

LEGAL ASPECTS

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THE GRANT AGREEMENT CONCEPT







YOUR RIGHTS

e.g.:

- To receive EU funding, under the terms and conditions defined in the grant agreement,
- To own the results of the project that you have generated
- To ask for amendments
 of the grant agreement (if something
 needs to be changed)

YOUR OBLIGATIONS

e.g.:

- To Implement the project as planned in the description of the action (Annex 1 to the grant agreement)
- **Submit reports** at the time and for the periods defined in the grant agreement
- Display the EU emblem and reference to Horizon Europe funding

(e.g.information material, equipment funded by the grant, major results);

HOW MUCH MONEY YOU CAN GET

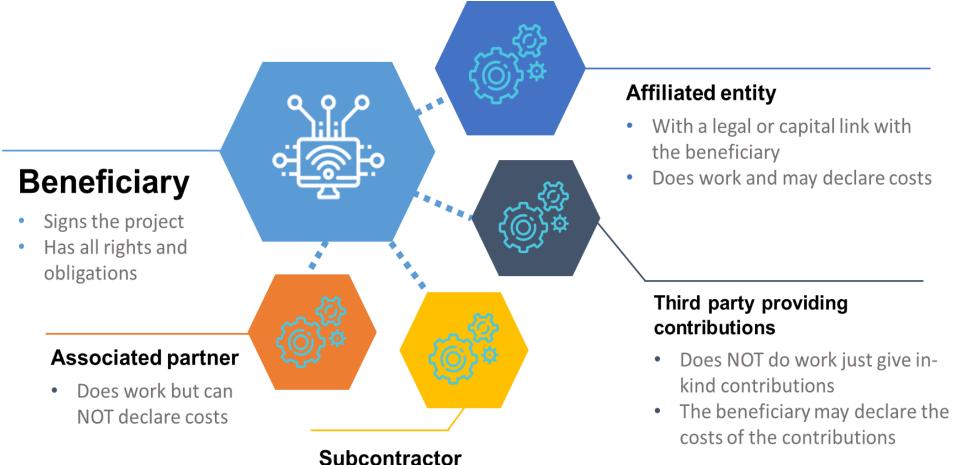
Overall, the granting authority can never pay

- more than the maximum grant amount fixed in the grant agreement.
- But: it may pay less; e.g. if the project costs at the end are less than budgeted





TYPES OF PARTICIPATION



- Does work and invoices the beneficiary
- The beneficiary may declare the invoice





Affiliated entities

Article 187 (1)(b) of the EU Financial Regulation:

Entities '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'.

<u>Affiliated entities in Horizon Europe = Linked</u> <u>third parties in Horizon 2020</u>

(alignement of labelling/definition in the corporate context)





Associated Partner (AP)

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THE E-GRANT. STRUCTURE



e-GRANT

- The Horizon Europe grant agreement and its management are fully electronic.
- This is from the signature of the grant until its end, all actions and communications will flow via the Funding & Tenders Portal ('the Portal').



CORPORATE STRUCTURE

 The Horizon Europe grant agreement is based on a Commission-wide model (so-called 'Corporate Model Grant Agreement')



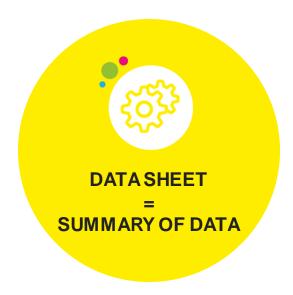
SPECIFIC ANNEX 5

Some important Horizon Europe specific rights and obligations are part of this annex 5, like:

- Security
- Ethics
- Values (i.e. gender mainstreaming)
- IPR
- Communication & Dissemination
- Open Science
- Visibility etc











STRUCTURE OF THE GRANT

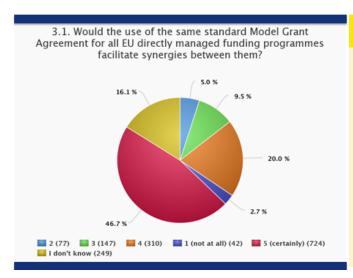




MGA – ENABLER FOR SYNERGIES

HE online consultation – MGA and synergies

Horizon Europe Co-design - all respondents



SYNERGIES?

- Bringing together money from different EU programmes in the same project
- Providing funding from alternative sources for successful proposals which could not be funded due to insufficient call budgets
- Funding complementary or successive projects

A UNIFORM CONTRACT THROUGHOUT

ALL

EU FUNDING PROGRAMMES





SYNERGIES - BASIC RULES

- "The Programme shall be implemented in synergy with other Union programmes" [Article 15 (1) HE]
- 3 legal limitations
 - 1. Non-profit rules
 - 2. State aid rules: national rules apply
 - 3. Rules on combination of EU funding
- Rules on combination of funding:
 - a. "An action that has received a contribution from another Union programme may also receive a contribution under the Programme, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs."(...)
 - b. "The cumulative financing shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action."

[Article 15(4) HE]





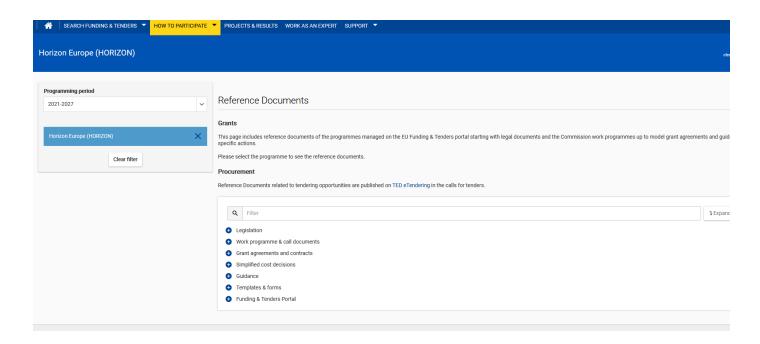
Find more info at:

- 1. Funding and tenders opportunities portal, under section "Reference Documents"
- 2. More on the legal aspects: "Horizon Europe: Legal and Financial Aspects"

https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=wZPjoan9ldo

- 3. HE Presentation: The rules of the game the Model Grant Agreement
- 4. Open Science:

https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-law-and-publications/publication-detail/-/publication/9570017e-cd82-11eb-ac72-01aa75ed71a1







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