

UK PARTICIPATION IN CLEAN HYDROGEN JU CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2023

POSSIBILITIES DURING GRANT AGREEMENT PREPARATION

OPTION 1 :

If the legal entity needs to be established in an Associated Country to ensure the **eligibility** of the consortium, the consortium shall have the opportunity to replace the entity with another legal entity established in a Member State or an Associated Country;

OPTION 2:

Remaining applicants may also be allowed to implement the action without replacement if the eligibility conditions for participation **remain fulfilled** without participation of the entity;

OPTION 3:

The consortium will be given the opportunity to change the status of the entity to **Associated Partner**.

The JU may request implementation of the above option(s) alternatively or cumulatively, on a case-by-case basis.

OPTION 3 = preferred choice of the JU i.e.:

⇒ the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking will allow impacted beneficiaries to change their status from **Beneficiary** to **Associated Partner**

Beneficiary

- Formal parties to the Grant Agreement (**they sign** the Grant Agreement or Accession Forms);
- **Fully and jointly responsible** towards the granting authority for **technical implementation**;
- Beneficiaries must remain **eligible** under the EU programme for the entire duration of the action;
- Costs must comply with applicable **eligibility criteria**
- beneficiaries must have internal arrangements regarding their operation and co-ordination, to ensure that the action is implemented properly (e.g. **Consortium Agreement**).

Associated Partner (AP)

- AP does work but **does not declare costs** (no EU funding);
- Does **not sign** the GA;
- AP can be **linked (not formal or legal link needed)** to the whole consortium or to a particular beneficiary (capital or legal link not required);
- No need to comply with the eligibility conditions for funding
- The beneficiaries bear responsibility of action implementation towards the JU - must ensure that relevant MGA obligations are also extended to AP (e.g. through the consortium agreement):