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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101054054 — Young Europe

PREAMBLE

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

on the one part,

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

and

on the other part,

1. 'the coordinator':

OBEC OHRADY (Obec Ohrady), PIC 920613227, established in NOVY RAD 267/8, OHRADY 930 12, Slovakia,

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

If only one beneficiary signs the grant agreement ('mono-beneficiary grant'), all provisions referring to the 'coordinator' or the 'beneficiaries' will be considered — mutatis mutandis — as referring to the beneficiary.

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

By signing the Agreement and the accession forms, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

The Agreement is composed of:

Preamble

Terms and Conditions (including Data Sheet)

- Annex 1 Description of the action¹
- Annex 2 Estimated budget for the action
- Annex 3 Accession forms (if applicable)²
- Annex 3a Declaration on joint and several liability of affiliated entities (if applicable)³
- Annex 4 Model for the financial statements
- Annex 5 Specific rules (if applicable)

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

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

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

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DATA SHEET**1. General data**

Project summary:

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In order to foster solidarity and cohesion in our times, the municipality of Ohrady has decided to answer the call whose goals and priorities are in close relation to plans of the municipality focused on the development of societal life and improvement of quality of citizens' lives and the surroundings of the municipality in the future period. Project objectives: - Not to live in isolation, to face social challenges, often unfavourable ones, together – to meet this plan, people from different countries shall have the opportunity to exchange information in our opinion, and this could be the start to deal with other objectives of the call and its issues in a more thorough way. - Enhance the level of knowledge about the importance of strengthening the European integrational process on the basis of solidarity. - Strengthening European solidarity – this shall be reached through supporting the discussions about the future of Europe. - The theme of solidarity is intended to be transformed to ongoing societal issues such as gender inequality and specific forms of discrimination, and their manifestations in society. - An inevitable factor of the project in these times is taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on local communities. Our goal is to achieve the participation of around 2,200 or more direct participants, so that the message of the project reaches as many people as possible, and they can indirectly spread this message to indirect participants in the project. The expected outcome of the project is a general increase in awareness of EU participants in the project, an increase in tolerance and solidarity, a reduction in racism and gender inequality, and the involvement of non-adaptable people in social life.

Keywords:

- Europe for citizens
- Democracy
- Solidarity
- Town twinning

Project number: 101054054

Project name: Let's get to know each other

Project acronym: Young Europe

Call: CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN

Topic: CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT

Type of action: CERV Lump Sum Grants

Granting authority: European Education and Culture Executive Agency

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

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

Project end date: starting date + months of duration

Project duration: 9 months

Consortium agreement: No

2. Participants

List of participants:

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Max grant amount
1	COO	Obec Ohrady	OBEC OHRADY	SK	920613227	30 000.00
2	AP	Rabapordany	Municipality of Rabapordany	HU	938381396	0.00
3	AP	Brana Brnenska	MAS Brana Brnenska z.s.	CZ	919578625	0.00

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Max grant amount
4	AP	Erdokurt	Erdokurt kozseg Onkormanyzata	HU	917568300	0.00
5	AP	Tizsakurt	Municipality of Tizsakurt	HU	938380329	0.00
6	AP	Hejokurt	HEJOKURT KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA	HU	917560152	0.00
Total						30 000.00

Coordinator:

- OBEC OHRADY (Obec Ohrady)

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

Maximum grant amount (Annex 2)	Maximum grant amount (award decision)
30 000.00	30 000.00

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

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

Prefinancing payments and guarantees: n/a

Reporting and payment modalities (art 21, 22):

Mutual Insurance Mechanism (MIM): No

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

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

No-profit rule: n/a

Late payment interest: ECB + 3.5%

Bank account for payments:

SK380200000000920524122

Conversion into euros: n/a

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

4.3 Certificates (art 24): n/a

4.4 Recoveries (art 22)

First-line liability for recoveries:

Beneficiary termination: Beneficiary concerned

Final payment: Coordinator

After final payment: Beneficiary concerned

Joint and several liability for enforced recoveries (in case of non-payment):

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

Joint and several liability of affiliated entities — n/a

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

Applicable law (art 43):

Standard applicable law regime: EU law + law of Belgium

Dispute settlement forum (art 43):

Standard dispute settlement forum:

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

Non-EU beneficiaries: Courts of Brussels, Belgium (unless an international agreement provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements)

6. Other

Specific rules (Annex 5): Yes

Standard time-limits after project end:

Confidentiality (for X years after final payment): 5

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 — SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets out the rights and obligations and terms and conditions applicable to the grant awarded for the implementation of the action set out in Chapter 2.

ARTICLE 2 — DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

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

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

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

Participants — Entities participating in the action as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties.

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

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

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

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

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

In-kind contributions — In-kind contributions within the meaning of Article 2(36) of EU Financial

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

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

Regulation 2018/1046, i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties.

Fraud — Fraud within the meaning of Article 3 of EU Directive 2017/1371⁵ and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995⁶, as well as any other wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

Irregularities — Any type of breach (regulatory or contractual) which could impact the EU financial interests, including irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation 2988/95⁷.

Grave professional misconduct — Any type of unacceptable or improper behaviour in exercising one's profession, especially by employees, including grave professional misconduct within the meaning of Article 136(1)(c) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

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

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

CHAPTER 2 ACTION

ARTICLE 3 — ACTION

The grant is awarded for the action **101054054 — Young Europe** ('action'), as described in Annex 1.

ARTICLE 4 — DURATION AND STARTING DATE

The duration and the starting date of the action are set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 1).

CHAPTER 3 GRANT

ARTICLE 5 — GRANT

5.1 Form of grant

⁵ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

⁶ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

⁷ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

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

5.2 Maximum grant amount

The maximum grant amount is set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3) and in the estimated budget (Annex 2).

5.3 Funding rate

Not applicable

5.4 Estimated budget, budget categories and forms of funding

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

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

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

5.5 Budget flexibility

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

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

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

ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 and 6.2 General and specific eligibility conditions

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

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

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

⁸ For the definition, see Article 180(2)(a) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: '**action grant**' means an EU grant to finance "an action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective".

⁹ See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

6.3 Ineligible contributions

‘Ineligible contributions’ are:

- (a) lump sum contributions that do not comply with the conditions set out above (see Article 6.1 and 6.2)
- (b) lump sum contributions for activities already funded under other EU grants (or grants awarded by an EU Member State, non-EU country or other body implementing the EU budget), except for the following case:
 - (i) Synergy actions: not applicable
- (c) other:
 - (i) country restrictions for eligible costs: not applicable.

6.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary declares lump sum contributions that are ineligible, they will be rejected (see Article 27).

This may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 4 GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1 CONSORTIUM: BENEFICIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

ARTICLE 7 — BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries, as signatories of the Agreement, are fully responsible towards the granting authority for implementing it and for complying with all its obligations.

They must implement the Agreement to their best abilities, in good faith and in accordance with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

They must have the appropriate resources to implement the action and implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with Article 11. If they rely on affiliated entities or other participants (see Articles 8 and 9), they retain sole responsibility towards the granting authority and the other beneficiaries.

They are jointly responsible for the *technical* implementation of the action. If one of the beneficiaries fails to implement their part of the action, the other beneficiaries must ensure that this part is implemented by someone else (without being entitled to an increase of the maximum grant amount and subject to an amendment; see Article 39). The *financial* responsibility of each beneficiary in case of recoveries is governed by Article 22.

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

for the entire duration of the action. Lump sum contributions will be eligible only as long as the beneficiary and the action are eligible.

The **internal roles and responsibilities** of the beneficiaries are divided as follows:

(a) Each beneficiary must:

- (i) keep information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date (see Article 19)
- (ii) inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) immediately of any events or circumstances likely to affect significantly or delay the implementation of the action (see Article 19)
- (iii) submit to the coordinator in good time:
 - the prefinancing guarantees (if required; see Article 23)
 - the financial statements and certificates on the financial statements (CFS): not applicable
 - the contribution to the deliverables and technical reports (see Article 21)
 - any other documents or information required by the granting authority under the Agreement
- (iv) submit via the Portal data and information related to the participation of their affiliated entities.

(b) The coordinator must:

- (i) monitor that the action is implemented properly (see Article 11)
- (ii) act as the intermediary for all communications between the consortium and the granting authority, unless the Agreement or granting authority specifies otherwise, and in particular:
 - submit the prefinancing guarantees to the granting authority (if any)
 - request and review any documents or information required and verify their quality and completeness before passing them on to the granting authority
 - submit the deliverables and reports to the granting authority
 - inform the granting authority about the payments made to the other beneficiaries (report on the distribution of payments; if required, see Articles 22 and 32)
- (iii) distribute the payments received from the granting authority to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay (see Article 22).

The coordinator may not delegate or subcontract the above-mentioned tasks to any other beneficiary or third party (including affiliated entities).

However, coordinators which are public bodies may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(ii) last

indent and (iii) above to entities with ‘authorisation to administer’ which they have created or which are controlled by or affiliated to them. In this case, the coordinator retains sole responsibility for the payments and for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Moreover, coordinators which are ‘sole beneficiaries’¹⁰ (or similar, such as European research infrastructure consortia (ERICs)) may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(i) to (iii) above to one of their members. The coordinator retains sole responsibility for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

The beneficiaries must have **internal arrangements** regarding their operation and co-ordination, to ensure that the action is implemented properly.

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

- the internal organisation of the consortium
- the management of access to the Portal
- different distribution keys for the payments and financial responsibilities in case of recoveries (if any)
- additional rules on rights and obligations related to background and results (see Article 16)
- settlement of internal disputes
- liability, indemnification and confidentiality arrangements between the beneficiaries.

The internal arrangements must not contain any provision contrary to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 — AFFILIATED ENTITIES

Not applicable

ARTICLE 9 — OTHER PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THE ACTION

9.1 Associated partners

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

- **Municipality of Rabapordany (Rabapordany)**, PIC 938381396
- **MAS Brana Brnenska z.s. (Brana Brnenska)**, PIC 919578625
- **Erdokurt kozseg Onkormanyzata (Erdokurt)**, PIC 917568300
- **Municipality of Tiszakurt (Tiszakurt)**, PIC 938380329

¹⁰ For the definition, see Article 187(2) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: “Where several entities satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant and together form one entity, that entity may be treated as the **sole beneficiary**, including where it is specifically established for the purpose of implementing the action financed by the grant.”

- **HEJOKURT KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA (Hejokurt)**, PIC 917560152

Associated partners must implement the action tasks attributed to them in Annex 1 in accordance with Article 11. They may not charge contributions to the action (no lump sum contributions) and the costs for their tasks are not eligible (may not be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2).

The tasks must be set out in Annex 1.

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interests), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the associated partners.

The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the associated partners.

9.2 Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action

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

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

The third parties and their in-kind contributions should be set out in Annex 1.

9.3 Subcontractors

Subcontractors may participate in the action, if necessary for the implementation.

Subcontractors must implement their action tasks in accordance with Article 11. The beneficiaries' costs for subcontracting are considered entirely covered by the lump sum contributions for implementing the work packages (irrespective of the actual subcontracting costs incurred, if any).

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the subcontractors.

The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the subcontractors.

9.4 Recipients of financial support to third parties

If the action includes providing financial support to third parties (e.g. grants, prizes or similar forms of support), the beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients).

The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.

ARTICLE 10 — PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL STATUS

10.1 Non-EU participants

Participants which are established in a non-EU country (if any) undertake to comply with their obligations under the Agreement and:

- to respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC¹¹
- for the controls under Article 25: allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the bodies mentioned in that Article (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.).

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

10.2 Participants which are international organisations

Participants which are international organisations (IOs; if any) undertake to comply with their obligations under the Agreement and:

- to respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: to use either independent public officers or external auditors which comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC
- for the controls under Article 25: to allow for the checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the bodies mentioned in that Article, taking into account the specific agreements concluded by them and the EU (if any).

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

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

10.3 Pillar-assessed participants

¹¹ Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts or similar national regulations (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

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).

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

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

and use the following specific rules, for:

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

- liability for damages (Article 33.2): the granting authority must be compensated for damage it sustains as a result of the implementation of the action or because the action was not implemented in full compliance with the Agreement only if the damage is due to an infringement of the participant's internal rules and procedures or due to a violation of third parties' rights by the participant or one of its employees or individual for whom the employees are responsible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed and
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data.

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

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

SECTION 2 RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

ARTICLE 11 — PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION

11.1 Obligation to properly implement the action

The beneficiaries must implement the action as described in Annex 1 and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, the call conditions and all legal obligations under applicable EU, international and national law.

11.2 Consequences of non-compliance

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

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

ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

12.1 Conflict of interests

The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').

They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The granting authority may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

12.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the beneficiary may be terminated (see Article 32).

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

ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

13.1 Sensitive information

The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') — during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

If a beneficiary requests, the granting authority may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement.

The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participants involved in the action only if they:

- (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and
- (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The granting authority may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies.

It may moreover disclose sensitive information to third parties, if:

- (a) this is necessary to implement the Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests and
- (b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party
- (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation
- (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

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

13.2 Classified information

The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/444¹² and its implementing rules).

Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according to special procedures agreed with the granting authority.

Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority.

¹² Commission Decision 2015/444/EC, Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

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.

ARTICLE 15 — DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Data processing by the granting authority

Any personal data under the Agreement will be processed under the responsibility of the data controller of the granting authority in accordance with and for the purposes set out in the Portal Privacy Statement.

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

¹³ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

15.2 Data processing by the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must process personal data under the Agreement in compliance with the applicable EU, international and national law on data protection (in particular, Regulation 2016/679¹⁴).

They must ensure that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed and
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the data.

The beneficiaries may grant their personnel access to personal data only if it is strictly necessary for implementing, managing and monitoring the Agreement. The beneficiaries must ensure that the personnel is under a confidentiality obligation.

The beneficiaries must inform the persons whose data are transferred to the granting authority and provide them with the Portal Privacy Statement.

15.3 Consequences of non-compliance

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

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

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

16.1 Background and access rights to background

The beneficiaries must give each other and the other participants access to the background identified as needed for implementing the action, subject to any specific rules in Annex 5.

‘Background’ means any data, know-how or information — whatever its form or nature (tangible or intangible), including any rights such as intellectual property rights — that is:

- (a) held by the beneficiaries before they acceded to the Agreement and

¹⁴ 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).

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



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European Union



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

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

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

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

17.3 Quality of information — Disclaimer

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

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

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

17.4 Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules

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

17.5 Consequences of non-compliance

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

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

ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

Not applicable

SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS

19.1 Information requests

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the lump sum contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement.

The information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

19.2 Participant Register data updates

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action or afterwards — their information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.

19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action

The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any of the following:

- (a) **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action or affect the EU's financial interests, in particular:
 - (i) changes in their legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour signed before grant signature)
 - (ii) linked action information: not applicable
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
 - (i) the decision to award the grant or
 - (ii) compliance with requirements under the Agreement.

19.4 Consequences of non-compliance

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

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

ARTICLE 20 — RECORD-KEEPING

20.1 Keeping records and supporting documents

The beneficiaries must — at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6) — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action (proper implementation of the work and/or achievement of the results as described in Annex 1) in line with the accepted standards in the respective field (if any); beneficiaries do not need to keep specific records on the actual costs incurred.

The records and supporting documents must be made available upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

If there are on-going checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims under the Agreement (including the extension of findings; see Article 25), the beneficiaries must keep these records and other supporting documentation until the end of these procedures.

The beneficiaries must keep the original documents. Digital and digitalised documents are considered originals if they are authorised by the applicable national law. The granting authority may accept non-original documents if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

20.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, lump sum contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

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

ARTICLE 21 — REPORTING

21.1 Continuous reporting

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

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

21.2 Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements

In addition, the beneficiaries must provide reports to request payments, in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2):

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

The prefinancing and periodic reports include a technical and financial part.

The technical part includes an overview of the action implementation. It must be prepared using the template available in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool.

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

The financial part of the periodic report includes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21.3 Currency for financial statements and conversion into euros

The financial statements must be drafted in euro.

21.4 Reporting language

The reporting must be in the language of the Agreement, unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

21.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a report submitted does not comply with this Article, the granting authority may suspend the payment deadline (see Article 29) and apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

If the coordinator breaches its reporting obligations, the granting authority may terminate the grant or the coordinator's participation (see Article 32) or apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 22 — PAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES — CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS DUE

22.1 Payments and payment arrangements

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

They will be made in euro to the bank account indicated by the coordinator (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) and must be distributed without unjustified delay (restrictions may apply to distribution of the initial prefinancing payment; see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

Payments to this bank account will discharge the granting authority from its payment obligation.

The cost of payment transfers will be borne as follows:

- the granting authority bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the beneficiary bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the party causing a repetition of a transfer bears all costs of the repeated transfer.

Payments by the granting authority will be considered to have been carried out on the date when they are debited to its account.

22.2 Recoveries

Recoveries will be made, if — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — it turns out that the granting authority has paid too much and needs to recover the amounts undue.

The general liability regime for recoveries (first-line liability) is as follows: At final payment, the coordinator will be fully liable for recoveries, even if it has not been the final recipient of the undue amounts. At beneficiary termination or after final payment, recoveries will be made directly against the beneficiaries concerned.

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

In case of enforced recoveries (see Article 22.4):

- the beneficiaries will be jointly and severally liable for repaying debts of another beneficiary under the Agreement (including late-payment interest), if required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- affiliated entities will be held liable for repaying debts of their beneficiaries under the Agreement (including late-payment interest), if required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4).

22.3 Amounts due

22.3.1 Prefinancing payments

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

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

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

For **additional prefinancements** (if any), the amount due, schedule and modalities are also set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2). However, if the statement on the use of the previous prefinancing payment shows that less than 70% was used, the amount set out in the Data Sheet will be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used.

Prefinancing payments (or parts of them) may be offset (without the beneficiaries' consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

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

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

22.3.2 Amount due at beneficiary termination — Recovery

In case of beneficiary termination, the granting authority will determine the provisional amount due for the beneficiary concerned.

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

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

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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

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

The **balance** is then calculated by deducting the payments received (if any; see report on the distribution of payments in Article 32), from the total accepted EU contribution:

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

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

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

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

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered and ask this amount to be paid to the coordinator (**confirmation letter**).

22.3.3 Interim payments

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

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

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

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

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

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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

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

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

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

Interim payments (or parts of them) may be offset (without the beneficiaries’ consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

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

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

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

The final payment (payment of the balance) reimburses the remaining eligible lump sum contributions claimed for the implemented work packages (if any).

The final payment will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

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

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

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

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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

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

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Not applicable

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Not applicable

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

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

If the balance is **positive**, it will be **paid** to the coordinator.

The final payment (or part of it) may be offset (without the beneficiaries' consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

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

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

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

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

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

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

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

22.3.5 Audit implementation after final payment — Revised final grant amount — Recovery

If — after the final payment (in particular, after checks, reviews, audits or investigations; see Article 25) — the granting authority rejects lump sum contributions (see Article 27) or reduces the grant (see Article 28), it will calculate the **revised final grant amount** for the beneficiary concerned.

The **beneficiary revised final grant amount** will be calculated in the following step:

Step 1 — Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

Step 1 — Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

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

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

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

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

{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary
divided by

total accepted EU contribution for the action}
 multiplied by
 final grant amount for the action}.

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

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

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

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

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

22.4 Enforced recovery

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

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

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

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

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

The amount to be recovered will be increased by **late-payment interest** at the rate set out in Article 23.5, from the day following the payment date in the debit note, up to and including the date the full payment is received.

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

Bank charges incurred in the recovery process will be borne by the beneficiary, unless Directive 2015/2366¹⁵ applies.

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

22.5 Consequences of non-compliance

22.5.1 If the granting authority does not pay within the payment deadlines (see above), the beneficiaries are entitled to **late-payment interest** at the reference rate applied by the European Central Bank (ECB) for its main refinancing operations in euros, plus the percentage specified in the Data Sheet (Point 4.2). The ECB reference rate to be used is the rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment deadline expires, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

If the late-payment interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it will be paid to the coordinator only on request submitted within two months of receiving the late payment.

Late-payment interest is not due if all beneficiaries are EU Member States (including regional and local government authorities or other public bodies acting on behalf of a Member State for the purpose of this Agreement).

If payments or the payment deadline are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30), payment will not be considered as late.

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

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

22.5.2 If the coordinator breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 29) and the grant or the coordinator may be terminated (see Article 32).

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

ARTICLE 23 — GUARANTEES

23.1 Prefinancing guarantee

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

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

The guarantees must be drawn up using the template published on the Portal and fulfil the following conditions:

¹⁵ Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC (OJ L 337, 23.12.2015, p. 35).

- (a) be provided by a bank or approved financial institution established in the EU or — if requested by the coordinator and accepted by the granting authority — by a third party or a bank or financial institution established outside the EU offering equivalent security
- (b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the granting authority to first have recourse against the principal debtor (i.e. the beneficiary concerned) and
- (c) remain explicitly in force until the final payment and, if the final payment takes the form of a recovery, until five months after the debit note is notified to a beneficiary.

They will be released within the following month.

23.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If the beneficiaries breach their obligation to provide the prefinancing guarantee, the prefinancing will not be paid.

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

ARTICLE 24 — CERTIFICATES

Not applicable

ARTICLE 25 — CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS — EXTENSION OF FINDINGS

25.1 Granting authority checks, reviews and audits

25.1.1 Internal checks

The granting authority may — during the action or afterwards — check the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement, including assessing lump sum contributions, deliverables and reports.

25.1.2 Project reviews

The granting authority may carry out reviews on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement (general project reviews or specific issues reviews).

Such project reviews may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent, outside experts. If it uses outside experts, the coordinator or beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information and data in addition to deliverables and reports already submitted. The granting authority may request beneficiaries to provide such information to it directly. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may be requested to participate in meetings, including with the outside experts.

For **on-the-spot visits**, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including to the outside experts) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the review findings, a **project review report** will be drawn up.

The granting authority will formally notify the project review report to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations.

Project reviews (including project review reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.1.3 Audits

The granting authority may carry out audits on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Such audits may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

The granting authority may use its own audit service, delegate audits to a centralised service or use external audit firms. If it uses an external firm, the beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data) to verify compliance with the Agreement. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

For **on-the-spot visits**, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including for the external audit firm) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the audit findings, a **draft audit report** will be drawn up.

The auditors will formally notify the draft audit report to the beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations (contradictory audit procedure).

The **final audit report** will take into account observations by the beneficiary concerned and will be formally notified to them.

Audits (including audit reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.2 European Commission checks, reviews and audits in grants of other granting authorities

Where the granting authority is not the European Commission, the latter has the same rights of checks, reviews and audits as the granting authority.

25.3 Access to records for assessing simplified forms of funding

The beneficiaries must give the European Commission access to their statutory records for the periodic assessment of simplified forms of funding which are used in EU programmes.

25.4 OLAF, EPPO and ECA audits and investigations

The following bodies may also carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations — during the action or afterwards:

- the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) under Regulations No 883/2013¹⁶ and No 2185/96¹⁷
- the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) under Regulation 2017/1939
- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) under Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 257 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

If requested by these bodies, the beneficiary concerned must provide full, accurate and complete information in the format requested (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data, including in electronic format) and allow access to sites and premises for on-the-spot visits or inspections — as provided for under these Regulations.

To this end, the beneficiary concerned must keep all relevant information relating to the action, at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (Point 6) and, in any case, until any ongoing checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims have been concluded.

25.5 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations — Extension of findings

25.5.1 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations in this grant

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations carried out in the context of this grant may lead to rejections (see Article 27), grant reduction (see Article 28) or other measures described in Chapter 5.

Rejections or grant reductions after the final payment will lead to a revised final grant amount (see Article 22).

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations during the action implementation may lead to a request for amendment (see Article 39), to change the description of the action set out in Annex 1.

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

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18/09/2013, p. 1).

¹⁷ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/1996 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15/11/1996, p. 2).

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
- (b) those findings are formally notified to the beneficiary concerned — together with the list of grants affected by the findings — within the time-limit for audits set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25.6 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, lump sum contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

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

ARTICLE 26 — IMPACT EVALUATIONS**26.1 Impact evaluation**

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

Such evaluations may be started during implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiaries and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

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

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

26.2 Consequences of non-compliance

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

CHAPTER 5 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**SECTION 1 REJECTIONS AND GRANT REDUCTION****ARTICLE 27 — REJECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS****27.1 Conditions**

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

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

Ineligible lump sum contributions will be rejected.

27.2 Procedure

If the rejection does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the rejection, the amounts and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the rejection (payment review procedure).

If the rejection leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

27.3 Effects

If the granting authority rejects lump sum contributions, it will deduct them from the lump sum contributions declared and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

ARTICLE 28 — GRANT REDUCTION

28.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — reduce the grant for a beneficiary, if:

- (a) the beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) the beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

The amount of the reduction will be calculated for each beneficiary concerned and proportionate to the seriousness and the duration of the errors, irregularities or fraud or breach of obligations, by applying an individual reduction rate to their accepted EU contribution.

28.2 Procedure

If the grant reduction does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the reduction, the amount to be reduced and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the reduction (payment review procedure).

If the grant reduction leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

28.3 Effects

If the granting authority reduces the grant, it will deduct the reduction and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

SECTION 2 — SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

ARTICLE 29 — PAYMENT DEADLINE SUSPENSION

29.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend the payment deadline if a payment cannot be processed because:

- (a) the required report (see Article 21) has not been submitted or is not complete or additional information is needed
- (b) there are doubts about the amount to be paid (e.g. ongoing extension procedure, queries about eligibility, need for a grant reduction, etc.) and additional checks, reviews, audits or investigations are necessary, or
- (c) there are other issues affecting the EU financial interests.

29.2 Procedure

The granting authority will formally notify the coordinator of the suspension and the reasons why.

The suspension will **take effect** the day the notification is sent.

If the conditions for suspending the payment deadline are no longer met, the suspension will be **lifted** — and the remaining time to pay (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) will resume.

If the suspension exceeds two months, the coordinator may request the granting authority to confirm if the suspension will continue.

If the payment deadline has been suspended due to the non-compliance of the report and the revised report is not submitted (or was submitted but is also rejected), the granting authority may also terminate the grant or the participation of the coordinator (see Article 32).

ARTICLE 30 — PAYMENT SUSPENSION

30.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend payments, in whole or in part for one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or

serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

If payments are suspended for one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will make partial payment(s) for the part(s) not suspended. If suspension concerns the final payment, the payment (or recovery) of the remaining amount after suspension is lifted will be considered to be the payment that closes the action.

30.2 Procedure

Before suspending payments, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend payments and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

At the end of the suspension procedure, the granting authority will also inform the coordinator.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent.

If the conditions for resuming payments are met, the suspension will be **lifted**. The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned (and the coordinator) and set the suspension end date.

During the suspension, no prefinancing will be paid to the beneficiaries concerned. For interim payments, the periodic reports for all reporting periods except the last one (see Article 21) must not contain any financial statements from the beneficiary concerned (or its affiliated entities). The coordinator must include them in the next periodic report after the suspension is lifted or — if suspension is not lifted before the end of the action — in the last periodic report.

ARTICLE 31 — GRANT AGREEMENT SUSPENSION

31.1 Consortium-requested GA suspension

31.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the suspension of the grant or any part of it, if exceptional circumstances — in particular *force majeure* (see Article 35) — make implementation impossible or excessively difficult.

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

- the reasons why
- the date the suspension takes effect; this date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request and
- the expected date of resumption.

The suspension will **take effect** on the day specified in the amendment.

Once circumstances allow for implementation to resume, the coordinator must immediately request another **amendment** of the Agreement to set the suspension end date, the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the amendment. This date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request.

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

31.2 EU-initiated GA suspension

31.2.1 Conditions

The granting authority may suspend the grant or any part of it, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (c) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA suspension grounds: not applicable.

31.2.2 Procedure

Before suspending the grant, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend the grant and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification).

Once the conditions for resuming implementation of the action are met, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator a **lifting of suspension letter**, in which it will set the suspension end date and invite the coordinator to request an amendment of the Agreement to set the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the lifting of suspension letter. This date may be before the date on which the letter is sent.

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

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to suspension by the granting authority (see Article 33).

Grant suspension does not affect the granting authority's right to terminate the grant or a beneficiary (see Article 32) or reduce the grant (see Article 28).

ARTICLE 32 — GRANT AGREEMENT OR BENEFICIARY TERMINATION

32.1 Consortium-requested GA termination

32.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the termination of the grant.

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

- the reasons why
- the date the consortium ends work on the action ('end of work date') and
- the date the termination takes effect ('termination date'); this date must be after the date of the submission of the amendment request.

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

If no reasons are given or if the granting authority considers the reasons do not justify termination, it may consider the grant terminated improperly.

32.1.2 Effects

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **periodic report** (for the open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the lump sum contributions for activities implemented before the end of work date (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only lump sum contributions

which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Improper termination may lead to a grant reduction (see Article 28).

After termination, the beneficiaries' obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 41 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.2 Consortium-requested beneficiary termination

32.2.1 Conditions and procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

32.2.2 Effects

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

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (iii) a second **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with other amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

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

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the second request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the second request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

Improper termination may lead to a reduction of the grant (see Article 31) or grant termination (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 41 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.3 EU-initiated GA or beneficiary termination

32.3.1 Conditions

The granting authority may terminate the grant or the participation of one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) one or more beneficiaries do not accede to the Agreement (see Article 40)
- (b) a change to the action or the legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation of a beneficiary is likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action or calls into question the decision to award the grant (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour)
- (c) following termination of one or more beneficiaries, the necessary changes to the Agreement (and their impact on the action) would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (d) implementation of the action has become impossible or the changes necessary for its continuation would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (e) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is subject to bankruptcy proceedings or similar (including insolvency, winding-up, administration by a liquidator or court, arrangement with creditors, suspension of business activities, etc.)
- (f) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is in breach of social security or tax obligations

- (g) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct
- (h) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed fraud, corruption, or is involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking
- (i) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) was created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (or created another entity with this purpose)
- (j) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.)
- (k) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (l) despite a specific request by the granting authority, a beneficiary does not request — through the coordinator — an amendment to the Agreement to end the participation of one of its affiliated entities or associated partners that is in one of the situations under points (d), (f), (e), (g), (h), (i) or (j) and to reallocate its tasks, or
- (m) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA termination grounds: not applicable.

32.3.2 Procedure

Before terminating the grant or participation of one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to terminate and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite

the observations it has received, it will confirm the termination and the date it will take effect (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

For beneficiary terminations, the granting authority will — at the end of the procedure — also inform the coordinator.

The termination will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification; ‘termination date’).

32.3.3 Effects

(a) for **GA termination**:

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **periodic report** (for the last open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the lump sum contributions for activities implemented before termination takes effect (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

If the grant is terminated for breach of the obligation to submit reports, the coordinator may not submit any report after termination.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only lump sum contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Termination does not affect the granting authority’s right to reduce the grant (see Article 28) or to impose administrative sanctions (see Article 34).

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to termination by the granting authority (see Article 33).

After termination, the beneficiaries’ obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 41 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

(b) for **beneficiary termination**:

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

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (iii) a **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with any amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

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

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 41 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

SECTION 3 OTHER CONSEQUENCES: DAMAGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 33 — DAMAGES

33.1 Liability of the granting authority

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

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the beneficiaries or other participants involved in the action, as a consequence of the implementation of the Agreement.

33.2 Liability of the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must compensate the granting authority for any damage it sustains as a result of the implementation of the action or because the action was not implemented in full compliance with the Agreement, provided that it was caused by gross negligence or wilful act.

The liability does not extend to indirect or consequential losses or similar damage (such as loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of contracts), provided such damage was not caused by wilful act or by a breach of confidentiality.

ARTICLE 34 — ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES

Nothing in this Agreement may be construed as preventing the adoption of administrative sanctions (i.e. exclusion from EU award procedures and/or financial penalties) or other public law measures, in addition or as an alternative to the contractual measures provided under this Agreement (see, for instance, Articles 135 to 145 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 and Articles 4 and 7 of Regulation 2988/95¹⁸).

SECTION 4 FORCE MAJEURE**ARTICLE 35 — FORCE MAJEURE**

A party prevented by force majeure from fulfilling its obligations under the Agreement cannot be considered in breach of them.

‘Force majeure’ means any situation or event that:

- prevents either party from fulfilling their obligations under the Agreement,
- was unforeseeable, exceptional situation and beyond the parties’ control,
- was not due to error or negligence on their part (or on the part of other participants involved in the action), and
- proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.

Any situation constituting force majeure must be formally notified to the other party without delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

The parties must immediately take all the necessary steps to limit any damage due to force majeure and do their best to resume implementation of the action as soon as possible.

CHAPTER 6 FINAL PROVISIONS**ARTICLE 36 — COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES****36.1 Forms and means of communication — Electronic management**

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

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

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

¹⁸ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

Communications must be made by persons authorised according to the Portal Terms and Conditions. For naming the authorised persons, each beneficiary must have designated — before the signature of this Agreement — a ‘legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)’. The role and tasks of the LEAR are stipulated in their appointment letter (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

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

36.2 Date of communication

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

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

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

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

36.3 Addresses for communication

The Portal can be accessed via the Europa website.

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

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

ARTICLE 37 — INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The provisions in the Data Sheet take precedence over the rest of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

Annex 5 takes precedence over the Terms and Conditions.

The Terms and Conditions take precedence over the Annexes other than Annex 5.

Annex 2 takes precedence over Annex 1.

ARTICLE 38 — CALCULATION OF PERIODS AND DEADLINES

In accordance with Regulation No 1182/71¹⁹, periods expressed in days, months or years are calculated from the moment the triggering event occurs.

¹⁹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of the Council of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time-limits (OJ L 124, 8/6/1971, p. 1).

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 signed directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

The coordinator submits and receives requests for amendment on behalf of the beneficiaries (see Annex 3). If a change of coordinator is requested without its agreement, the submission must be done by another beneficiary (acting on behalf of the other beneficiaries).

The request for amendment must include:

- the reasons why
- the appropriate supporting documents and
- for a change of coordinator without its agreement: the opinion of the coordinator (or proof that this opinion has been requested in writing).

The granting authority may request additional information.

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

An amendment **enters into force** on the day of the signature of the receiving party.

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

ARTICLE 40 — ACCESSION AND ADDITION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES

40.1 Accession of the beneficiaries mentioned in the Preamble

The beneficiaries which are not coordinator must accede to the grant by signing the accession form (see Annex 3) directly in the Portal Grant Preparation tool, within 30 days after the entry into force of the Agreement (see Article 44).

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

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

40.2 Addition of new beneficiaries

In justified cases, the beneficiaries may request the addition of a new beneficiary.

For this purpose, the coordinator must submit a request for amendment in accordance with Article 39. It must include an accession form (see Annex 3) signed by the new beneficiary directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

New beneficiaries will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of their accession specified in the accession form (see Annex 3).

Additions are also possible in mono-beneficiary grants.

ARTICLE 41 — TRANSFER OF THE AGREEMENT

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 42 — ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT AGAINST THE GRANTING AUTHORITY

The beneficiaries may not assign any of their claims for payment against the granting authority to any third party, except if expressly approved in writing by the granting authority on the basis of a reasoned, written request by the coordinator (on behalf of the beneficiary concerned).

If the granting authority has not accepted the assignment or if the terms of it are not observed, the assignment will have no effect on it.

In no circumstances will an assignment release the beneficiaries from their obligations towards the granting authority.

ARTICLE 43 — APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**43.1 Applicable law**

The Agreement is governed by the applicable EU law, supplemented if necessary by the law of Belgium.

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

43.2 Dispute settlement

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

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

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

If a dispute concerns administrative sanctions, offsetting or an enforceable decision under Article 299 TFEU (see Articles 22 and 34), the beneficiaries must bring action before the General Court — or, on appeal, the Court of Justice — under Article 263 TFEU.

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

ARTICLE 44 — ENTRY INTO FORCE

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

SIGNATURES

For the coordinator

For the granting authority

ANNEX 1



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Description of the action (DoA)

Part A

Part B

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (PART A)

COVER PAGE

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

PROJECT	
<i>Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Enter the info.</i>	
Project number:	101054054
Project name:	Let's get to know each other
Project acronym:	Young Europe
Call:	CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN
Topic:	CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT
Type of action:	CERV-LS
Service:	EACEA/B/03
Project starting date:	first day of the month following the entry into force date
Project duration:	9 months

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

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

Use the project summary from your proposal.

In order to foster solidarity and cohesion in our times, the municipality of Ohrady has decided to answer the call whose goals and priorities are in close relation to plans of the municipality focused on the development of societal life and improvement of quality of citizens' lives and the surroundings of the municipality in the future period.

Project objectives:

- Not to live in isolation, to face social challenges, often unfavourable ones, together – to meet this plan, people from different countries shall have the opportunity to exchange information in our opinion, and this could be the start to deal with other objectives of the call and its issues in a more thorough way.
- Enhance the level of knowledge about the importance of strengthening the European integrational process on the basis of solidarity.
- Strengthening European solidarity – this shall be reached through supporting the discussions about the future of Europe.
- The theme of solidarity is intended to be transformed to ongoing societal issues such as gender inequality and specific forms of discrimination, and their manifestations in society.
- An inevitable factor of the project in these times is taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on local communities.

Our goal is to achieve the participation of around 2,200 or more direct participants, so that the message of the project reaches as many people as possible, and they can indirectly spread this message to indirect participants in the project.

The expected outcome of the project is a general increase in awareness of EU participants in the project, an increase in tolerance and solidarity, a reduction in racism and gender inequality, and the involvement of non-adaptable people in social life.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.

Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC
1	COO	Obec Ohrady	OBEK OHRADY	SK	920613227
2	AP	Rabapordany	Municipality of Rabapordany	HU	938381396
3	AP	Brana Brnenska	MAS Brana Brnenska z.s.	CZ	919578625
4	AP	Erdokurt	Erdokurt kozseg Onkormanyzata	HU	917568300
5	AP	Tizsakurt	Municipality of Tizsakurt	HU	938380329
6	AP	Hejokurt	HEJOKURT KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA	HU	917560152

LIST OF WORK PACKAGES

Work packages <i>Grant Preparation (Work Packages screen) — Enter the info.</i>						
Work Package No	Work Package name	Lead Beneficiary	Effort (Person-Months)	Start Month	End Month	Deliverable No(s)
WP1	Young Europe	1 - Obec Ohrady	1.00	1	9	D1.1

Work package WP1 – Young Europe

Work Package Number	WP1	Lead Beneficiary	1. Obec Ohrady
Work Package Name	Young Europe		
Start Month	1	End Month	9

Objectives

the need for the exchange of information between citizens of different countries
 raising awareness of the importance of strengthening the European integration process on the basis of solidarity
 Strengthening the sense of European solubility
 elimination of gender inequality and individual forms of discrimination
 raising public awareness of the need for collective immunity and prevention

Description

T1.1

Colorful Europe -

Introducing of the participating partners.
 Each country by imagining each other's traditions, applied arts and folk customs.
 Cooperation and coexistence of tolerance of different cultures within the European Union
 The programs are based on a spirit of solidarity and tolerance between participants
 We will focus on gender equality and its imbalances through various lectures
 Children will be entertained by playful and educational programs
 Lectures by doctors will raise awareness of the COVID19 pandemic and the need for collective immunity

T1.2

Coexistence and tolerance in Europe -

By teachers, professors, politicians - involved in the project, we expand our knowledge from a professional point of view with relevant information, thanks to which we can gain an insight into each problem from a different perspective. We want to diversify this important day with lectures, interactive presentations and workshops.
 Involving young people in building the future EU

T1.3

Europe now and its future

Explain and understand the concepts that have become the cornerstones of the Union, such as solidarity, volunteering and tolerance
 Eliminating differences between

generations but also between nations as well as gender differences
Adopt the goals and priorities for further cooperation.

T1.4

Volunteers

volunteers, voluntary associations and community centers
Their role is to help involve participants in project programs. Avoid discrimination between accountants, maintain dignity in the context of gender equality. They will play an important role in the integration of the Roma population into society within the project. Volunteers will conduct a public opinion survey in order to evaluate the state of gender equality, the degree of discrimination between participants

STAFF EFFORT

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

LIST OF DELIVERABLES

Deliverables

Grant Preparation (Deliverables screen) — Enter the info.

The labels used mean:

Public — fully open ( automatically posted online)

Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement

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

Deliverable No	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month)
D1.1	Let's get to know each other	WP1	1 - Obec Ohrady	R — Document, report	PU - Public	1

Deliverable – Let's get to know each other

Deliverable Number	D1.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. Obec Ohrady
Deliverable Name	Let's get to know each other		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	1	Work Package No	WP1

Description
<p>TITLE of the event: Let's get to know each other</p> <p>Type of event: In situ</p> <p>Place: Municipality of Ohrady</p> <p>Indicative dates of the event : 05/08/2022-07/08/2022</p> <p>Estimated number of countries involved: 4</p> <p>Estimated number of individual direct participants: 2500</p> <p>Estimated number of invited participants (in total and per country): total 1180</p> <p>Municipality of Ohrady - 900</p> <p>Municipality of Rabapordany - 80</p> <p>Místní akční skupina Brána Brněnska - 50</p> <p>Municipality of Erdőkürt 50</p> <p>Municipality of Tiszakürt - 50</p> <p>Municipality of Hejőkürt. 50</p> <p>Brief description of Target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - young people of EU - support Gender equality - socially excluded groups of citizens <p>The project will involve children and educational games for children</p> <p>Brief description of the event / agenda of the event:</p> <p>First day</p> <p>05.8.2022 – piatok – farebná Európa</p> <p>On the first day, our priority is to introduce the participating partners. Then we also get an overview of the culture of each country by imagining each other's traditions, applied arts and folk customs. Each village and region has a special custom and beauty that we are very proud of and which takes into account the multicultural aspect of the project. We want to preserve these cultural heritage. We would like to point out the cooperation and coexistence of tolerance and different cultures within the European Union. The programs are based on a spirit of solidarity and tolerance. We also draw attention to gender equality in separate lectures. In the spirit of the friendly atmosphere created here, we continue our event, where we are no longer present only as project partners, but as close acquaintances and friends. Subsequently, the participants of the event will be waiting for lectures and interactive trainings. We want to pay special attention to the issue of the COVID19 pandemic - education will be spread by doctors about the importance of collective responsibility and immunity. This theme will accompany all 3 days.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - performance of folk dance ensembles of participating partners - solo presentation of folk songs and traditional folk songs by choirs - programs for children - in a playful and educational way we want to educate and encourage children in the name of tolerance and solidarity by tolerating other cultures, air castles for children - anonymous survey of participants on gender and racial discrimination and other forms of discrimination in the region, and their relationship with the EU - an evening music program and a dance meeting for the general public with performers from partners. <p>Second day</p> <p>06.8.2022 - Saturday - Coexistence and tolerance in Europe</p> <p>Looking at the topic of the second day, we get an overview of the defining events of our current life. With the help of esteemed people in society (teachers, professors, politicians) involved in the project, we expand our knowledge from a</p>

professional point of view with relevant information, thanks to which we can gain an insight into each problem from a different perspective. We want to diversify this important day with lectures, interactive presentations and workshops, which will be focused on the need for tolerance between nations as well as individuals. On this day, we will highlight the persistent problem of discrimination and gender equality. The concept of the project was already built to include the problem of non-adaptable people and the effort to integrate them into society without manifestations of discrimination, as the message of the project. This day is accompanied by a free exchange of views. Of course, we take into account the differences between age groups, so there are separate programs for children and adults. In the second part of the day - with the help of a Member of the European Parliament, we will explain the mechanism of elections to the European Parliament, the role of Members in our countries, in the Parliament. Through it, we will emphasize the need to involve young people in building the future EU. We will explain the functioning of the "Conference on the Future of Europe" specifically for young people and at the same time we want to motivate them to participate more actively in the creation of local government. The main tasks, objectives and representation of Members' interests are presented.

Activities:

- workshops
- presentations
- gastro festival - typical and traditional presentation of partners' dishes
- performance of folk dance ensembles of participating partners
- Continuation of an anonymous survey of participants on gender and racial discrimination and forms of discrimination, their relationship with the EU
- free discussions aimed at young people regarding their involvement in building local government and shaping the future of the EU
- lectures and discussions - presenting ideas on the integration of Roma into society at the local level
- local musical street dance entertainment with the participation of the general public and partners

Third day

7.8.20202 - Sunday - Europe now and its future

On the third and last day, there will be a presentation of the countries of the European Union and the participating municipalities. We consider it necessary to involve participants in shaping the future of the EU. We consider it important to explain and understand the concepts that have become the cornerstones of the Union, such as solidarity, volunteering and tolerance. The individual programs have been built in such a way that they are consistent and follow each other, so that by the end of the day we can see clearly and comprehensibly the Union itself and our countries, their role within the Union. Our target group reflects a wide range, as the activities are set up to target individuals of all ages, thus eliminating differences between generations but also between nations as well as gender differences. Through lectures and free discussions, we want to motivate young people and show their active participation in building a common future. In the final phase of the day, the participating partners will open a final meeting at a "round table", where they will evaluate the productivity and contribution of the project in accordance with the principles and idea of the project and adopt the goals and priorities for further cooperation.

Activities:

- workshops
- presentations
- gastro festival
- presentation of partners' dishes
- folklore performance
- dance party
- A fun and creative street for children
- games aimed at building cooperation
- meeting of partners and evaluation of the project - determination of future priorities of joint cooperation

Dissemination activities: production and distribution of posters, invitations and leaflets will take place in all partner organizations. The posters will be put up in public places such as information boards, shop windows and official municipal boards. Invitations and posters will be distributed to households. Posters, leaflets as well as invitations will be created in several language versions (CZ, HU, SK). The event programme will be published at the partners' websites as well. Social media will also be used (Facebook), providing information about the project. Each of the municipalities is responsible for distribution of invitations and leaflets among their population in their usual way. This will happen a months before the event. The invitations and posters will contain the event programme and relevant places and times. The printed brochure will be produced after the project implementation.

Another electronic media is a presentational DVD prepared after the event from video recordings in the DVD – Video format

Outputs: an Event Description Sheet (ESD) and a link to the municipality website (<https://www.obecohrady.sk>) will be provided together with pictures of the event or link to the pictures (according to their size).

LIST OF MILESTONES

Milestones <i>Grant Preparation (Milestones screen) — Enter the info.</i>					
Milestone No	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Means of Verification	Due Date (month)
1	Young Europe	WP1	1-Obec Ohrady	The output of the project will be the general education of the participants about the functioning and meaning of the European Union. The output will be captured on photographs and memorabilia and a set of photographs that the applicant will publish on his website	1

LIST OF CRITICAL RISKS

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



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Application Form

Technical Description (Part B)

(CERV Standard)

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Disclaimer

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

What is the Application Form?

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

The Form consists of 2 parts:

- Part A contains structured administrative information
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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (PART B)

COVER PAGE

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PROJECT	
Project name:	Let's get to know each other
Project acronym:	Young Europe
Coordinator contact:	Ing. Anikó Rábay, Municipality of Ohrady

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

See Abstract (Application Form Part A).

1. RELEVANCE

1.1 Background and general objectives

Background and general objectives

Describe the background and rationale of the project.

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

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

In order to foster solidarity and cohesion in our times, the municipality of Ohrady has decided to answer the call whose goals and priorities are in close relation to plans of the municipality focused on the development of societal life and improvement of quality of citizens' lives and the surroundings of the municipality in the future period.

Goals:

- Not to live in isolation, to face social challenges, often unfavourable ones, together – to meet this plan, **people from different countries shall have the opportunity to exchange information in our opinion**, and this could be the start to deal with other objectives of the call and its issues in a more thorough way. The objective shall be met with help of intercultural dialogue, by connecting different nations and languages, which will have the chance to take part in various activities together. The general objective of intercultural dialogue between partners taking part in the project is to improve the level of mutual knowledge about the rich cultural and linguistic environment in Europe, tolerance and mutual understanding, and thus to contribute to harmonisation of diversified European identity and respect for societal values. Through such a multicultural meeting, we want our citizens to see and to discover the cultural diversity of Europe and the EU and to show them that European values and cultural heritage are the bases of our common future.
- Another goal of the project is to **enhance the level of knowledge about the importance of strengthening the European integrational process on the basis of solidarity.**
The project intends to overcome nation-based thinking by supporting mutual understanding and creating fora suitable for reasonable discussions on mutual solutions. The process shall result in increased knowledge on the importance of strengthening the European integration process on the basis of solidarity and shared values. The project idea is the securing of peaceful relations between Europeans, supporting their active participation at the local level and mutual friendships and relations between them, and to strengthen the cooperation between municipalities and exchange of best practice. Local policy can help in restoring the faith in Europe –

more than a half of Europeans has faith in regional and local self-governments. The new poll for the European Committee of Regions says that 52% of respondents have faith in local and regional self-governments, making them the most reliable levels of public administration, and the only one which is reliable for the majority of Europeans. By underlining the importance of solidarity and relations with the EU starting at the local and regional level, we can still strengthen the basic pillars of the EU and continue in following the original ideas of the EU.

- **Strengthening European solidarity** – this shall be reached through supporting the discussions about the future of Europe. We cooperate on, mutually decide and create the new opportunities for the better future in our common European space. Cooperation has never been more important; as the challenges we face have never been so global. It is not only about finding solutions for common problems. We also need to use our common opportunities, find common interests, live common lifestyles and cultural habits. Within this goal of the project, we want to focus on discussions which take into consideration the current trends and enable us to tackle euroscepticism by proposing new measures which could the EU adopt in order to strengthen mutual solidarity. EU membership means solidarity with other nations of Europe. Mutual exchanges of students and youth, visa-free travel with many countries outside the EU or space without borders improve the quality of life, help in creating new workplaces and enable the development of what is the most important for us – people. In the discussions we want to respond to the objectives of the Conference on the future of Europe. The Conference is the first one of its kind: it is an important European democratic event offering the forum for open, inclusive and transparent debate with citizens on many key priorities and challenges. We want to transform this EU effort to serve at the local and regional level with help of the „bottom-up“ principle.
- The theme of solidarity is intended to be transformed to ongoing societal issues such as **gender inequality** and specific **forms of discrimination**, and their manifestations in society.
- An inevitable factor of the project in these times is taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on local communities. In this goal we want to focus on improved knowledge of the public about collective immunity and prevention and the measures adopted by the EU and the countries to protect their citizens. People will learn about the essence of the often unpopular measures and about their justification in favour of public health.

The project shall give space to the general public, but the main target group will be productive, proactive young opinion leaders, representing the future of the EU. The attention will be paid to other target groups in relation to gender equality, ethnical minorities and their position in society, equality in the labour market and also other spheres of societal life.

1.2 Needs analysis and specific objectives

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

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

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

and previous projects that already demonstrate the need for action.

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

The project is built based on the „bottom-up“ principle. Therefore, it is focused on supporting local administration and cooperation between municipalities. Local policy may restore faith in Europe: more than a half of Europeans has faith in regional and local self-governments. The new poll for the European Committee of Regions says that 52% of respondents have faith in local and regional self-governments, making them the most reliable levels of public administration, and the only one which is reliable for the majority of Europeans. The answers in the common survey of the Committee of Regions and OECD show that a new coordination model between different levels of management is necessary: with respect to the future, 67% of Europeans think that local and regional self-governments are not influential enough to affect the EU-level decisions. Europeans would be glad to let regional and local self-governments have stronger influence at the EU level in several areas: healthcare (45%), employment and social affairs (43%), and education, professional training and culture (40%) are the most often cited ones. As much as 58% of respondents (and majority in each member state) think that more influential local and regional self-governments will positively affect the EU problem-solving ability. It seems that more and more people realize that the future of Europe must be built in cooperation with regions, towns and villages, and not only with member states and Brussels.

The **poll** carried out by Kantar with over 26,000 respondents says that **Europeans rely on local and regional self-governments more than on national governments or the EU**, in general and also in reaction to the pandemic. The poll participants would welcome stronger influence of local and regional self-governments on healthcare, social affairs, employment, education, professional training, and culture.

Outcome:

To ensure a more efficient coordination of all levels of public administration and to support local democracy in the EU and beyond it.

Another important aspect is the support for youth:

Young people aged 15-29 represent 17% of the EU population. They all have to face the same challenges – poor labour market, insufficient opportunities for education and professional training. Young people are not immune against crises such as global warming, uncertainty and mistrust towards institutions; they all desire better future. The EU provides various opportunities including better mobility, which is crucial in strengthening the knowledge-based economics.

The first Europe-wide regional and local barometer, prepared by the European Committee of Regions, shows that the COVID-19 pandemic importantly affects the income of public administration bodies on all levels lower than national one. The report says that there could emerge a so-called lost generation of young people „COVID-19“, while the attention is paid also to the differences between regional healthcare systems. Widening gaps between rural and urban areas also represent a clear threat for the EU cohesion. Due to the crisis, there could emerge a lost generation, as workplaces for young people are more endangered and only six member states succeeded in providing digital education for at least 80% of students. The fact that 67% of European want the towns and regions having more influence on decision-making at the EU level suggests that it is the proper time to reconsider the democracy in the EU and its connection to citizens of individual territories.

Outcome: motivation of the participants to take active part in building the local administration and the European community through their participation in the Conference on the future of Europe.

Within the project we will also emphasize the existing and even widening gap between men and women in society. It is our goal, in accordance with the **Gender equality strategy 2020-2025**, to eradicate gender-motivated violence, to fight against gender-based stereotyping, to remove gender-based differences in the labour market, to ensure equal participation in different sectors of economy, to solve the differences in wages and income between men and women, and to remove gender-based differences in social care and ensuring balance in decision-making and policy-making processes.

With help of this project we also want to support socially excluded groups of citizens. We aim at adopting measures to support socially excluded communities and marginalized Roma communities with help of efficient tools focused on overcoming social exclusion in the spheres of employment, healthcare, housing, and education. To reach this goal, we want to address community centres and social workers and invite them to participate in the project.

1.3 Complementarity with other actions and innovation — European added value

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 2017, the municipality of Ohrady was a successful project applicant with the project: The development of tourism infrastructure in the municipalities of Ohrady and Erdőkürt, project ID: SKHU/1601/1.1/228. The project was implemented within the Programme of Cooperation Interreg V-A Slovakia – Hungary, financed from the European Regional Development Fund, state budgets of Slovakia and Hungary, and also own resources of project partners. The lead partner is the municipality of Ohrady (SK), the cross-border partner is the municipality of Erdőkürt (HU). The project implementation started on December 1, 2017, and lasted to February 29, 2020. The main goal of the project was to contribute to economic competitiveness of the rural areas of Ohrady and Erdőkürt via improving the attractiveness of both municipalities and supporting the development of cross-border tourism. Within the project, the interesting elements in public spaces, relevant from the perspective of tourism, were constructed or reconstructed, and the overall appearance of municipalities was improved; a new cooperation between subjects relevant from the perspective of tourism was started and the municipalities are promoted as tourism destinations with specific offer.

In relation to the positive cross-border cooperation, we want to continue in this trend and in building good cross-border relations with partners from abroad and their citizens. In relation to the development of tourism, we want to attract as many tourists from abroad as possible, who would also visit us beyond the project framework. We want to help each other in cooperation in the field of tourism and to create bonds and partnerships as in a family. We want to attract the younger generation and lead it towards cohesion and mutual solidarity.

In the past, the kindergarten was reconstructed through the project of the Hungarian government, under the Bethlen Gábor programme. In this reconstructed place we want to continue in the long-term goals of the project in relation to adaptation of Roma children in society. We think that integration and education shall start as soon as possible. At the same time, we teach other children tolerance and the awareness that Europe and their own countries are very much diversified.

The project participants are:

- 1. The municipality of Ohrady** is the lead organizer of the project, whose idea is to build bridges between partner municipalities' citizens with the EU background. The municipality ensures implementation of project activities: all premises (amphitheatre, cultural house, community centre, football pitch, elementary school), technology and material. Besides, it ensures the participation of

its citizens – children, adults and seniors, and coordinates all participants (also from abroad). It is also responsible for event promotion. It includes invitations, posters, commemorative items, brochures. The organization will be carried out by a project team, consisting of municipality employees and active citizens.

The municipality of Ohrady is located in the Trnava Country, the district of Dunajská Streda. It is located some 6 km from Dunajská Streda. It was settled by the Hungarian tribe Kürt some 1,000 years ago. It has been mentioned for the first time in 1252 as Kurth. Currently, it has 1,350 inhabitants. There is the church of St. Stephen from 1390 and some small sacral objects.

2. The municipality of **Rábapordány** is the project partner. It will send a group of its citizens to Ohrady – municipality representatives, folk ensembles, minority organizations, pupils, the elderly, members of associations and other active citizens. The organisational committee from the municipality will be responsible for project implementation from the Hungarian part. It will be responsible for sticking to the programme with the representatives. The official representatives of municipality and its associations will take part in discussions on the new potential of the partnership. Active citizens and people from cultural and societal organizations will take part in competitions and other activities. Children will also have their own programme. The role of the municipality is insubstitutable due to the number of participants and the scope of the event. The partner will help the lead organizer with the distribution of promotional materials.

The municipality of Rábapordány is located in the fertile valley of Rábaköz in Hungary, 10 km to south from Csorna, 38 km to south-west from Győr, with the total population of 1100.

3. **Another partner: the Local action group Brána Brněnska, z.s.**, is an association of citizens, NGOs, enterprises and public administration bodies cooperating in rural development, development of agriculture, and in raising funds from the EU and other programmes with help of the LEADER methodology.

The LAG is based on local partnerships between businessmen, public administration bodies and NGOs. Together, they form a non-political community, where each partner has one equal voice. The LAG is open to all subjects from its territory which identify themselves with its mission.

The main goal of the LAG is to improve the quality of life and environment in rural areas. One of its instruments is active fundraising and distribution of funds.

The goal of the LEADER method is to support the cooperation of public, private and non-profit sectors at the local level with help of the bottom-up principle. It emphasizes the participation of local subjects, as they are the only ones aware of strengths and weaknesses of the area, its potential, and they are able to solve the common problems most efficiently.

The main task of Brána Brněnská within the project is to disseminate the mission and the idea of the project among its members and partners and to ensure their participation at the event as it is a co-organizer of the project.

4. The municipality of **Erdőkürt** is a long-time partner of Ohrady.

Erdőkürt is located in the South- Nógrád Region, in the Ecskend Hills, along the Céklás stream, 60 kilometers from Budapest, at the border of Pest county. The landscape is hilly, the village is located in a valley. Its current name has been used since 1905. The settlement is located in a large area. In the place of the old estate servant houses, detached houses have been built. There are very few old-style buildings to be found. The settlement has a post office, shops, natural gas and telephone network. A beautiful spot of the village is the new monastery, which was handed over not long ago. At present, the population of the settlement shows signs of aging, although the number of school pupils has been rising steadily from year to year.

The role of Erdőkürt will also be helping with the preparation of the event and ensure the participation of their inhabitants of all ages. The event will be attended by representatives of the municipality, representatives of non-profit organizations, cultural and social groups and dance groups. Besides the participation of its inhabitants, the municipality will also ensure the promotion of the project, i.e. distribution of promotional materials in their region. In addition, during the event, they will help the organizing team and coordinate their people through a designated person who will be in charge of leading their group of participants.

5. The word Tiszakürt is a compound word: the Tisza prefix refers to the settlement upon the river, the Kürt suffix shows that it used to be once the settlement of the Kürt tribe, one of the conquering tribes. The first written record of the village, according to written memories in the donation letter of the Abbey of Garamszentbenedek, built in 1075, mentions the settlement as a donation by king András II. from its recent history, we should mention August 1, 1948, when Tiszakürt was connected to the electricity grid, in 1991 the telephone, and in 1996 the wired gas network was

built. After the end of communist era in 1989, significant developments took place in the field of the telephone and gas network, the pavements and roads were reconstructed, the inner town, the community centre and the school roof were renovated. The development of the local Arboretum is also important, which is run by the county self- government.

The municipality will actively assist the main organisers at the preparation of the event. It will ensure the participation of its inhabitants. The event will be attended not only by representatives of the municipality and non-profit organizations, but also by dance and music groups, which will participate actively in the program within the framework of the submitted project. It will also provide information to the people in their region concerning the implementation of the event. Within the project, participants will be involved in all activities - presentational, cultural, knowledge and sports ones. The role of the municipality is irreplaceable in bearing in mind the number of participants and the scope of the event.

6. The last partner is Hejőkürt.

Hejőkürt is a dynamically developing small municipality in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county, in the vicinity of Tiszaújváros and Mezőcsát towns, at the confluence of the Tisza and Hejő rivers.

Hejőkürt used to be an ancient estate, and as its name suggests, it got its name from the tribe of Kürt. Its old name can be found in the form of Kert (Garden), and there are written data about the existence of the settlement from the XIIIth century. Hejőkürt created its own self-government in the 1990s, reinforcing thus its existence. Starting from this period major advances have been made in the field of infrastructure development, since natural gas was introduced into the village, the telephone and the drainage network had been built, the roads have been reconstructed and in the present period the M3 motorway passing through the administrative area of the municipality has been handed over, where through the hejőkürt exit the small settlements in the area can be approached.

The choice of the partners was clear, due to former positive cooperation and good partnerships from the past which shall be deepened and continued in favour of the municipalities and their citizens.

In some places, the project is more specifically in line with other programmes, in others, the connections are more general, depending on our possibilities and abilities. It is in accordance with the general intentions of gender equality and the EU strategy on gender equality 2020-2025. We want to show the persisting gender inequality and remove the existing gaps at the local level with help of lectures and discussions.

The project is focused on the youngest generation of the Roma population and their adaptation, thus being in accordance with the respective national strategy.

The project outcomes shall be applicable in each partner municipality. Then, they shall be evaluated for the upcoming time period.

2. QUALITY

2.1 Concept and methodology

Concept and methodology

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

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

The project methodology was conceptualized so that it addresses as many citizens as possible.

When constituting the methodology, we aimed at reaching the general public and also the specific target groups – ethnical minorities.

1. The project concept was thoroughly planned and devised to include entertainment, education, training and raising awareness, so that the mission of the project gets to its active participants who can pass it to other people, not attending the event. It is based on consensus – each partner has the equal space for presenting its culture. The accompanying activities, such as lectures, discussions, programme for children, were accepted by all partners.
2. Continuous monitoring of all stages of preparation and implementation is the best

instrument ensuring the smooth course of activities. The monitoring activities will be carried out by the team of partners' representatives.

3. The implementation will be managed by the project team, supported by volunteers in order to take care for the respective level of quality and the scope of the project while sticking to its priorities.
4. Promotion – there will be various forms of promotion, and all partners will be responsible for their efficiency at their territories, while taking into consideration elimination of any form of discrimination and paying respect to gender equality.
5. Implementation – the most important part of the project, carried out by each partner municipality and its staff and volunteers ensuring the smooth course of the project.
6. The project conclusion will evaluate the inputs for the future cooperation of the partners, where it shall be improved, what elements shall it eliminate etc.

In the phase of project draft the organizers had to take into consideration ethical and security aspects in order to avoid any conflicts between participating nations and minorities. Ethical and safety principles will be managed by community workers, social workers and all those responsible for calm and smooth course of the event.

The promotional phase will be focused on sticking to good manners and behaviour with respect to the diverse participants.

The project itself is built on the principle of solidarity, thus, the whole project is about solidarity and tolerance regardless of someone's colour, social status or origin.

2.2 Consortium set-up

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

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

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

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

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2.3 Project teams, staff and experts

Project teams and staff

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

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

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

Name and function	Organisation	Role/tasks/professional profile and expertise
Anikó Rábay - mayor	The municipality of Ohrady	The municipality of Ohrady during his mayor acts within the project as a grant applicant and also as the main organizer and coordinator of the event. The mayor will provide the organizational part concerning the accommodation and meals of the delegation of partners and outgoing participants from abroad
Visy László - mayor	The municipality of Rábapordány	Will be responsible for the implementation of the project for the Hungarian side. It will ensure the fulfillment of the program with the above-mentioned group of inhabitants of the municipality. Official representatives of the municipality will take part in negotiations on the new potential of the partnership.
Miloslav Kavka - SCLLD manager	Místní akční skupina Brána Brněnska,	His task is to spread the message and the idea among its members and partners, to ensure their participation in the event. Within the project, it fulfills only a co-organizing function.
Szebenszkiné Palik Katalin - mayor	The municipality of Erdőkürt	The role of Erdőkürt will also be helping with the preparation of the event and ensure the participation of their inhabitants of all ages. The event will be attended by representatives of the municipality, representatives of non-profit organizations, cultural and social groups and dance groups. Besides the participation of its inhabitants, the municipality will also ensure the promotion of the project, i.e. distribution of promotional materials in their region. In addition, during the event, they will help the organizing team and coordinate their people through a designated person who will be in charge of leading their group of participants.
Kiss Györgyné - mayor	The municipality of Tiszakürt	will actively assist the main organisers at the preparation of the event. It will ensure the participation of its inhabitants. The event will be attended not only by representatives of the municipality and non-profit organizations, but also by dance and music groups, which will participate actively in the program within the framework of the submitted project. It will also provide information to the people in their region concerning the implementation of the event.
Strezenecki Stella - mayor	Municipality of Hejőkürt.	will actively assist the main organisers at the preparation of the event. It will ensure the participation of its inhabitants, dance and music groups. provide information to the people in their region concerning the implementation of the event.

Outside resources (subcontracting, seconded staff, etc)

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

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

The project organization will be carried out by representatives of the partners and by volunteers, including the preparational phase, promotion, catering, accommodation, animation services, information stands and other tasks.

In case some of the tasks cannot be taken care of, proper external suppliers will be addressed.

2.4 Consortium management and decision-making

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

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

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

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2.5 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

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

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

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

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

Indicators to measure project development shall be relevant, realistic and measurable.

Note: the monitoring and evaluation strategy shall include the aspects of gender equality and non-discrimination in order to measure changes and effects in the sphere of gender equality.

The indicators shall consider the gender perspective in order to measure gender equality in time. E.g. the increase in employment of women or the change in social attitudes towards gender roles in relation to the work-life balance could be measured. The evaluation shall be participatory and inclusive for all participants in order to ensure gender equality of evaluation.

The quality control will be carried out ex ante, in the course of the project, and also ex post.

A time frame of the project will be designed one month before the event, in the start of the implementation phase, in order to monitor the time management of the project. Continuous monitoring of the preparation phase shall help in revealing the risks threatening the project, removing them or replacing them by other measures. Monitoring will be carried out by project team members coming from all the partners. Due to the distances between the partners, the controls will be carried out mostly by group calls. Within the calls, the partners will discuss the implemented activities and their coherence with the project and its time frame, and they will

also discuss other planned activities, leading to successful implementation of the project.

When addressing the participants, each partner takes into consideration the perspective of gender equality, to make the list of participants neutral from this perspective. The same stays for ethnical minorities.


The anonymous poll will evaluate the outcomes about the project results – the participants will tell us if the project was in line with its objectives, if the gender equality was maintained or if they noticed any racism in the project implementation. The respondents will be equally chosen from men and women to make this activity gender-equal.

2.6 Cost effectiveness and financial management

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

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

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

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

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2.7 Risk management

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

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

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

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

Risk No	Description of risk	Work package No	Proposed risk-mitigation measures

3. IMPACT

3.1 Impact and ambition

Impact and ambition

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

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

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

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

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

The main results of the project are clearly formulated with regard to the target group. As it has been mentioned earlier, the target group is quite wide, as it comprises all generations of communities. The linguistic differences between the participants are solved in a way that enables everyone to take part in his/her own language. The language barrier will be overcome with help of volunteers willing to help the participants. The participants will be primary for us, but we do not forget those who cannot take part. It is necessary to mention that the programmes are designed in a way enabling participation to anyone – from children to the elderly. Due to this, the whole programme is conceptualized through the eyes of children and the elderly. We also wanted to enable active participation of young people in talks about the EU – to present it not only professionally, but also in a daily language – especially when talking about its essence, functioning, tolerance, solidarity etc. It is a short-term result of the project that we can spread much information and knowledge about the EU.

Therefore, we want to invite speakers who are very clear and who know what and how to tell and explain, also with help of history, in order to let all absorb the most important events and all that formed the EU as we know it now. Next to lectures we also use workshops in order to let people become aware of what is so important in belonging to a united community, in life in accordance with shared values, which can help in defeating euroscepticism. Thus, we emphasize that our lives are better and more peaceful thanks to the European Union. Therefore, the level of general awareness gained through this event may prove really important. The older generation would tell and listen to stories about their culture, the past, the war, and thanks to them, we can absorb information and knowledge we could not even imagine before.

The short-term results of the project in relation to the Roma community include increased tolerance and solidarity, elimination of any discrimination, engagement of animation services and volunteers who will motivate children and youth to ethnical tolerance and harmonious coexistence as well as building mutual solidarity. The role of women will be emphasized in lectures and discussions with help of teachers and representatives of various organizations. Local businessmen will learn about the possibilities to enable harmonious balance between working life and family life while not discriminating women and leading to balanced gender equality at the labour market and in society.

Medium and long-term objective of the project in accordance with the national strategy focused on Roma communities is integration of socially excluded groups with help of leisure-time activities, suitable programmes, support for developing various hobbies and interests, and also through constant present of community workers, offer of various programmes and activities aimed at avoiding socio-pathological phenomena, and with help of cultural and other activities aimed at meaningful spending of free time of kids.

3.2 Communication, dissemination and visibility

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

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

Describe how the visibility of EU funding will be ensured.

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

The project dissemination is an important part of its implementation. Its aim is to inform the general public about the project implementation and to distribute the results and outcomes of the project among the direct and indirect target groups. This will be reflected in the tools to be used. Another goal is to inform the public about the financial assistance given by the European Commission in favour of the project implementation. The event promotion will be held before the project implementation, in its course, and also after the event is concluded. Printed, audiovisual and electronic forms of communication will be used. It can be stated that both online and offline marketing tools will be used.

Before the project implementation, the production and distribution of posters, invitations and leaflets will take place in all partner organizations. The posters will be put up in public places such as information boards, shop windows and official municipal boards. Invitations and posters will be distributed to households. Posters, leaflets as well as invitations will be created in several language versions (CZ, HU, SK). The event programme will be published at the partners' websites as well. Social media will also be used (Facebook), providing information about the project. Each of the municipalities is responsible for distribution of invitations and leaflets among their population in their usual way. This will happen a months before the event. The invitations and posters will contain the event programme and relevant places and times. The printed brochure will be produced after the project implementation.

There will be introduction to all the project partners, articles about the event and interesting pictures. It will be distributed into the partner municipalities within 2 months after the event conclusion. As for electronic media, the information about the project together with its programme will be published at all partner websites before the event. The announcement will also contain further important information. After the event conclusion, the website of Ohrady will publish the event results together with photographs (<https://www.obecohrady.sk/>).

Another electronic media is a presentational DVD prepared after the event from video recordings in the DVD – Video format. The video will also be published on YouTube. The event participants will be given pens, T-shirts and mugs as presents. All promotional materials will be designated by the logos of the European Union and the Europe for Citizens Programme. This shall remind us that the event is co-financed by the European Commission. The project concept is aimed not only at the target group but also at the public in general. It shall show know-how on how to multiply effects. It means, how the project is able to address the public in general, which is not directly engaged in the implementation. This covers the citizens of the partner municipalities who do not take part in the project, families and friends of direct participants living in other municipalities and other people. The essence of the multiplier effect is to spread the results and ideas of the project through the direct target group, which shall pass the knowledge further and provide the dissemination tools in case of interest. The public in general will also be addressed by posters put up in public places. The last effect is handing over publications and DVDs to those not participating in the project so that they could spread the vision and goals of the call among other citizens and motivate them to participation in similar projects.

3.3 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

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

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

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

Awareness, local public administration „bottom-up“

Gender equality

Racism and Roma integration

Besides general raising of awareness of the public and younger generation, the project goal is to involve the young people in building the common European Union in line with the Conference on the future of Europe and the bottom-up principle. The task of each partner is to create conditions for citizens to propose their ideas and opinions on improvement of the local life and life in favour of our common Europe.

The participants will be asked to share their proposals on the website of the Conference in order to prove the importance of young generation and its views on the future of Europe.

Other critical points of the project are increasing the European solidarity, harmonization of gender equality, non-discrimination and fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through learning about the EU and various cultures we want to deliver harmony and understanding between nations. The objective and the result of this project is to increase solidarity between the project partners and participants.

Although the project deals with the pandemic only partially in order not to stress the participants, this issue is very important and plays its role in organization and implementation of the project, and it also contributes to medium and long-term project results through motivating the collective immunity and health of the participants. The invited physicians and immunologists will talk about vaccination, collective immunity and the whole issue from the point of view of medicine. The direct contact could change some attitudes of antivaccinists

The long-term objective of the project is to influence the partners and the participants in the issue of gender equality and racism. Teachers, psychologists, Roma organizations, women associations etc. spread their ideas and explain the old stereotypes and why they do not fit the current society.

The overall evaluation of the project will be left for the final phase of the project, when the partners will listen to the members of the project team, volunteers and polls and evaluate the overall project impact, while adopting the adequate measures for the future and setting the goals of the subsequent cooperation.

4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, TIMING AND SUBCONTRACTING

4.1 Work plan

Work plan

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

The programs of our event were designed to perfectly match the idea of the project. Tasks, activities, workshops will be presented at a level that will be understood by all people, whether children, adults or pensioners.

First day

05.8.2022 – piatok – farebná Európa

On the first day, our priority is to introduce the participating partners. Then we also get an overview of the culture of each country by imagining each other's traditions, applied arts and folk customs. Each village and region has a special custom and beauty that we are very proud of and which takes into account the multicultural aspect of the project. We want to preserve these cultural heritage. We would like to point out the cooperation and coexistence of tolerance and different cultures within the European Union. The programs are based on a spirit of solidarity and tolerance. We also draw attention to gender equality in separate lectures. In the spirit of the friendly atmosphere created here, we continue our event, where we are no longer present only as project partners, but as close acquaintances and friends. Subsequently, the participants of the event will be waiting for lectures and interactive trainings. We want to pay special attention to the issue of the COVID19 pandemic - education will be spread by doctors about the importance of collective responsibility and immunity. This theme will accompany all 3 days.

Activities:

- performance of folk dance ensembles of participating partners
- solo presentation of folk songs and traditional folk songs by choirs
- programs for children - in a playful and educational way we want to educate and encourage children in the name of tolerance and solidarity by tolerating other cultures, air castles for children
- anonymous survey of participants on gender and racial discrimination and other forms of discrimination in the region, and their relationship with the EU
- an evening music program and a dance meeting for the general public with performers from partners.

Second day

06.8.2022 - Saturday - Coexistence and tolerance in Europe

Looking at the topic of the second day, we get an overview of the defining events of our current life. With the help of esteemed people in society (teachers, professors, politicians) involved in the project, we expand our knowledge from a professional point of view with relevant information, thanks to which we can gain an insight into each problem from a different perspective. We want to diversify this important day with lectures, interactive presentations and workshops, which will be focused on the need for tolerance between nations as well as individuals. On this day, we will highlight the persistent problem of discrimination and gender equality. The concept of the project was

already built to include the problem of non-adaptable people and the effort to integrate them into society without manifestations of discrimination, as the message of the project. This day is accompanied by a free exchange of views. Of course, we take into account the differences between age groups, so there are separate programs for children and adults. In the second part of the day - with the help of a Member of the European Parliament, we will explain the mechanism of elections to the European Parliament, the role of Members in our countries, in the Parliament. Through it, we will emphasize the need to involve young people in building the future EU. We will explain the functioning of the "Conference on the Future of Europe" specifically for young people and at the same time we want to motivate them to participate more actively in the creation of local government. The main tasks, objectives and representation of Members' interests are presented.

Activities:

- workshops
- presentations
- gastro festival - typical and traditional presentation of partners' dishes
- performance of folk dance ensembles of participating partners
- Continuation of an anonymous survey of participants on gender and racial discrimination and forms of discrimination, their relationship with the EU
- free discussions aimed at young people regarding their involvement in building local government and shaping the future of the EU
- lectures and discussions - presenting ideas on the integration of Roma into society at the local level
- local musical street dance entertainment with the participation of the general public and partners

Third day**7.8.20202 - Sunday - Europe now and its future**

On the third and last day, there will be a presentation of the countries of the European Union and the participating municipalities. We consider it necessary to involve participants in shaping the future of the EU. We consider it important to explain and understand the concepts that have become the cornerstones of the Union, such as solidarity, volunteering and tolerance. The individual programs have been built in such a way that they are consistent and follow each other, so that by the end of the day we can see clearly and comprehensibly the Union itself and our countries, their role within the Union. Our target group reflects a wide range, as the activities are set up to target individuals of all ages, thus eliminating differences between generations but also between nations as well as gender differences. Through lectures and free discussions, we want to motivate young people and show their active participation in building a common future. In the final phase of the day, the participating partners will open a final meeting at a "round table", where they will evaluate the productivity and contribution of the project in accordance with the principles and idea of the project and adopt the goals and priorities for further cooperation.

Activities:

- workshops
- presentations
- gastro festival
- presentation of partners' dishes

- folklore performance
- dance party
- A fun and creative street for children
- games aimed at building cooperation
- meeting of partners and evaluation of the project - determination of future priorities of joint cooperation

4.2 Work packages and activities


WORK PACKAGES

This section concerns a detailed description of the project activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Work Package 1

Work Package 1: [Name, e.g. Project management and coordination]				
Duration:	M8 – M8	Lead Beneficiary:	Municipality of Ohrady	
Objectives				
<i>List the specific objectives to which this work package is linked.</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the need for the exchange of information between citizens of different countries ▪ raising awareness of the importance of strengthening the European integration process on the basis of solidarity ▪ Strengthening the sense of European solubility ▪ elimination of gender inequality and individual forms of discrimination ▪ raising public awareness of the need for collective immunity and prevention 				
Activities (what, how, where) and division of work				
<i>Provide a concise overview of the work (planned tasks). Be specific and give a short name and number for each task.</i>				
<i>Show who is participating in each task: Coordinator (COO), Beneficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associated Partners (AP), indicating in bold the task leader.</i>				
<i>Add information on other participants' involvement in the project e.g. subcontractors, in-kind contributions.</i>				
Note: <i>In-kind contributions: In-kind contributions for free are cost-neutral, i.e. cannot be declared as cost. Please indicate the in-kind contributions that are provided in the context of this work package. The Coordinator remains fully responsible for the coordination tasks, even if they are delegated to someone else. Coordinator tasks cannot be subcontracted (see Model Grant Agreement).</i>				
<i>If there is subcontracting, please also complete the table below.</i>				
Task No	Task Name	Description	Participants	In-kind Contributions

(continuous numbering linked to WP)			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER)	and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)
T1.1	Colorful Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introducing of the participating partners. Each country by imagining each other's traditions, applied arts and folk customs. ➤ Cooperation and coexistence of tolerance of different cultures within the European Union ➤ The programs are based on a spirit of solidarity and tolerance between participants ➤ We will focus on gender equality and its imbalances through various lectures ➤ Children will be entertained by playful and educational programs ➤ Lectures by doctors will raise awareness of the COVID19 pandemic and the need for collective immunity 	Municipality of Ohrady - The municipality of Rábapordány, MAS Brána Brněnska, The municipality of Erdőkürt, The municipality of Tiszakürt, The municipality of Hajókürt	BEN/OTHER	NO
T1.2	Coexistence and tolerance in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By teachers, professors, politicians - involved in the project, we expand our knowledge from a professional point of view with relevant information, thanks to which we can gain an insight into each problem from a different perspective. We want to diversify this important day with lectures, interactive presentations and workshops. ➤ Involving young people in building the future EU 	Municipality of Ohrady - The municipality of Rábapordány, MAS Brána Brněnska, The municipality of Erdőkürt, The municipality of Tiszakürt, The municipality of Hajókürt	BEN/OTHER	NO
T1.3	Europe now and its future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explain and understand the concepts that have become the cornerstones of the Union, such as solidarity, volunteering and tolerance ➤ Eliminating differences between generations but also between nations as 	Municipality of Ohrady - The municipality of Rábapordány, MAS Brána Brněnska, The municipality of Erdőkürt, The municipality of	BEN/OTHER	NO

		well as gender differences ➤ Adopt the goals and priorities for further cooperation.	Tizsakürt, The municipality of Hajókürt		
T1.4.	Volunteers	➤ volunteers, voluntary associations and community centers ➤ Their role is to help involve participants in project programs. Avoid discrimination between accountants, maintain dignity in the context of gender equality. They will play an important role in the integration of the Roma population into society within the project. Volunteers will conduct a public opinion survey in order to evaluate the state of gender equality, the degree of discrimination between participants	Municipality of Ohrady - The municipality of Rábapordány, MAS Brána Brněnska, The municipality of Erdőkürt, The municipality of Tizsakürt, The municipality of Hajókürt	BEN/OTHER	NO

Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The labels used mean:

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

Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement

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

: Klasifikácia EÚ - RESTREINT-UE / EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE / EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE / EU-SECRET podľa rozhodnutia 2015/444							
Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP)	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Description		Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification
MS1		1					
MS2		1					
Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)
D1.1	Colorful Europe	1	Municipality of Ohrady	OTHER	PU — Public	M8	folklore performance educational games for children anonymous survey evening music program szlovak, hungarian,englisch
D1.2	Coexistence and tolerance in Europe	1	Municipality of Ohrady	OTHER	PU — Public	M8	- workshops - presentations - lectures, free discussions - gastro festival - presentation of partners' dishes - folklore performance - dance party szlovak, hungarian,englisch
D1.3	Europe now and	1	Municipality of	OTHER	PU — Public	M8	- workshops - presentations

	its future		Ohrady				- lectures, free discussions - gastro festival - presentation of partners' dishes - folklore performance - dance party - fun and creative street for children - games aimed at building cooperation - meeting of partners and evaluation of the project szlovak, hungarien,egnlisch
D1.4.	Volunteers	1	Municipality of Ohrady	OTHER	PU — Public	M8	anonymous survey adaptation of participants to the project project organization activities szlovak, hungarien,Romani language

Estimated budget — Resources

Participant	Costs									
	A. Personnel	B. Subcontracting	C.1a Travel Cestovanie	C.1b Accomodation	C.1c	C.2 Equipment	C.3	D.1 Financial	E. Indirect costs	Total costs
	Personál				Subsi	Vybavenie	Other	support to third	Nepriame	Celkové

			Subdodávky				Ubytovanie	stenc e Životné minimu m		goods, works and services Ostatný tovar, práce a služby	parties Finančná podpora tretím stranám	náklady	náklady	
[name]	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X travels	X persons travellin g	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X grants	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR
[name]	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X travels	X persons travellin g	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X prizes	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR
Total	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X travels	X persons travellin g	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X grants X prizes	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR

For Lump Sum Grants, see detailed budget table/calculator (annex 1 to Part B; see [Portal Reference Documents](#))

Work Package ...

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

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

Staff effort per work package

Fill in the summary on work package information and effort per work package. Make sure the figures are consistent with the section estimated budget from each work package (if applicable). There is no automatic reconciliation function across the different tables within this document.

Work Package No	Work Package Title	Lead Participant No	Lead Participant Short Name	Start Month	End Month	Person-Months
1						
2						
3						
4						
					Total Person-Months	

Staff effort per participant

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

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

Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant

<i>person/month figure in bold.</i>				
Participant	WP1	WP2	WP...	Total Person-Months
[name]				
[name]				
Total Person-Months				

4.3 Timetable

Timetable (projects up to 2 years) <i>Fill in cells in beige to show the duration of activities. Repeat lines/columns as necessary.</i>																								
Note: Use the project month numbers instead of calendar months. Month 1 marks always the start of the project. In the timeline you should indicate the timing of each activity per WP.																								
ACTIVITY	MONTHS																							
	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	M 6	M 7	M 8	M 9	M 10	M 11	M 12	M 13	M 14	M 15	M 16	M 17	M 18	M 19	M 20	M 21	M 22	M 23	M 24
Task 1.1 - Colorful Europe																								
Task 1.2 - Coexistence and tolerance in Europe																								

Include only subcontracts that comply with the rules (i.e. best value for money and no conflict of interest; no subcontracting of coordinator tasks). Make sure that subcontractors are aware of the principles of gender mainstreaming and non-discrimination mainstreaming.

Work Package No	Subcontract No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Subcontract Name (subcontracted action tasks)	Description (including task number and BEN to which it is linked)	Estimated Costs (EUR)	Justification (why is subcontracting necessary?)	Best-Value-for-Money (how do you intend to ensure it?)
	S1.1					
	S1.2					
Other issues: <i>If subcontracting for the project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.</i>			Insert text			

5. OTHER

5.1 Ethics and EU values

Ethics and EU values

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

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

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

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

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

As the project is multicultural, they may happen problems due to the conflicts of the nations or racially motivated problems. However, this possibility will be tackled in the very first phase of the project, while inviting the participants. A potential conflict will be handled by volunteers, taking care for safety and health of the participants. Discrimination based on belonging to the Roma population is one of the most frequent ones in Slovakia, which is why it is addressed by a specific horizontal priority.

The project considers protection and equality of children in light of racial and other issues, including the discrimination caused by social gaps in schools.

In accordance with the Charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the project respects and ensures children's rights regardless of their race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other affiliation, origin, disability or other characteristics.

The elementary obligation of the project, anchored in the anti-discrimination legislation, is to ensure that all forms of discrimination are avoided. During the project implementation, the project team is responsible for prevention of and suppressing of any discrimination behaviour.

Gender equality was taken into consideration in the preparational phase of the project. The task of each partner was to make sure that its delegation is gender-equal. The programme was conceptualized so that it can be evenly attended by men and women, boys and girls, and they all can use their potential and use the same rights given by the project. The programmes for children will be led by animators who will make sure any child, regardless of his/her origin, colour or age can attend them.

The project is in line with the EU values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, state of law and respecting all rights including the rights of minorities. The project is based on pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity, and equality between men and women.

The project implements the article 21 of the Charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union, which forbids any discrimination, based on gender, race, colour, ethnicity, social origin, genetics, language, religion or faith, political or other affiliation, belonging to a minority, property, birth, health disadvantage or sexual orientation.

The collection of personal data will be conducted in accordance with internal information systems of the partners, aimed at collecting, processing and storing personal data, and in

accordance with international norms addressing personal data processing (GDPR), as the project is based on cross-border partnership. Only authorized persons will be entitled to deal with data to prevent their misuse.

5.2 Security

Security

Not applicable.

6. DECLARATIONS

Double funding

Information concerning other EU grants for this project

 Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).

YES/NO

We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, European Investment Bank, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.

Yes

We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, European Investment Bank, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.

Yes

Financial support to third parties (if applicable)

If in your project the maximum amount per third party will be more than the threshold amount set in the Call document, justify and explain why the higher amount is necessary in order to fulfil your project's objectives.

Insert text

ANNEXES

LIST OF ANNEXES

Standard

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

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

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

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

Special

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

LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS**ZOZNAM PREDCHÁDZAJÚCICH PROJEKTOV****List of previous projects**

Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.

Korábbi projektek listája

Kérjük, adja meg az elmúlt 4 év korábbi projektjeinek listáját.

Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme Projekt referencia száma és címe, finanszírozási program	Period (start and end date) Időszak (kezdő és befejező dátum)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER) Szerep	Amount (EUR) Összeg (EUR)	Website (if any) Weboldal (ha van)
The municipality of Ohrady	Let's play it safe- designed for children TTSK	2021	BEN	1700	www.ohrady.sk
The municipality of Ohrady	Day of reading in the municipality of Ohrady – designed for children TTSK	2021	BEN	1000	www.ohrady.sk
The municipality of Ohrady, of Erdőkürt	Development of tourism infrastructure in the municipalities of Ohrady and Erdőkürt SKHU/1601/1.1/228 Interreg V-A	2019 - 2020	BEN	824 103,59 EUR	www.ohrady.sk
The municipality of Ohrady	Reconstruction of the building - nursery school Ohrady 310041A557	2017 – 2018	BEN	185 728,60 EUR	www.ohrady.sk
The municipality of Ohrady	Internal reconstruction of nursery school Ohrady BGA/7687/2018	2018	BEN	218 394,00 EUR	www.ohrady.sk

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2021	Initial version (new MFF)

ANNEX 2

ESTIMATED BUDGET (LUMP SUM BREAKDOWN) FOR THE ACTION

Forms of funding	Estimated EU contribution	
	Estimated eligible lump sum contributions (per work package)	Maximum grant amount ¹
	WPI Young Europe	
	Lump sum contribution	
	a	b = a
1 - Obec Ohrady	30 000.00	30 000.00
2 - Rabapordany		
3 - Brana Brnenska		
4 - Erdokurt		
5 - Tiszakurt		
6 - Hejokurt		
Σ consortium	30 000.00	30 000.00

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE ACTION FOR REPORTING PERIOD [NUMBER]

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

The consortium hereby confirms that:

The information provided is complete, reliable and true.

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

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

ANNEX 5

SPECIFIC RULES

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

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

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

- **use for its own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for the granting authority or any other EU service (including institutions, bodies, offices, agencies, etc.) or EU Member State institution or body; copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers; and communication through press information services)
- **distribution to the public** in hard copies, in electronic or digital format, on the internet including social networks, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file
- **editing** or **redrafting** (including shortening, summarising, changing, correcting, cutting, inserting elements (e.g. meta-data, legends or other graphic, visual, audio or text elements extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts or use in a compilation
- **translation** (including inserting subtitles/dubbing) in all official languages of EU
- **storage** in paper, electronic or other form
- **archiving** in line with applicable document-management rules
- the right to authorise **third parties** to act on its behalf or sub-license to third parties, including if there is licensed background, any of the rights or modes of exploitation set out in this provision
- **processing**, analysing, aggregating the results and **producing derivative works**
- **disseminating** the results in widely accessible databases or indexes (such as through ‘open access’ or ‘open data’ portals or similar repositories, whether free of charge or not.

The beneficiaries must ensure these rights of use for the whole duration they are protected by industrial or intellectual property rights.

If results are subject to moral rights or third party rights (including intellectual property rights or rights of natural persons on their image and voice), the beneficiaries must ensure that they

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

COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (— ARTICLE 17)

Additional communication and dissemination activities

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

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



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