** in line with applicable document-management rules
- the right to authorise **third parties** to act on its behalf or sub-license to third parties, including if there is licensed background, any of the rights or modes of exploitation set out in this provision
- **processing**, analysing, aggregating the results and **producing derivative works**
- **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 beneficiaries must ensure these rights of use for the whole duration they are protected by industrial or intellectual property rights.

If results 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

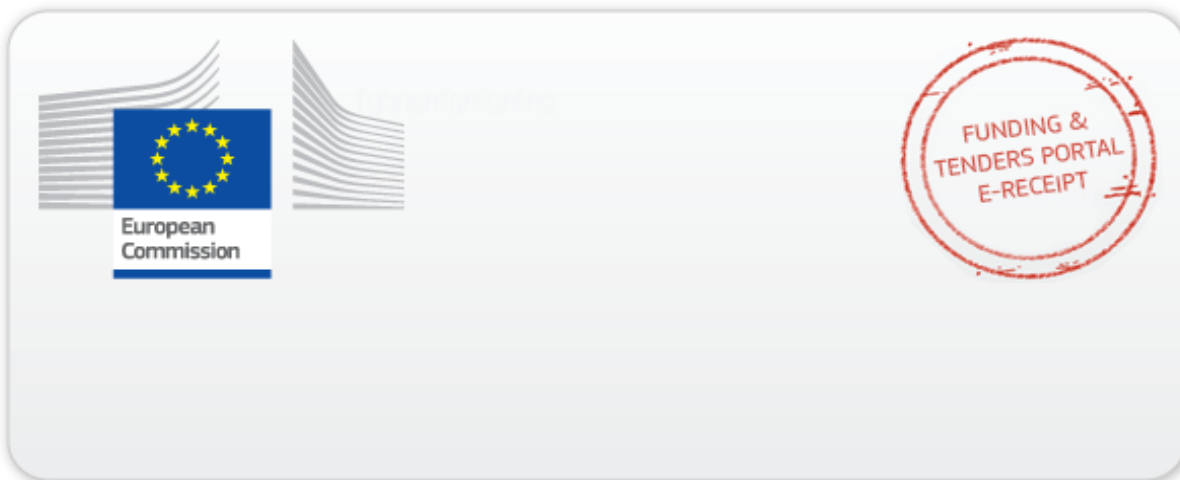
comply with their obligations under this Agreement (in particular, by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned).

COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (— ARTICLE 17)

Additional communication and dissemination activities

The beneficiaries must engage in the following additional communication and dissemination activities:

- present the project (including project summary, coordinator contact details, list of participants, European flag and funding statement and project results) on the beneficiaries' websites or social media accounts
- for actions involving **publications**, mention the action and the European flag and funding statement on the cover or the first pages following the editor's mention
- for actions involving public **events**, display signs and posters mentioning the action and the European flag and funding statement
- upload the public **project results** to the Rights and Values Project Results platform, available through the Funding & Tenders Portal.



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