

Administrative Aspects of Project Implementation and Reporting EU4Health Programme (AWP2021-2023)

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Grant Agreement - structure

- Terms and Conditions
- Annexes
 - 1. Description of the Action (DoA, Part A)
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 - 2. Estimated budget for the action
 - 2a. Additional information on unit costs and contributions
 - 3. Accession Forms
 - 4. Model for the financial statements
 - 5. Specific rules

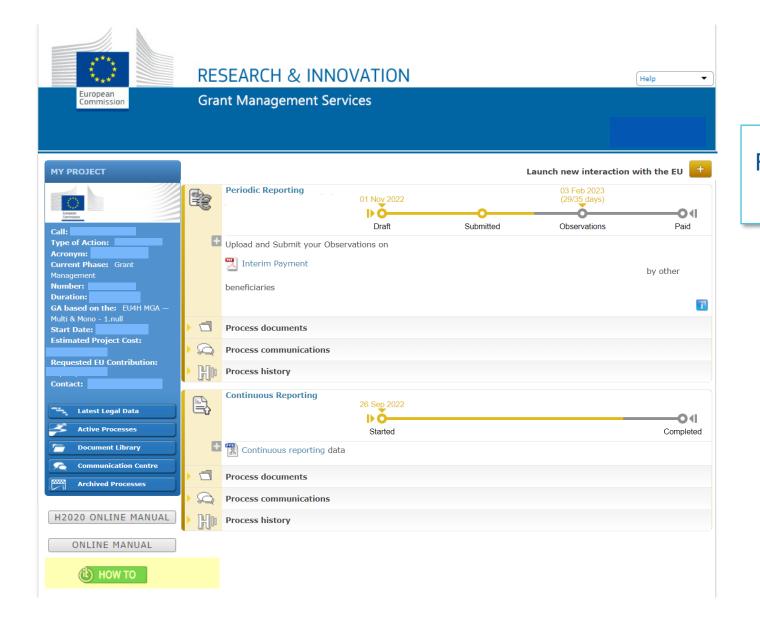
Important to have the latest version of the DoA!



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ELECTRONIC GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Funding & Tenders portal

https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home





Continuous Reporting



On-going process:

- Continuous update of Summary for publication
- Uploading of deliverables
- Monitoring/reporting on milestones and critical risks (foreseen & unforeseen)
- Reporting on Communication and Dissemination activities
- Reporting on Events and Trainings

Continuous Reporting

01 Jan 2023

Started

Continuous reporting data

Accessible through F&T Portal:



Project Summary



Must be suitable for **direct publication** by the Granting Authority

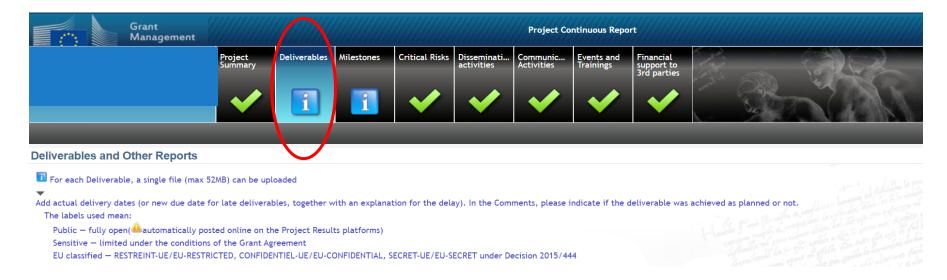
Ensure to include:

- Summary of the action context and objectives
- A description of the work performed and main results achieved
- A description of the expected final results and their potential impact and use (if possible beyond the duration of the project)

A separate summary should be provided for each reporting period



Deliverables



Milestones



Milestones



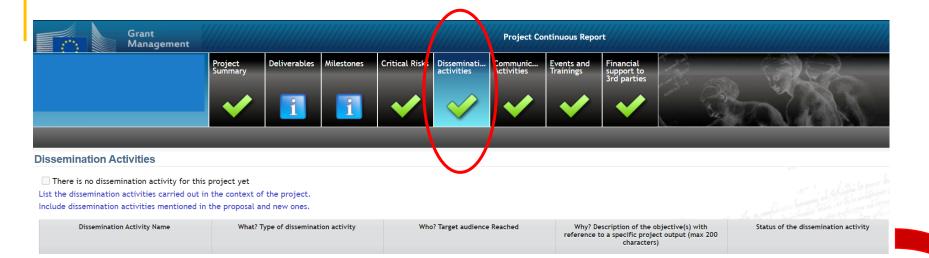
CRITICAL RISKS



Critical Risks

- Foreseen Risks (Annex 1, Part A of the GA) to be documented, when occurring, with evidence of the undertaken counteracting/mitigation actions
- **Unforeseen Risks** (risks detected after the Grant Agreement Preparation) to be added and documented, when occurring, with evidence of the undertaken counteracting/mitigation actions

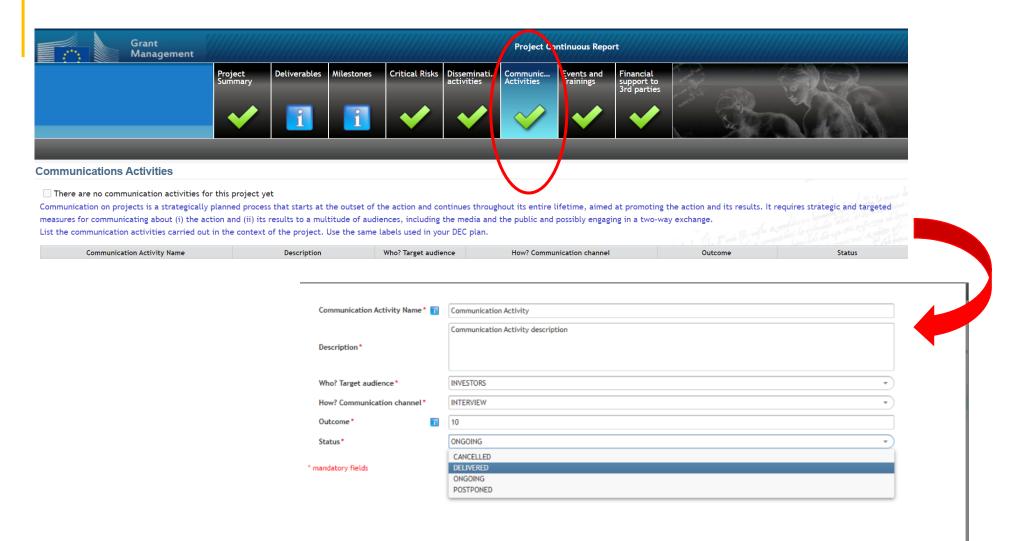
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What? Type of dissemination activity *	•
Who? Target audience Reached *	Research communities Industry, business partners Innovators Investors International organisation (UN body, OECD, etc.) EU Institutions National authorities Regional authorities Civil society Citizens Specific end user communities Other
Why? Description of the objective(s) with reference to a specific project output (max 200 characters) *	
Status of the dissemination activity *	•
* mandatory fields	Cancelled Delivered Ongoing Postponed

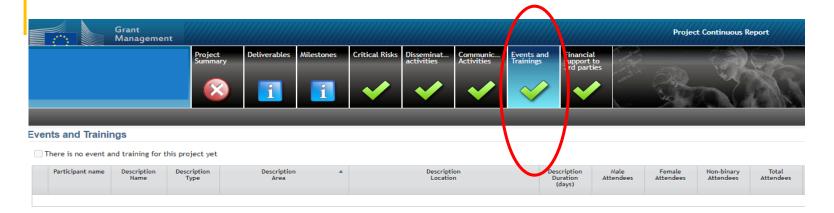


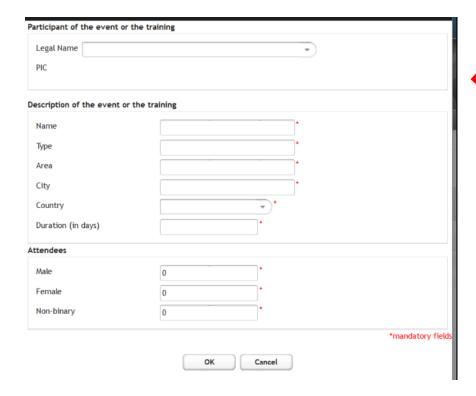
Communication activities





Events and trainings







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REPORTING — PAYMENT REQUESTS

Reporting periods

The action is divided into 'reporting periods', which are specified in the Grant Agreement:

- RP1: from month X to month X
- RP2: from month X to month X

(Art 21)

The coordinator must submit to the Agency the technical and financial reports.

These reports include requests for payment and must be drawn up using the **forms and templates provided in the electronic exchange system within 60 days** following the end of the reporting period.



REPORTING — PAYMENT REQUESTS





EU4Health Programme (EU4H)

Periodic Report

Technical Report (Part A) Technical Report (Part B) Financial Report

> Version 1.0 o1 April 2022

The periodic report includes:

(a) Technical Report

- Part A, generated by the IT system, based on data from continuous reporting modules (e.g. deliverables, milestones)
- Part B, the narrative part on the explanation of the work carried out, including deviations, to be uploaded as PDF. It must be prepared using the template available in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool

(b) Financial Report:

- the <u>financial statements</u> (for all beneficiaries/affiliated entities)
- the <u>explanation on the use of resources</u> (or detailed cost reporting table, if required)
- the <u>certificates on the financial statements</u> (CFS if threshold is reached)



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Amendments 1/3

39.1 Conditions

The Agreement may be amended, <u>unless</u> 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 signed directly in the F&T Portal.

The request for amendment must include:

- the reasons why
- the appropriate annexes and supporting documents
- 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.



Amendments 2/3

The **coordinator** submits and receives requests for amendment on behalf of the beneficiaries.

Process & timelines:

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

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

Get ready > Launch amendment > Amendment preparation > Consult Commission > Sign&Submit > Assessment > Countersign



Amendments 3/3

Typical cases when amendment is necessary:

- Beneficiary terminates its participation and leaves the consortium
- New beneficiary joins the project consortium
- Change / extension of duration
- Change of Annex 1 description of the action (without changing the scope of the action)
- Addition of new subcontracting item
- Change of reporting scheme
- Change of bank account

→ Proactively consult your Project Officer before officially launching the GA amendment request

Typical cases, when amendment is not necessary:

- Change of legal representative or any other administrative details (name, address, legal form)
- Budget adjustments, except introducing new items under subcontracting



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Consortium Agreement

Arrangements between beneficiaries must be set out in **Consortium Agreement** (a contract between the beneficiaries). It defines:

- internal rules and relationships
- distribution of EU funding and financial responsibilities
- additional rules on rights and obligations related to background and results (see Article 16)
- settlement of internal disputes
- confidentiality arrangements between the beneficiaries.

The consortium agreement must not contain any provision contrary to the Grant Agreement!



Roles and responsibilities towards the Agency

 The beneficiaries have full responsibility for implementing the action and complying with the Agreement.

• The beneficiaries are **jointly and severally liable** for the technical implementation of the action as described in Annex 1.

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).



Responsibilities of the *Project Coordinator*.

- Monitor that the action is implemented properly
- Act as intermediary for all communications between the consortium and the Agency:
 - Request and review any documents or information required and verifying their quality and completeness before passing them on to the Agency
 - Submit deliverables and reports to the Agency
 - Inform the Agency about the payments made to the other beneficiaries, if required
- Distribute the payments received from the granting authority to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay



Responsibilities of Each Beneficiary:

- Keep information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date
- 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
- Submit to the coordinator in good time:
 - The financial statements and certificates on the financial statements (CFS), if required
 - The contributions to the deliverables and technical reports
 - Any other documents or information required by the Agency under the agreement
- Submit via the Portal data and information related to the participation of their affiliated entities.



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Communication, Dissemination and Visibility

Article 17.1 Communication — Dissemination – Promoting the action

The beneficiaries must **promote the action and its results 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.

Annex 5 Communication and dissemination plan

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.



Communication, Dissemination and Visibility

The beneficiaries must engage in the following activities:

- present the project on the beneficiaries' websites or social media accounts.
 We encourage using:
 Hashtags: #HealthUnion #EU4Health; Twitter tags: @EU_Health @EU_HaDEA
- for actions involving **publications and/or public events**: mention the action, the European flag and funding statement
- 17.3 Quality of information Disclaimer

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the action 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 HaDEA. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

=> We suggest you to follow the <u>Health Policy Platform</u> and their newsletter, and to promote project communication material such as newsletters through the platform.

Communication, Dissemination and Visibility

Visibility — European flag and funding statement (Article 17.2)

- Communication and dissemination activities must:
 - acknowledge EU support
 - display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement
- The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified
- ➤ The emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as any other logos used.
- No other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support





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EU emblem available at:

http://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/symbols/flag en

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Key-information are available in the <u>Annotated Model Grant Agreement</u>
- Further information is available online (online manual, @ HOW TO
- Funding & Tender Portal
- Reference documents are available <u>here</u> (select programme/programme period)
- IT Helpdesk (for any technical issues)
- HaDEA website
- EU Health Policy Platform

→ In case of uncertainty:
Please contact your Project Officer/Adviser in HaDEA through the project Coordinator!



Thank you



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