



# Single Market Programme Food<sup>1</sup>

## Grant Agreement

### Lump Sum Grants

---

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) (OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1).



HEALTH AND DIGITAL EXECUTIVE AGENCY (HADEA)

Unit A2 – Health/SMP Food  
A2.002 - EU4Health/SMP Food Unit

## **GRANT AGREEMENT**

**Project VP/2021-2022/ES/SI2.869406 — 2021-2022 Veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses (VP 2021-2022/ES)**

### **PREAMBLE**

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

**on the one part,**

the **European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)** ('EU executive agency' or 'granting authority'), under the powers delegated by the European Commission ('European Commission'), represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by Head of Unit Agnès Mathieu-Mendes,

**and**

**on the other part,**

1. 'the coordinator' COO:

**Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria**, established in C. Almagro°33, 28007 Madrid, Spain.

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

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>GRANT AGREEMENT</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>PREAMBLE</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>TERMS AND CONDITIONS</b> .....	<b>5</b>
<b>DATA SHEET</b> .....	<b>9</b>
<b>CHAPTER 1 GENERAL</b> .....	<b>13</b>
ARTICLE 1 — SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT .....	13
ARTICLE 2 — DEFINITIONS .....	13
<b>CHAPTER 2 ACTION</b> .....	<b>14</b>
ARTICLE 3 — ACTION .....	14
ARTICLE 4 — DURATION AND STARTING DATE .....	14
<b>CHAPTER 3 GRANT</b> .....	<b>15</b>
ARTICLE 5 — GRANT .....	15
5.1 Form of grant .....	15
5.2 Maximum grant amount .....	15
5.3 Funding rate .....	15
5.4 Estimated budget, budget categories and forms of funding .....	15
5.5 Budget flexibility .....	15
ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS .....	15
6.1 and 6.2 General and specific eligibility conditions .....	15
6.3 Ineligible contributions .....	16
6.4 Consequences of non-compliance .....	16
<b>CHAPTER 4 GRANT IMPLEMENTATION</b> .....	<b>16</b>
<b>SECTION 1 CONSORTIUM: BENEFICIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS</b> .....	<b>16</b>
ARTICLE 7 — BENEFICIARIES .....	16
ARTICLE 8 — AFFILIATED ENTITIES .....	18
ARTICLE 9 — OTHER PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THE ACTION .....	18
9.1 Associated partners .....	18
9.2 Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action .....	18
9.3 Subcontractors .....	19
9.4 Recipients of financial support to third parties .....	19
ARTICLE 10 — PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL STATUS .....	19
10.1 Non-EU participants .....	19
10.2 Participants which are international organisations .....	20
10.3 Pillar-assessed participants .....	20
<b>SECTION 2 RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION</b> .....	<b>23</b>
ARTICLE 11 — PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION .....	23
11.1 Obligation to properly implement the action .....	23
11.2 Consequences of non-compliance .....	23
ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS .....	23
12.1 Conflict of interests .....	23
12.2 Consequences of non-compliance .....	23

ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY.....	24
13.1 Sensitive information.....	24
13.2 Classified information.....	25
13.3 Consequences of non-compliance.....	25
ARTICLE 14 — ETHICS AND VALUES .....	25
14.1 Ethics .....	25
14.2 Values .....	25
14.3 Consequences of non-compliance.....	25
ARTICLE 15 — DATA PROTECTION.....	26
15.1 Data processing by the granting authority .....	26
15.2 Data processing by the beneficiaries.....	26
15.3 Consequences of non-compliance.....	27
ARTICLE 16 — INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) — BACKGROUND AND RESULTS — ACCESS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF USE.....	27
16.1 Background and access rights to background .....	27
16.2 Ownership of results .....	27
16.3 Rights of use of the granting authority on materials, documents and information received for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes .....	27
16.4 Specific rules on IPR, results and background.....	28
16.5 Consequences of non-compliance.....	28
ARTICLE 17 — COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY.....	29
17.1 Communication — Dissemination — Promoting the action .....	29
17.2 Visibility — European flag and funding statement.....	29
17.3 Quality of information — Disclaimer .....	30
17.4 Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules .....	30
17.5 Consequences of non-compliance.....	30
ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION .....	30
18.1 Specific rules for carrying out the action .....	30
18.2 Consequences of non-compliance.....	30
<b>SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION .....</b>	<b>30</b>
ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS .....	30
19.1 Information requests .....	30
19.2 Participant Register data updates .....	31
19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action .....	31
19.4 Consequences of non-compliance.....	31
ARTICLE 20 — RECORD-KEEPING.....	31
20.1 Keeping records and supporting documents .....	31
20.2 Consequences of non-compliance.....	32
ARTICLE 21 — REPORTING.....	32
21.1 Continuous reporting .....	32
21.2 Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements .....	32
21.3 Currency for financial statements and conversion into euros .....	33
21.4 Reporting language .....	33
21.5 Consequences of non-compliance.....	33
ARTICLE 22 — PAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES — CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS DUE .....	34

22.1	Payments and payment arrangements .....	34
22.2	Recoveries.....	34
22.3	Amounts due .....	35
22.4	Enforced recovery.....	39
22.5	Consequences of non-compliance.....	40
ARTICLE 23	— GUARANTEES.....	41
23.1	Prefinancing guarantee .....	41
23.2	Consequences of non-compliance.....	41
ARTICLE 24	— CERTIFICATES.....	41
ARTICLE 25	— CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS — EXTENSION OF FINDINGS .....	41
25.1	Granting authority checks, reviews and audits .....	41
25.2	European Commission checks, reviews and audits in grants of other granting authorities .....	43
25.3	Access to records for assessing simplified forms of funding .....	43
25.4	OLAF, EPPO and ECA audits and investigations .....	43
25.5	Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations — Extension of findings .....	44
25.6	Consequences of non-compliance.....	45
ARTICLE 26	— IMPACT EVALUATIONS .....	45
26.1	Impact evaluation.....	45
26.2	Consequences of non-compliance.....	46
<b>CHAPTER 5</b>	<b>CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>REJECTIONS AND GRANT REDUCTION .....</b>	<b>46</b>
ARTICLE 27	— REJECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS .....	46
27.1	Conditions.....	46
27.2	Procedure .....	46
27.3	Effects.....	46
ARTICLE 28	— GRANT REDUCTION.....	46
28.1	Conditions.....	46
28.2	Procedure .....	47
28.3	Effects.....	47
<b>SECTION 2</b>	<b>SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION.....</b>	<b>47</b>
ARTICLE 29	— PAYMENT DEADLINE SUSPENSION .....	47
29.1	Conditions.....	47
29.2	Procedure .....	48
ARTICLE 30	— PAYMENT SUSPENSION .....	48
30.1	Conditions.....	48
30.2	Procedure .....	48
ARTICLE 31	— GRANT AGREEMENT SUSPENSION .....	49
31.1	Consortium-requested GA suspension .....	49
31.2	EU-initiated GA suspension .....	50
ARTICLE 32	— GRANT AGREEMENT OR BENEFICIARY TERMINATION .....	51
32.1	Consortium-requested GA termination.....	51
32.2	Consortium-requested beneficiary termination.....	52
32.3	EU-initiated GA or beneficiary termination .....	53

<b>SECTION 3 OTHER CONSEQUENCES: DAMAGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS .....</b>	<b>56</b>
ARTICLE 33 — DAMAGES.....	56
33.1 Liability of the granting authority .....	56
33.2 Liability of the beneficiaries .....	56
ARTICLE 34 — ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES .....	57
<b>SECTION 4 FORCE MAJEURE .....</b>	<b>57</b>
ARTICLE 35 — FORCE MAJEURE .....	57
<b>CHAPTER 6 FINAL PROVISIONS .....</b>	<b>57</b>
ARTICLE 36 — COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES .....	57
36.1 Forms and means of communication — Electronic management	
36.2 Date of communication.....	57
36.3 Addresses for communication.....	57
ARTICLE 37 — INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT .....	57
ARTICLE 38 — CALCULATION OF PERIODS AND DEADLINES.....	58
ARTICLE 39 — AMENDMENTS .....	58
39.1 Conditions.....	58
39.2 Procedure .....	58
ARTICLE 40 — ACCESSION AND ADDITION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES .....	59
40.1 Accession of the beneficiaries mentioned in the Preamble .....	59
40.2 Addition of new beneficiaries .....	59
ARTICLE 41 — TRANSFER OF THE AGREEMENT .....	59
ARTICLE 42 — ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT AGAINST THE GRANTING AUTHORITY .....	60
ARTICLE 43 — APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES .....	60
43.1 Applicable law .....	60
43.2 Dispute settlement.....	60
ARTICLE 44 — ENTRY INTO FORCE.....	60

## DATA SHEET

### 1. General data

Project summary:

#### **Project summary**

This Grant Agreement covers programmes for: avian influenza, bovine tuberculosis, *Salmonella* infections (in breeding flocks of *Gallus gallus*, breeding flocks of turkeys, broiler flocks of *Gallus gallus*, fattening flocks of turkeys and in laying flocks of *Gallus gallus*) and transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

Overall, the programmes' actions shall contribute to the general objectives of the Single Market Programme Regulation (EU) 2021/690, Article (3)(2)(e), including by preventing, detecting and/or eradicating animal diseases. In addition, programmes will contribute to the achievements resulting from the EU long-term engagement and legal obligations for the Member States in the area of animal health, the current and future challenges and the globalisation of threats.

More specifically, and in relation to the diseases covered by this Grant Agreement, efforts are focused on:

- early detection, prevention of spread and eradication of disease outbreaks (**avian influenza**),
- control of the prevalence of an animal disease or zoonosis below a sanitary acceptable level / set target by implementing relevant measures (**Salmonella infection of poultry flocks**),
- to eradicate endemic diseases in order to consolidate the results already achieved and capitalise the budget already spent in the past years to achieve the eradication, when feasible in short time (**bovine tuberculosis**),
- mandatory measures under EU legislation (to ensure detection, control and eradication (as appropriate) and to ascertain the epidemiological situation in the population of cattle and small ruminants (sheep and goats) (**transmissible spongiform encephalopathies**).

Detailed descriptions of specific actions are contained in approved individual programmes listed in Annex 1 (List of work packages) to this Grant Agreement.

Keywords: N/A

Project number: VP/2021-2022/ES/ SI2.869406

Project name: Veterinary programmes 2021-2022

Project acronym: VP/2021-2022

Call: Veterinary programmes 2021-2022

Topic: Veterinary programmes 2021-2022

Type of action: Lump Sum Grants

Granting authority: European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)

Grant managed through EU Funding & Tenders Portal: No (paper grant)

Project starting date: fixed date: 01/01/2021

Project end date: 31/12/2022

Project duration: 24 months

Consortium agreement: No

### 2. Participants

**List of participants:**



Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC	Total eligible costs (BEN and AE)	Total eligible contributions	Maximum grant amount	Entry date	Exit date
1	COO	n/a	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria	ES	n/a	n/a	n/a	EUR 28,425,000.00	01/01/2021	31/12/2022
Total						n/a	n/a	EUR 28,425,000.00		

**Coordinator:**

- COO Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria: from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022

**3. Grant**

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

Maximum grant amount (Annex 2)	Maximum grant amount (award decision)
EUR 28,425,000.00	EUR 28,425,000.00

**Grant form:** Lump Sum

**Grant mode:** Action grant

**Budget categories/activity types:** Lump sum contributions

**Cost eligibility options:**

**Budget flexibility:** No

**4. Reporting, payments and recoveries**

**4.1 Continuous reporting** (art 21)

**Deliverables:**

**Progress reports:** YES

**1. Interim report for 2021 work packages:** Deadline for submission: 30/04/2022

**2. Progress report (13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> month of the grant implementation) for 2022 work packages reallocation:**  
Deadline for submission: 31/08/2022

**3. Final report for 2022 work packages:** Deadline for submission: 30/04/2023

Progress report No	Month from	Month to
1	01/01/2021	31/12/2021
2	01/01/2022	30/06/2022
3	01/01/2022	31/12/2022

## 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
1	01/01/2021	31/12/2021	Periodic report	30/04/2022	Interim payment	90 days from receiving periodic report
2	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	Periodic report	30/04/2023	Final payment	90 days from receiving periodic report

### Prefinancing payments and guarantees:

Prefinancing payment		Prefinancing guarantee		
Type	Amount	Guarantee amount	Division per participant	
Prefinancing 1 (initial)	n/a	n/a	1 – n/a	n/a
			2 – n/a	n/a
			2.1 – n/a	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: n/a

Bank account for payments:

Conversion into euros: n/a

Reporting language: Language of the Agreement

#### **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):**

Individual financial responsibility: Each beneficiary is liable only for its own debts (and those of its affiliated entities, if any)

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

- IPR, results and background, access rights and rights of use
  - List of background
  - Rights of use on results
- Communication, dissemination and visibility
  - Communication and dissemination plan
  - Additional communication and dissemination activities
- Specific rules for carrying out the action

##### **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:

- Action — 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 2018/1046<sup>2</sup> 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).

---

<sup>2</sup> 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".

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

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

Fraud — Fraud within the meaning of Article 3 of EU Directive 2017/1371<sup>3</sup> and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995<sup>4</sup>, 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 2988/95<sup>5</sup>.

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 **VP/2021-2022/ES/ SI2.869406 —VP/2021-2022/ES** ('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).

---

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

<sup>5</sup> 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).

## **CHAPTER 3 GRANT**

### **ARTICLE 5 — GRANT**

#### **5.1 Form of grant**

The grant is an action grant<sup>6</sup> 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)<sup>7</sup> 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

---

<sup>6</sup> 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".

<sup>7</sup> See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

- (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.

### **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).

### **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 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 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’<sup>8</sup> (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 coordination, to ensure that the action is implemented properly.

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

- the internal organisation of the consortium
- the management of access to the 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**

Not applicable

### **9.2 Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action**

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

---

<sup>8</sup> For the definition, see Article 187(2) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: “Where several entities satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant and together form one entity, that entity may be treated as the **sole beneficiary**, including where it is specifically established for the purpose of implementing the action financed by the grant.”

Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge 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: to use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC<sup>9</sup>
- for the controls under Article 25: to allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the bodies mentioned in that Article (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.).

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

## **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 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).

---

<sup>9</sup> 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).

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 the 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 2015/444<sup>10</sup> 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.

## **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.

---

<sup>10</sup> 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).



## **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 Data Protection Notice.

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 2018/1725<sup>11</sup>.

### **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 2016/679<sup>12</sup>).

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 Data Protection Notice.

---

<sup>11</sup> 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).

<sup>12</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural 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).

### **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.

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



Funded by the European Union



Co-funded by the European Union



Co-funded by the European Union



Funded by the European Union

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

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

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

For the purposes of their obligations under this Article, the beneficiaries may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the granting authority. This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

### **17.3 Quality of information — Disclaimer**

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

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

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

### **17.4 Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules**

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

### **17.5 Consequences of non-compliance**

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

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

## **ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION**

### **18.1 Specific rules for carrying out the action**

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

### **18.2 Consequences of non-compliance**

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

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

## **SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

### **ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS**

#### **19.1 Information requests**

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the 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 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 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 provided by the granting authority.

### **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 ERADFUNDS IT 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, 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

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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:

{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary  
minus  
{prefinancing and interim payments received (if any)} }.

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:

{ final grant amount

minus

{prefinancing and interim payments made (if any)}.

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 22.4 Enforced recovery

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

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

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

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) or
- (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 22.5, from the day following the payment date in the debit note, up to and including the date the full payment is received.

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

Bank charges incurred in the recovery process will be borne by the beneficiary, unless Directive 2015/2366<sup>13</sup> applies.

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.

---

<sup>13</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC (OJ L 337, 23.12.2015, p. 35).

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

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

**22.5.2** If the coordinator breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 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 provided by the granting authority 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 883/2013<sup>14</sup> and No 2185/96<sup>15</sup>

---

<sup>14</sup> 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).

- 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**

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

---

<sup>15</sup> 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).

- (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 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 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

## 32.2 Consortium-requested beneficiary termination

### 32.2.1 Conditions and procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 32.2.2 Effects

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

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (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 42 (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 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

(b) for **beneficiary termination**:

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

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (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 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

### **SECTION 3 OTHER CONSEQUENCES: DAMAGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS**

#### **ARTICLE 33 — DAMAGES**

##### **33.1 Liability of the granting authority**

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

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the beneficiaries or other 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 2988/95<sup>16</sup>).

#### **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**

As this grant is not managed through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (see Data Sheet, Point 1), the specific rules set out in Annex 5 apply.

##### **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.

---

<sup>16</sup> 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).



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 1182/71<sup>17</sup>, periods expressed in days, months or years are calculated from the moment the triggering event occurs.

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

‘Days’ means calendar days, not working days.

## **ARTICLE 39 — AMENDMENTS**

### **39.1 Conditions**

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

Amendments may be requested by any of the parties.

### **39.2 Procedure**

The party requesting an amendment must submit a request for amendment on paper.

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 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.

---

<sup>17</sup> 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).

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), 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 on paper.

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 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  
Director General  
Mr Valentin Almansa de Lara

For the granting authority

[electronic signature]

Done in [English]

on [electronic time stamp]

Qualified electronic signature by:

AGNES ELIANE D MATHIEU

Date: 2022-04-08 15:56:34 +02:00

ALMANSA DE LARA VALENTIN -  
13749548X

Firmado digitalmente por ALMANSA DE LARA VALENTIN - 13749548X  
Fecha: 2022.03.24 10:20:35 +01'00'

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (PART A)**

<b>PROJECT</b>	
2021-2022 Veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses	
<b>Project number:</b>	VP/2021-2022/ES/ SI2.869406
<b>Project name:</b>	2021-2022 Veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses
<b>Project acronym:</b>	VP/2021-2022
<b>Call:</b>	Implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses for 2021-2022
<b>Topic:</b>	2021-2022 programmes for: avian influenza, bovine tuberculosis, <i>Salmonella</i> infections and transmissible spongiform encephalopathies
<b>Type of action:</b>	Single Market Programme Action Grant
<b>Responsible service:</b>	HADEA A2
<b>Project starting date:</b>	01/01/2021
<b>Project duration:</b>	24 months
<b>Coordinator contact:</b>	Valentin Almansa de Lara, Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>Project summary</b>
<p>This Grant Agreement covers programmes for: avian influenza, bovine tuberculosis, <i>Salmonella</i> infections (in breeding flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>, breeding flocks of turkeys, broiler flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>, fattening flocks of turkeys and in laying flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>) and transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.</p> <p>Overall, the programmes' actions shall contribute to the general objectives of the Single Market Programme Regulation (EU) 2021/690, Article (3)(2)(e), including by preventing, detecting and/or eradicating animal diseases. In addition, programmes will contribute to the achievements resulting from the EU long-term engagement and legal obligations for the Member States in the area of animal health, the current and future challenges and the globalisation of threats.</p> <p>More specifically, and in relation to the diseases covered by this Grant Agreement, efforts are focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• early detection, prevention of spread and eradication of disease outbreaks (<b>avian influenza</b>),</li> <li>• control of the prevalence of an animal disease or zoonosis below a sanitary acceptable level / set target by implementing relevant measures (<b><i>Salmonella</i> infection of poultry flocks</b>),</li> </ul>

- to eradicate endemic diseases in order to consolidate the results already achieved and capitalise the budget already spent in the past years to achieve the eradication, when feasible in short time (**bovine tuberculosis**),
- mandatory measures under EU legislation (to ensure detection, control and eradication (as appropriate) and to ascertain the epidemiological situation in the population of cattle and small ruminants (sheep and goats) (**transmissible spongiform encephalopathies**).

Detailed descriptions of specific actions are contained in approved individual programmes listed in Annex 1 (List of work packages) to this Grant Agreement.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS					
<i>Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.</i>					
Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC
1	COO	n/a	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria	ES	n/a

## LIST OF WORK PACKAGES

The work packages approved are described in the programmes submitted via the ERADFUNDS IT tool for 2021-2022 as listed in the table below

Work package	Period	Submission number
Avian influenza	2021-2022	18059
Bovine tuberculosis	2021-2022	17997
<i>Salmonella</i> infection in breeding flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>	2021-2022	17689
<i>Salmonella</i> infection in breeding flocks of Turkeys	2021-2022	17701
<i>Salmonella</i> infection in broiler flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>	2021-2022	17693
<i>Salmonella</i> infection in fattening flocks of turkeys	2021-2022	17703
<i>Salmonella</i> infection in laying flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i>	2021-2022	17691
Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies	2021-2022	17569

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (PART B)

The actions are described in the programmes submitted via the ERADFUNDS IT tool for 2021-2022 as listed in the table above in Part A.

## ESTIMATED BUDGET

Estimated EU contribution													Maximum grant amount <sup>1</sup>
Estimated eligible lump sum contributions (per work package)													
WP African Swine Fever	WP Avian Influenza	WP Bovine Brucellosis	WP Bovine Tuberculosis	WP Classical Swine Fever	WP Lumpy Skin Disease	WP Rabies	WP Salmonella	WP Sheep and Goat Brucellosis	WP Sheep and Goat Plague	WP Sheep and Goat Pox	WP Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies		
Forms of funding	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	Lump sum contribution	
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	$l = a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l$
ES for YEAR 2021		69000		8362000				5351000				1821000	15603000
ES for YEAR 2022		69000		6318000				5012000				1423000	12822000
Total													28425000

<sup>1</sup> 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).

### Detailed budget table for avian influenza work package – 2021

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	ELISA test - poultry	9080	€ 4.57	-	€ 4.57		€ 41,495.60	€ 41,495.60	50%	€ 20,747.80
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	PCR test - wild birds	1500	€ 22.72	-	€ 22.72		€ 34,080.00	€ 34,080.00	50%	€ 17,040.00
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	HI-Test for HS	1498	€ 5.77	-	€ 5.77		€ 8,643.46	€ 8,643.46	50%	€ 4,321.73
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	Virus isolation test - wild birds	15	€ 56.65	-	€ 56.65		€ 849.75	€ 849.75	50%	€ 424.88
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	PCR test - poultry	695	€ 22.72	-	€ 22.72		€ 15,790.40	€ 15,790.40	50%	€ 7,895.20
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	HI-Test for H7	998	€ 5.77	-	€ 5.77		€ 5,758.46	€ 5,758.46	50%	€ 2,879.23
ES	Avian Influenza	Sampling	Wild birds sampled	750	€ 4.00	€ 10.00	-	€ 3,000.00		€ 3,000.00	50%	€ 1,500.00
ES	Avian Influenza	Sampling	Domestic animals sampled	9775	€ 2.78	-	€ 2.78		€ 27,174.50	€ 27,174.50	50%	€ 13,587.25
<b>ES</b>	<b>Avian Influenza</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>24,311</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 3,000.00</b>	<b>€ 133,792.17</b>	<b>€ 136,792.17</b>		<b>€ 68,396.09</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 69,000.00</b>

### Detailed budget table for bovine tuberculosis work package – 2021

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Bacteriological test	27535	€ 26.47	-	€ 26.47		€ 728,851.45	€ 728,851.45	16%	€ 116,616.23
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	PCR	20610	€ 12.27	-	€ 12.27		€ 252,884.70	€ 252,884.70	16%	€ 40,461.55
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Tuberculin test	6180622	€ 6.19	-	€ 6.19		€ 38,258,050.18	€ 38,258,050.18	16%	€ 6,121,288.03
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Gamma-Interferon test	272582	€ 4.38	-	€ 4.38		€ 1,193,909.16	€ 1,193,909.16	16%	€ 191,025.47
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Compensation	Slaughtered/culled with salvage value excluded   Bovines	21742	€ 544.00	€ 750.00	-	€ 11,827,648.00		€ 11,827,648.00	16%	€ 1,892,423.68
<b>ES</b>	<b>Bovine Tuberculosis</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>6,523,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 11,827,648.00</b>	<b>€ 40,433,695.49</b>	<b>€ 52,261,343.49</b>		<b>€ 8,361,814.96</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 8,362,000.00</b>



Detailed budget table for *Salmonella* infection work package – 2021

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Serotyping	100	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 5,568.00	€ 5,568.00	50%	€ 2,784.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	10	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 448.60	€ 448.60	50%	€ 224.30
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Bacteriological detection test	5000	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 136,200.00	€ 136,200.00	50%	€ 68,100.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Antimicrobial detection test	50	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 1,344.00	€ 1,344.00	50%	€ 672.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Compensation	Breeders: Animals culled or slaughtered	100000	€ 8.00	€ 8.00	-	€ 800,000.00		€ 800,000.00	50%	€ 400,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Breeders: Official sampling visit	2500	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 34,775.00	€ 34,775.00	50%	€ 17,387.50
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Vaccination	Breeders: Purchase of vaccine doses	5000000	€ 0.05	€ 0.05	-	€ 2,500,000.00		€ 2,500,000.00	50%	€ 1,250,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Total		50,107,660	-	-	-	€ 3,300,000.00	€ 178,335.60	€ 3,478,335.60	-	€ 1,739,167.80
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Bacteriological detection test	230	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 6,265.20	€ 6,265.20	50%	€ 3,132.60
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	15	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 672.90	€ 672.90	50%	€ 336.45
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Serotyping	15	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 835.20	€ 835.20	50%	€ 417.60
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Compensation	Breeding Turkeys: Animals culled or slaughtered	11500	€ 24.00	€ 24.00	-	€ 276,000.00		€ 276,000.00	50%	€ 138,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Sampling	Breeding Turkeys: Official sampling visit	115	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 1,599.65	€ 1,599.65	50%	€ 799.83
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Total		11,890	-	-	-	€ 276,000.00	€ 9,507.35	€ 285,507.35	-	€ 142,753.68
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Serotyping	75	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 4,176.00	€ 4,176.00	50%	€ 2,088.00
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Bacteriological detection test	500	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 13,620.00	€ 13,620.00	50%	€ 6,810.00
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	20	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 897.20	€ 897.20	50%	€ 448.60
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Broilers: Official sampling visit	500	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 6,955.00	€ 6,955.00	50%	€ 3,477.50
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Total		1,100	-	-	-		€ 25,782.60	€ 25,782.60	-	€ 12,891.30
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	15	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 672.90	€ 672.90	50%	€ 336.45
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Serotyping	60	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 3,340.80	€ 3,340.80	50%	€ 1,670.40
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Bacteriological detection test	88	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 2,397.12	€ 2,397.12	50%	€ 1,198.56
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Sampling	Fattening Turkeys: Official sampling visit	95	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 1,321.45	€ 1,321.45	50%	€ 660.73
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Total		269	-	-	-		€ 7,866.67	€ 7,866.67	-	€ 3,933.34
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	50	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 2,243.00	€ 2,243.00	50%	€ 1,121.50
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Antimicrobial detection test	30	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 806.40	€ 806.40	50%	€ 403.20
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Serotyping	280	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 15,590.40	€ 15,590.40	50%	€ 7,795.20
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Bacteriological detection test	1850	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 50,394.00	€ 50,394.00	50%	€ 25,197.00
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Compensation	Layers: Animals culled or slaughtered	180000	€ 2.00	€ 3.50	-	€ 360,000.00		€ 360,000.00	50%	€ 180,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Layers: Official sampling visit	925	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 12,866.75	€ 12,866.75	50%	€ 6,433.38
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Vaccination	Layers: Purchase of vaccine doses	21540000	€ 0.03	€ 0.03	-	€ 6,462,000.00		€ 6,462,000.00	50%	€ 3,231,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Total		215,583,135	-	-	-	€ 6,822,000.00	€ 81,900.55	€ 6,903,900.55	-	€ 3,451,950.28
ES	Salmonella	Total		265,704,038	-	-	-	€ 10,398,000.00	€ 303,392.77	€ 10,701,392.77	-	€ 5,350,696.39
Total rounded up												€ 5,351,000.00

### Detailed budget table for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies work package – 2021

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Primary molecular tests	352	€ 145.87	-	€ 145.87		€ 51,346.24	€ 51,346.24	35.34%	€ 18,145.76
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Confirmatory Tests in Bovines	4	€ 77.99	-	€ 77.99		€ 311.96	€ 311.96	35.34%	€ 110.25
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals not born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Healthy slaughtered animals	20	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 255.40	€ 255.40	35.34%	€ 90.26
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals not born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Risk animals	10	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77	€ 127.70	€ 127.70	€ 127.70	35.34%	€ 45.13
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on suspect bovine animals	7	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77	€ 89.39	€ 89.39	€ 89.39	35.34%	€ 31.59
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid Tests - ovine	30000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 383,100.00	€ 383,100.00	35.34%	€ 135,387.54
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Risk animals	65000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77	€ 830,050.00	€ 830,050.00	€ 830,050.00	35.34%	€ 293,339.67
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid Tests - caprine	20000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77	€ 255,400.00	€ 255,400.00	€ 255,400.00	35.34%	€ 90,258.36
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Confirmatory Tests in Ovines and Caprines	800	€ 77.99	-	€ 77.99	€ 62,392.00	€ 62,392.00	€ 62,392.00	35.34%	€ 22,049.33
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test - TSE cases	300	€ 110.07	-	€ 110.07	€ 33,021.00	€ 33,021.00	€ 33,021.00	35.34%	€ 11,669.62
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test (standard) - breeding programme	90000	€ 29.33	-	€ 29.33	€ 2,639,700.00	€ 2,639,700.00	€ 2,639,700.00	35.34%	€ 932,869.98
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test (standard) - monitoring and eradication measures	21000	€ 29.33	-	€ 29.33		€ 615,930.00	€ 615,930.00	35.34%	€ 217,669.66
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Ovine and caprine animals - compulsory slaughter	4000	€ 67.33	€ 100.00	-	€ 269,320.00	€ 269,320.00	€ 269,320.00	35.34%	€ 95,177.69
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Bovine animals culled and destroyed	20	€ 408.97	€ 1,000.00	-	€ 8,179.40	€ 8,179.40	€ 8,179.40	35.34%	€ 2,890.60
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Ovine and caprine animals culled and destroyed	40	€ 67.33	€ 140.00	-	€ 2,693.20	€ 2,693.20	€ 2,693.20	35.34%	€ 951.78
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	<b>Total</b>		<b>231,553</b>	-	-	-	<b>€ 280,192.60</b>	<b>€ 4,871,723.69</b>	<b>€ 5,151,916.29</b>	-	<b>€ 1,820,667.22</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 1,821,000.00</b>

### Detailed budget table for avian influenza work package – 2022

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	ELISA test - poultry	8840	€ 4.57	-	€ 4.57		€ 40,398.80	€ 40,398.80	50%	€ 20,199.40
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	PCR test - wild birds	1500	€ 22.72	-	€ 22.72		€ 34,080.00	€ 34,080.00	50%	€ 17,040.00
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	HI-Test for H5	1528	€ 5.77	-	€ 5.77		€ 8,816.56	€ 8,816.56	50%	€ 4,408.28
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	Virus isolation test - wild birds	15	€ 56.65	-	€ 56.65		€ 849.75	€ 849.75	50%	€ 424.88
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	PCR test - poultry	735	€ 22.72	-	€ 22.72		€ 16,699.20	€ 16,699.20	50%	€ 8,349.60
ES	Avian Influenza	Testing	HI-Test for H7	1028	€ 5.77	-	€ 5.77		€ 5,931.56	€ 5,931.56	50%	€ 2,965.78
ES	Avian Influenza	Sampling	Wild birds sampled	750	€ 4.00	€ 10.00	-	€ 3,000.00		€ 3,000.00	50%	€ 1,500.00
ES	Avian Influenza	Sampling	Domestic animals sampled	9575	€ 2.78	-	€ 2.78		€ 26,618.50	€ 26,618.50	50%	€ 13,309.25
ES	Avian Influenza	<b>Total</b>		<b>23,971</b>	-	-	-	<b>€ 3,000.00</b>	<b>€ 133,394.37</b>	<b>€ 136,394.37</b>	-	<b>€ 68,197.19</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 69,000.00</b>

### Detailed budget table for bovine tuberculosis work package – 2022

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Bacteriological test	27052	€ 26.47	-	€ 26.47	-	€ 716,066.44	€ 716,066.44	12%	€ 85,927.97
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	PCR	13820	€ 12.27	-	€ 12.27	-	€ 169,571.40	€ 169,571.40	12%	€ 20,348.57
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Tuberculin test	6180700	€ 6.19	-	€ 6.19	-	€ 38,258,533.00	€ 38,258,533.00	12%	€ 4,591,023.96
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Testing	Gamma-interferon test	469380	€ 4.38	-	€ 4.38	-	€ 2,055,884.40	€ 2,055,884.40	12%	€ 246,706.13
ES	Bovine Tuberculosis	Compensation	Slaughtered/culled with salvage value excluded   Bovines	19668	€ 582.00	€ 750.00	-	€ 11,446,776.00	-	€ 11,446,776.00	12%	€ 1,373,613.12
<b>ES</b>	<b>Bovine Tuberculosis</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>6,710,620</b>				<b>€ 11,446,776.00</b>	<b>€ 41,200,055.24</b>	<b>€ 52,646,831.24</b>		<b>€ 6,317,619.75</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 6,318,000.00</b>

### Detailed budget table for *Salmonella* infection work package – 2022

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Serotyping	100	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 5,568.00	€ 5,568.00	50%	€ 2,784.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Test for verification of the efficacy of	10	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 448.60	€ 448.60	50%	€ 224.30
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Bacteriological detection test	5000	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 136,200.00	€ 136,200.00	50%	€ 68,100.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Breeders: Antimicrobial detection test	50	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 1,344.00	€ 1,344.00	50%	€ 672.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Compensation	Breeders: Animals culled or slaughtered	100000	€ 8.00	€ 8.00	-	€ 800,000.00		€ 800,000.00	50%	€ 400,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Breeders: Official sampling visit	2500	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 34,775.00	€ 34,775.00	50%	€ 17,387.50
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus	Vaccination	Breeders: Purchase of vaccine doses	50000000	€ 0.05	€ 0.09	-	€ 2,500,000.00		€ 2,500,000.00	50%	€ 1,250,000.00
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>50,107,660</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 3,300,000.00</b>	<b>€ 178,335.60</b>	<b>€ 3,478,335.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 1,739,167.80</b>
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Bacteriological detection test	230	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 6,265.20	€ 6,265.20	50%	€ 3,132.60
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	15	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 672.90	€ 672.90	50%	€ 336.45
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Breeding Turkeys: Serotyping	15	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 835.20	€ 835.20	50%	€ 417.60
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Compensation	Breeding Turkeys: Animals culled or slaughtered	5000	€ 24.00	€ 24.00	-	€ 120,000.00		€ 120,000.00	50%	€ 60,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys	Sampling	Breeding Turkeys: Official sampling visit	115	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 1,599.65	€ 1,599.65	50%	€ 799.83
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella: Breeding flocks of Turkeys</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 120,000.00</b>	<b>€ 9,507.35</b>	<b>€ 129,507.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 64,753.68</b>
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Serotyping	75	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 4,176.00	€ 4,176.00	50%	€ 2,088.00
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Bacteriological detection test	500	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 13,620.00	€ 13,620.00	50%	€ 6,810.00
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Broilers: Test for verification of the efficacy of	20	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 897.20	€ 897.20	50%	€ 448.60
ES	Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Broilers: Official sampling visit	500	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 6,955.00	€ 6,955.00	50%	€ 3,477.50
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella: Broiler flocks of Gallus gallus</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 25,782.60</b>	<b>€ 25,782.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 12,891.30</b>
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	15	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 672.90	€ 672.90	50%	€ 336.45
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Serotyping	60	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 3,340.80	€ 3,340.80	50%	€ 1,670.40
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Bacteriological detection test	88	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 2,397.12	€ 2,397.12	50%	€ 1,198.56
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Testing	Fattening Turkeys: Antimicrobial detection test	5	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 134.40	€ 134.40	50%	€ 67.20
ES	Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys	Sampling	Fattening Turkeys: Official sampling visit	95	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 1,321.45	€ 1,321.45	50%	€ 660.73
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella: Fattening flocks of Turkeys</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 7,866.67</b>	<b>€ 7,866.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 3,933.34</b>
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Test for verification of the efficacy of disinfection	50	€ 44.86	-	€ 44.86		€ 2,243.00	€ 2,243.00	50%	€ 1,121.50
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Antimicrobial detection test	30	€ 26.88	-	€ 26.88		€ 806.40	€ 806.40	50%	€ 403.20
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Serotyping	280	€ 55.68	-	€ 55.68		€ 15,590.40	€ 15,590.40	50%	€ 7,795.20
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Testing	Layers: Bacteriological detection test	1850	€ 27.24	-	€ 27.24		€ 50,394.00	€ 50,394.00	50%	€ 25,197.00
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Compensation	Layers: Animals culled or slaughtered	150000	€ 2.00	€ 3.50	-	€ 300,000.00		€ 300,000.00	50%	€ 150,000.00
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Sampling	Layers: Official sampling visit	925	€ 13.91	-	€ 13.91		€ 12,866.75	€ 12,866.75	50%	€ 6,433.38
ES	Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus	Vaccination	Layers: Purchase of vaccine doses	200000000	€ 0.03	€ 0.09	-	€ 6,000,000.00		€ 6,000,000.00	50%	€ 3,000,000.00
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella: Laying flocks of Gallus gallus</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>200,153,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 6,300,000.00</b>	<b>€ 81,900.55</b>	<b>€ 6,381,900.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>€ 3,190,950.28</b>
<b>ES</b>	<b>Salmonella Total</b>			<b>250,267,538</b>				<b>€ 9,720,000.00</b>	<b>€ 303,392.77</b>	<b>€ 10,023,392.77</b>		<b>€ 5,011,696.39</b>
<b>Total rounded up</b>												<b>€ 5,012,000.00</b>

## Detailed budget table for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies work package – 2022

MS	Programme	Category	Description	Number of units (accepted)	Average accepted real unit cost	Fixed ceiling Per Unit (100%)	Fixed Unit Cost (100%)	Total after the application of the fixed ceiling, if applicable	Total cost based on unit cost	Total at 100%	Co-financing rate %	Budget Allocation accepted
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Primary molecular tests	302	€ 145.87	-	€ 145.87		€ 44,052.74	€ 44,052.74	28.05%	€ 12,356.79
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Confirmatory Tests in Bovines	4	€ 77.99	-	€ 77.99		€ 311.96	€ 311.96	28.05%	€ 87.50
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals not born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Healthy slaughtered animals	25	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 319.25	€ 319.25	28.05%	€ 89.55
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals not born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Risk animals	7	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 89.39	€ 89.39	28.05%	€ 25.07
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on suspect bovine animals	10	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 127.70	€ 127.70	28.05%	€ 35.82
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid Tests - ovine	30000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 383,100.00	€ 383,100.00	28.05%	€ 107,459.55
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid tests on bovine animals born in MSs listed in CD 2009/719   Risk animals	65000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 830,050.00	€ 830,050.00	28.05%	€ 232,829.03
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Rapid Tests - caprine	20000	€ 12.77	-	€ 12.77		€ 255,400.00	€ 255,400.00	28.05%	€ 71,639.70
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Confirmatory Tests in Ovines and Caprines	700	€ 77.99	-	€ 77.99		€ 54,593.00	€ 54,593.00	28.05%	€ 15,313.34
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test - TSE cases	275	€ 110.07	-	€ 110.07		€ 30,269.25	€ 30,269.25	28.05%	€ 8,490.52
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test (standard) - breeding programme	90000	€ 29.33	-	€ 29.33		€ 2,639,700.00	€ 2,639,700.00	28.05%	€ 740,435.85
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Testing	Genotyping test (standard) - monitoring and eradication measures	20000	€ 29.33	-	€ 29.33		€ 586,600.00	€ 586,600.00	28.05%	€ 164,541.30
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Ovine and caprine animals - compulsory slaughter	3500	€ 67.33	€ 100.00	-	€ 235,655.00		€ 235,655.00	28.05%	€ 66,101.23
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Bovine animals culled and destroyed	20	€ 408.97	€ 1,000.00	-	€ 8,179.40		€ 8,179.40	28.05%	€ 2,294.32
ES	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	Compensation	Ovine and caprine animals culled and destroyed	30	€ 67.33	€ 140.00	-	€ 2,019.90		€ 2,019.90	28.05%	€ 566.58
ES	<b>Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>229,873</b>				<b>€ 245,854.30</b>	<b>€ 4,824,613.29</b>	<b>€ 5,070,467.59</b>		<b>€ 1,422,286.16</b>
	<b>Total rounded up</b>											<b>€ 1,423,000.00</b>

**ACCESSION FORM FOR BENEFICIARIES**

NOT APPLICABLE

**DECLARATION ON JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY OF  
AFFILIATED ENTITIES**

NOT APPLICABLE

**MODEL FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE ACTION FOR REPORTING PERIOD [NUMBER]

EU contribution														Requested EU contribution
Eligible lump sum contributions (per work package)														
WP African Swine Fever	WP Avian Influenza	WP Bovine Brucellosis	WP Bovine Tuberculosis	WP Classical Swine Fever	WP Lumpy Skin Disease	WP Rabies	WP Salmonella	WP Sheep and Goat Brucellosis	WP Sheep and Goat Plague	WP Sheep and Goat Pox	WP Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies			
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)	(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 / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED / or PARTIALLY COMPLETED	
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
YEAR 2021														
YEAR 2022														
Total beneficiary														

The beneficiary 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).

**Completed by the Financial and technical reports for each work package for 2021 and 2022 to be submitted online via the ERADFUNDS IT tool**



## 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:

- (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 hard copies, in electronic or digital format, on the internet including social networks, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file
- (c) **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
- (d) **translation** (including inserting subtitles/dubbing) in all official languages of EU
- (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, including if there is licensed background, any of the rights or modes of exploitation set out in this provision
- (h) **processing**, analysing, aggregating the results and **producing derivative works**
- (i) **disseminating** the results in widely accessible databases or indexes (such as through ‘open access’ or ‘open data’ portals or similar repositories, whether free of charge or not.

The 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).

### **Access rights for third parties to ensure continuity and interoperability**

Where the call conditions impose continuity or interoperability obligations, the beneficiaries must make the materials, documents and information and results produced in the framework of the action available to the public (freely accessible on the Internet under open licences or open source licences).

### **Different rights of use in Standardisation actions**

In view of the specific business model of standardisation organisations (and unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority), access rights in European Standardisation actions do not include the following:

- the right to **make available** standards and standardisation deliverables to persons working for other EU services (including institutions, bodies, offices, agencies, etc.) other than the granting authority or to persons working for an EU Member State institution or body; copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers; and communication through press information services
- the right to **distribute to the public** standards and standardisation deliverables (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)
- the right to **edit or redraft** standards and standardisation deliverables
- the **translation** of standards and standardisation deliverables
- the **processing**, analysing, aggregating of standards and standardisation deliverables received and **producing derivative works**.

## **COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (— ARTICLE 17)**

### **Communication and dissemination plan**

Where imposed by the call conditions, the beneficiaries must provide a detailed communication and dissemination plan, setting out the objectives, key messaging, target audiences, communication channels, social media plan, planned budget and relevant indicators for monitoring and evaluation.

### **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**
- upload the public **project results** to the Single Market Programme Project Results platform.

## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION (— ARTICLE 18)**

### **Specific rules for PPI Grants for Procurement**

When implementing procurements in PPI Grants for Procurement, the beneficiaries must respect the following conditions:

- avoid any conflict of interest and comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination, equal treatment, sound financial management, proportionality and competition rules
- assign the ownership of the intellectual property rights under the contracts to the contractors (unless there are exceptional overriding public interests which are duly justified in Annex 1), with the right of the buyers to access results — on a royalty-free basis — for their own use and to grant (or to require the contractors to grant) non-exclusive licences to third parties to exploit the results for them — under fair and reasonable conditions — without any right to sub-license
- allow for all communications to be made in English (and any additional languages chosen by the beneficiaries)
- ensure that prior information notices, contract notices and contract award notices contain information on the EU funding and a disclaimer that the EU is not participating as contracting authority in the procurement
- allow for the award of multiple procurement contracts within the same procedure (multiple sourcing)
- where the call conditions impose a place of performance obligation: ensure that the part of the activities that is subject to the place of performance obligation is performed in the eligible countries or target countries set out in the call conditions
- to ensure reciprocal level of market access: where the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) does not apply, ensure that the participation in tendering procedures is open on equal terms to bidders from EU Member States and all countries with which the EU has an agreement in the field of public procurement under the conditions laid down in that agreement, including all Horizon Europe associated countries. Where the WTO GPA applies, ensure that tendering procedures are also open to bidders from states that have ratified this agreement, under the conditions laid down therein.

## **Specific rules for blending operations**

When implementing blending operations, the beneficiaries acknowledge and accept that:

- the grant depends on the approved financing from the Implementing Partner and/or public or private investors for the project
- they must inform the granting authority both about the approval for financing and the financial close — within 15 days
- the payment deadline for the first prefinancing is automatically suspended until the granting authority is informed about the approval for financing
- both actions will be managed and monitored in parallel and in close coordination with the Implementing Partner, in particular:
  - all information, data and documents (including the due diligence by the Implementing Partner and the signed agreement) may be exchanged and may be relied on for the management of the other action (if needed)
  - issues in one action may impact the other (e.g. suspension or termination in one action may lead to suspension also of the other action; termination of the grant will normally suspend and exit from further financing and vice versa, etc.)
- the granting authority may disclose confidential information also to the Implementing Partner.

## **GRANTS MANAGED OUTSIDE THE FUNDING & TENDERS PORTAL**

For grants managed outside the Funding & Tenders Portal (see Data Sheet, Point 1):

- communications must not be made through the Portal, but on paper to the following addresses:
  - for the coordinator:

*Legal Entity : Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria*  
*Legal representative: Mr Valentin Almansa de Lara*
  - for the granting authority:

*European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)*  
*HADEA.A - Health and Food / A2.2 Food*
- communications must be made in writing and clearly identify the grant agreement (project number and acronym)

- formal notifications must be sent by registered post with proof of delivery to the addresses above and 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
- deliverables (Article 21.1) are not set out in the Portal Continuous Reporting tool, but in Annex 1; they must not be uploaded in this tool, but sent to the granting authority on paper (as formal notification)
- periodic reports and financial statements (Article 21.2) are not signed and submitted through the Portal Periodic Reporting tool, but must be sent to the granting authority on paper (as formal notification)
- amendments and supporting documents (Article 39) are not encoded and signed in the Portal Amendment tool, but must be signed on paper and sent to the granting authority on paper (as formal notification); the same is true for accession forms (Articles 40 and 41).

However, the following rules still apply:

- the templates to be used are those annexed to this grant agreement
- data processing by the granting authority is subject to the attached Privacy Statement (Article 15).