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REPORTING

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Outline

- Monitoring project implementation
- Project Timeline
- Continuous reporting module
- Periodic reporting
- Project checks
- Ethics
- Communication with REA

Project Officers monitor projects. External experts may assist.

Monitoring Project Implementation

The Agency must monitor the activities of the projects in order to assess and verify:

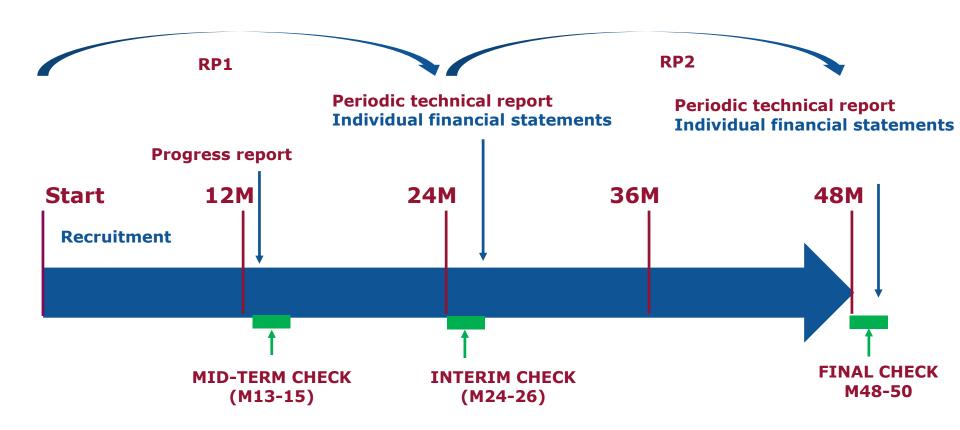
- ✓ That the **project is implemented as described in Annex 1** (Description of the action DoA) of the Grant Agreement (GA) (technical implementation)
- ✓ That the project's activities comply with the obligations under the GA (legal & administrative implementation)

In order for the Agency to verify that the project is implemented properly, the beneficiaries must submit any information requested, and in particular the deliverables and reports specified in the GA.

In addition, the Agency will also carry out 3 checks.

Project timeline





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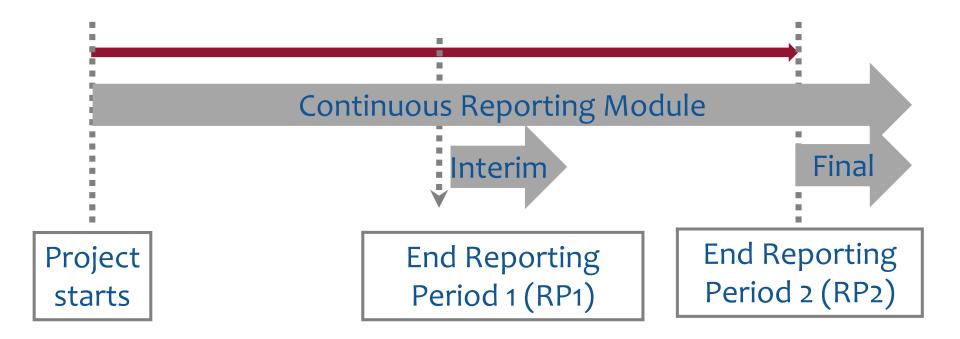
Publishable Summary, deliverables, milestones, critical risks, publications, patents, gender and Researcher Declarations



How it works – IT tools

Funding &
Tender
opportunities
Portal
is your entry
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- ✓ Continuous reporting module
- ✓ Periodic reporting module





Continuous reporting module

Information to be entered as soon as project starts

External users: how to



Log in to Funding & Tender opportunities Portal

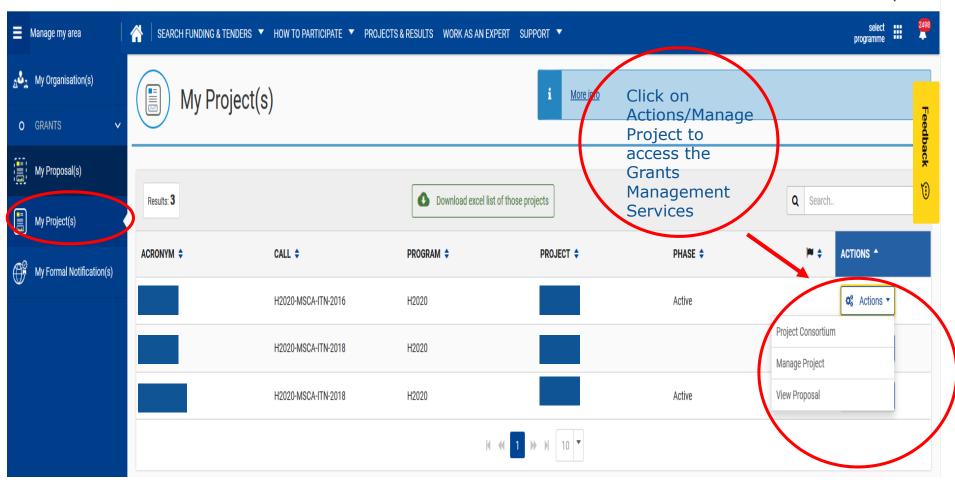
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European Commission

Funding & tender opportunities

Commission | Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)



Continuous reporting





Continuous reporting Summary for publication





Summary for publication

The summary for publication should be written as a "stand-alone" text, in a language easily understandable by a broader public and must not contain any confidential data

Summary of the context and overall objectives of the project (For the final period, include the conclusions of the action)

[No text provided]

Work performed from the beginning of the project to the end of the period covered by the report and main results achieved so far (For the final period please include an overview of the results and their exploitation and dissemination)

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Progress beyond the state of the art and expected potential impact (including the socio-economic impact and the wider societal implication of the project so far)

[No text provided]

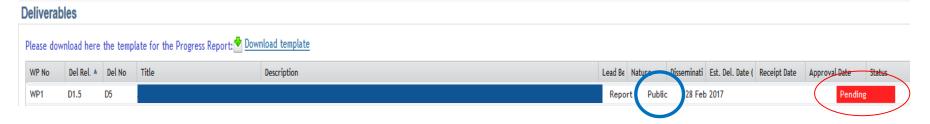
Address (URL) of the project's public website

- All fields are mandatory.
- Strongly recommended to upload at least one image under "Publishable Summary's associated images".

Continuous reporting Deliverables







Obligation to submit deliverables identified in Annex 1 (Art. 19.1 of the GA)

- •The status of the deliverable is 'Pending' when a deliverable hasn't been uploaded yet and the delivery date has passed.
- •Before submission a comment can be added.
- •All beneficiaries can upload deliverables, but only the coordinator can submit them.
- •Each time a deliverable has been submitted, the EU Officer will be notified.
- •Each time the EU Officer rejects the deliverable, the Coordinator Contacts and the Participant Contacts are notified through the Participant Portal Notification System.
- •Deliverables with a 'PUBLIC' dissemination level will be published as soon as they are approved by the EU officer; to change the dissemination level to 'CONFIDENTIAL', contact your Project Officer.

Continuous reporting Milestones





























Milestones											
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Number 🔺	Name	Lead Beneficiary	Delivery Date (Annex I)	Achieved	Delivery Date (actual)	Comments					
1	Kick-off meeting		01 Aug 2017		11 Jul 2017	a					

- The milestones entered during the Grant Preparation are displayed here.
- It has to be indicated whether the milestone has been achieved or not and select the delivery date.

Continuous reporting Publications





Publication in C













2016 International Congress of Entomology













Publications This project does not currently have any scientific publication Project publications (5 publications) No. A Type Title Authors Title of the Journal/Proc./Book Number, date or freq. of the Journal/Proc./Book DOI Repository Link

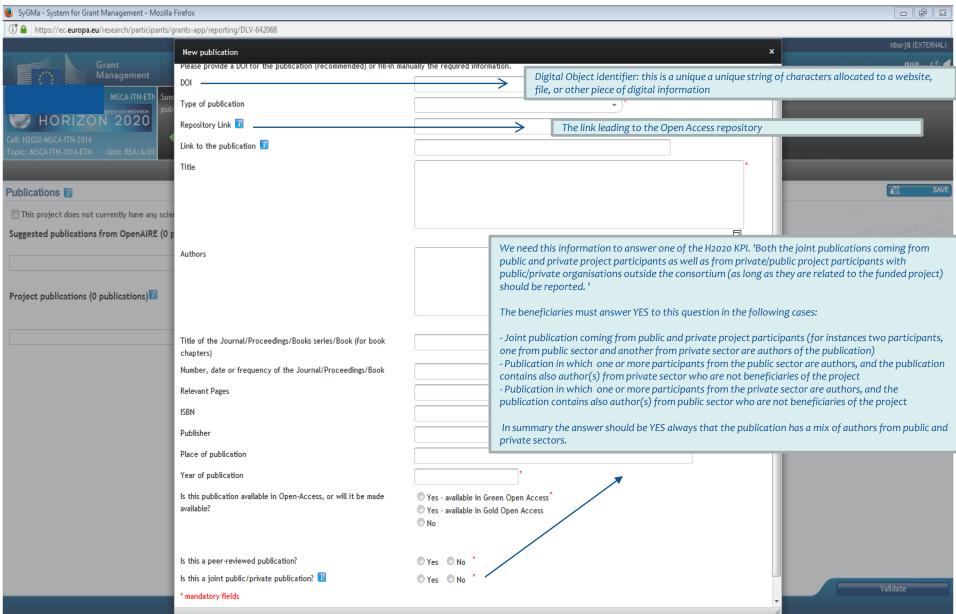
- Only the publications linked to the project should be included.
- The EU funding should be acknowledged.
- It is expected to see ESRs as co-authors of the publications.

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- Joint publications are encouraged.
- Each beneficiary must ensure open access (free of charge, online access for any user) to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results (Art. 29,2 of the GA). Non-compliance can result in a grant reduction (Art. 29,6).

Continuous reporting Publications

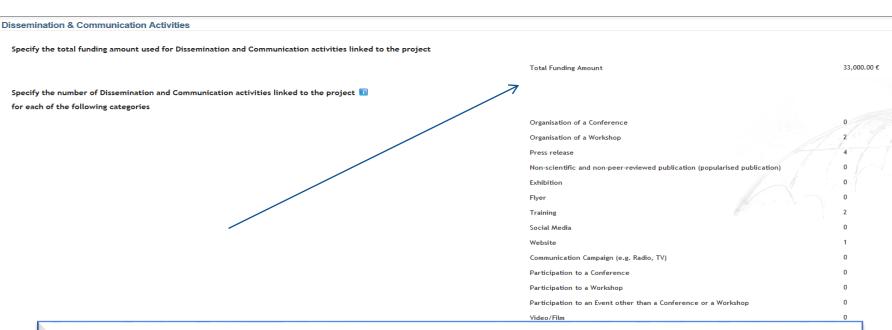




Continuous reporting Dissemination







In total funding amount, an estimation of the EU budget dedicated to the communication and dissemination activities should be indicated for statistical reasons.

Continuous reporting Patents (IPR)





Patents (IPR)

This project does not have any Registered Intellectual Property Right yet

📵 Important! If a filed application is rejected by the IPR authority during the course of the EU funded action (the project's duration) then you must remove the concerned item from the IPR list

There are no Intellectual Property Right registered.

This tab lists the Registered Intellectual Property Rights which have been generated by the project.

Patents should be reported as soon as an application for patent has been filed.

Continuous reporting SME Impact



























Impact on SMEs

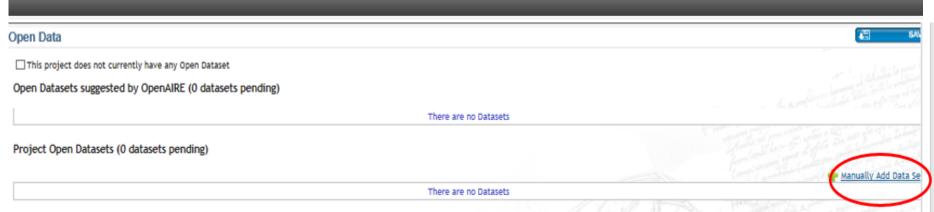
Questionnaire to measure the impact of H2020 Programme on growth and job creation in participating SMEs

Please add updated information on turnover of the company and number of employees (only for SME participants)

Continuous reporting Open Data

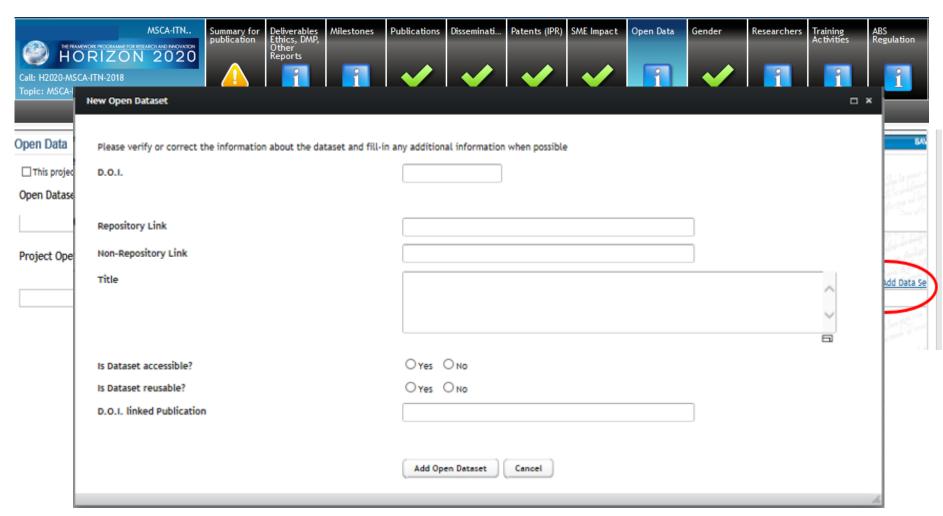






Continuous reporting Open Data





Continuous reporting Gender































Gender dimension in the project

Does the project include a gender dimension in research content?

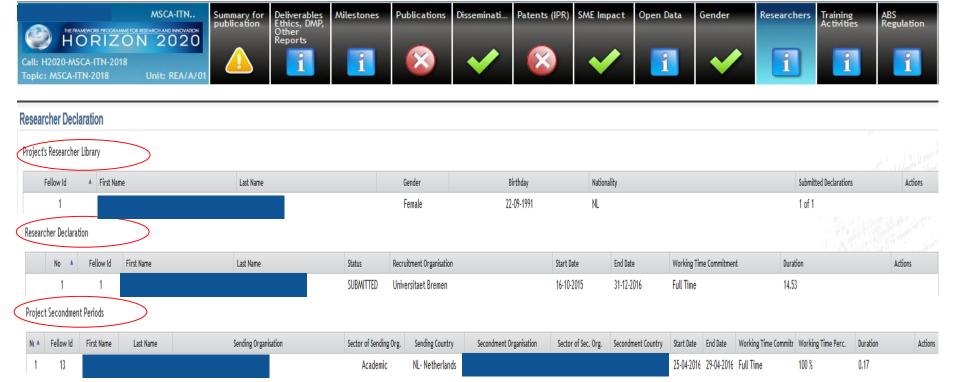
Yes

No

Gender dimension in research analyses the various elements concerning biological characteristics and social/cultural factors of both women and men into the development of research policies and projects.

See explanatory video.





Each beneficiary must submit a 'researcher declaration' within 20 days after the recruitment of each researcher (Art. 19.1 of the GA).



- First step Project Researcher's library: researchers personal details can be encoded in the library serving as a database from which researcher's declarations (RDs) can be automatically created and prefilled with the data from the library.
- Second step Creation of (RDs) by each beneficiary.

The GA specifies the assigned researchers in the action. The assignment is identified by a duration and the profile of the researcher, but without identifying exactly the person that will be assigned to the job. The RD is the document that links a specific researcher to one of the assignments.

The RDs contain:

- Researcher information (name, birth date, nationality, gender, family charges, email of researcher, last countries of activity, contract type, enrolment in PhD).
- Recruitment information: recruitment organisation, country and sector.
- **Recruitment period**: **start date and end date of contract**, working time commitment (full time, part-time, etc.).



- If something was wrongly encoded, a researcher's declaration can be re-opened by the EU officer and corrected by the beneficiary.
- There is an automatic calculation of the costs in the **Financial Statement** based on the duration (in person months) in the Researcher Declarations.

 The costs are not editable.

Thus RDs are the basis for IFS (Individual financial Statement) and need to be updated in case of change (particularly before submission of periodic reports).

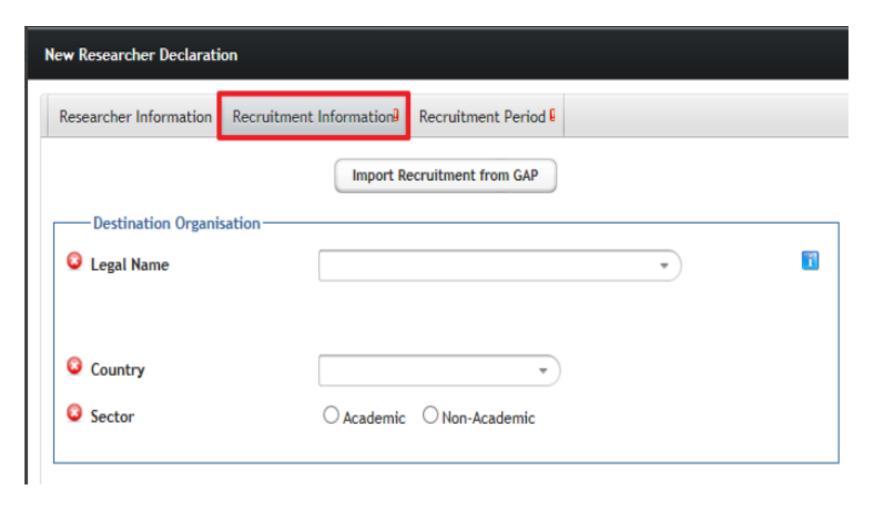
Secondments

- **Secondments** are additional periods of research training with <u>another beneficiary or partner organisation</u>.
- All beneficiaries need to report <u>all implemented secondments.</u>

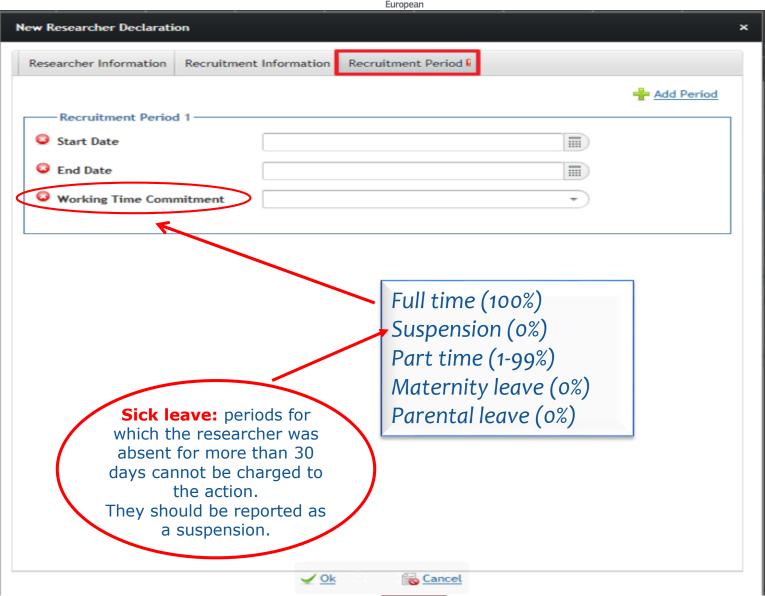


New Researcher Declaration										
R	Researcher Information Recruitmen		nt Information Recruitment		ent Period					
	Researcher		2							
	Category Gender		Early stage researcher							
			Male	Male Female						
Birth Date										
	Nationality		BE - Belgium				List all countries of			
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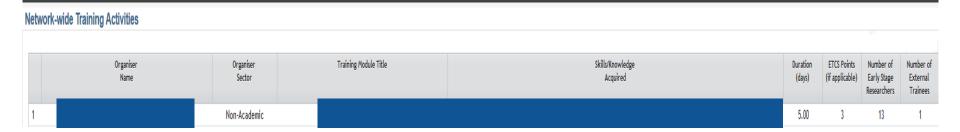




Continuous reporting Training activities







This tab needs to list the network-wide training activities which were foreseen in the DoA and which took place.

Continuous reporting ABS regulation





















Open Data





Gender







EU Access and Benefit Sharing Regulation (NAGOYA Protocol)

Important! Before answering the question below, please read the relevant information and complete the decision tree provided in the Participant Portal Online Manual

Does this project fall within the scope of the EU Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Regulation?

Yes

Necessity to inform about 'possible obligations under the ABS Regulation' for projects utilising genetic resources.

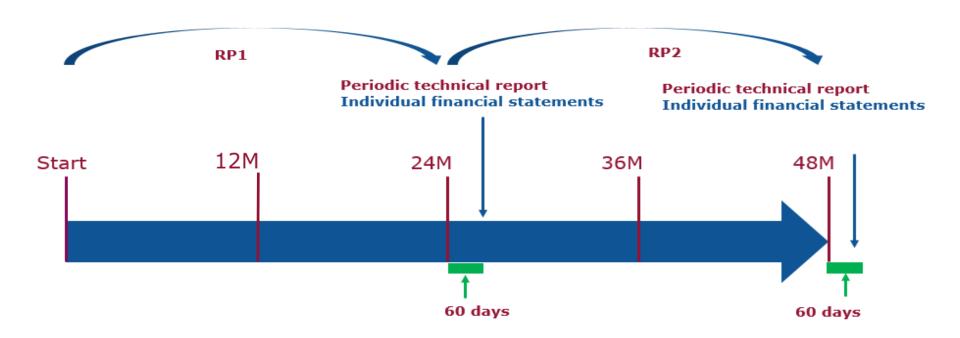
If a project uses genetic resources and if it falls within the scope of the ABS regulation, this needs to be declared in SyGMa by the beneficiary. If this is the case, a declaration of due diligence needs to be submitted. This needs to be done before the end of the project.



To be submitted within 60 days following the end of RP!

Periodic Reporting

(Art. 20 of the GA)





Electronic submission via Funding & Tender opportunities Portal & Electronic signature

✓ Periodic report – Payment request

- > The periodic report contains:
- (1) A Periodic technical report (part A & B):
- Part A: generated by the IT system, based on information retrieved from continuous reporting
- Part B: narrative part with explanations of the work carried out (to be uploaded as pdf)
- (2) A Periodic financial report containing:
- An individual financial statement from each beneficiary.
- A periodic summary financial statement, created automatically by the electronic exchange system, consolidating the individual financial statements for the reporting period.



REA Assessment of reports and payment (Art. 21.5 of the GA)

EU Officers' assessment can be either:

- ✓ Report acceptance OR
- ✓ Report rejection 2 options :
 - Ask for revisions → Suspension of payment deadline letter →
 Modify Reports
 - 2) Ask for additional information \rightarrow Suspension of payment deadline letter \rightarrow send notification with requested information

Once accepted by $EU \rightarrow Payment$



Periodic reporting module

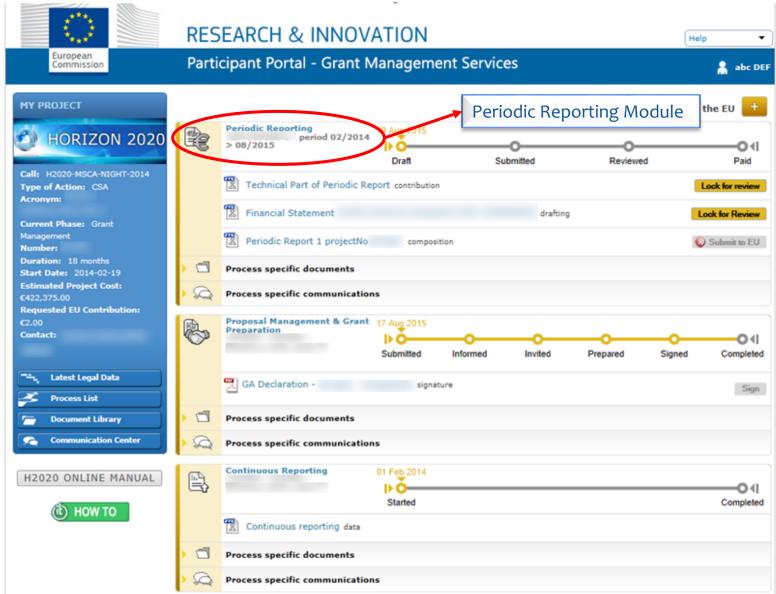
Information to be entered after the end of each reporting period

External users: how to

Periodic Reporting module



Funding & Tender opportunities Portal





Periodic reporting module - Summary of steps

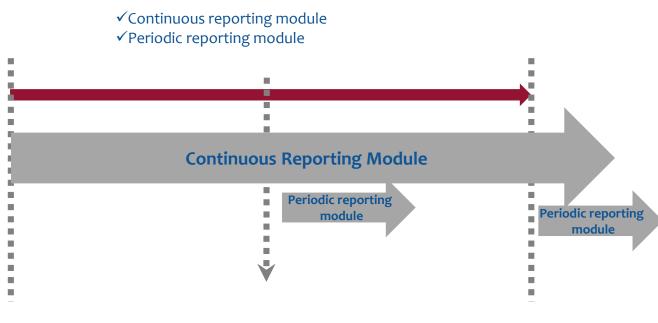
- Notification: All beneficiaries receive a notification at the end of each Reporting Period → Log on to the Funding & Tender opportunities Portal.
- 2. Beneficiaries contribute to Periodic Report:
- All beneficiaries contribute to the Technical Part of the Periodic Report.
- All beneficiaries check and e-sign their own Financial Statement and submit to Coordinator → If corrections are needed, beneficiaries must update Researcher Declarations in Continuous reporting module.
- **The Coordinator approves & submits the elements of the Periodic Report.**Coordinator submits all reports ((Technical Part and Financial Statements) in one package Single Submission.
- **The REA reviews** the submitted reports -> Accepts or rejects them.
- 5. The REA issues the interim payment / payment of the balance.



✓ Make sure the information in the continuous reporting module is complete and up-to-date before the periodic report is 'locked for review'

Synchronisation between the 2 modules

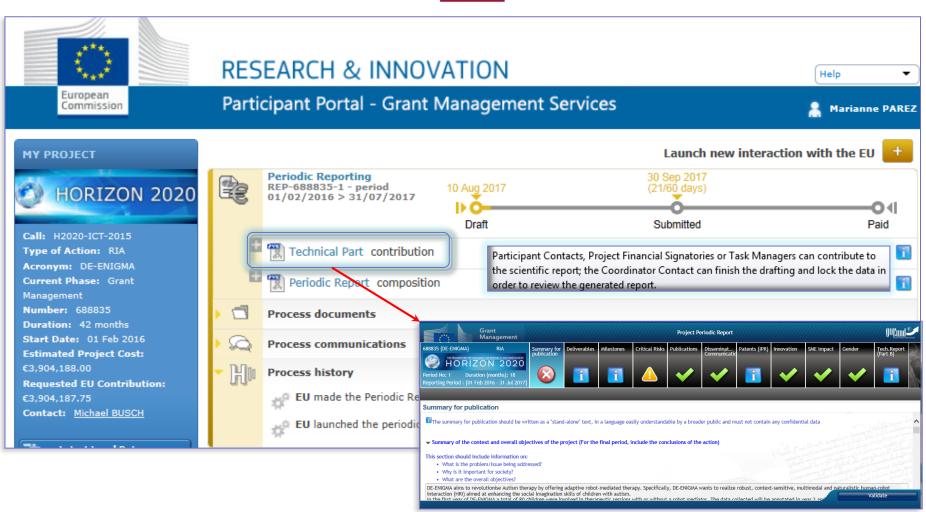
- ✓ While the periodic reporting module is active beneficiaries can also update information in the continuous reporting.
- ✓ There is synchronization between the two modules until the coordinator 'locks for review' the periodic reporting.
- ✓ At the time the coordinator submits the periodic report, the IT tool will capture the information from the continuous reporting module in order to generate automatically the Part A of the Periodic report



Periodic reporting module Technical part



Beneficiaries



All beneficiaries are asked to contribute to the Technical Part of the Periodic Report.

Periodic reporting module Technical part



Beneficiaries



Technical Report (Part B)



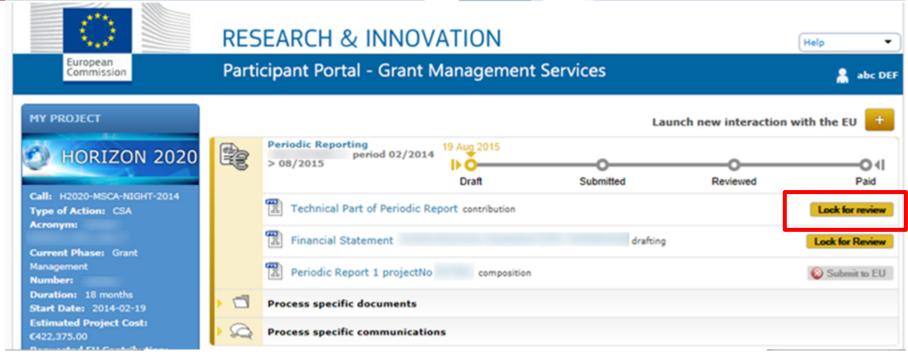
- The template for Part B of the Periodic Report will be available in this page.
- Template also available in the Funding & Tender opportunities Portal: <u>Template</u>
 <u>Periodic Report</u>

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Periodic reporting module Technical part



Coordinator



- Once all information for the Technical Part has been filled in, the coordinator*
 clicks on "Lock for Review".
- This action freezes the data and generates a PDF document.

*Only users with the role Primary Coordinator Contact and Coordinator Contact can perform this action.



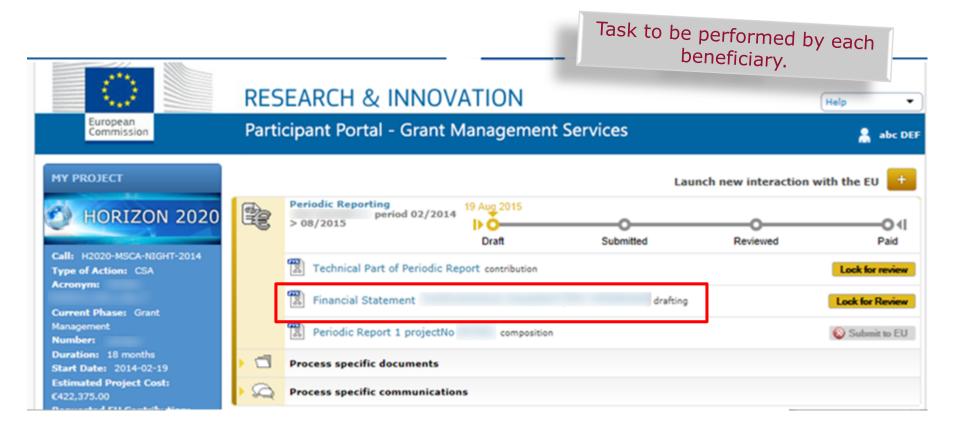
- The Technical Part of the Periodic Report can be reviewed by the beneficiaries by clicking on the PDF icon.
- Once reviewed, the Technical Part of the Periodic Report can either be unlocked for further editing or accepted for submission to the EU Services by the coordinator* (click the button Accept & Include).

*Only users with the role Primary and Coordinator Contact can perform this action.





Beneficiaries are asked to complete their own <u>Financial</u> Statement.



Automatically filled in from Researcher's declarations

Name of the fellows



Individual financial statements

Automatically filled in based on unit costs

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Automatically retrieved from Researcher's declarations

MODEL ANNEX 4 FOR H2020 MSC-ITN - MULTI

EMENT FOR BENEFICIARY [name] FOR REPORTING PERIOD [

porting period]

		Eligible costs (per budget category)							EU contribution					
(A. Costs for recruited researchers				B. Institutional costs				Total costs	Reimburseme nt rate %	Maximum EU contribution	Requested EU contribution	
					A.3 Family allowance Unit		B.1. Research, training and networking costs Unit			gement and ct costs				
Form of costs 3									Unit					
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Total beneficiary														

Checkbox 1:

tal beneficiary

I confirm that the total amount of the allowances used (including compulsory deductions) for the researcher is equal to or higher than the living allowance, the mobility allowance and the family allowance as set out in Annex 2 of the Agreement or that any underpayments in Reporting Period 1 will be corrected by the end of the action.

Checkbox 2:

Did you receive any EU/Euratom operating grant during this reporting period? YES 📮 💎 NO 📮

If yes, pls indicate how many of the total person-months (see 'total beneficiary' above) were incurred DURING the period covered by the operating grant?

Number o personmonths

Periodic reporting module Financial statement



Beneficiary

Automatically generated



Financial Statement

No contribution requested?	○ Yes ◎ No				
Financial Statements					
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	Period	▼	Adjustment	Requested Contribution	
01 Jan 2015 - 31 Dec 2016 (Period No. 1)			No	239,530.55 €	

Eligible costs:

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Cost Category	▲ Unit Cost	Number of Units	Subtota	Total
▼A) Costs of recruited researchers				134,530.55 €
Living allowance -	3,243.73 €	x 17.00	= 55,143.41 €	
Living allowance -	3,243.73 €	x 18.00	= 58,387.14 €	
Mobility allowance	600.00 €	x 17.00	= 10,200.00 €	
Mobility allowance	600.00 €	x 18.00	= 10,800.00 €	
Family allowance -	0.00€	x 17.00	= 0.00€	
Family allowance -	0.00€	x 18.00	= 0.00€	
▼B) Institutional costs				105,000.00 €
B1) Research, training and networking costs	1,800.00 €	x 35.00	= 63,000.00 €	
B1) Management and indirect costs	1,200.00€	x 35.00	= 42,000.00 €	
C) Total costs (= A + B)				239,530.55 €
D) Maximum EU contribution (= 100% * C)				239,530.55 €
E) Requested EU contribution				239,530.55 €
Did you receive any FII/Furatom operating grants during this reporting period?	Ver © No			A Secretary Secr

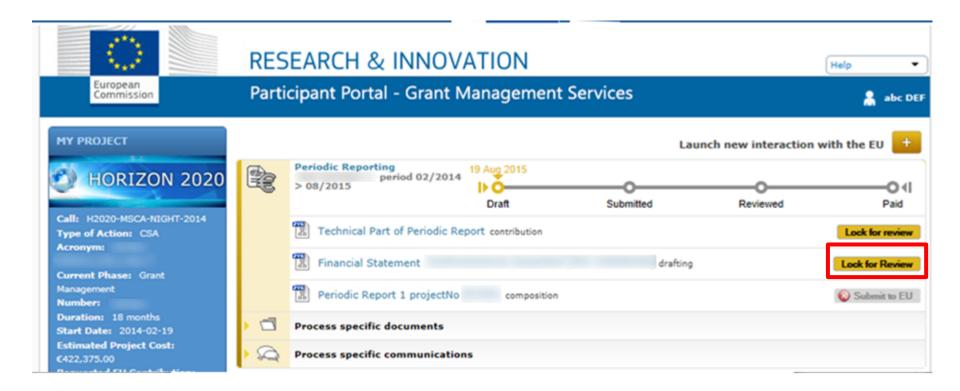
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Please indicate how many of the total person-months were incurred DURING the period covered by the operating grant





- Once all information has been filled in and saved, click on Lock for Review.
- The generation of the PDF might take a few minutes.



Periodic reporting module Financial statement



Task to be performed by each beneficiary

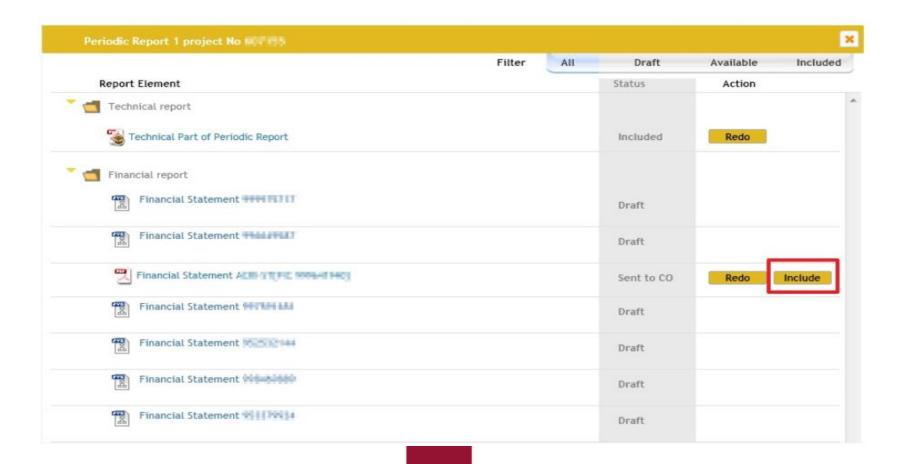
- The Financial Statement can be reviewed by clicking on the PDF icon.
- Only users with the roles Participant Contacts, Project Financial Signatories and Task Managers can perform this action.
- To electronically sign & submit the Financial Statement click the button Sign & Submit.
- Only users with the role **Project Financial Signatory (PFSIGN)** can perform this action.





Each beneficiary to review. Coordinator to accept and submit

• The Coordinator approves the elements of the Periodic Report by explicitly including them in the Periodic Report & submits all reports to the EU Services (click on the task Periodic Report composition).





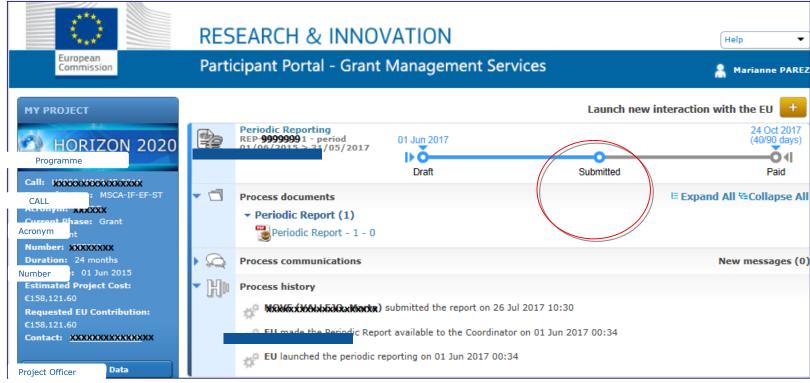
Each beneficiary to review. Coordinator to accept and submit

- Once the elements of the Periodic Report are approved, the Periodic Report can be submitted to the EU Services in one single submission.
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Periodic Reporting Status 'submitted'



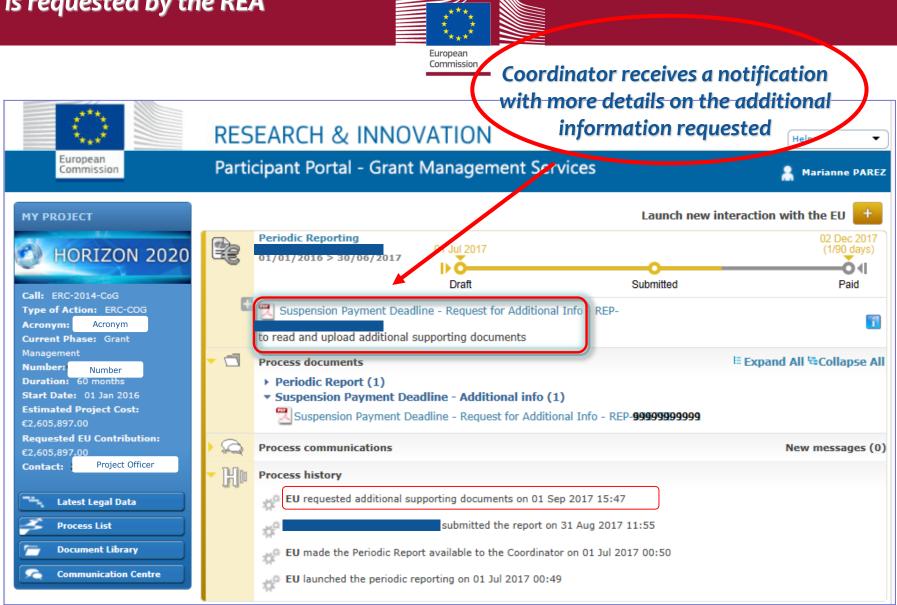


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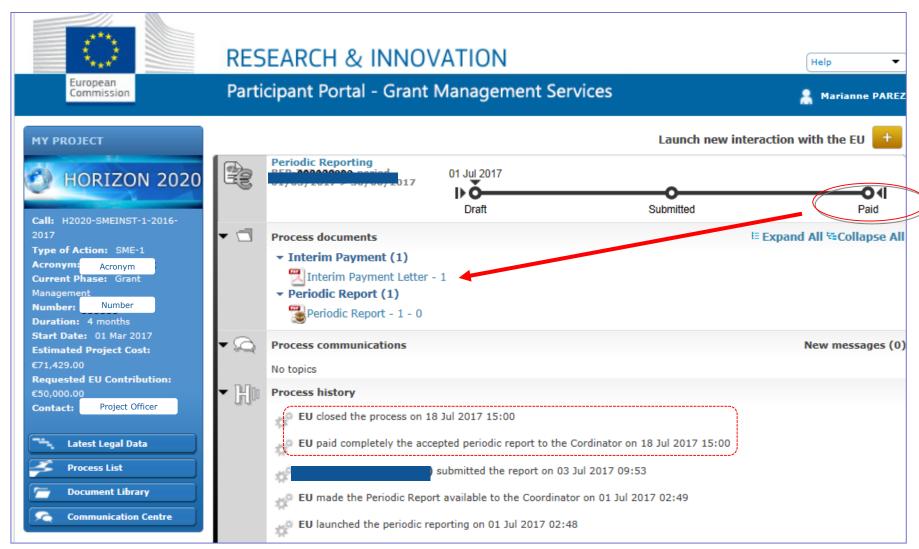
If additional information is requested by the REA



The Coordinator will **upload** a document with the requested information

If Reports accepted by EU Payment / Process closed





Questionnaires



Questionnaires – Art.32.1(h)



WHAT

Evaluation questionnaire - at the end of the fellowship **Follow-up questionnaire** - two years after the fellowship

WHO
Each recruited researcher

> HOW

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Evaluation_for_MSC_fellows

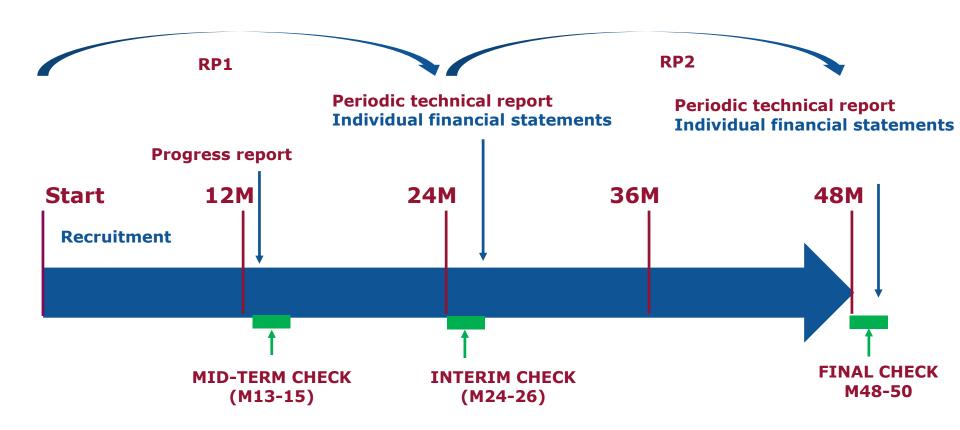
https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/MSCA_Follow-up_Questionnaire_2_years_after_end_of_fellowship



Project Checks

Project timeline



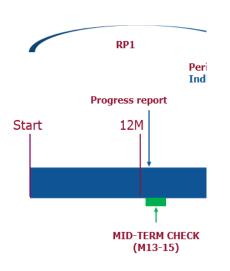


CONTINUOUS REPORTING

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Mid-Term check (Article 19.1 of the GA)



- The coordinator must organize a mid-term meeting at M13-15.
- A <u>Progress report</u> needs to be submitted beforehand as deliverable via the continuous reporting module,
- Brings together EU officer, consortium members and recruited researchers.

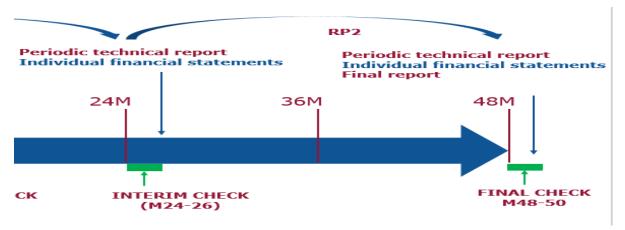
The objective of the meeting will be to:

- ✓ Assess the recruitment progress and procedure.
- ✓ Clarify the eligibility rules for fellows.
- ✓ Raise awareness on the rights and obligations of fellows and beneficiaries.
- ✓ Assess any deviation of the original training programme.
- ✓ Define contingency plans if necessary.



Expert may assist

Interim / final checks (Art. 22 of GA)



- In order to assess the project's progress, including **the assessment of the reports** and deliverables of <u>each reporting period</u>, the REA will organize an interim / final check.
- When? At the end of each reporting period.
- The checks will be done <u>remotely</u> unless otherwise agreed with the PO.
- They could be carried out with the help of an external expert.



Ethics

"The beneficiaries must carry out the action in compliance with:

(a) ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity)

and

(b) applicable international, EU and national law." (see Art.34)



How to deal with ethics issues following evaluation?

- During the grant agreement preparation, all ethics requirements identified during the ethics screening were transferred into SyGMa in the forms of deliverables
- > The **Ethics section** of the Description of Action was also updated accordingly
- During **project implementation**, activities raising ethical issues must comply with the 'ethics requirements' set out as deliverables in Annex 1.

Before the beginning of an activity raising an ethical issue, each beneficiary must have obtained:

- (a) ethics committee opinion required under national law and
- ➤ (b) notification or authorization for activities raising ethical issues required under national and/or European law needed for implementing the action tasks in question.

Ethics



- The documents must be kept on file and be submitted upon request by the coordinator to the Agency, except if otherwise requested in the ethics requirement (e.g.: submit documents as a deliverable) (see Article 52).

 If they are not in English, they must be submitted together with an English summary, which shows that the action tasks in question are covered and
 - includes the conclusions of the committee or authority concerned (if available).
- If an ethics adviser has been requested, a report has to be sent to the REA together with the periodic report (a template can be provided by the REA).
- Non-compliance can lead to a reduction of the grant and the participation of the defaulting beneficiary may be terminated.
- > Useful documents: H2020 Online Manual & Ethics Issue Self-Assessment Guidance





Funding and Tenders
Opportunities Portal
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communication with
REA

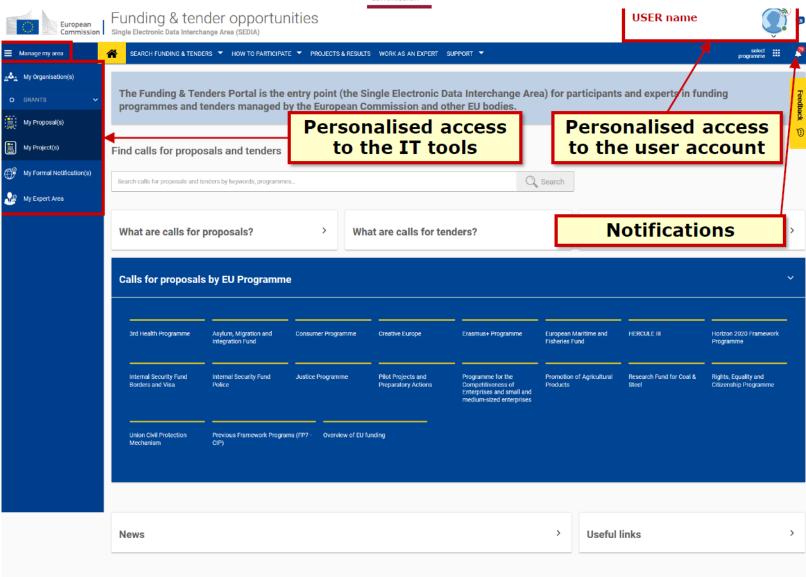


Formal & Informal communication

How to?



My Area





Formal notification process

- A formal notification is the sending of a registered document by the REA, Coordinator or beneficiary.
- Formal notifications should be used for important correspondence requiring acknowledgement of receipt.





RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Participant Portal - Grant Management Services



Abhishek DHOKTE

Launch new interaction with the EU

HORIZON 2020 Number: 915788 Start Date: 05 Apr 2017 Estimated Project Cost: Requested EU Contribution: Latest Legal Data Process List **Document Library**

Consortium Requested
Amendment
Launch new interaction with the EU

Choose one of the options below



Request for Amendment

Including notification on termination of the participation of one or more beneficiaries.

Choose the data set based on which you would like launching a new amendment request:

- latest legal data
- OAMD-915788-1
- O AMD-915788-2



Grant Agreement Termination by beneficiaries

Launch

Launch

Attention! This option is reserved for the termination of the grant agreement. The termination of the grant agreement is considered as a last resort measure, if all other efforts to continue the action fail. Termination is irrevocable and comes into force immediately after signature and submission. You are advised to consult the available guidance of the corresponding funding programme or contact the responsible officer in charge of your grant agreement.



Formal Notification

Launch

Attention! The use of the formal notification channel is reserved for specific purposes e.g. for communication as set out in the model grant agreement (MGA) e.g. obligation to provide information upon request or obligation to inform)

If you wish to interact with officers, please use the messaging facility (see below).



Communication to the Project Officer

Launch

At any time, you may wish to informally exchange messages or ask questions to the Service via the electronic system. If your query is related to an ongoing process, you're encouraged to use the messages section of that process.

H2020 ONLINE MANUAL

Communication Center

Proposal Management & Grant Preparation

(84/30 days

Help

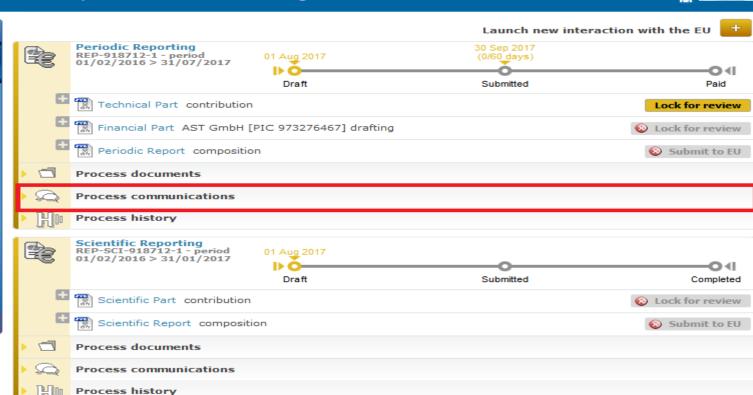


For non-formal communication/interaction with the REA, use the messaging facility



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Participant Portal - Grant Management Services

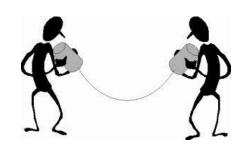




HOW TO



Establish a constructive dialogue with your Project Officer



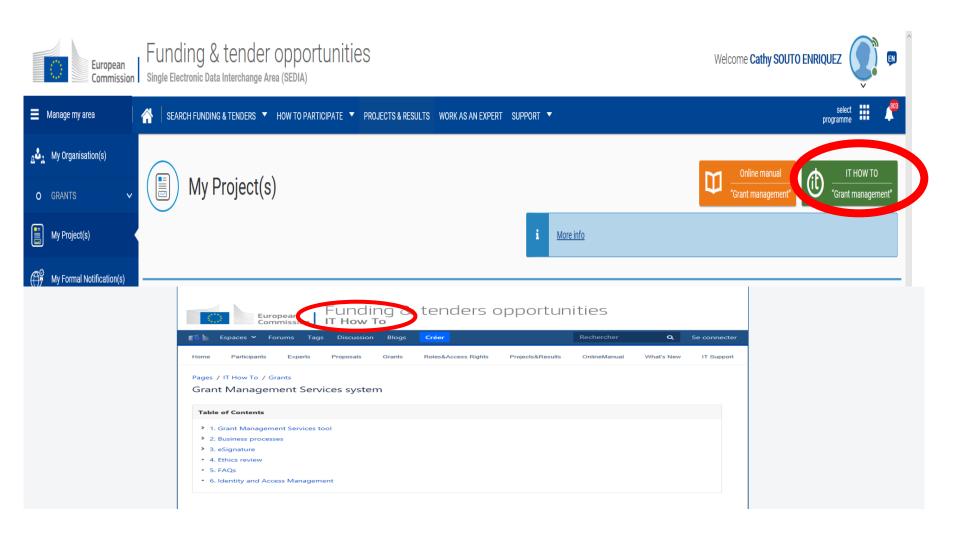
- Role of the Project Officer
- Communicating on project success... but also on major concerns & challenges
- Bring and discuss well in advance all questions and difficulties related to project implementation

Why?

- Valuable source of feedback
- Find appropriate solutions together

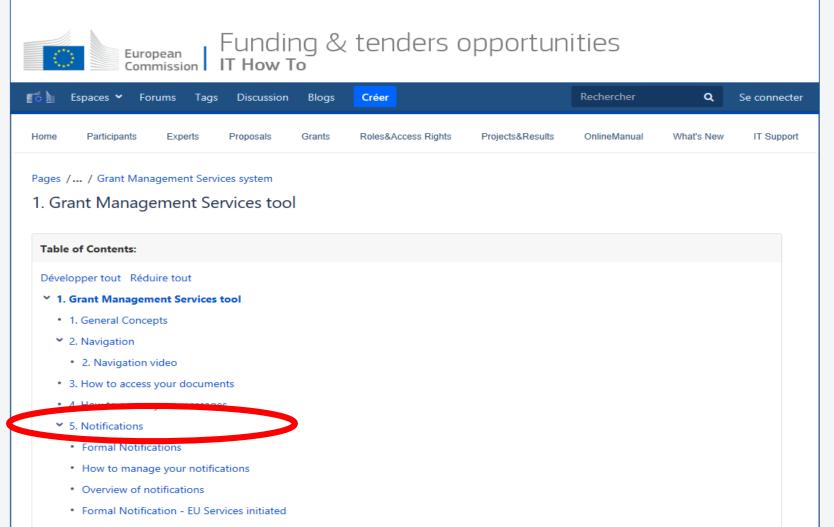
More information





For Communication



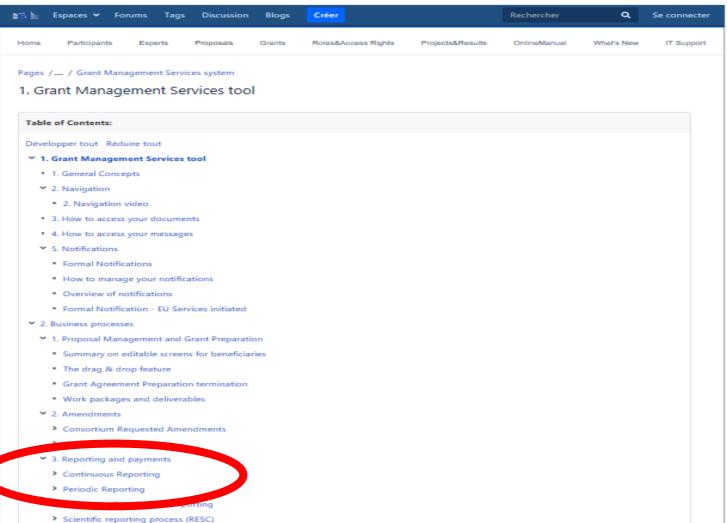


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