A WEBINAR FOR MSCA-IF RESEARCHERS

Making the most of your MSCA Individual Fellowship

28 May 2021

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Agenda

10:00 – 11:15	Session 1	
10:00 – 10:05	**Opening Remarks**	Christopher Reynolds
10:05 – 10:10	**Welcome**	Begoña Arano
10:10 – 10:25	**Introduction: Understanding the MSCA**	Christopher Reynolds
10:25 – 10:35	**Project Lifecycle: Setting the Scene**	Antonio Cipollaro
10:35 – 10:55	**MSCA-IF Budgets**	Manuel de la Guia
10:55 – 11:15	**Implementation of your MSCA-IF Project**	Daniela Ceccarelli
11:30 – 13:00	**Session 2**	
11:30 – 11:50	**Project Reporting**	Elisavet Gagatsi
11:50 – 12:10	**Open Access Requirements**	Marianne da Silva
12:10 – 12:25	**Communication, Exploitation and Dissemination**	Dimitris Káganis
12:25 – 12:45	**Your MSCA-IF Project and the Covid-19 Pandemic**	Cécile Menétrey-Monchau
12:45 – 13:00	**Concluding Remarks**	Christopher Reynolds

Questions and Survey - Who are you today?

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BEGOÑA ARANO

Welcome remarks

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CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS

Introduction: Understanding the MSCA

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The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Since 1996

Researcher training and mobility

International and inter-sectoral

135,000 +

Bottom-up approach

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After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.

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Who are we?

DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)

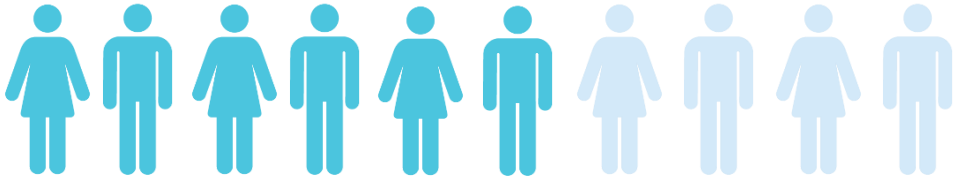
- Political responsibility

European Research Executive Agency (REA)

- Programme management

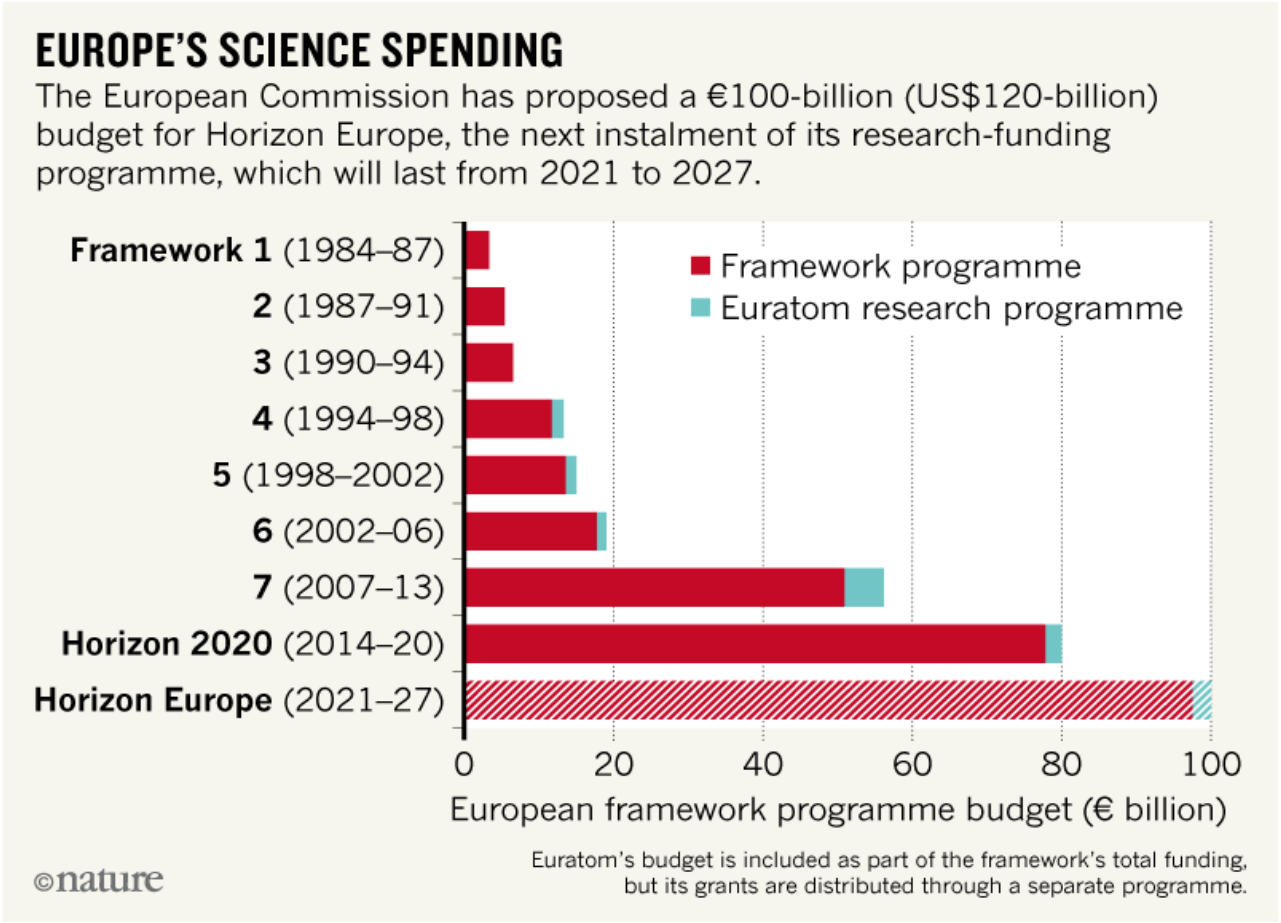
The MSCA team @ REA

60 Project Officers



Where does the funding come from?

EU Research and Innovation Programmes



Source: Nature **557**, 150 (2018)

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Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

Overall budget:
€95.5 billion
(+30% compared to H2020)

MSCA: ca. €6.6 billion

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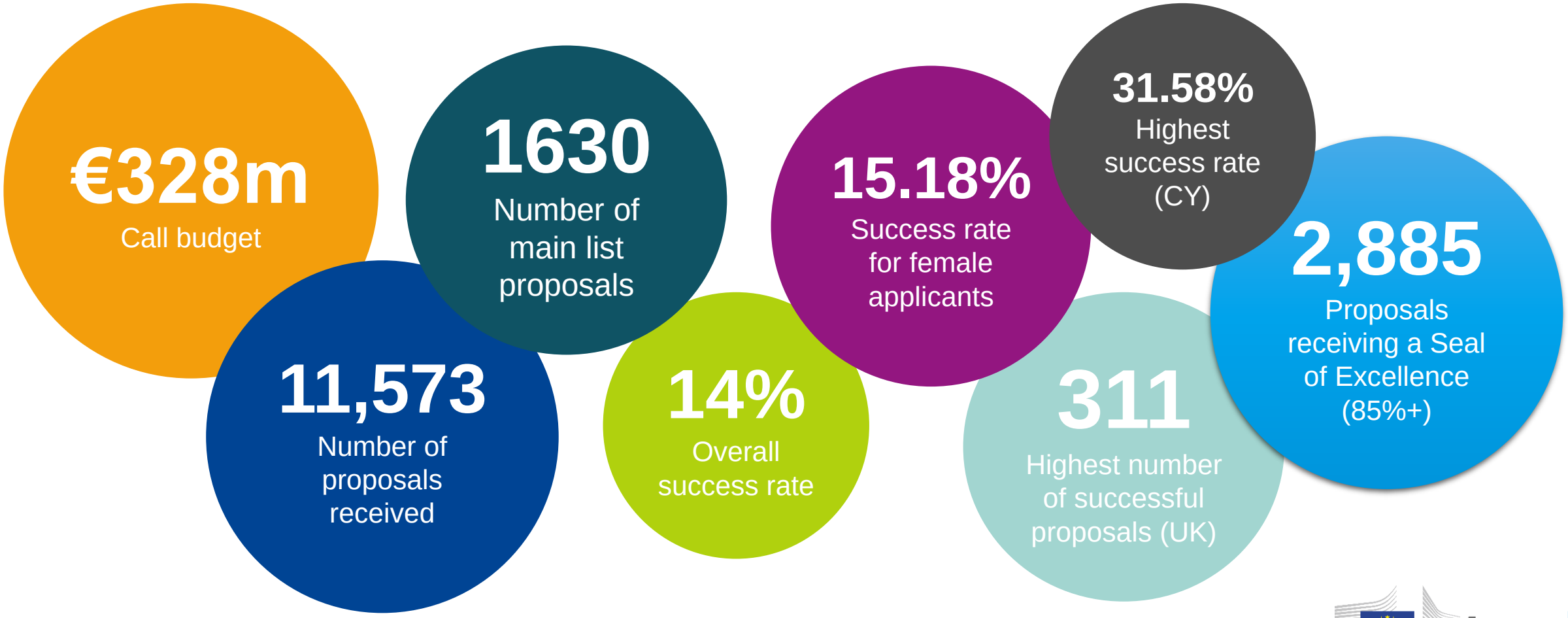
MSCA-IF 2020 Call Statistics



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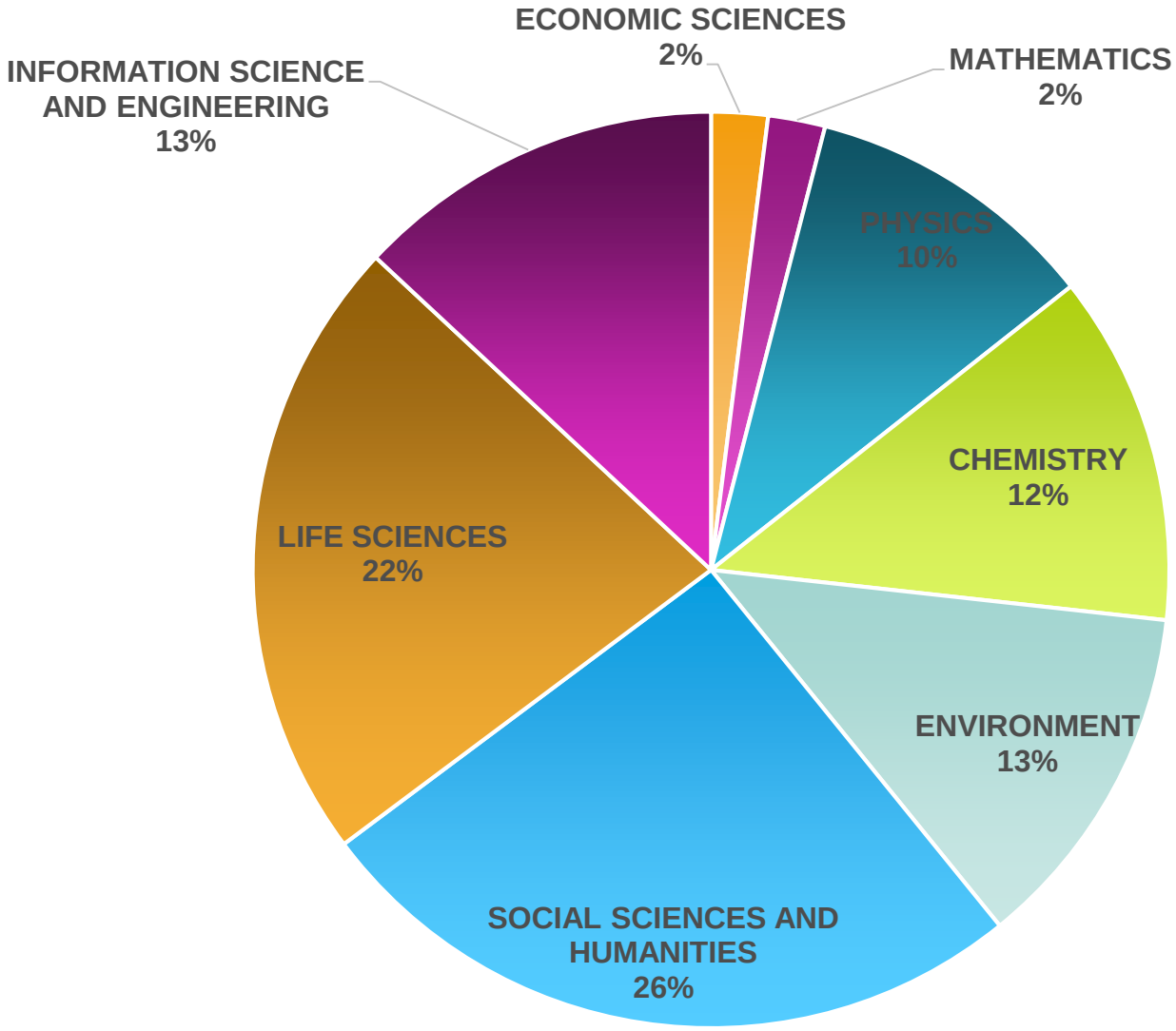
Proposals by scientific panel



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Who are MSCA-IF researchers?

57%

43%

15%

13%

8%

23%

10%

9%

35 years old

Social Sciences / Life Sciences

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Who are you today? Results

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Project Lifecycle: Setting the Scene

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Individual Fellowships - Main features

European Fellowships (EF)

From 12 to 24 months
(36 months for CAR)

Researcher mobility: has to move to an EU Member State or Associated Country (EU MS/AC)

1 Beneficiary in EU MS/AC

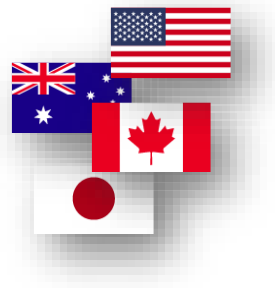
Global Fellowships (GF)

From 24 to 36 months

12-24 months
OUTGOING phase

MANDATORY
12 months
return phase

Third Country (TC)



1 Beneficiary in EU MS/AC
+
1 Partner Organisation in TC

Beneficiaries and Partner Organisations can be either in academic or non-academic sector

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Your reference documents and people

Documents

- Your Grant Agreement
- *i. Legal text, ii. Scientific Part (Annex 1)*
- Annotated Model Grant Agreement
- FAQs on the FTOP

People

- Scientific supervisor
- Administrative contact (HR)
- National Contact Point
- Project Officer

Annotated Model Grant Agreement: pp. 476-506 (MSCA-IF)

MSCA FAQs

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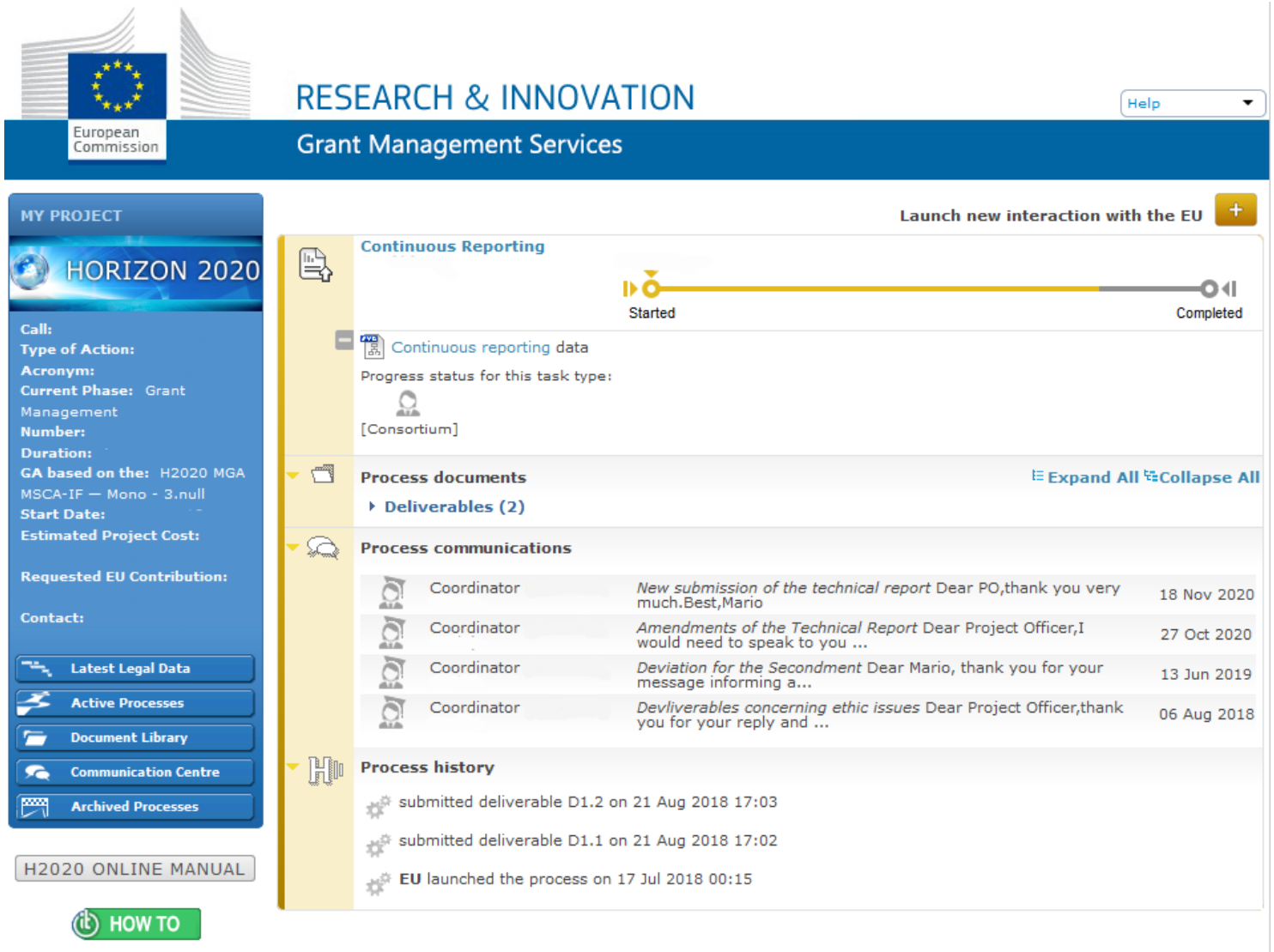
Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal
Your project area –Where it all happens



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Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal
H2020 Online Manual

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Individual Fellowships – some reminders

Career Development Plan

Your MUST ensure together with your supervisor that you establish your training plan in relation to the research objectives and the career goals.
There is no official template. It is not a deliverable but a contractual requirement!

Optional Secondments

- up to 3 or 6 months depending on project duration
- can take place **ONLY in a EU MS/AC (not in a TC)**
- the partner hosting the secondment is responsible for the supervision of the researcher
- different from short visits (can be in a TC, under the supervision of your host institution, only for a small part of the project)

Part-time

Max. 50%, for professional, personal or family reasons, subject to approval → not during the GF outgoing phase for professional reasons

Reporting

EF: 1 period → 1 final report
GF: 2 periods → 1 interim report (after the end of the outgoing phase) + 1 final report

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MSCA-IF Budgets

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Budget breakdown

Estimated eligible[1] costs (per budget category)										
A. Costs for the recruited researcher						B. Institutional costs				Total costs
A.1 Living allowance		A.2 Mobility allowance		A.3 Family allowance		B.1. Research, training and networking costs		B2. Management and indirect[4] costs		
Unit		Unit		Unit		Unit		Unit		
Costs per unit[6]	Total a[7]	Costs per unit[6]	Total b[7]	Costs per unit[6]	Total c[7]	Costs per unit[6]	Total d[7]	Costs per unit[6]	Total e[7]	f=a+b +c+d+e
6 373.28	152 958.72	600.00	14 400.00	500.00	12 000.00	800.00	19 200.00	650.00	15 600.00	214 158.72

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

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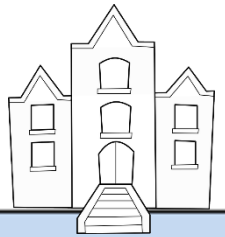
Where are the costs charged



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Employment or fixed-amount fellowship with social security coverage (i.e. gross amount, including compulsory deductions and taxes, such as employer - employee social security contributions)	Costs related to the **researcher mobility**. e.g. relating to travel and accommodation	If the researcher has **family**, to reduce family-related obstacles to researcher mobility	1. **Training and Networking activities** that contribute directly to the researcher's career development 2. **Research expenses** 3. **Visa-related fees** (even if incurred before the recruitment date) and **travel expenses** 4. **Secondment costs**	For the **beneficiary's additional costs** in connection with the project.

⚠ Usually, payment as part of the salary is the **simplest** way to pay these allowances.

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Budget calculation

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1. Host	Number of units (person-months)	24.00	1. Host	6 373.28	152 958.72	600.00	14 400.00	500.00	12 000.00	800.00	19 200.00	650.00	15 600.00	214 158.72

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Eligibility

The costs (in MSCA: the person-months) must fulfil several eligibility conditions, including:

- **to have been fully incurred for the benefit of the researcher**
- **to be incurred for a researcher who:**
  - is eligible (e.g. research experience, mobility)
  - has an employment contract/equivalent direct contract or, if national law prevents it, a fixed-amount fellowship
  - is employed full-time (part-time employment can be accepted)
- **the institutional costs must be used for the implementation of your project**

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

What do I do if I have unused funds?

Budget flexibility

Transfers between budget categories are formally not possible; however there is some flexibility for the institutional costs:

- Research, training and networking costs – unused amounts may be used for other project-related purposes (e.g. to increase the salary of the researcher, or to organize additional trainings)
- Management and indirect costs – unused amounts may be used for other project related purposes (e.g. to increase the salary of the researcher)

Please keep in mind that:

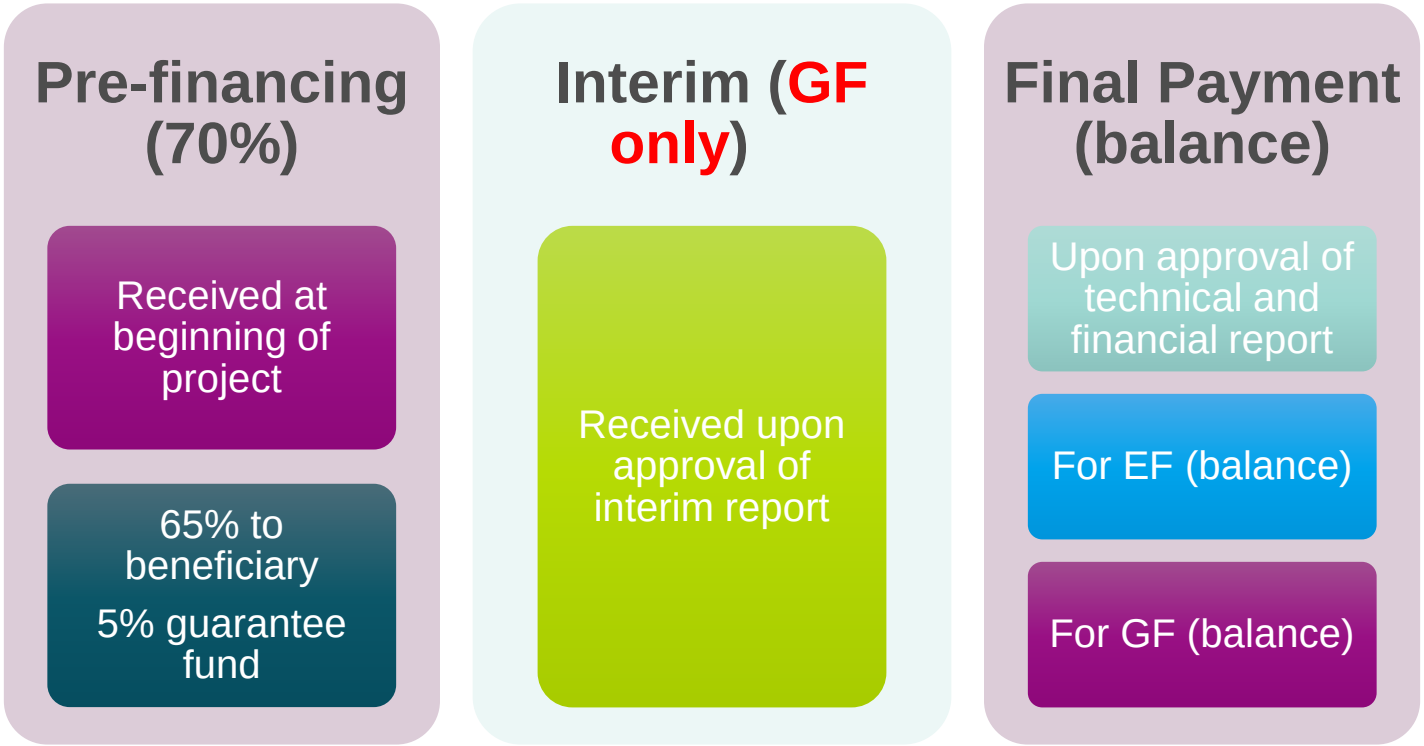
Unused budget can be used in support of your research

The duration (number of person/months) of the project can never be extended

There is no time limit on the use of institutional costs (must be related to the MSCA project)

Payments

All payments are paid to the host institution, as responsible for the implementation of the project.



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Budget modifications

- **Part-time and project suspensions** do not modify the budget of the project. Grants get extended according to the time dedicated to the project.
- **Early terminations** do reduce the budget of the project. Depending on the final duration of the project, the final payment will be reduced, or a recovery process will be initiated.
- **Budget reductions** due to substantial errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of contractual obligations can be applied at the end of the project.
- **Special Needs Allowance:** cover the additional mobility costs faced by researchers with a disability.

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Implementation of your MSCA-IF Project

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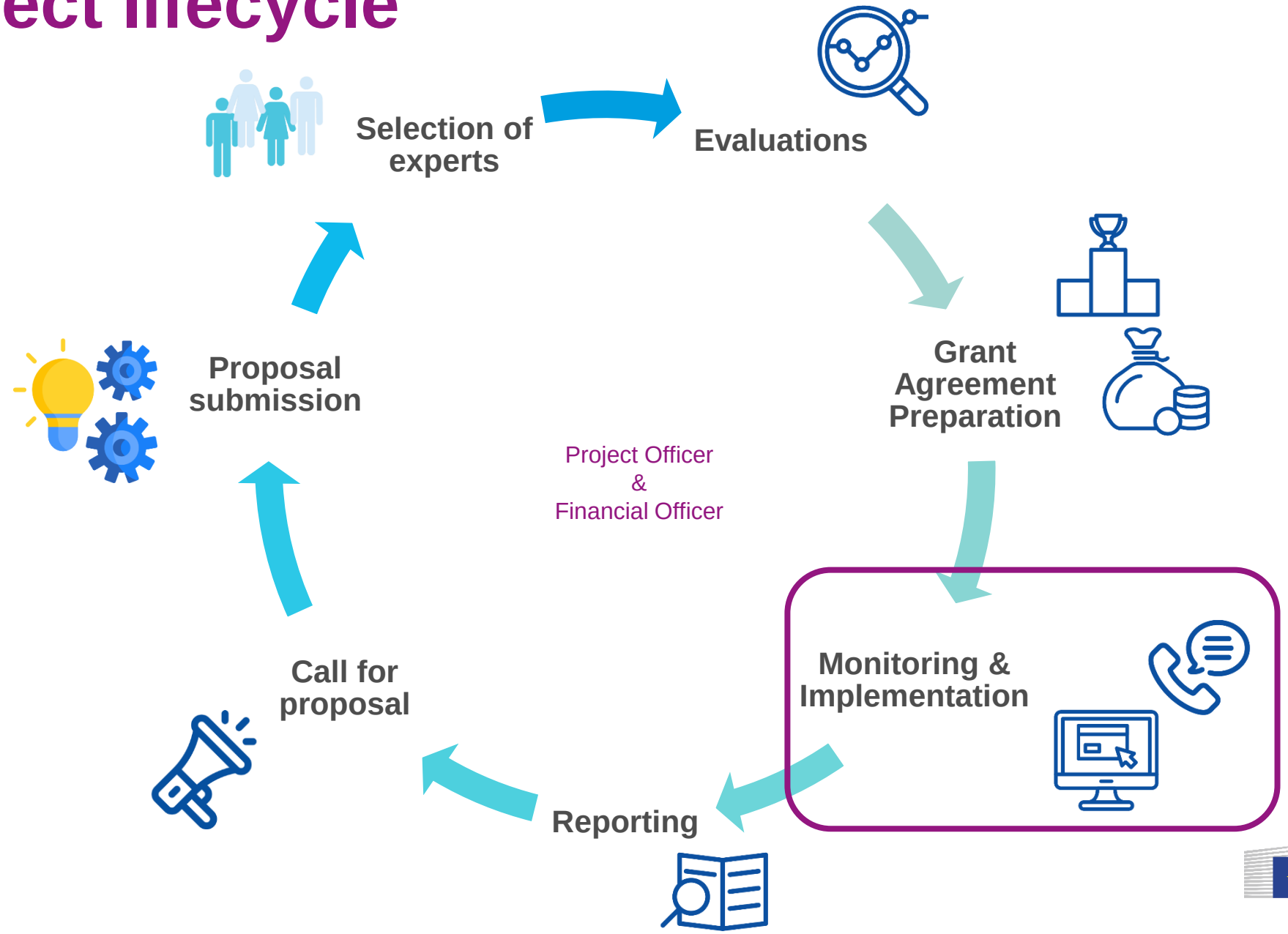
Project lifecycle



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Interaction with your Project Officer

Notifications

Amendments

Deliverables

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/covid19-guidelines-fellows-coordinators_en

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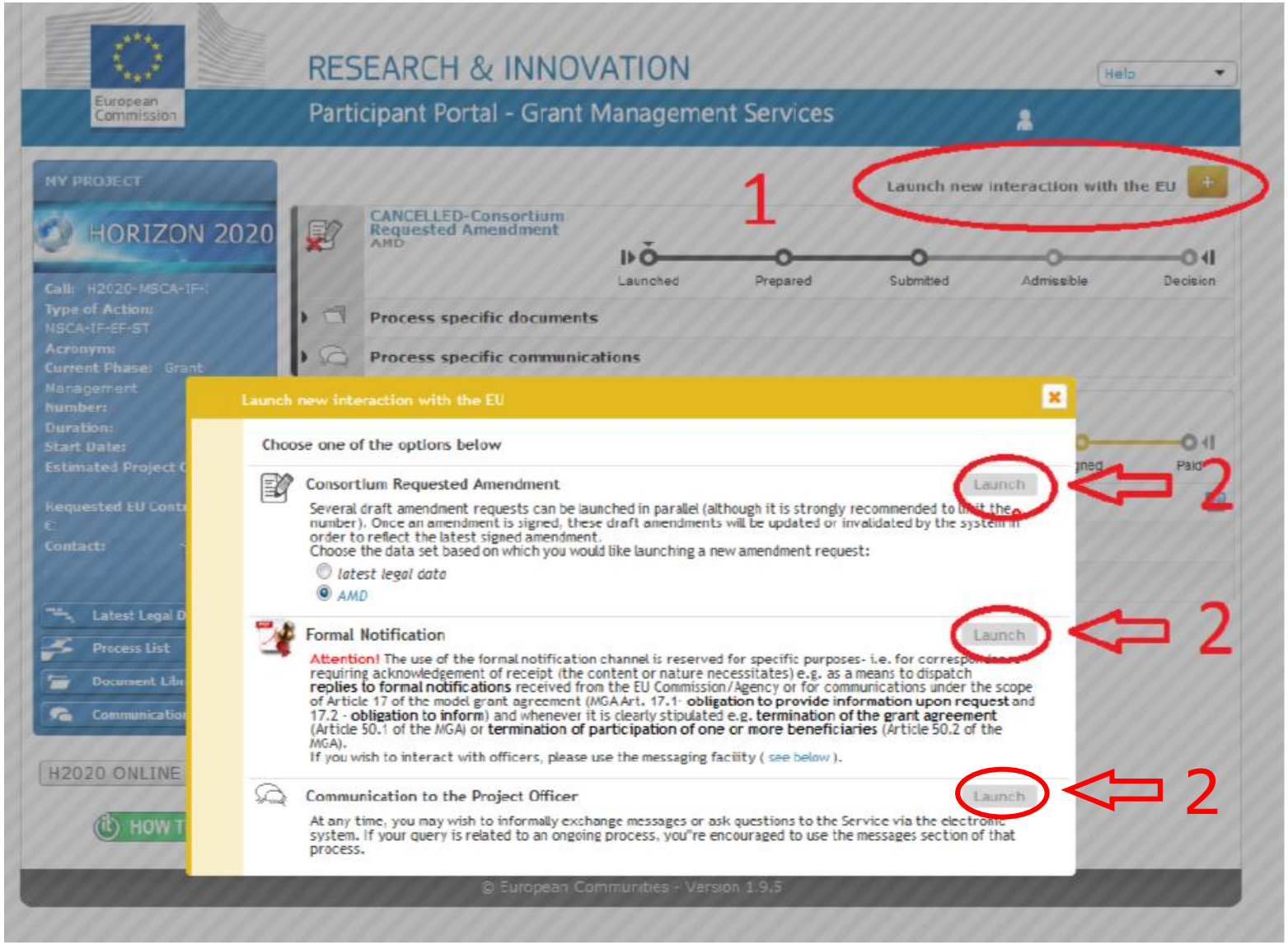
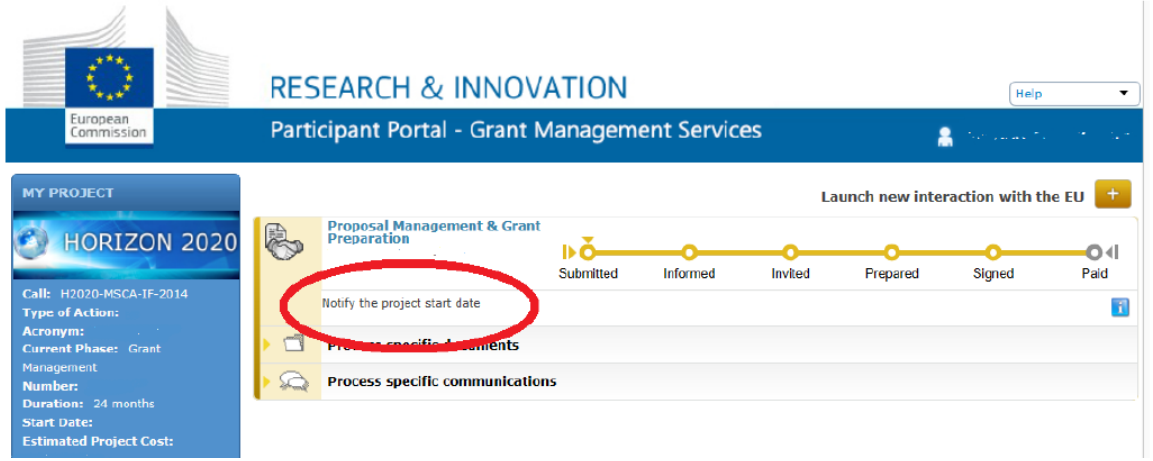
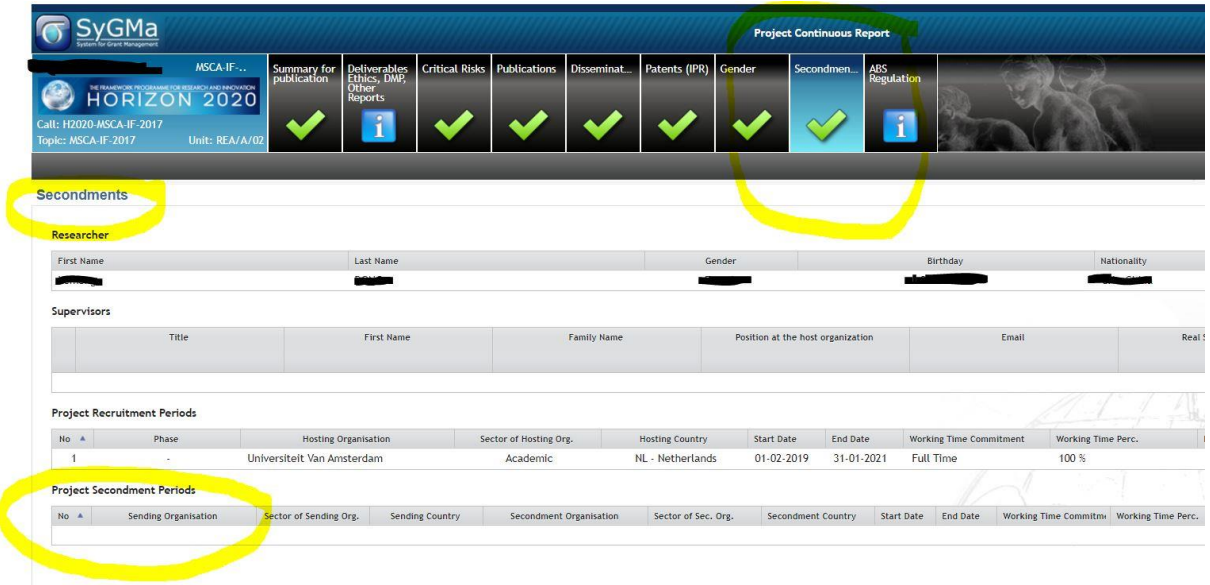
Launch interaction via Portal



Notifications

- **Start date** (in case of projects with open start date)
- Changes to the **secondment** duration, location, destination, add/remove
- Changes to the **scientific supervisor** (approval by PO required)
- **Grant Termination** (in case of personal or professional reasons - no liability for Fellow)





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Amendments

Any change to the **Grant Agreement** in its terms & conditions or its **annexes**

- **Change of start date** (for personal and professional reasons, within the latest possible start date of your call)
- **Part-time** for personal and family reasons (up to 50% part-time)
  - Possible for professional activity, assessed on a case by case
  - Organization of the part-time work to be agreed with Supervisor and approved by PO (to respect mobility rule, avoid double funding, etc…)
- **Suspensions for personal/professional reasons**
  - Suspensions must be requested if the researcher is absent for more than 30 consecutive days (for reasons other than normal annual leave)
  - Suspensions should not exceed 30% of the project duration
  - Parental, maternity, sick leave
  - Professional activity, assessed on a case by case
  - No costs eligible
- **Change of host**: **"transfer of the agreement"** to a new beneficiary (primarily due to transfer of Supervisor to another institution and Fellow wishes to follow)

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Amendments

We understand science evolves but we need to know!

- **Change of Annex 1 -** change to the fundamental scientific direction of the project

Work packages 1 & 2
"Instead of making a model, I have built a data analysis pipeline using data from clinical collaborators."

Objectives *"not applicable given that the project objectives have changed in the process"…*

Substantial deviations from original proposal – not previously communicated to the Project Officer

"*At this stage (middle of WP1) I took the corrective action to switch focus from cytoskeletal sensing in mammalian cells*"

Ethics implications: from fruit-fly to mouse model

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Amendments

1. **Initiate** an amendment (AMD) process via the Portal (Coordinator only)
2. **Consult** the EU Officer (recommended)
   - Review of the amendment and/or to apply some modifications on the amendment data.
3. **Sign and Submit** (Project Legal Signatory – PLSIGN- only)
4. **Verification** by REA
   - AMD accepted and countersigned
   - AMD rejected and rejection letter created

Make sure that the amendment **request** is sent well **before the end of the reporting period** – no amendments will be accepted afterwards.

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/grant-management/amendments_en.htm

Deliverables

We are not talking here about the scientific deliverables set in your proposal

1. **Data Management Plan** (within the first 6 months, then updated if needed)
   - To be assessed and approved by the Project Officer
   - *how to properly draft a DMP will be addressed in an upcoming presentation*
2. **Ethics requirements**
   - No specific template nor guidelines (if you are not sure, check with the Project Officer how to address the deliverables)
   - To be assessed and approved by the Project Officer

Ethics requirements = official GA deliverables

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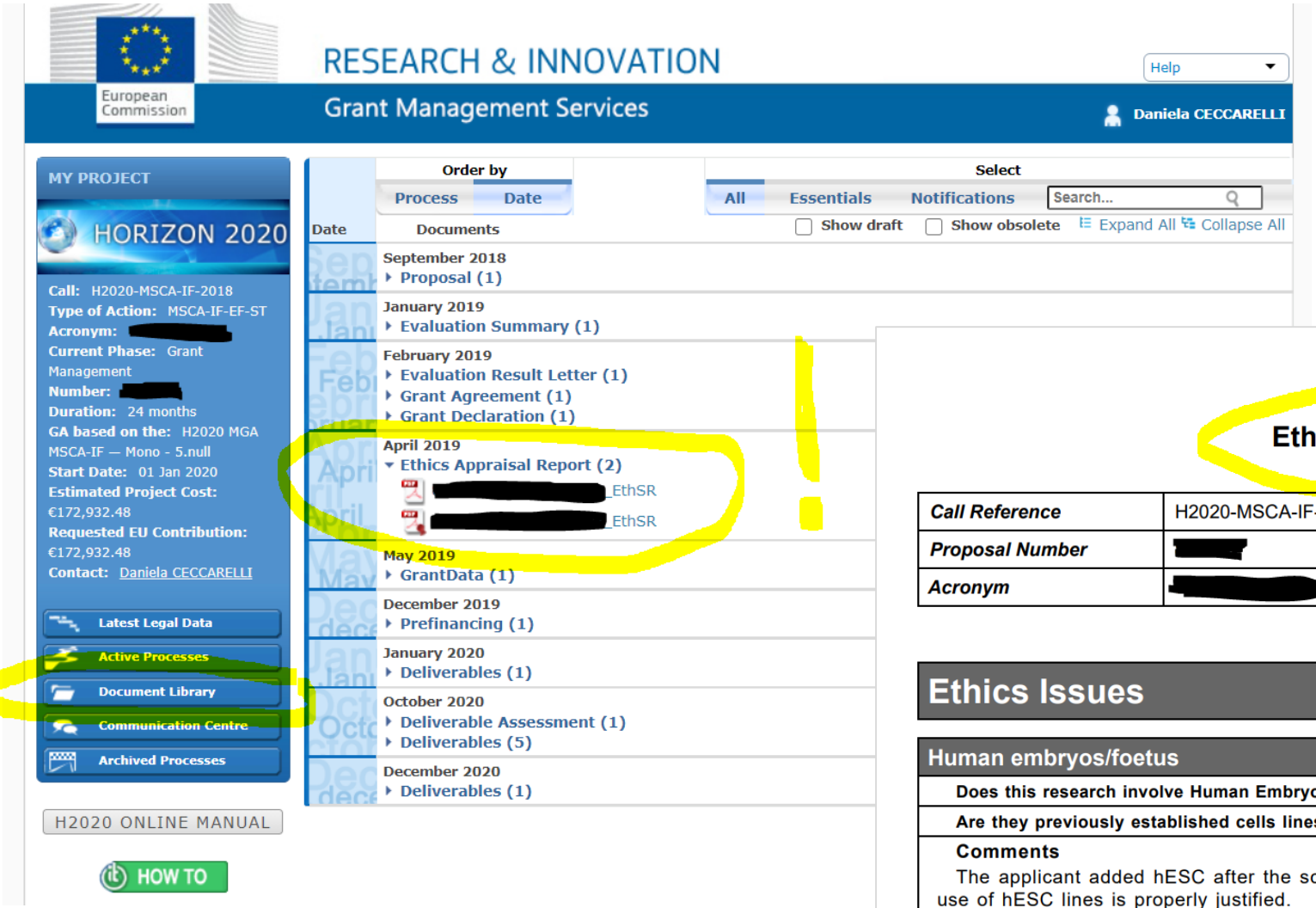
Ethics requirements



Ethics Evaluation

[redacted]

Ethics Summary Report

Call Reference	H2020-MSCA-IF-2018
Proposal Number	[redacted]
Acronym	[redacted]

Ethics Issues

Human embryos/foetus

Does this research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	**Yes**
Are they previously established cells lines?	**Yes**

Comments

The applicant added hESC after the screening was performed. Scientific re-evaluation confirmed that the use of hESC lines is properly justified.

hESCs are of standard use (H1, H9, HUES8). No new hESC lines will be generated through the project

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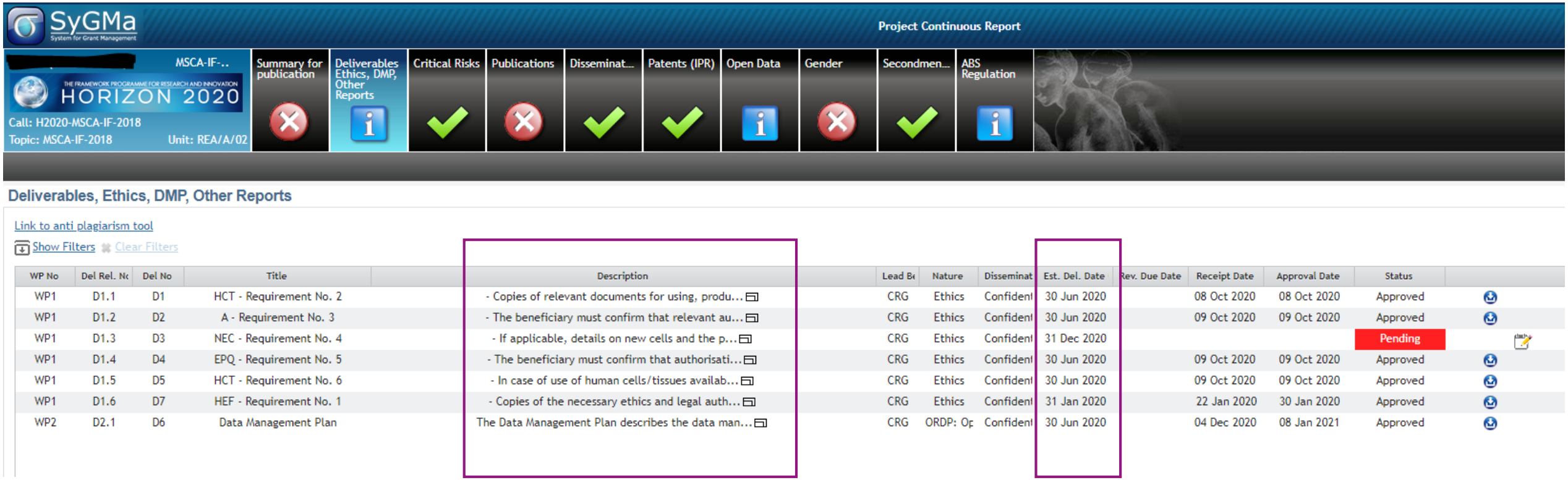
Deliverables in Continuous Reporting



Carefully **read the description** and submit deliverables by the expected **deadline**

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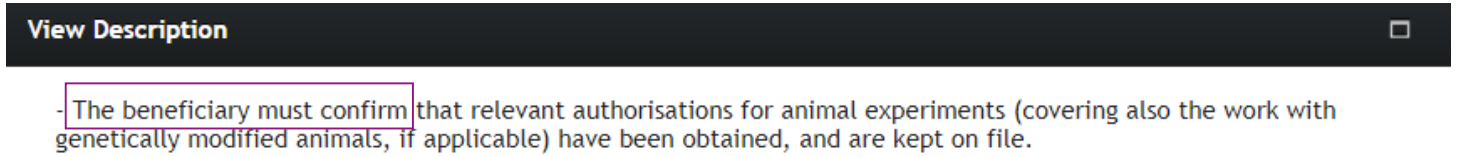
How to address ethics deliverables

1. Confirmation – no extra documents required



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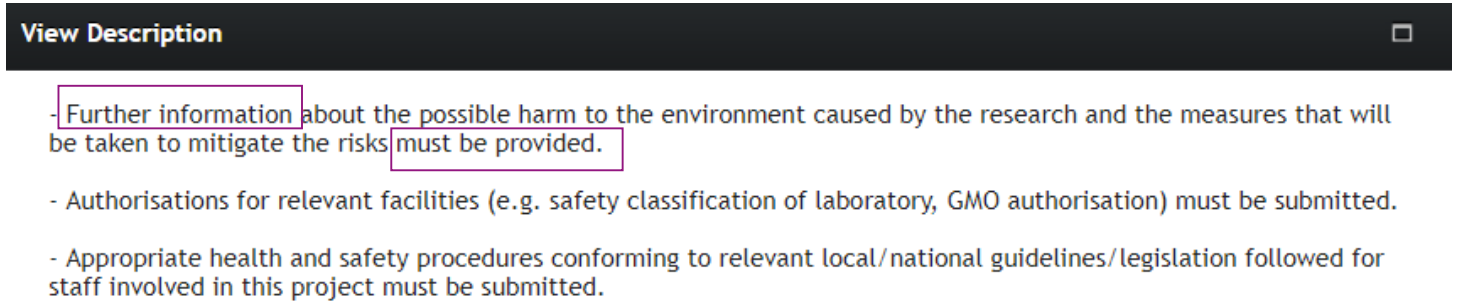

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Project Reporting

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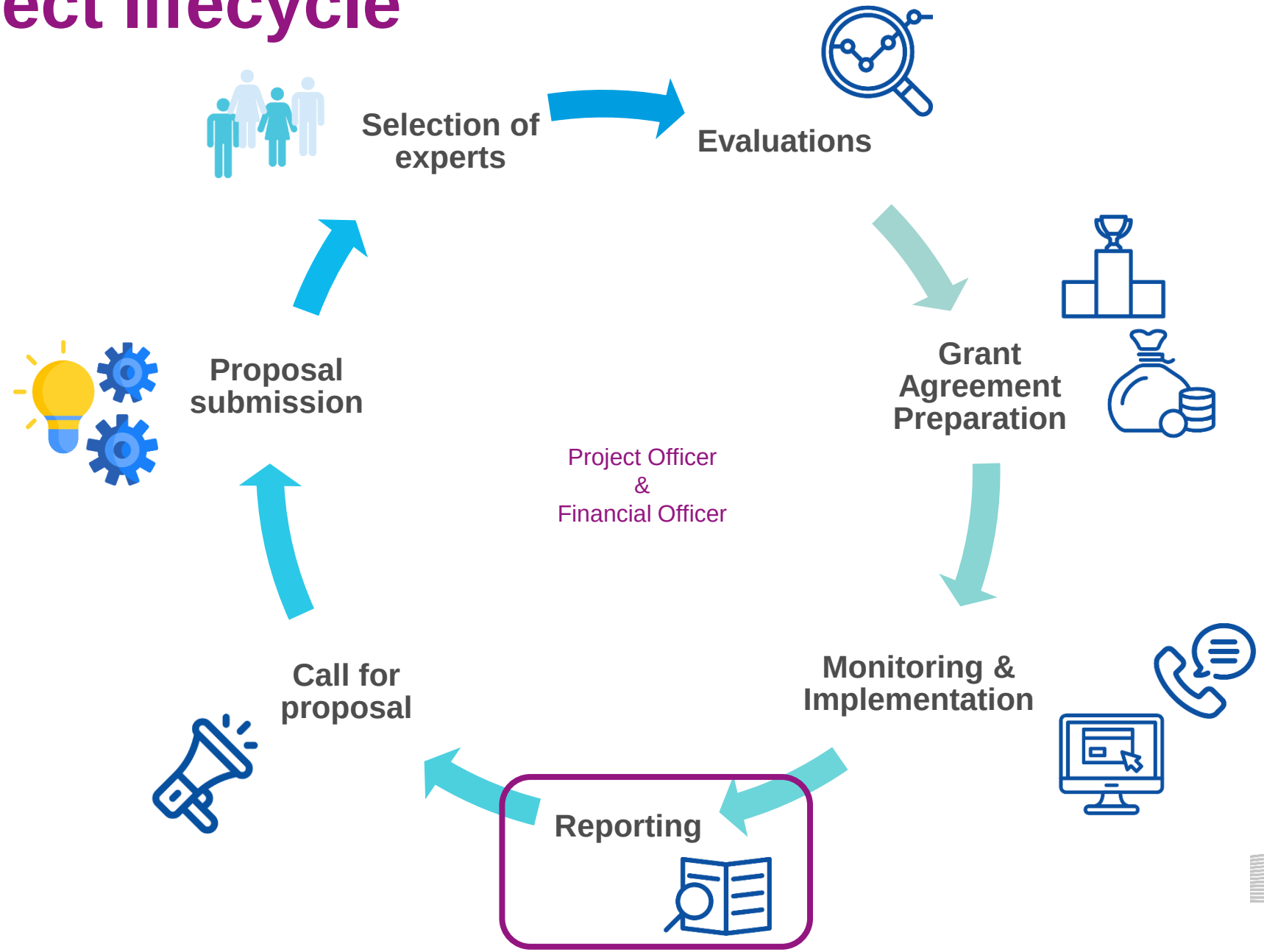
Project lifecycle



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Reporting

- Reporting obligations (**when**)
- The Final (Periodic) Report (**what, where, how**)
- What is next after you submit the report?
- Frequent Mistakes (**to avoid**!!)

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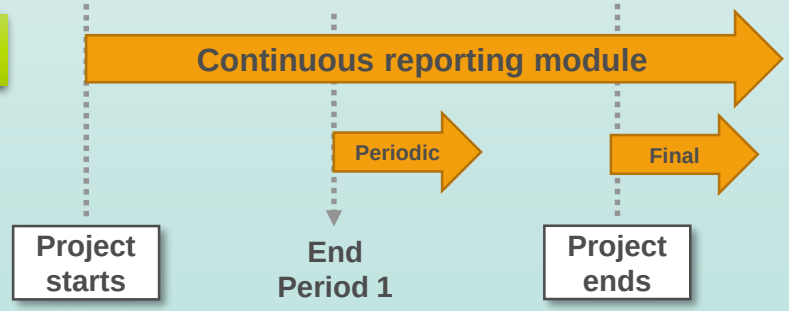
When?

Global Fellowships



60 days after the end of:

- period 1 (GF)
- the project (GF & EF)

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any **amendment request** shall be sent **well before the end of the reporting period** – no amendments will be accepted afterwards

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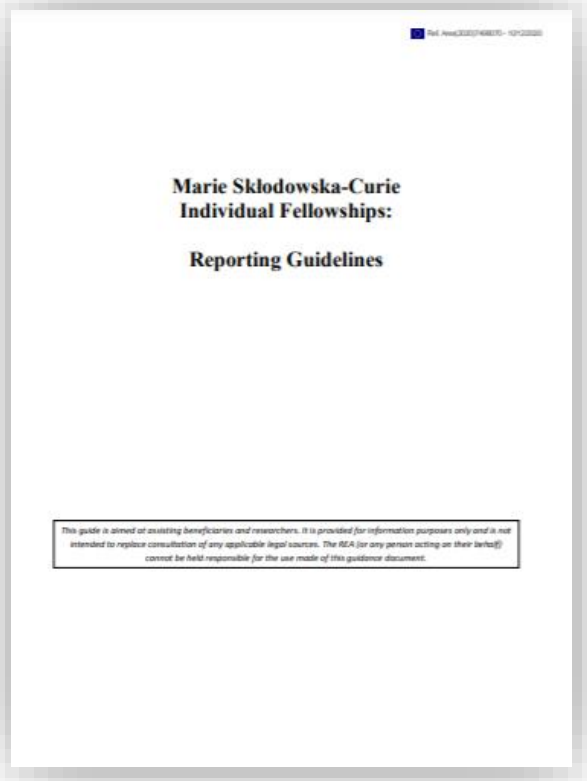
How?

Follow the **instructions** that will be sent to you at the end of the reporting period/ project

Key documents:

1. MSCA- IF: **Reporting Guidelines**
2. Final (Periodic) Reporting **Template** for MSCA-IF



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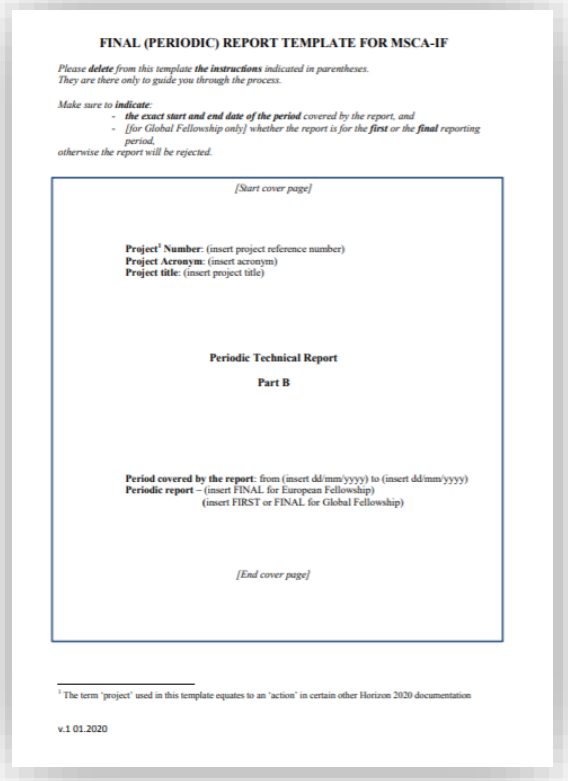
Individual Fellowships:

Reporting Guidelines



FINAL (PERIODIC) REPORT TEMPLATE FOR MSCA-IF

Please ***delete*** *from this template* ***the instructions*** *indicated in parentheses.*
They are there only to guide you through the process.

Make sure to ***indicate****:*
- ***the exact start and end date of the period*** *covered by the report, and*
- *[for Global Fellowship only] whether the report is for the* ***first*** *or the* ***final*** *reporting period,*

otherwise the report will be rejected.

[Start cover page]

Project[1] Number: (insert project reference number)
Project Acronym: (insert acronym)
Project title: (insert project title)

Periodic Technical Report

Part B

Period covered by the report: from (insert dd/mm/yyyy) to (insert dd/mm/yyyy)
Periodic report – (insert FINAL for European Fellowship)
(insert FIRST or FINAL for Global Fellowship)

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[1] The term 'project' used in this template equates to an 'action' in certain other Horizon 2020 documentation

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Make sure you use **MSCA –IF reporting templates**

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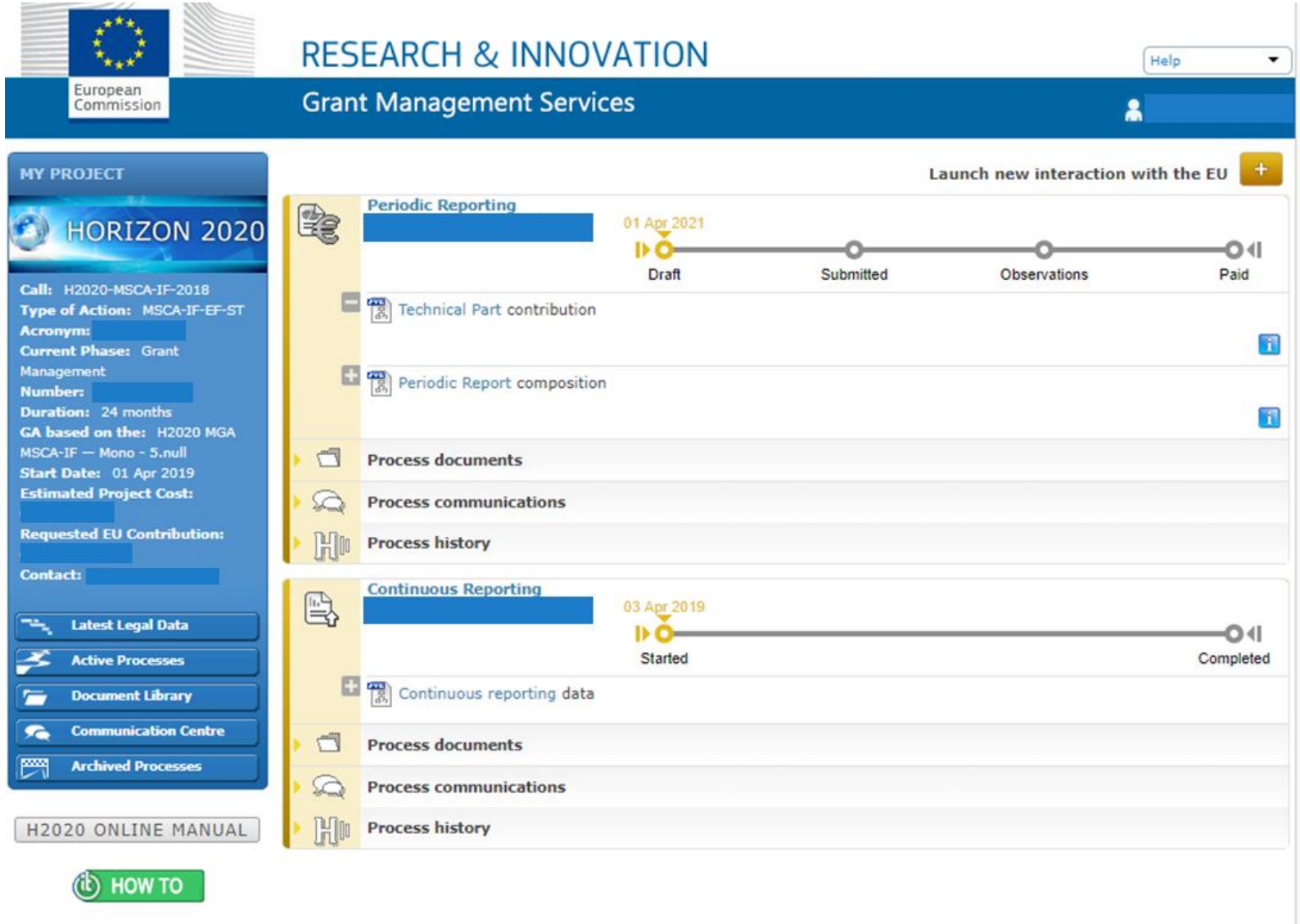
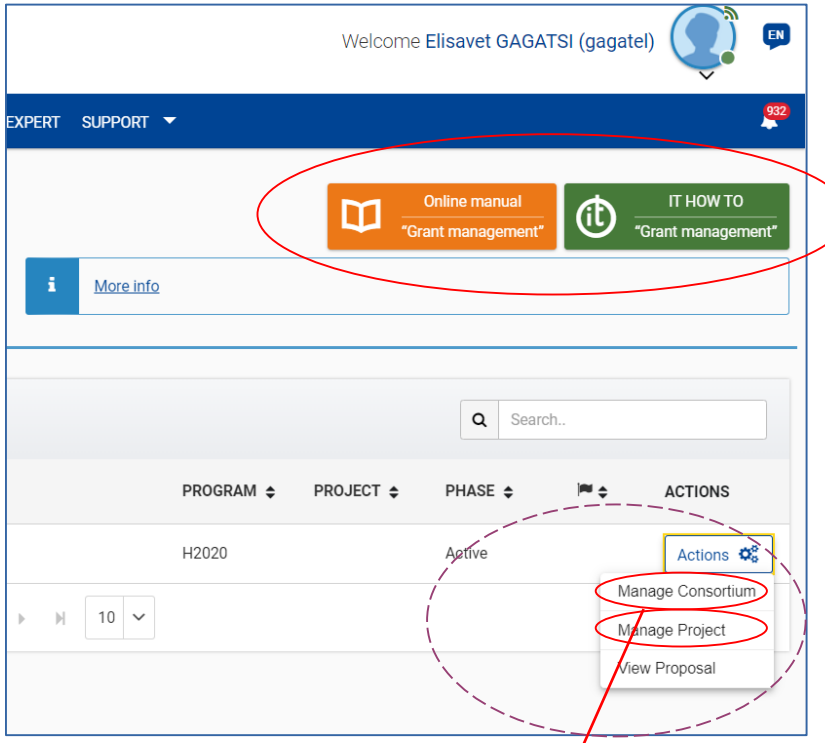
How?

Through Funding & Tenders Portal





Update e-mail addresses
Add contact persons

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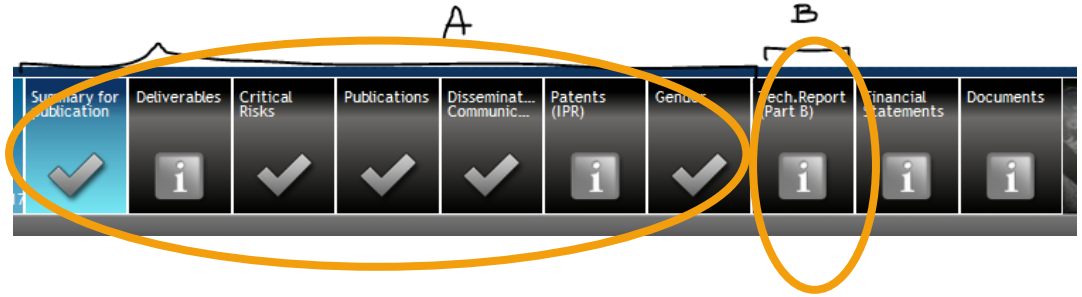
Where? Periodic Report module



Technical Report for the project period

Part A - Info from **continuous reporting**

- Publishable Summary
- Deliverables
- Secondments
- Publications
- Dissemination and communications activities
- Horizontal aspects (gender, patents)

Part B – Narrative

- cover page (number, acronym, title and the actual start/end dates)
- overview of the work progress towards the objectives of the project.

Financial statement automatically filled – not editable, but check accuracy!

all **deliverables** must be **submitted** well **before the end of the reporting period.**

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What (to report)?

What was planned (GA)

Objectives

Activities (scientific WPs, training, knowledge transfer, non scientific activities, exploitation, dissemination, etc)

Impact

What was done

Everything that was done

Deviations from the original proposal (missed objectives, trainings, activities, etc)

Progress assessment
Deviations from the grant agreement (Reasons for deviation, Consequences on original plan, Proposed corrective actions)

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You have submitted your report ...Now What?

Your Project Officer and Financial Officer will assess the report and:

- Proceed with the payment **or**
- Ask for additional information/ clarifications **or**
- Ask for a revision of the report

- Check **suspension letter**
- **15 days** to provide information or re-submit the report
- **Resubmission via the portal**

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Frequent mistakes (to avoid)

- Wrong dates encoded in technical report
- Non respect of the report structure
- Non reporting on the original proposal (description of the action)
- Insufficient information, poor content
- Missing information on:
  - non scientific activities (management, training, communication etc)
  - secondments
  - deviations
  - ……
- Incorrect/ missing information on project publications (i.e. repository link, open access)

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Open Access Requirements

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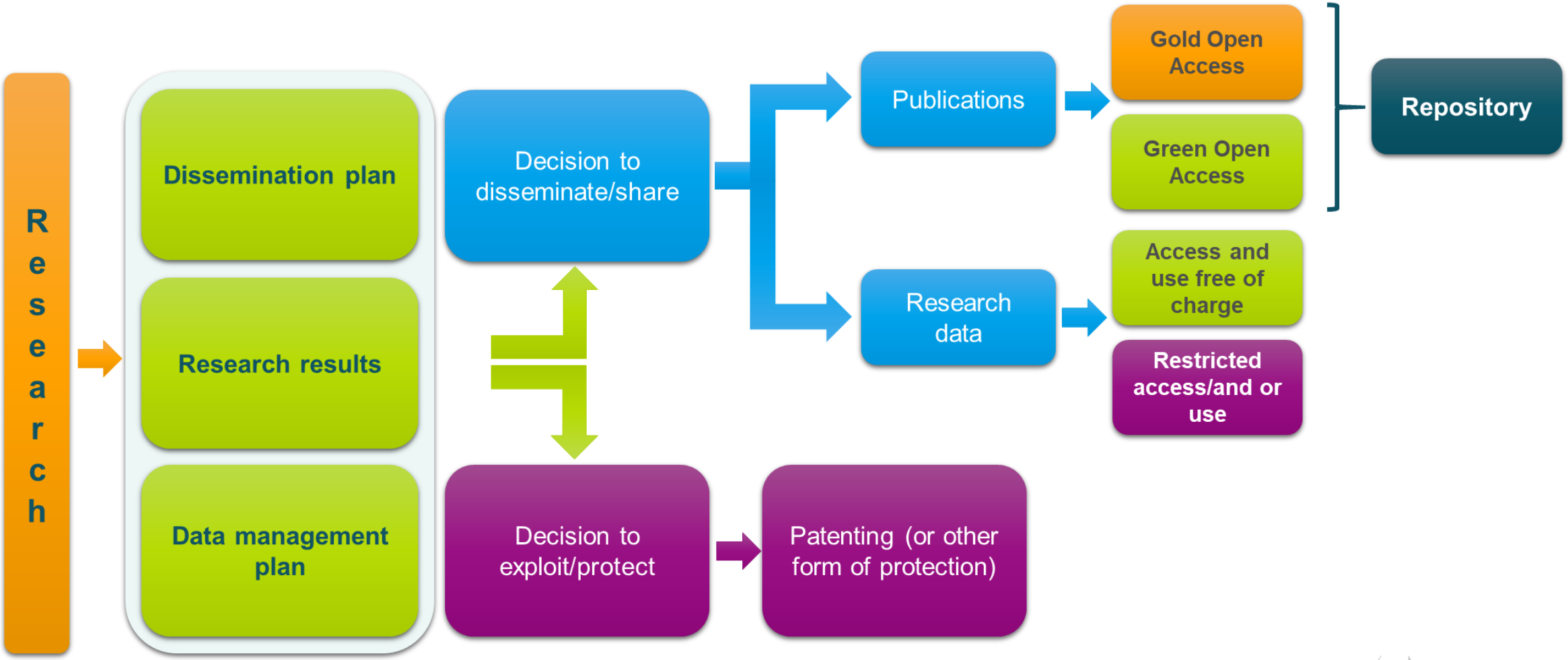
Open Access- What are we talking about?



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Open Research Data Pilot (ORDP)

Open access research data

What are we talking about?

A repository document for data (meta data, data of scientific publications, all other data..) collected during the project, presenting the measures taken to make it possible for third parties to access, mine, exploit, reproduce and disseminate free of charge

What are the rules for a good Data Management Plan (DMP):

The document assessed by Project Officer should clearly describe how the fellow is set on:

- Making data **F**indable
- Making data openly **A**ccessible
- Making data **I**nteroperable
- Increase data **R**e-use
- Allocation of resources and data security

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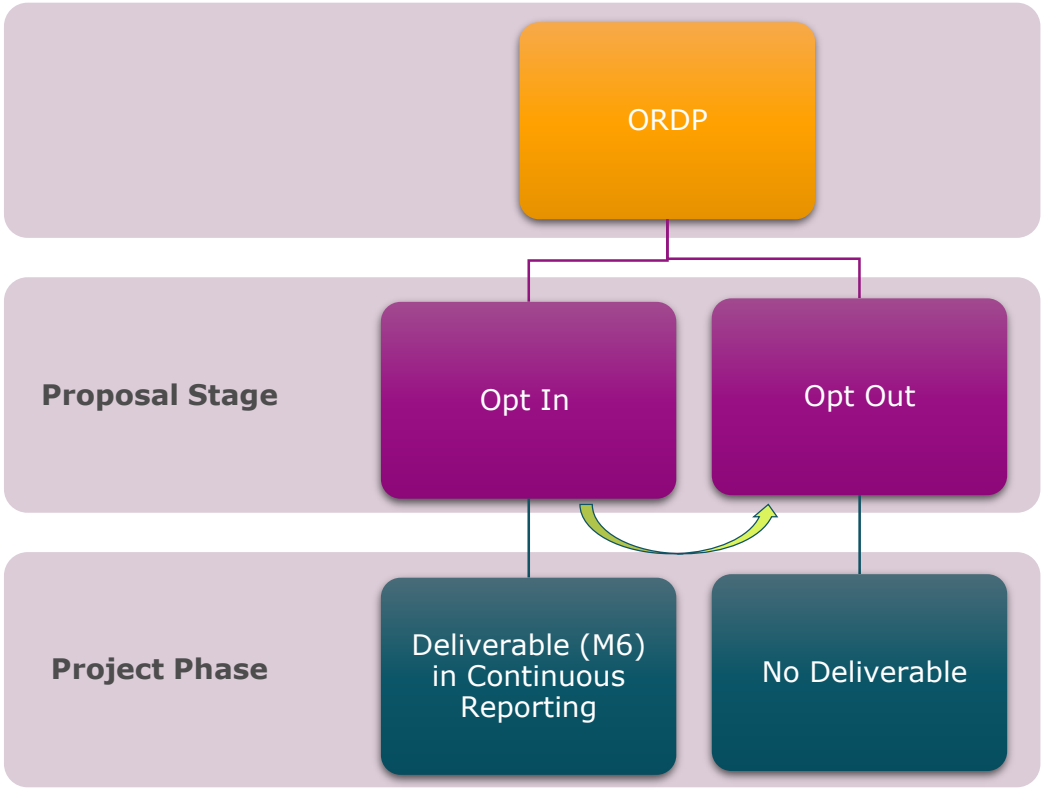
Open Research Data Pilot (ORDP)

So Practically?

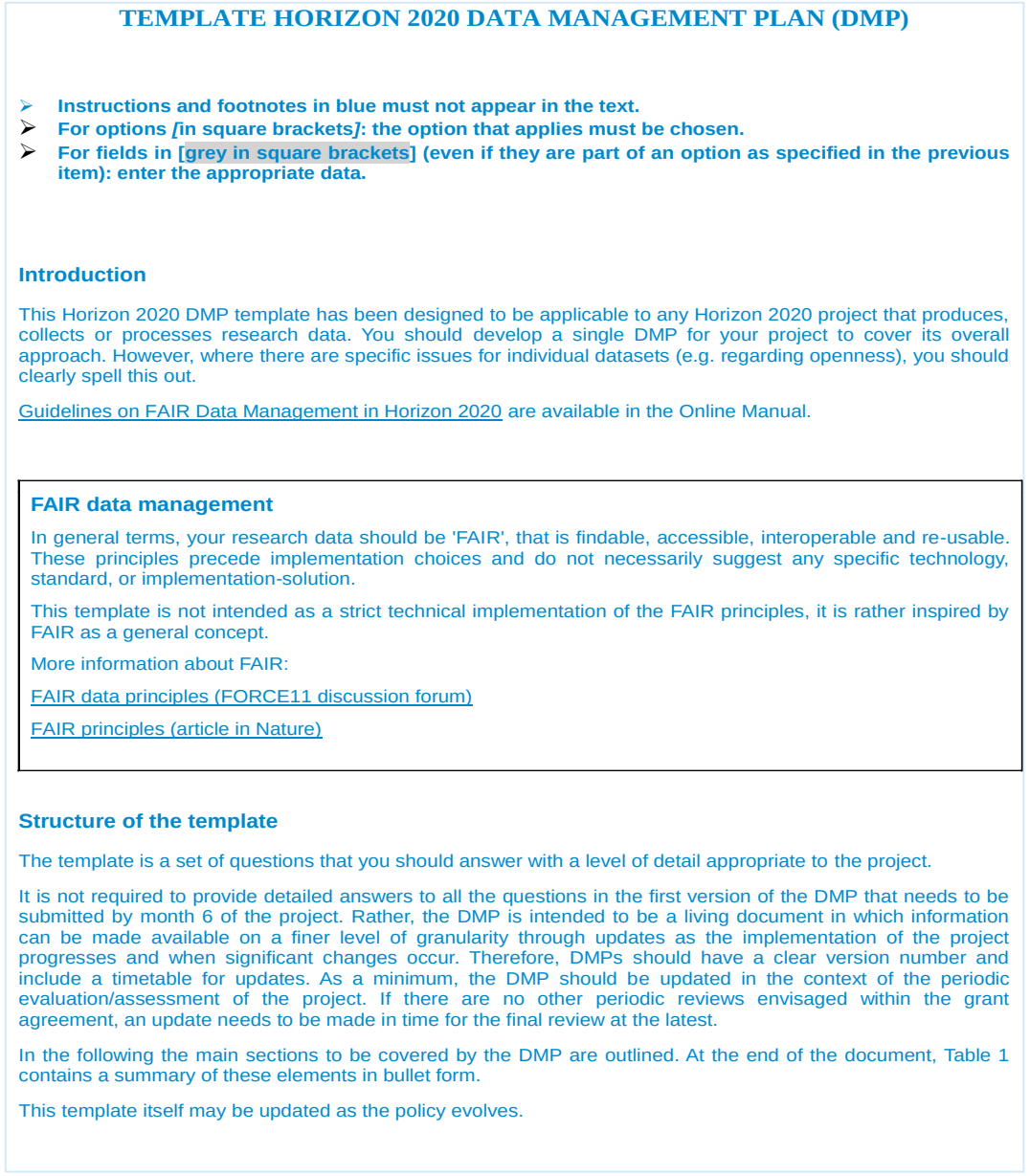
1. Proposal stage: you can opt out from ORDP (OPTIONAL)
2. During project implementation: you can choose to opt out BUT justification must be given
3. At **M6** of project implementation, deliverable to submit through continuous reporting on FTOP



Open Research Data Pilot (ORDP)

What template?

1. Template available
2. Google Open Access data H2020
3. Make sure you do not use templates that are specific to other Agencies (not ERC)
4. Follow the guidelines, answer all questions and submit



TEMPLATE HORIZON 2020 DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN (DMP)

- **Instructions and footnotes in blue must not appear in the text.**
- **For options *[in square brackets]*: the option that applies must be chosen.**
- **For fields in [grey in square brackets] (even if they are part of an option as specified in the previous item): enter the appropriate data.**

Introduction

This Horizon 2020 DMP template has been designed to be applicable to any Horizon 2020 project that produces, collects or processes research data. You should develop a single DMP for your project to cover its overall approach. However, where there are specific issues for individual datasets (e.g. regarding openness), you should clearly spell this out.

Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020 are available in the Online Manual.

FAIR data management

In general terms, your research data should be 'FAIR', that is findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable. These principles precede implementation choices and do not necessarily suggest any specific technology, standard, or implementation-solution.

This template is not intended as a strict technical implementation of the FAIR principles, it is rather inspired by FAIR as a general concept.

More information about FAIR:

FAIR data principles (FORCE11 discussion forum)

FAIR principles (article in Nature)

Structure of the template

The template is a set of questions that you should answer with a level of detail appropriate to the project.

It is not required to provide detailed answers to all the questions in the first version of the DMP that needs to be submitted by month 6 of the project. Rather, the DMP is intended to be a living document in which information can be made available on a finer level of granularity through updates as the implementation of the project progresses and when significant changes occur. Therefore, DMPs should have a clear version number and include a timetable for updates. As a minimum, the DMP should be updated in the context of the periodic evaluation/assessment of the project. If there are no other periodic reviews envisaged within the grant agreement, an update needs to be made in time for the final review at the latest.

In the following the main sections to be covered by the DMP are outlined. At the end of the document, Table 1 contains a summary of these elements in bullet form.

This template itself may be updated as the policy evolves.

Open Access - Publications

2 steps for open access to publications:

1. Selecting open access route **(green or gold open access)**
2. Depositing publications in open access **independent repositories**

Irrespectively of route chosen, the **publication must be deposited in an open access repository**!

Important!

1. Rules concern all **peer-reviewed publications** (not conference proceedings, book chapters…) only stemming from **your MSCA project**
2. Accepted **embargo period** is **6 months,** with an exception of 12 months for Social Sciences and Humanities
3. EU funding must be correctly acknowledged in all publications

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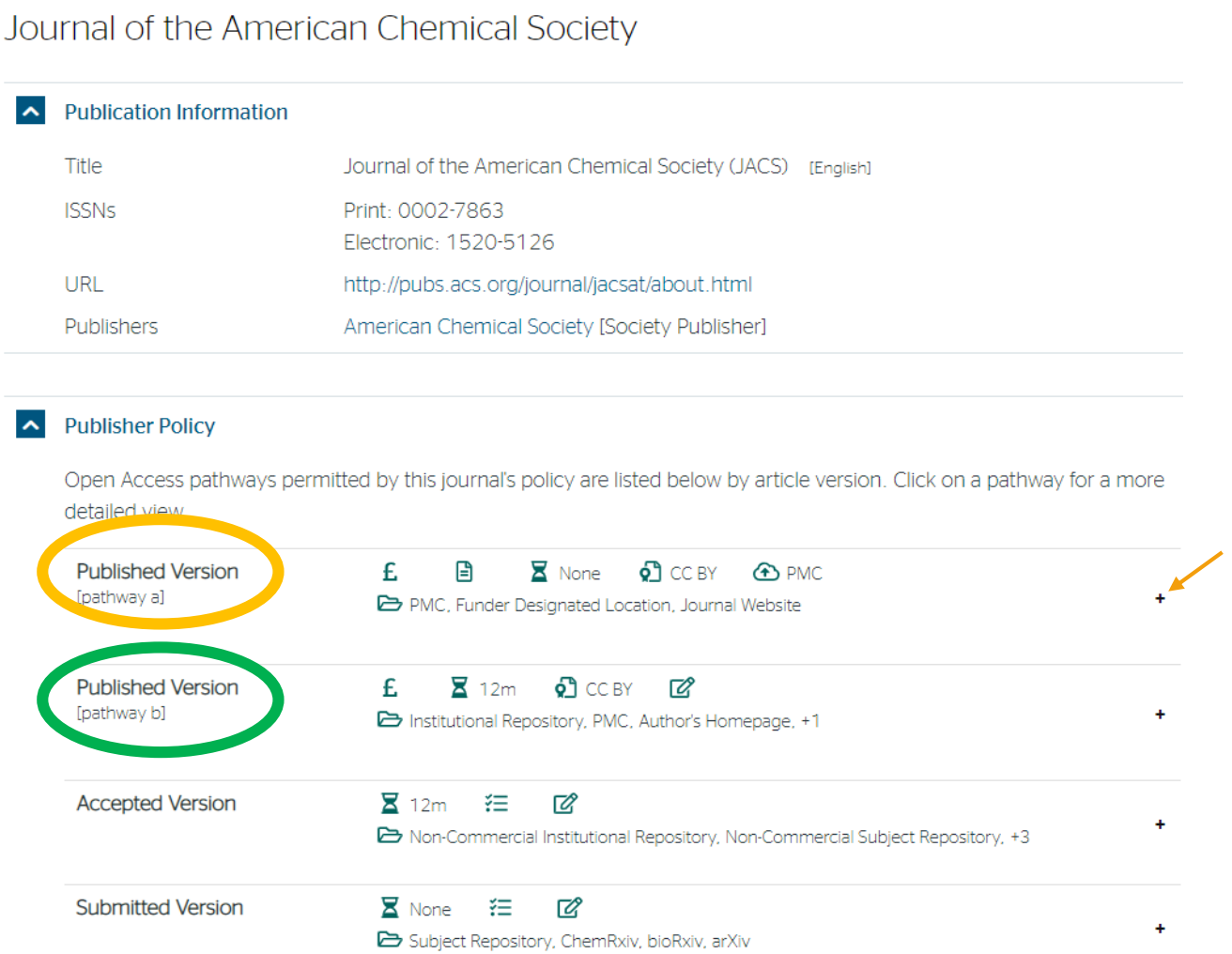
But Wait…..

How can I know if a journal respects the EU's OA requirements?

1. Check the Publications rules on **SHERPA/ROMEO**
2. Aim to target Journals which respect the EU's OA rules

My publication is not from SSH and I have a 12 months embargo period- What do I do?

1. Check the rules for Green Access and Accepted Version
2. Go for Gold Access
3. Contact your Project Officer



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Repositories

What is an online repository?

Site independent of the journal website, with free access (sometimes with a restricted – embargo - access period) where publications may be deposited.

Why?

Ensure free access to the publications to all.

When?

The article should be deposited “as soon as possible and at the latest on publication” (access to it might be delayed in case of embargo).

Repositories

What does the EU accept as Repositories?

Many repositories out there BUT they need to be fully Open access (no email registration required)

Suggested repositories:

- Independent Repositories
- Institutional repositories
- Subject Based or Generalist: e.g: arXiv, BiorXiv, Zenodo, PubMedCentral, AND MANY OTHERs
- Not social media type repositories:
  - ResearchGate is not a repository!

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Communication, Exploitation and Dissemination

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What is the difference?

Communication

- Promote your project and results
- Mainstream newspapers and magazines, TV and radio channels

Dissemination

- Make your results public
- Open Science
- Horizon results platform

Exploitation

- Make good use of your results
- Commercial, societal political purpose

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/grant-management/dissemination-of-results_en.htm

Communication

HOW

- Having a well-designed strategy
- Conveying clear messages
- Using the right media channels

WHEN

From the start of the project until the end (and beyond)

WHY

- Engage with stakeholders
- Attract the best experts to your team
- Generate market demand
- Raise awareness of how public money is spent
- Show the success of European collaboration

Legal obligation: Article 38.1 of the Grant Agreement

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Build your own communication strategy

- **Be strategic**: allocate resources, involve professional communicators and ensure continuity
- **Set your goals and objectives**: make clear what you want to achieve with your communication strategy, and how
- **Define your audience**: include all relevant target groups and tailor your content to each audience.
- **Choose your message**: is it news? Share it with your audience. Keep it simple and remember to tell a story; do not just list the facts
- **Use the right medium**: Use a channel that will reach your target audience. Do you have a media list relevant to your area?
- **Evaluate your efforts**: set simple indicators to measure your success
- **Read the full guide on Horizon 2020 project communication**: https://europa.eu/!Qf94Pu

Remember to let your Project Officer and National Contact Point know about your achievements

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Communication examples

Common activities

- Project website
- Social media
- Events
- Publications (non scientific)
- MSCA Ambassadors
- MSCA Open Doors events
- Public talks (multimedia releases)

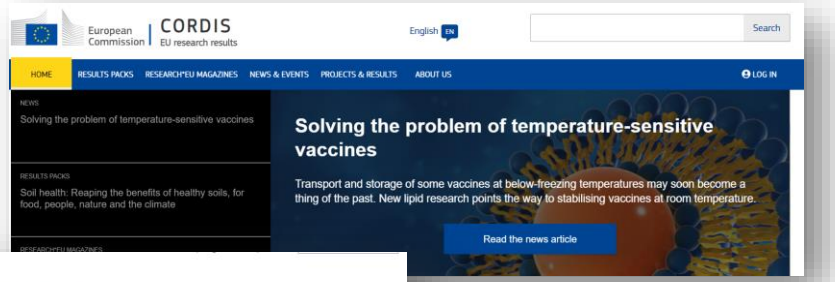
EC activities

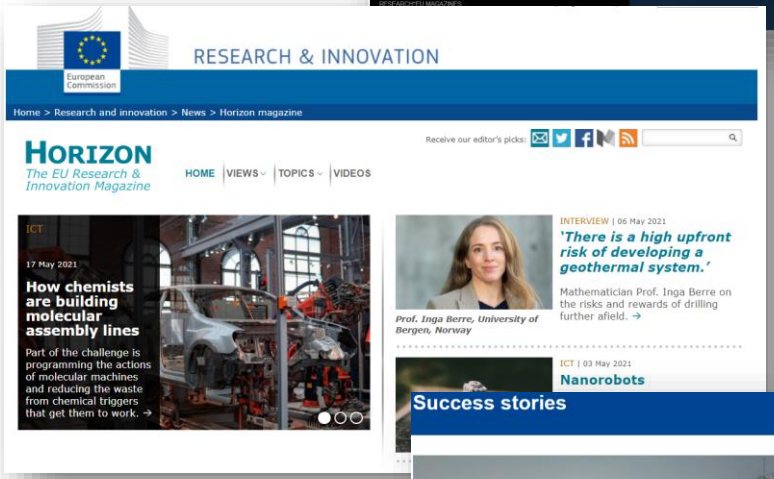
- European Researchers' Night (NIGHT)
- EC events, conferences
- Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)
- MSCA “Fellow of the Week” on Facebook
- EC Campaigns

https://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/msca/documents/documentation/publications/outreach_activities_en.pdf

EU communication channels

- CORDIS
- Research & innovation success stories
- Horizon Magazine
- Research & Innovation Days
- Horizon Results Platform TV





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Publicly acknowledge EU Funding

In any communication activity related to the project and any infrastructure, equipment and major results funded by the grant, **the beneficiary must acknowledge receiving H2020 Funding** (MSC Grant) by:

displaying the EU emblem

EU emblem high-resolution emblems can be found here

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/symbols/flag_en

including a standard sentence

For communication activities: "*This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No [number].*"

For infrastructure, equipment and major results: "*This [infrastructure][equipment][insert type of result] is part of a project that has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No [number].*"

Legal obligation: article 29.4 and 38.1.2 of the Grant Agreement

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Twitter and REA

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#EUbudget4results

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Your MSCA-IF Project and the Covid-19 Pandemic

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What help is available to you?

EUROPEAN COMMISSION FAQ

Funding and Tenders Portal

Research Enquiry services

HOST ORGANISATION

- Remote work/Telework
- Suspension request
- Furlough
- Practicalities…

NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP)

- NCP website

Our General Approach

Flexibility

- As much flexibility as possible within the limits of MSCA-IF rules as they appear in the Grant Agreement
- Postponing reporting deadlines, part-time, telework, etc., all on a case-by-case basis
- Postponing start date of the project
- Suspension (requires fellow's agreement, beneficiary encouraged to use the institutional costs during the suspension period)
- Flexibility on project implementation (fieldwork, change of secondment, scientific deliverables, etc.)

Communication

- Changes must be agreed with REA prior to their implementation

Inform your Project Officer of your specific situation to discuss and agree on solutions

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Most Common Issues

No extension: neither the number of person/months nor the maximum grant amount can be increased.

2 possibilities:

- Part-time (50% minimum)
- Suspension for personal or professional reasons of the researcher of up to 30% of the project duration possible, and beyond this period on case-by-case basis

In all cases, the project duration remains the same but the end date of the project is postponed.

Requires amendment to Grant Agreement

Most Common Issues

Mobility Rule

Can the researcher work on the project “remotely” from his/her current place of residence?

If possible, delay the project starting date.

Other situations examined on a case-by-case basis, but must:

- be duly justified
- be only for a limited period of time
- if the nature of the project allows
- fellow must relocate to the country of the beneficiary as soon as conditions allow.

REA will consider adopting a flexible approach whenever possible.

Most Common Issues

Secondments (EF and GF)

Secondments are an important part of your project (training, networking etc.)

- Postpone secondment until later in the project
- Change the secondment host?
- Is a “remote” secondment possible?

No secondments can take place during periods of suspension

Most Common Issues

Outgoing Phase (GF)

Due to the exceptional COVID-19 circumstances, **if duly justified and upon approval of the Project Officer**:

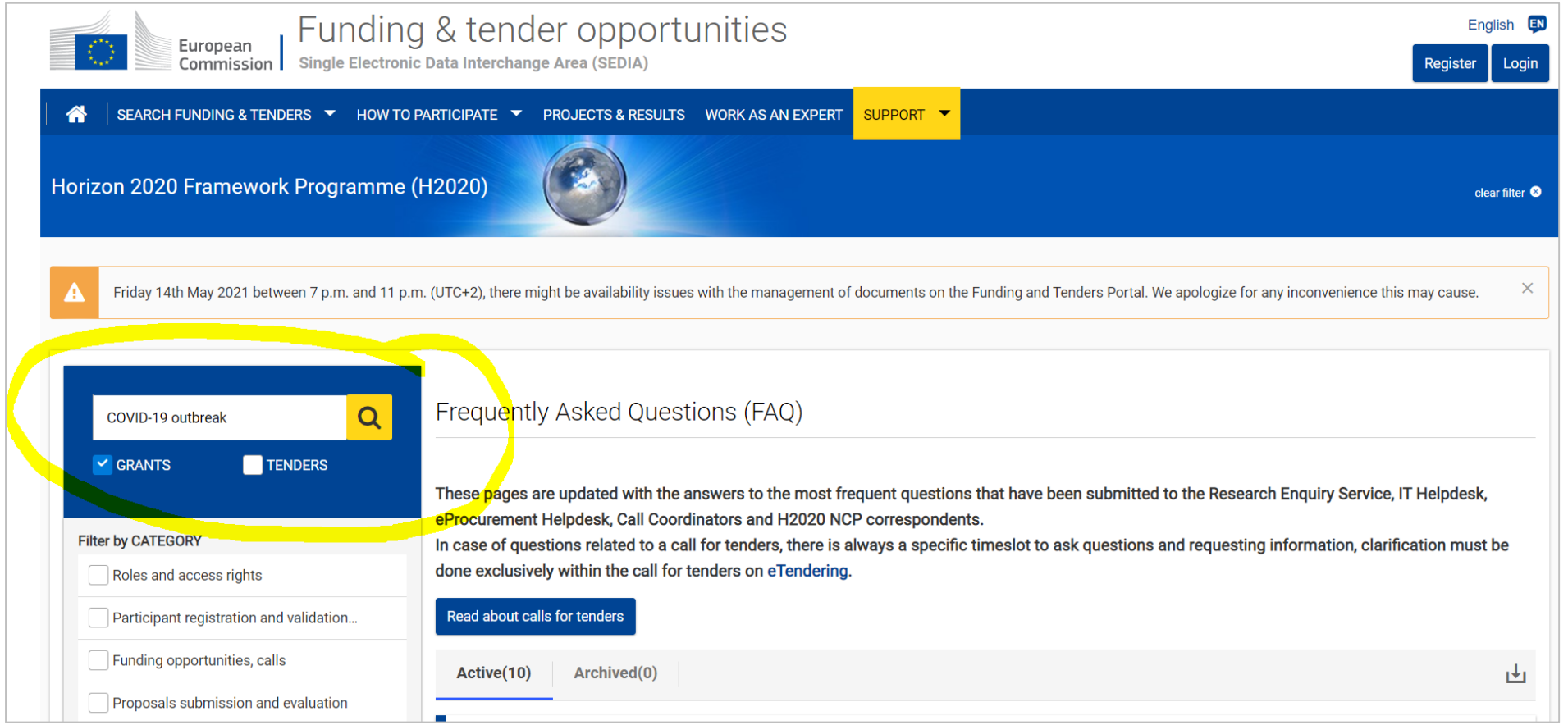
- the funded researchers can pursue their research work notably through telework (if allowed by their employer) **from a third country or from Europe**, according to their personal choice;
- work for the project can be performed with the beneficiary not only **before** the outgoing phase but also **throughout** it.

The Project Officer will monitor the situation closely and the researcher must be seconded to the partner organisation of the outgoing phase specified in the grant agreement as soon as the conditions allow it.

And much more….

Sources of Information

- Contact your PO for clarification or to request changes!
- Please remember to visit the FAQs



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