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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101215916 — Rozmanitost

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 TOMASIKOVO (TOMASIKOVO), PIC 913407388, established in HLAVNA 319, TOMASIKOVO 925 04, 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 action ¹
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:

Project summary
The aim of the project is to point out the diversity of Europe in the aspect of connecting the citizens of 4 countries. This is diversity in culture, languages, citizens (different nations and nationalities live in Europe), genders and in the view of current topics and needs. We transfer this diversity to the project activities. The basic task is to present diversity through workshops, presentations, exchange of best practices, discussions. We will ensure that “diversity” is translated into overcoming prejudices, developing tolerance and solidarity, eliminating discrimination and into common dialogue. Citizens representing 4 EU countries will participate in the implementation of the project. Among them will be representatives of local governments, ordinary citizens, members of associations and non-profit organizations, but also members of minorities (including Roma). They will actively approach the topic of diversity. We divided the main topic into three basic sections – civil diversity, cultural diversity, European diversity. Civil diversity is associated with pointing out discrimination against selected groups of the population and the need to suppress it. Cultural diversity is connected with pointing out the different languages of the nations present, the different cultural customs of the nations and minorities living in their territory. Culture will represent an element of connecting and overcoming prejudices. European diversity is linked to European policies of environmental protection, tourism, active aging, digitalization and resilience of Europe. The purpose is to contribute to a better future for Europe. The project will fulfil the following goals: 1) Suppression of discrimination against minorities and improvement of equality between men and women 2) Use of intercultural dialogue to connect citizens and create friendships 3) Involvement in the idea of building the EU on solidarity 4) Highlighting the importance of the EU and solutions for our common future

Keywords:

- Democratic engagement and civic participation
- Solidarity
- Minorities
- Town twinning
- Cultural diversity and heritage

Project number: 101215916

Project name: Call for Diversity / Výzva k rozmanitosti

Project acronym: Rozmanitost

Call: CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT

Topic: CERV-2024-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: 12 months

Consortium agreement: No

2. Participants

List of participants:

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Max grant amount
1	COO	TOMASIKOVO	OBEC TOMASIKOVO	SK	913407388	33 830.00
2	AP	Borsec	Consiliul Local al orasului Borsec	RO	913406903	0.00

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Max grant amount
3	AP	Aba	Aba Varos Onkormanyzata	HU	913406321	0.00
4	AP	Mestys Svitávka	Mestys Svitávka	CZ	913363641	0.00
5	AP	Obec Donovaly	Obec Donovaly	SK	913363544	0.00
Total						33 830.00

Coordinator:

— OBEC TOMASIKOVO (TOMASIKOVO)

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

Maximum grant amount (Annex 2)	Maximum grant amount (award decision)
33 830.00	33 830.00

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	12	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:

SK9602000000001590405757 SUBASKBXXXX

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 190 of EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509⁴ 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(38) of EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509, i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties.

⁴ For the definition, see Article 190 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024): "**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 138(1) and 143(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".

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 138(1)(c) of EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509⁸.

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 **101215916 — Rozmanitost** ('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).

⁸ 'Professional misconduct' includes, in particular, the following: violation of ethical standards of the profession; wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility; breach of generally accepted professional ethical standards; false declarations/misrepresentation of information; participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition; violation of IPR; attempting to influence decision-making processes by taking advantage, through misrepresentation, of a conflict of interests, or to obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage; incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence or similar activities contrary to the EU values where negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of a legal commitment.

The grant is an action grant⁹ 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)¹⁰ 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.

⁹ For the definition, see Article 183(2)(a) EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509: '**action grant**' means an EU grant to finance "an action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective".

¹⁰ See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.

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’¹¹ (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’:

- **Consiliul Local al orasului Borsec (Borsec)**, PIC 913406903
- **Aba Varos Onkormanyzata (Aba)**, PIC 913406321
- **Mestys Svitávka (Mestys Svitávka)**, PIC 913363641
- **Obec Donovaly (Obec Donovaly)**, PIC 913363544

¹¹ For the definition, see Article 190(2) EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509: “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.”

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/EC¹²
- 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/EC¹³
- 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

Pillar-assessed participants (if any) may rely on their own systems, rules and procedures, in so far as

¹² 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 (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

¹³ 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 (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

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 157 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509).

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 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 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 2015/444¹⁴ 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.

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

¹⁴ 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).

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 2018/1725¹⁵.

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 2016/679¹⁶).

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.

¹⁵ 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).

¹⁶ 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).

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

For **additional prefinancings** (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

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

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:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{minus} \\ \text{prefinancing and interim payments received (if any)} \end{array} \right\}.$$

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

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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:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{\{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{divided by} \\ \text{total accepted EU contribution for the action\}} \\ \text{multiplied by} \\ \text{final grant amount for the action\}}. \end{array} \right.$$

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 2024/2509.

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 2015/2366¹⁷ 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.

¹⁷ 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).

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 28) 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:

- (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, unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

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, unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

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 883/2013¹⁸ and No 2185/96¹⁹
- the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) under Regulation 2017/1939

¹⁸ 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).

¹⁹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 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).

- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) under Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 263 of EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.

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').

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), failure to cooperate with checks, reviews, audits and investigations, 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), failure to cooperate with checks, reviews, audits and investigations, 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), failure to cooperate with checks, reviews, audits and investigations, 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 42 (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 42 (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), failure to cooperate with checks, reviews, audits and investigations, 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 42 (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 42 (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 137 to 148 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509 and Articles 4 and 7 of Regulation 2988/95²⁰).

SECTION 4 FORCE MAJEURE

ARTICLE 35 — FORCE MAJEURE

²⁰ 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).

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).

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 1182/71²¹, periods expressed in days, months or years are calculated from the moment the triggering event occurs.

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

²¹ 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 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	
Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Enter the info.	
Project number:	101215916
Project name:	Call for Diversity / Výzva k rozmanitosti
Project acronym:	Rozmanitost
Call:	CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT
Topic:	CERV-2024-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:	12 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.

The aim of the project is to point out the diversity of Europe in the aspect of connecting the citizens of 4 countries. This is diversity in culture, languages, citizens (different nations and nationalities live in Europe), genders and in the view of current topics and needs. We transfer this diversity to the project activities. The basic task is to present diversity through workshops, presentations, exchange of best practices, discussions. We will ensure that “diversity” is translated into overcoming prejudices, developing tolerance and solidarity, eliminating discrimination and into common dialogue. Citizens representing 4 EU countries will participate in the implementation of the project. Among them will be representatives of local governments, ordinary citizens, members of associations and non-profit organizations, but also members of minorities (including Roma). They will actively approach the topic of diversity. We divided the main topic into three basic sections – civil diversity, cultural diversity, European diversity. Civil diversity is associated with pointing out discrimination against selected groups of the population and the need to suppress it. Cultural diversity is connected with pointing out the different languages of the nations present, the different cultural customs of the nations and minorities living in their territory. Culture will represent an element of connecting and overcoming prejudices. European diversity is linked to European policies of environmental protection, tourism, active aging, digitalization and resilience of Europe. The purpose is to contribute to a better future for Europe. The project will fulfil the following goals:

- 1) Suppression of discrimination against minorities and improvement of equality between men and women
- 2) Use of intercultural dialogue to connect citizens and create friendships
- 3) Involvement in the idea of building the EU on solidarity
- 4) Highlighting the importance of the EU and solutions for our common future

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.

Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC
1	COO	TOMASIKOVO	OBEC TOMASIKOVO	SK	913407388
2	AP	Borsec	Consiliul Local al orasului Borsec	RO	913406903
3	AP	Aba	Aba Varos Onkormanyzata	HU	913406321
4	AP	Mestys Svitávka	Mestys Svitávka	CZ	913363641
5	AP	Obec Donovaly	Obec Donovaly	SK	913363544

LIST OF WORK PACKAGES

Work packages						
Grant Preparation (Work Packages screen) — Enter the info.						
Work Package No	Work Package name	Lead Beneficiary	Effort (Person-Months)	Start Month	End Month	Deliverables
WP1	Implementation of the event Volanie po rozmanitosti	1 - TOMASIKOVO	1.00	1	12	D1.1 – Implementation of the project Volanie po rozmanitosti

Work package WP1 – Implementation of the event Volanie po rozmanitosti

Work Package Number	WP1	Lead Beneficiary	1 - TOMASIKOVO
Work Package Name	Implementation of the event Volanie po rozmanitosti		
Start Month	1	End Month	12

Objectives

- Combating discrimination against minorities and improving equality between men and women
- Using intercultural dialogue to bring citizens together and create international friendships
- Engaging in the idea of building an EU on solidarity
- Highlighting the importance of the European Union and solutions for our common future

Description

The aim of the project is to highlight the diversity of Europe in the aspect of connecting citizens from 4 countries. This is diversity in culture, languages, citizens (different nations and nationalities live in Europe), genders and in the view of current topics and needs. We transfer this diversity to the project activities. The basic task is to present diversity through workshops, presentations, exchange of best practices, discussions. We will then ensure that this diversity is transformed into overcoming prejudices, developing tolerance, highlighting solidarity, eliminating discrimination and into a common dialogue. Citizens representing 4 European countries will participate in the implementation of the project. Among them will be representatives of local governments, ordinary citizens, members of associations and non-profit organizations, but also members of minorities (including the Roma). They will actively approach the topic of diversity. We have divided the main topic into three basic sections - civic diversity, cultural diversity, European diversity. Civic diversity is associated with pointing out discrimination against selected population groups and the need to suppress it. Cultural diversity is associated with pointing out the different languages of the nations present, the different cultural customs of the nations and minorities living on their territory. Culture within the project will represent an element of connecting and overcoming prejudices. European diversity is associated with European policies of environmental protection, tourism, active ageing, digitality and resilience of Europe. The purpose is to contribute to a better future for Europe.

STAFF EFFORT

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

LIST OF DELIVERABLES

Deliverables <i>Grant Preparation (Deliverables screen) — Enter the info.</i> <i>The labels used mean:</i> <i>Public — fully open ( automatically posted online)</i> <i>Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement</i> <i>EU classified —RESTREINT-UE/EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE/EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE/EU-SECRET under Decision 2015/444</i>						
Deliverable No	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month)
D1.1	Implementation of the project Volanie po rozmanitosti	WP1	1 - TOMASIKOVO	OTHER	PU - Public	12

Deliverable D1.1 – Implementation of the project Volanie po rozmanitosti

Deliverable Number	D1.1	Lead Beneficiary	1 - TOMASIKOVO
Deliverable Name	Implementation of the project Volanie po rozmanitosti		
Type	OTHER	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	12	Work Package No	WP1

Description
Event name: Volanie po rozmanitosti (Call for diversity) Acronym: Rozmanitosť (Diversity) Event type: public event Place: Tomášikovo (Slovakia) Indicative event dates: 10-12/07/2026 Project duration: 12 months Estimated number of countries: 4 (SK, RO, HU, CZ) Estimated number of individual direct participants: 540 Estimated number of invited participants: 180 (45 from RO, 50 from HU, 45 from CZ, 40 from SK) Estimated number of invited foreign participants: 140 (45 from RO, 50 from HU, 45 from CZ) Estimated number of domestic participants: 360 Programme/brief description of the event: The aim of the project is to highlight the diversity of Europe in the aspect of connecting citizens of 4 countries. This is diversity in culture, languages, citizens (different nations and nationalities live in Europe), genders and in the view of current topics and needs. The basic task is to present diversity through workshops, presentations, exchange of best practices, discussions. Subsequently, we will ensure that this diversity is transformed into overcoming prejudices, developing tolerance, highlighting solidarity, eliminating discrimination and into a common dialogue. The main theme of the project is divided into three basic sections - civic diversity, cultural diversity, European diversity, which will form the dominant themes of the individual days of the main event. Event language: Slovak, Hungarian Method of implementation: implementation of activities planned for a 3-day event Activities are intended for the target group: citizens from partner municipalities Outputs: Information sheet (Event description sheet) published on the coordinator's website - www.tomasikovo.sk. Photos, videos and other outputs will also be published here.

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	N/A	WP1	1 - TOMASIKOVO	N/A	12

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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

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (PART B)

COVER PAGE

Part B of the Application Form must be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and then assembled and re-uploaded as PDF in the system. Page 1 with the grey IMPORTANT NOTICE box should be deleted before uploading.

Note: Please read carefully the conditions set out in the Call document (for open calls: published on the Portal). Pay particular attention to the award criteria; they explain how the application will be evaluated.

PROJECT	
Project name:	Call for Diversity / Výzva k rozmanitosti
Project acronym:	Rozmanitosť
Coordinator contact:	Zoltán HORVÁTH, Obec Tomášikovo

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Staff effort (n/a for Lump Sum Grants)	Chyba! Záložka nie je definovaná.
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

See Abstract (Application Form Part A).

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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?

Myšlienka realizovať projekt vznikla na základe aktuálnej situácie v Európe. Voľna na Ukrajinu a stále prítomné dôsledky pandémie COVID-19 v spoločnosti zapríčinili, že určitá forma diskriminácie „iných“ osôb je stále prítomná v spoločnosti. Rovnako aj diskriminácia na základe pohlavia je súčasťou bežných životov. Vieme, že cieľom EU je jednota v rozmanitosti. Rozmanitosť znamená prijatie niečoho/niekoľko „iného“ za bežné a prijať ho/to medzi seba. K tomu chceme pristúpiť aj my v rámci plánovanej realizácie projektu. Nediskriminovať je heslo projektu, t.j. chceme volať po prijatí rozmanitosti. Chceme, aby sa ženy aj muži, menšiny, utečenci, iné národy v Európe prijímali na rovnakej úrovni, aby sa medzi nimi nerobili rozdiely. Presadzovanie rovnosti chceme začať riešiť od najnižšej úrovne, teda od partnerských obcí a od partnerstva samotného. Do projektu aktívne zapojíme občanov z obcí Tomášikovo (SK), Donovaly (SK), Borsec (RO), Aba (HU), Svitávka (CZ). Títo budú naplňovať princípy nediskriminácie a zároveň aj všeobecné ciele programu CERV a výzvy CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT – Partnerstvá miest.

Naplnenie cieľov bude nasledovné:

Podporovať výmeny medzi občanmi rôznych krajín

V rámci projektu sa stretne a spoja 4 národy. Medzi nimi budú prebiehať interakcie a komunikácia. Spoločne budú diskutovať na aktuálne témy a spoločne si budú vymieňať skúsenosti napr. so zvládaním Ukrajinskej utečeneckej krízy, integráciou menšín, podporou rodovej rovnosti, riešením turizmu a ochrany životného prostredia.

Poskytnúť občanom praktické skúsenosti s bohatstvom a rozmanitosťou spoločného dedičstva Únie a informovať ich o tom, že tieto predstavujú základ pre spoločnú budúcnosť

Jedným z pilierov projektu je prezentácia kultúry štyroch národov a niekoľkých národnostných menšín. Tieto budú prebiehať počas celého podujatia. V rámci nich budeme môcť spoznať kultúrnu identitu národov slovenského, českého, maďarského, rumunského a taktiež rómskej a maďarskej národnostnej menšiny. Týmto dosiahneme búranie národnostných bariér a spojenie národov. Občanov partnerských obcí týmto informujeme o kultúrnej rozmanitosti prítomných národov Európy. Práve táto rozmanitosť pomáha formovať vzťahy v rámci EU aj partnerstva a sú základom pre spoločnú budúcnosť.

Zaručiť mierové vzťahy medzi Európanmi a zabezpečiť ich aktívnu účasť na miestnej úrovni

Aktivity projektu budú sprostredkovať témy, ktoré sú aktuálne pre celú Európsku úniu. Po predstavení tém bude nasledovať diskusia. V rámci diskusie bežní občania budú môcť vyjadriť svoj názor. Prezentované bude aj dobrovoľníctvo vo forme predstavenia práce neziskovej organizácie Divé maky venujúcej sa integrácii Rómov na Slovensku. Dobrovoľníctvo je v podstate aktívne občianstvo. Predstavením dobrovoľníctva a aktívnym zapájaním sa do diskusií sa bude zabezpečovať aktívna participácia bežných občanov.

Posilniť vzájomné porozumenie a priateľstvo medzi európskymi občanmi

Plán aktivít je postavený tak, aby sa občania zo štyroch krajín mali možnosť stretnúť, komunikovať, vymieňať si názory kultúrovanou formou. Projekt poskytuje priestor pre osobné poznávanie sa medzi občanmi 5 partnerských obcí, čo vytvorí základ pre rozvoj medzinárodných priateľstiev. Aj kultúra pomôže prekonávať bariéry národnostné a jazykové. Vďaka nej vznikne ďalší priestor pre tvorbu priateľstiev.

Posilniť spoluprácu medzi obcami a výmenu osvedčených postupov

Realizácie projektu sa zúčastní 5 obcí zo 4 krajín EU. Predstavitelia obcí budú spoločne diskutovať na aktuálne témy a spoločne si budú vymieňať skúsenosti napr. zvládaním Ukrajinskej utečeneckej krízy, integráciou menšín, podporou rodovej rovnosti, riešením turizmu a ochrany životného prostredia. Výmena bude plodná a pomôže utužiť partnerstvo samospráv a podporí budúcu spoluprácu.

Podporovať dobrú miestnu správu vecí verejných a posilniť úlohu miestnych a regionálnych orgánov v európskom integračnom procese

Partnerstvo predstavuje integráciu v menšej mierke, ako je integrácia štátov do EU. Je tvorené piatimi obcami / piatimi lokálnymi autoritami. Jeho posilňovaním a utužovaním v rámci realizácie spoločného projektu, vysielame verejnosti príklad dobrej praxe v oblasti integračného procesu na úrovni EU. Projekt prinesie výmenu osvedčených postupov. Týmto predstavitelia samospráv získajú nové kompetencie, ktoré pretavia do lepšej miestnej správy vecí verejných.

Príspevok k naplneniu priorít výzvy CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT – Partnerstvá miest:

EÚ je založená na solidarite

Hlavná myšlienka projektu je zameraná na vyzdvihnutí rozmanitosti. Jedná sa o rozmanitosť medzi národmi, rozmanitosť medzi občanmi (národnosť, vek), rozmanitosť kultúry a jazykovú, rozmanitosť medzi mužmi a ženami, rozmanitosť myšlienok a názorov na aktuálne témy. Táto myšlienka má svoj základ vo vzájomnej solidarite a pomoci. Projekt nadväzuje na aktuálne dianie (vojna na Ukrajine), kde solidarita má svoje nezastupiteľné miesto. Rovnako sa potreba solidarity týka aj národnostných menšín, najmä Rómskej. Táto marginalizovaná skupina obyvateľov je na okraji spoločnosti. Pre jej vymenenie je potrebné poskytnúť im solidaritu a pomoc. Tieto dve skutočnosti sú predmetom viacerých aktivít projektu, ako napr. Výzva k rozmanitosti = život s maďarskou a rómskou menšinou – workshop o práci samospráv s menšinami a prijatí utečencov z Ukrajiny; Kríza na východnej hranici – výstava fotografií reflektujúca vojnu na Ukrajine; Výzva pre úspech – beseda o rovnosti, rozmanitosti a začlenení marginalizovaných a hendikepovaných občanov do spoločenstva prostredníctvom kultúry; Vystúpiť z davu – workshop o potrebe pomoci Rómom vystúpiť zo sociálne znevýhodneného prostredia (Divé maky, o.z.). Spoločne realizovaný projekt môže v tomto smere poskytnúť pomoc vo forme výmeny skúseností a osvedčených postupov. Týmto poukážeme na potrebu solidarity a na skutočnosť, že partnerské obce, rovnako ako EU stoja na solidarite.

Projekty partnerských miest majú dať občanom príležitosť vyjadriť, akú Európu chcú

Zvýšenie záujmu ľudí o EU je jedným z prvkov, ktorým sa projekt bude venovať. Bude sa prezentovať podstata fungovania EU, jej politiky pre aktuálne obdobie, ako aj rôzne programy.

Týmto sa nám podarí dostať EU do neformálnych debát občanov. Následne projekt priamo pripraví diskusiu o smerovaní EU, o jej budúcnosti. Špeciálne bude do poznávania EU zapojená aj mládež. Mladí ľudia sú budúcnosťou každého národa a preto je dôležité ich pripravovať na pozitívne vnímanie EU. Cieľom je aby sa do budúcnosti stali aktívnymi Európanmi, ktorí sa angažujú v EÚ. Týmto zároveň budeme bojovať voči Euroskepticizmu. Partneri sa na túto oblasť chcú pozrieť pragmaticky. T.j. v rámci projektu sa budú realizovať aktivity, ktoré občanom poskytnú relevantné informácie o EU a podnietia diskusiu o tom akú Európu vlastne chceme. Týmto vznikne priestor pre priblíženie EU bližšie k občanom

a podpora zmyslu, že patríme do Európy.

Výber cieľových skupín do projektu:

Deti a mládež – mladšie generácie sú budúcnosťou každej obce, krajiny, partnerstva a EÚ. Projekt je príležitosťou nasmerovať a viesť ich správnou cestou. Mladšie generácie v rámci projektu získajú podnety a informácie o tolerancii, solidarite, rovnosti a nediskriminácii. Ich účasť bude v súlade s dokumentmi zaoberajúcimi sa základnými právami detí. Bude sa jednať o osoby vo veku 10-18 rokov veku. Táto skupina bola vybraná s ohľadom na potenciál ich formovať v prospech EU, v prospech budúceho zapájania sa do vecí verejných, do práce v komunite, do pomoci Rómom. Pri dospelých sa už ťažšie formujú predstavy o živote. Pri mladých ľuďoch ešte dokážeme ukázať na čo je diskriminácia a čo je nesprávne.

Dospelí – sú hlavnou skupinou účastníkov. Možnosť spoznať nových ľudí z cudzích krajín je neopakovateľná. Projekt preto poskytne tejto skupine priestor na prijímanie impulzov a získavanie nových poznatkov a informácií, ktoré je možné využiť na nadväzovanie nových priateľstiev. Bude sa jednať o osoby vo veku 18-64 rokov veku. Táto skupina bola vybraná s ohľadom na potenciál pracovať pre svoju komunitu. Podnety v oblasti nediskriminácie na základe pohlavia, veku, či príslušnosti k niektorej menšine sa týkajú práve tejto vekovej skupiny. Práve oni môžu naštartovať zmeny a preto je na nich kladený dôraz.

Seniori – to sú ľudia so skúsenosťami, ale vytlačení na okraj spoločnosti. Projekt im pomôže oslobodiť sa od staroby a odovzdať svoje vedomosti ďalej. Bude sa jednať o osoby vo veku 65+ rokov veku. Táto skupina bola vybraná s ohľadom na možnosť využitia ich skúseností pre dobro spoločnosti.

Zástupcovia obcí – sú dôležití pre prevzatie záštity nad partnerstvom. V rámci projektu budú mať možnosť vzájomne diskutovať a vymieňať si osvedčené postupy v rôznych oblastiach. Bude sa jednať o vekovo neohraničenú skupinu. Tvoria ju volení zástupcovia partnerských obcí. Táto skupina bola vybraná s ohľadom na ich postavenie nositeľov partnerstva.

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.

Analýza potrieb projektu bola vykonaná v rámci prípravnej fázy. Jej výsledkom je potreba zrealizovať projekt, ktorého sa fyzicky zúčastnia občania partnerkách obcí zo štyroch štátov EÚ. Projekt má mať za cieľ odstraňovať prvky diskriminácie v partnerstve a medzi národmi. V tomto duchu potreby partnerstva korešpondujú s objectives of the CERV Programme and objectives of the call CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN – Partnerstvá miest. V rámci analýzy potrieb sme pracovali s týmito dátami:

- Rozdiely medzi mužmi a ženami v postavení, platoch
- Rozdielne pohľady na EU v rôznych krajinách
- Nie všetci partneri majú Rómsku, či inú menšinu na svojom území
- Údaje z medzinárodných štatistík a prieskumov trhu

Na základe uvedených dát sme identifikovali tieto potreby:

Odstránenie rodových stereotypov a zlepšenie postavenie žien – V oblasti rovnosti príležitostí má každá zo zapojených krajín obrovské medzery. Postavenie žien sa za posledných 10 rokov síce zlepšilo, stále však nedosahuje úroveň, akú má Európska únia v priemere. Najlepším ukazovateľom v tomto smere je Gender Equality Index, ktorý sleduje úroveň nerovnosti medzi mužmi a ženami v jednotlivých krajinách EÚ v rôznych oblastiach (zdravie, práca, peniaze, vedomosti, čas, sila, násilie) a

tieto následne zoskupuje do jednej hodnoty, ktorú porovnáva medzi krajinami EU. V roku 2023 priemer Európskej únie bol 70,2 (skóre 100 znamená, že sme dosiahli plnú rovnosť medzi mužmi a ženami). Pre porovnanie v roku 2013 to bolo skóre 63,1. Slovensko v roku 2023 dosiahlo index 59,2 (53,0 v roku 2013), Česko v roku 2023 dosiahlo index 57,9 (55,6 v roku 2013), Maďarsko v roku 2023 dosiahlo index 57,3 (52,4 v roku 2013), Rumunsko v roku 2023 dosiahlo index 56,1 (50,8 v roku 2013). V štyroch krajinách aj globálne v EU badať nárast rodovej rovnosti. V krajinách strednej Európy však vysoko zaostávame za priemerom EU. Rodová nerovnosť sa v našich krajinách prejavuje v platových rozdieloch na rovnakých pozíciách, v nízkej miere zastúpenia žien na riadiacich pozíciách, v stereotypnom vnímaní vykonávania určitých pracovných pozícií len ženami, resp. len mužmi a v stereotypnom vnímaní výchovy detí. Problematika rodových stereotypov a jej riešenie zdola je identifikovanou potrebou.

Odstránenie stereotypného vnímania menšín, najmä Rómskej – Oblasť vnímania Rómskej menšiny/komunity je zväčša negatívna. Všetky 4 zapojené krajiny majú skúsenosti s existenciou Rómskej komunity a aj takmer všetky partnerské obce. Rómovia sú v krajinách marginalizovaní, na okraji spoločnosti. Sú to však naši občania, občania Európskej únie a preto je dôležité pomáhať im vymaniť sa z chudoby a marginalizácie. Prieskum ROMA SURVEY 2021 bol realizovaný v 10 európskych krajinách (vrátane všetkých 4 účastných na projekte). Jeho výsledky potvrdili skutočnosť, že Rómovia sú v spoločnosti diskriminovaní. Na otázku, či boli respondenti v posledných 12 mesiacoch diskriminovaní v základných oblastiach života, pretože sú Rómovia, boli nasledovné stanoviská, že áno: – 25% priemer krajín EU, 48% CZ, 18% HU, 20% RO, 26% SK. Na otázku týkajúcu sa ohrozenia rizikom chudoby boli nasledovné odpovede - áno: 80% priemer krajín EU, 77% CZ, 77% HU, 78% RO, 81% SK. Na otázku, či respondenti nahlásili posledný incident týkajúci sa diskriminácie, preto že sú Rómovia odpovedalo áno - 5% priemer krajín EU, 10% CZ, 3% HU, 2% RO, 3% SK. Rómovia sú predmetom diskriminácie a preto je potrebné túto problematiku začať riešiť zdola.

Stratená viera v Európsku úniu – Občania sa na internete, i zo strany politikov čoraz častejšie stretávajú s negatívnymi vymedzeniami voči EU. Aj krízy na Európskom kontinente za posledných 10 rokov priniesli množstvo nie príliš šťastných, resp. dobre odkomunikovaných celoeurópskych riešení. To spôsobuje odklon od EU. Prieskum Eurobarometer Rule of Law publikovaný v júli 2024 uvádza odpovede otázky: Do akej miery sa cítite informovaný alebo nie o základných hodnotách EÚ až 48% respondentov odpovedalo, že nie sú vôbec, resp. nie sú príliš dobre informovaní. Prieskum Eurobarometer EU Challenges and Priorities publikovaný v júli 2024 uvádza odpovede na otázku: Povedzte mi, prosím, či ste veľmi optimistický, skôr optimistický, skôr pesimistický alebo veľmi pesimistický, pokiaľ ide o budúcnosť Európskej únie - 37% respondentov odpovedalo, že sú pesimistickí ohľadom budúcnosti EU. Z uvedených odpovedí vyplýva, že občanom chýbajú základné informácie o EU a že neveria v budúcnosť EU, t.j. stratili vieru v EU, ktoré je potrebné znovu objaviť

Potreba solidarity – vyššie uvedené formy diskriminácie na základe pohlavia, či národnosti, vrátane štatistického podkladu, poukázali na potrebu väčšej solidarity v spoločnosti. Aj opakujúce sa krízy za posledných 10 rokov potvrdzujú toto stanovisko. V obciach chýba viacero dobrovoľníkov, väčšia spolupatričnosť, väčšia práca pre komunitu. Toto je potrebné zmeniť.

Postavenie kultúry v partnerských obciach – Prezentovanie kultúry a zvyklostí na vlastných kultúrnych podujatiach spôsobuje uzatváranie kultúru do hraníc jednotlivých obcí. Kultúra má pritom viacej funkcií, ako len prezentovať hudbu a tanec. Kultúra spája národy, prekonáva predsudky, podporuje medzikultúrny dialóg. To je to, čo nám v partnerstve aktuálne chýba. Stretnúť sa a spojiť sa, aby kultúra sa stala determinantom spájania národov.

Vyššie uvedené identifikované potreby vyprodukovali tieto špecifické ciele projektu:

- 1) Potláčanie diskriminácie menšín a zlepšenie rovnosti mužov a žien
- 2) Využitie medzikultúrneho dialógu na spájanie občanov a tvorbu medzinárodných priateľstiev
- 3) Zapojenie sa do myšlienky budovania EU na solidarite
- 4) Vyzdvihnutie dôležitosti Európskej únie a riešení pre našu spoločnú budúcnosť

Špecifické ciele reflektujú na potreby.

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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.

Realizácia projektu Rozmanitosť stavia na výsledkoch posledného spoločného projektu, ktorým je projekt **Equality (101091253)**. Projekt Equality priniesol základné informácie pri budovaní spoločnosti založenej na rovnosti. Projekt Rozmanitosť prináša nadstavbu a to vo forme poukázania na rozdielnosť partnerov, občanov, pohlaví, národov, pričom táto rozdielnosť nás spája. Projekt Rozmanitosť má za cieľ spájať rôznych ľudí a riešiť existujúcu diskrimináciu. Z uvedeného vyplýva, že prvý projekt riešil rovnosť, súčasný projekt bude riešiť rozmanitosť a nediskrimináciu. Projekt nie je komplementárny s inými EU projektmi, ani so žiadnymi EU projektmi nemá synergie.

Inovativnosť projektu v spojení rôznorodosti s nediskrimináciou. Prezentáciou rôznorodosti občanov, národov, národností, mužov a žien, občanom prinesieme pohľad na to, že pokiaľ je niečo iné, neznamená, že je to zlé. Tým pádom začneme potláčať diskrimináciu. Diskrimináciu medzi pohlaviami, diskrimináciu menšín, najmä Rómskej, diskrimináciu hendikepovaných ľudí. Inovativnosť riešenia diskriminácie na základe pohlavia, či príslušnosti k etniku, je v poukazaní úspechu osôb, ktoré sú predmetom diskriminácie. V rámci projektu budeme ukazovať príbehy úspešných žien v ekonomickom rozhodovaní a podnikaní. Taktiež bude premetom projektu ukázanie príkladov, kedy sa Rómom podarilo odísť z osád (Divé maky, o.z.). Týmto sprostredkujeme širokej verejnosti príklady dobrej praxe, aby osoby, ktoré sú predmetom diskriminácie, už neboli. Inovativnosť projektu je aj v aktívnom zapájaní príslušníkov Rómskej komunity do projektu. T.j. nebudeme len o nich rozprávať, ale reálne im poskytneme príležitosť sa prezentovať. Členovia komunity budú prítomní na všetkých aktivitách. Okrem toho sa budú prezentovať tradičnou kultúrou. Ďalším inovatívnym prvkom je výmena skúseností a osvedčených postupov medzi samosprávami. Projekt prinesie priestor sa osobne stretnúť a diskutovať o rôznych samosprávnych problémoch naprieč krajinami EÚ. Takáto možnosť absenteje pri emailovej, či telefonickej komunikácii, ktorá prebieha väčšinou len medzi dvomi osobami. Osobné stretnutie vo väčšom počte znamená, že dokážeme priniesť viacero riešení. Predstavitelia samospráv vďaka projektu získajú platformu pre diskusiu o ochrane životného prostredia a lokálnom udržateľnom turizme, o práci s marginalizovanými komunitami a menšinami, či utečencami z Ukrajiny.

Projekt má výrazný európsky rozmer. Je to dané implementáciou európskych tém do aktivít projektu a diskusiou o aktuálnych problémoch týkajúcich sa EÚ. V rámci projektu budú pre účastníkov realizované workshopy a diskusie na tému prínos EÚ pre život občanov, budúcnosť EÚ. Pomôže to zvýšiť európske povedomie. Účasť piatich partnerov zo štyroch krajín EÚ na jednom vzájomnom projekte je druhým prvkom európskej dimenzie. Títo partneri zabezpečia účasť svojich občanov. V rámci projektu budú diskutovať o rôznych témach spojených s partnerstvom a EÚ, predstaví sa kultúra a solidarita a bude sa rozvíjať európske povedomie. Nápad a výstupy projektu sa dostanú k štyrom krajinám a k ich občanom. Takéto nápady budú zahŕňať univerzálne riešenia aktuálnych problémov atď., ktoré účastníci prinesú do svojich domácností, komunít a obcí. Dopady projektu preto zasiahnu krajiny ako Slovensko, Maďarsko, Česká republika a Rumunsko.

Projekt prináša témy, ktoré sa netýkajú len partnerských obcí, ale v postate celej Európy. Spolužitie s menšinami, rodová nerovnosť, potreby samospráv v ochrane životného prostredia sa týkajú takmer každej samosprávy v Európe. Projekt Rozmanitosť prináša diskusiu na tieto problémy a partnerské obce a ich občania budú spoločne hľadať najlepšie riešenia. Riešením nebude zmena, ale nastavenie cesty k zmene. Napr. znižovanie vyčlenenia Rómskej komunity z obce, väčší priestor pre ženy zúčastňovať sa na riadení a pod. Tieto témy a výsledky sú univerzálne a sú aplikovateľné aj v iných obciach, krajinách. Tento projekt môže slúžiť ako príklad dobrej praxe. T.j. projekt s podobnými témami a podobným spôsobom riešenia týchto tém je možné organizovať aj v rôznych krajinách.

Projekt sa bude realizovať v obci Tomášikovo, Trnavský kraj, Slovensko. Všetky aktivity sa budú

realizovať na území obce (workshopy, diskusie, prezentácie a výmeny osvedčených postupov). Do projektu sa zapoja občania z týchto krajín: Slovensko, Maďarsko, Česká republika a Rumunsko. Účasť slovenského partnera z obce Donovaly a domácich občanov bude hrazená z vlastných zdrojov obce Tomášikovo. Do projektu sa zapojí celkovo päť obcí. Tieto obce/krajiny získajú z projektu priame výhody – nové priateľstvá, nové informácie o EÚ, podnety k rodovej rovnosti a nediskriminácii a tiež spoznajú nové krajiny.

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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.

Základný rámec projektu tvorí jedno hlavné podujatie. To bude realizované v obci Tomášikovo. Trvanie 3 dni. Termín: júl 2025. Iné sprievodné podujatia realizované nebudú.

Metodológia projektu je založená na rovnakej účasti všetkých partnerských obcí na jeho príprave a realizácii. Vďaka tomu sa zabráni akejkoľvek forme diskriminácie ktoréhokoľvek z partnerov a posilní sa partnerstvo. Účasť partnerov si vyžaduje aj aktívnu účasť ich občanov na každej realizovanej aktivite. Spôsobom zapojenia do aktivít bude oslovenie aktívnych občanov, aby sa zúčastnili projektu a následne počas podujatia budú cez koordinátorov pravidelne informovaní o aktuálnom programe.

Hlavným spôsobom realizácie projektu je rozdelenie aktivít do viacerých dimenzií, ktoré majú spoločné prvky. Európska dimenzia je daná šírením informácií o EÚ a diskusiou o jej budúcnosti. Okrem toho sa budú diskutovať aj o aktuálnych problémoch a témach, ktoré trápia všetky európske krajiny. Európsky rozmer projektu je významným aspektom širokého zapojenia partnerov zo 4 európskych krajín. Spájanie občanov z partnerských obcí, ktoré sa prejaví v účasti všetkých účastníkov na všetkých aktivitách, je procesom vzájomného spoznávania sa. Spájanie sa bude realizovať najmä kultúrnymi aktivitami, čím získavame druhý rozmer projektu. Tretím rozmerom je rozdelenie aktivít na aktívne a pasívne z hľadiska participácie. Aktívna účasť sa týka aktivít, v ktorých budú účastníci v úlohe diskutujúcich, lektorov a prezentujúcich. Pasívne sa týkajú ich role divákov, napr. sledovanie kultúrnych vystúpení atď.

Samotný projekt pozostáva z troch fáz. Prvou je projektová príprava, ktorej súčasťou je navrhnutý plán činnosti popísaný v pracovnom programe. Druhou fázou je realizácia projektu prebiehajúca podľa vyššie uvedených skutočností. Tretou fázou je monitorovacia fáza pozostávajúca z udržiavania projektu a šírenia výsledkov.

Projekt bude realizovaný týmito pracovnými metódami:

- A) Aktívna komunikácia – zahŕňa intenzívnu komunikáciu medzi partnermi v rámci prípravy a realizácie aktivít projektu. Budú vzájomne komunikovať o implementácii, o spôsobe zapojenia cieľových skupín a tiež vzájomne hľadať riešenia vzniknutých problémov.
- B) Rovnaká účasť – na aktivitách sa budú rovnomerne zúčastňovať zástupcovia všetkých partnerov, t.j. na každej aktivite budú prítomní účastníci z domácej obce, ako aj zo štyroch partnerských obcí. Budú aktívni v diskusiách, prezentáciách a zvyšovaní povedomia o témach projektu. Vzájomne ako účastníci získajú nové európske povedomie, nové informácie o EÚ a jej postojoch k aktuálnym témam a vzájomne spoznajú multikulturalizmus a viacjazyčnosť prostredia EÚ a taktiež získajú podnety pre potláčanie diskriminácie voči ženám, či menšinám/Rómom. Hoci sa aktivity budú realizovať na jednom mieste – v obci Tomášikovo, výsledkom projektu bude vzájomné zhromažďovanie získaných poznatkov a informácií od všetkých partnerov o všetkých témach spolu s rovnocennou účasťou občanov na aktivitách.
- C) Riadenie projektu zhora nadol – ide o typ riadenia projektovým tímom. Jeho súčasťou budú zástupcovia a zamestnanci žiadateľa a každý partner tam bude mať aj jedného zástupcu. V rámci projektového tímu budú povinnosti rozdelené nasledovne: projektový manažér, finančný manažér a koordinátor z obce Tomášikovo, koordinátor z obce Donovaly (SK), koordinátor z obce Svitávka (CZ), koordinátor z obce koordinátor z obce Aba (HU) a koordinátor z obce Borsec (RO). Projektový tím bude riadiť projekt po organizačnej, technickej a materiálnej stránke.

- D) Riadenie projektu zdola nahor (od základne po vrchol) – ide o typ riadenia v rámci metódy tzv. work breakdown structure. To znamená, že najskôr sa budú realizovať menšie časti v rámci aktivít. To následne povedie k naplneniu celých aktivít projektu a následne k naplneniu plánovaných cieľov. Navyše to znamená, že aktivity projektu ako aj menšie časti budú realizovať účastníci z piatich partnerských obcí. Projektový tím však organizačne zabezpečí všetky aktivity.

Metodológia projektu je spojená aj so zabezpečením účasti občanov na aktivitách. Pri dospelých a senioroch bude účasť riešená formou informovaného súhlasu. Pri deťoch a mládeži sa bude jednať o zabezpečenie, aby deťom nebolo počas realizácie projektu nijako ublížené. To znamená, že deti sa zúčastnia na podujatí len so súhlasom rodičov/zákonných zástupcov. Na aktivitách budú účastníci za prítomnosti profesionálnych animátorov a iných dospelých osôb. Ich účasť na aktivitách bude dobrovoľná, deti budú chránené pred fyzickým a psychickým násilím, rodičia/zákonní zástupcovia poskytnú informovaný súhlas. Z pohľadu všetkých účastníkov je dôležitá ochrana osobných údajov. Tú bude zabezpečovať hlavný koordinátor – obec Tomášikovo prostredníctvom svojich zamestnancov. Bude pozostávať z:

- Upozornenie účastníkov o zhotovovaní fotografických záznamov počas realizácie každej aktivity
- Uchovávanie fotografií na serveri obce s obmedzeným prístupom osôb
- Zber výlučne osobných údajov – meno a priezvisko potrebných k zoznamu účastníkov

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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.

n/a

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
Zoltán Horváth, hlavný koordinátor a projektový manažér	Obec Tomášikovo	Pozícia: projektový manažér, koordinátor pre obec Tomášikovo Úlohy: riadi projekt, dohliada na prípravu projektu a prípravu miest projektu, dohliada na plnenie cieľov a míľnikov projektu, koordinuje všetkých partnerov a zabezpečuje účasť občanov obce Tomášikovo na aktivitách projektu

		Profil: starosta obce Tomášikovo je vo funkcii tretie volebné obdobie. Riadi obec, má skúsenosti s riadením ľudí a realizuje všetky projekty spolufinancované z eurofondov a fondov a finančných prostriedkov ministerstiev SR.
Viola Poláková, finančný manažér	Obec Tomášikovo	Pozícia: finančný manažér Úlohy: ekonomické riadenie projektu, príprava dokladov k vyúčtovaniu nákladov na projekt, úhrada výdavkov a kontrola rozpočtu projektu Profil: niekoľkoročná prax v oblasti financií samosprávy. Realizuje finančné transakcie obce, vedie účtovníctvo obce a vykonáva finančné hospodárenie v rámci všetkých projektov realizovaných obcou Tomášikovo.
József Mik, koordinátor za obec Borsec	Obec Borsec	Pozícia: koordinátor za obec Borsec (Rumunsko) Úlohy: koordinuje účasť občanov obce Borsec na jednotlivých aktivitách projektu, zabezpečuje šírenie propagačných materiálov a výstupov na území obce Borsec a pomáha pri realizácii aktivít. Profil: starosta obce Borsec je vo funkcii druhé volebné obdobie, má skúsenosti s riadením ľudí a realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z EÚ
Lajos Mikula, koordinátor za obec Aba	Obec Aba	Pozícia: koordinátor za obec Aba (Maďarsko) Úlohy: koordinuje účasť občanov obce Aba na jednotlivých aktivitách projektu, zabezpečuje šírenie propagačných materiálov a výstupov na území obce Aba a pomáha pri realizácii aktivít. Profil: starosta obce Aba je vo funkcii druhé volebné obdobie, má skúsenosti s riadením ľudí a realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z EÚ
Miroslava Zoubková, koordinátor za Městys Svitávka	Městys Svitávka	Pozícia: koordinátorka za obec Městys Svitávka (Česko) Úlohy: koordinuje účasť občanov Městysu Svitávka na jednotlivých aktivitách projektu, zabezpečuje šírenie propagačných materiálov a výstupov na území Městysu Svitávka a pomáha pri realizácii aktivít. Profil: starostka Městysu Svitávka, je vo funkcii prvé volebné obdobie, má skúsenosti s riadením ľudí a realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z EÚ
Miroslav Daňo, koordinátor za obec Donovaly	Obec Donovaly	Pozícia: koordinátor za obec Donovaly (Slovensko) Úlohy: koordinuje účasť občanov obce Donovaly na jednotlivých aktivitách projektu, zabezpečuje šírenie propagačných materiálov a výstupov na území obce Donovaly a pomáha pri realizácii aktivít. Profil: starosta obce Donovaly je vo funkcii prvé volebné obdobie, má skúsenosti s riadením ľudí a realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z EÚ

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.

Projekt bude riadiť vyššie uvedený projektový tím. Všetci členovia majú dostatok skúseností s realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z EÚ, ako aj z národných fondov a finančných prostriedkov. Nie je teda potrebné ho podporovať inými vecami formou subdodávok.

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.

Za riadenie projektu bude zodpovedný projektový manažment = projektový tím, ktorí budú tvoriť projektový manažér, finančný manažér a koordinátori. V rámci riadiacej štruktúry bude projektový tím viesť projektový manažér. Bude zodpovedať za koordináciu všetkých partnerov a občanov z domovskej obce, ako aj riadiť aktivity projektu, dohliadať na prípravu projektu a prípravu miest konania a dohliadať na plnenie cieľov a míľnikov projektu. Finančný manažér bude zodpovedný za finančné riadenie projektu, účtovanie projektu, spracovanie účtovných výkazov a záznamov a realizáciu platieb. Koordinátori z jednotlivých obcí budú koordinovať účasť svojich občanov na aktivitách, zabezpečovať šírenie propagačných materiálov a výstupov projektu a pomáhať pri realizácii aktivít. Tento tím bude viesť celkovú implementáciu projektu. Každý člen má priamu skúsenosť s realizáciou projektov spolufinancovaných z európskych a národných finančných prostriedkov.

Projekt sa bude realizovaný za pomoci koordinácie všetkých 5 partnerov. V rámci prípravnej fázy sa partneri dohodli na jednotlivých povinnostiach, pláne aktivít a šírení jeho výsledkov, t.j. rozdelili si povinnosti a zodpovednosť za zabezpečenie hladkého priebehu realizácie projektu. Pre zabezpečenie sledovania progresu projektu boli už v prípravnej fáze nastavené kontrolné mechanizmy, ktorých úlohou je predchádzať možným rizikám pri implementácii. Kontrolnú činnosť bude vykonávať projektový tím. Okrem kontroly mechanizmus stanovuje aj niektoré ďalšie mechanizmy a pravidlá. Tieto môžeme rozdeliť na vonkajšie a vnútorné. Vnútornú kontrolu bude vykonávať projektový tím s cieľom okamžite nájsť a odstrániť nedostatky a prípadný nesúlad realizovaných činností s plánom činnosti, rozpočtom a cieľmi projektu. Kontrola bude nepretržitá a bude pozostávať z:

- príprava podkladov pre realizáciu projektu
- kontrola súladu realizovaných aktivít so skutočnosťou
- kontrola verejného obstarávania a všetkých súvisiacich činností

- kontrola plnenia finančných transakcií a účtovnej závierky
- kontrola povinností vyplývajúcich zo zmlúv
- kontrola dodržiavania ochrany práv detí
- kontrola dodržiavania rodovej rovnosti

Externá kontrola bude vykonávaná zo strany donora – správcu programu CERV formou kontroly záverečnej správy a vyúčtovania projektu.

Dosiahnutie výsledkov projektu najhospodárnejším spôsobom bude zabezpečené využitím interných personálnych a odborných kapacít. Nedôjde tak k rozdeleniu kontrolných a implementačných činností na interné a externé a ušetrí sa aj finančné prostriedky, keďže nedôjde k predražovaniu aktivít cez externú časť. Navyše to umožní plnú kontrolu nad procesom implementácie aktivít.

Kvalita projektu do značnej miery závisí od plánovaných ukazovateľov a hlavne od ich plnenia. Splnením merateľných ukazovateľov sa preukáže zmysel projektu a jeho úspešné ukončenie. Keďže kvalitatívne ukazovatele sú ťažko merateľné, vo vybraných ukazovateľoch prevládajú kvantitatívne ukazovatele. Ukazovatele projektu sú nasledovné:

Kvantitatívne ukazovatele:

Počet realizovaných podujatí: 1

Počet účastníkov podujatia: 540

Počet žien z celkového počtu účastníkov: 270

Počet pozvaných zahraničných účastníkov: 140

Počet z celkového počtu pozvaných zahraničných účastníkov: 70

Počet účastníkov podľa partnerov: Aba (HU) – 50, Svitávka (CZ) – 45, Borsec (RO) – 45

Počet účastníkov zo Slovenska: 40 – Obec Donovaly, 360 Obec Tomášikovo

Počet použitých komunikačných prostriedkov (médiá, internet, propagácia): 3

Počet vytvorených partnerstiev: 0

Počet udržaných partnerstiev: 1

Počet zúčastnených krajín: 4

Kvantitatívne merateľné ukazovatele budú merané na základe zoznamov účastníkov a podľa fotografických záznamov. Merané budú počas realizácie projektu a ihneď po jeho ukončení.

Kvalitatívne ukazovatele:

Znížený počet incidentov týkajúcich sa diskriminácie v partnerských obciach

Príklady dobrej praxe získané od partnerov

Zvýšený záujem o EÚ u mladých občanov

Rovnosť príležitostí pre mužov a ženy v rámci realizácie projektu

Počet vytvorených následných spoločných aktivít po ukončení projektu

Projekt má zabezpečenú technickú a finančnú udržateľnosť svojich výstupov

Kvalitatívne ukazovatele budú merané 6 mesiacov po ukončení projektu. Formou merania bude dotazník zaslaný partnerským obciam. K meraniu kvalitatívnych výstupov pomôžu aj zoznamy účastníkov a fotodokumentácia z aktivít.

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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 into 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
-	n/a	-	-
-	n/a	-	-

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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?

Projekt sa zameriava na poukázanie rozmanitosti partnerstva a Európskej únie. Cieľom je spojiť rozdielne národy, národnosti, pohlavia, kultúrne identity do jedného partnerstva, do jedného projektu. Projekt je významným prvkom v potláčaní diskriminácie v spoločnosti. Projekt neprinesie rovno

potlačenie diskriminácie menín vrátane rómskej či žien, ale vytvorí cestu, na konci ktorej sa diskriminácia bude znižovať. Tento prvok má veľký význam v živote partnerstva aj v živote občanov partnerských obcí. Práve občania tvoria hlavnú cieľovú skupinu projektu a ich sa budú týkať dopady so stredno- a dlhodobým efektom. Dopady sa vďaka diseminácii dostanú aj medzi širokú verejnosť. Dopady sú nasledovné:

- Budovanie jednoty v rozmanitosti a odstraňovanie stereotypov
- Obnova viery v Európsku úniu a zvýšenie záujmu o budúcnosť Európy
- Rozvoj solidarity
- Využitie medzikultúrneho dialógu na spájanie občanov

Budovanie jednoty v rozmanitosti a odstraňovanie stereotypov je dopadom s dlhým efektom. Z pohľadu cieľových skupín sa jedná o prekonávanie predsudkov voči ženám, menšinám, Rómom, utečencom z Ukrajiny. Dopadom je vydláždenie cesty pre postupné odstraňovanie diskriminácie. To žiaľ nie je možné urobiť naraz a počas jedného podujatia. Projekt priniesie možnosť spoznať dopady diskriminácie na vybrané skupiny obyvateľstva, ako aj príklady, kedy sa osoby vymanili z tejto diskriminácie. Týmto spôsobom zabezpečíme šírenie myšlienok nediskriminácie. Zároveň budovaniu jednoty a potláčaniu diskrimináciu pomôže aj samotná realizácia projektu. Projekt bude prístupný pre všetkých občanov z piatich partnerských obcí, pre členov majority aj minorít, ale aj rovnako pre mužov a ženy. Do aktivít budú zapojení všetci účastníci. Takto zabezpečíme rovnaké postavenie. Prostredníctvom kultúrnych prezentácií, zoznamovacích aktivít, spoločných diskusií sa budú prekonávať predsudky voči iným národom, národnostiam, komunitám.

Obnova viery v Európsku úniu a zvýšenie záujmu o budúcnosť Európy je dopadom so strednodobým efektom. Z pohľadu cieľových skupín sa jedná o spoznanie úlohy EU v životoch občanov a možnosť ovplyvniť budúcnosť EU. Dopadom je zlepšenie postavenia EU medzi občanmi. V rámci projektu budeme prezentovať aktuálne politiky EU a jej prínosy pre mladých ľudí. Týmto zabezpečíme, aby sa téma Európskej únie dostala medzi občanov a títo aby sa o nej začali rozprávať. Významným je prezentácia EU mladým ľuďom. Týmto vytvoríme základ pre ich budúcu angažovanosť v prospech EU. Prestavením aktuálnych priorít politiky EU pozdvihneme úroveň poznania EU medzi širokou verejnosťou. Zlepšime tým európske povedomie a obnovíme vieru v EU, ktorá sa zaujíma o blaho svojich občanov.

Rozvoj solidarity je dopadom so strednodobým efektom. Z pohľadu cieľových skupín sa jedná o zoznámenie sa s témou, získanie podnetov pre vlastnú solidaritu. V rámci projektu predstavíme konkrétne príklady solidarity. Bude sa jednať o pripomenutie si historických udalostí spojených so solidaritou, solidaritu s utečencami z Ukrajiny, solidaritu s Rómskou menšinou. Projekt prispeje k lepšiemu poznaniu a pochopeniu témy. Týmto vzbudí záujem občanov o pomoc a podporu druhých, reagovanie na spoločenské výzvy. Taktiež projekt povzbudí občanov k väčšiemu vzájomnému porozumeniu. So solidaritou súvisí aj diskusia o spoločných riešeniach, ktoré projekt priniesie v oblastiach života s menšinami, prijatí utečencov z Ukrajiny, ale aj o udržateľnom turizme a ochrane životného prostredia. Rovnako v prípade odstraňovania diskriminácie, aj téma solidarity vydláždi cestu pre jej uplatňovanie v praxi po ukončení projektu.

Využitie medzikultúrneho dialógu na spájanie občanov je dopadom s dlhým efektom. Z pohľadu cieľových skupín sa jedná o vzájomné zoznamovanie sa, prekonávanie predsudkov a zachovávanie tradícií. Kultúrne prezentácie a prezentácie tradícií v remesle a gastronómii prinesú nový pohľad na jednotlivé národy. Kultúra pomôže prekonať jazykové a národnostné rozdiely. Do kultúrnych prezentácií bude zapojená aj Rómska menšina, čím kultúra prispeje aj k odstraňovaniu diskriminácie. Spájanie občanov podporí aj lepšie prepojenie partnerských obcí. V rámci projektu si budú partnerské obce vymieňať skúsenosti a osvedčené postupy. Týmto sa zlepšia ich kompetencie a tieto prenesú na poskytovanie lepších služieb občanom. Vďaka kultúre sa spoja obce a občania.

Cieľovú skupinu projektu tvoria občania partnerských obcí a sekundárne aj široká verejnosť. Dopady na cieľovej skupine možno najlepšie sledovať pri jej rozdelení podľa vekových kategórií. Mladšie generácie získajú nových kamarátov, naučia sa novým veciam v rámci remeselných hier. Zároveň budú poznávať aké má pre nich EU prínosy a čo pre nich pripravuje do budúcnosti. Tým sa posilní ich postavenie v rámci partnerstva a vytvorí predpoklad pre ich zvýšený záujem o EU. Pre dospelých bude projekt prínosom v oblasti rozšírenia vedomostí o aktuálnych prioritách Európskej Únie. Dospelí sa začnú viac zaujímať o budúcnosť EU. Budú aktívni pri napĺňaní potrieb projektu, pri diskusiách a pri vytváraní nových priateľstiev. Prostredníctvom poznávania kultúry sa lepšie zblížia medzi sebou. Zároveň podporia búranie predsudkov voči menšinám a ženám. Pre seniorov význam podujatia stúpa s možnosťou získať informácie o vzdelávaní určenom pre seniorov v rôznych krajinách. Taktiež získajú zaujímavé informácie o EU, riešení Rómskej problematiky, či pomoci utečencom. Samosprávnici

predstavitelia získajú know-how pri riešení tém, ako sú zvládanie Ukrajinskej utečeneckej krízy, integrácia menšín, podpora rodovej rovnosti, riešenie udržateľného turizmu a ochrany životného prostredia.

Pre dosiahnutie dopadov projektu na príslušníkov cieľovej skupiny je potrebné, aby boli všetci aktívne zapojení do realizácie aktivít. T.j. aby sami boli tvorcami aktivít, aj ich obsahom. Zapojené budú nielen všetky vekové skupiny, ale aj muži a ženy v rovnakom pomere.

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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.

Plán komunikácie je založený na prepojení propagácie projektu a šírenia jeho výsledkov. Vďaka tomu bude dosiahnutý prenos výsledkov k priamym účastníkom a k širokej verejnosti. Preto môžeme propagáciu vnímať ako hlavný prostriedok šírenia informácie o realizácii projektu. Druhým prostriedkom je diseminácia, t.j. distribúcia výsledkov projektu účastníkmi a médiami medzi širokú verejnosť.

Propagácia projektu bude využívaná týmito spôsobmi: tlač, audio, audiovizuálne a internetové médiá. Z tlačených médií budú pripravené pozvánky a plagáty. Ide o najbežnejšiu a najpoužívanejšiu formu propagácie a komunikácie s cieľovými skupinami. Najmä u starších ľudí je to najpoužívanejšia forma získavania informácií. Pozvánky a plagáty budú obsahovať program podujatia vrátane času konania jednotlivých aktivít. Pripravené budú štyri jazykové verzie podľa materinského jazyka účastníkov. Za ich prípravu je zodpovedná Obec Tomášikovo, pričom partnerské obce zabezpečia ich distribúciu medzi svojich občanov. Zvukové médium zastupuje miestny rozhlas v obci Tomášikovo. Tento prostriedok sa použije pred projektom a v jeho priebehu. Odvysielané budú relácie v slovenskom a maďarskom jazyku, v rámci ktorých občania a účastníci získajú informácie o programe a jeho prípadných zmenách. Audiovizuálnym prostriedkom bude zhotovenie videa. Jeho súčasťou budú reportáže z jednotlivých aktivít v audio aj obrazovej podobe. Videozáznam bude zdieľaný na webových stránkach a na sociálnych sieťach. Internet je posledným prostriedkom propagácie. Pre prezentáciu projektu bude vytvorená podstránka na webovej stránke obce Tomášikovo. Budú tam zdieľané všetky informácie o projekte (napr. jeho program, pozvánka, plagát, fotogaléria, video, záverečná správa a informačný list). Tiež tu bude zverejnený popis udalosti. Program bude zdieľaný aj na webových stránkach partnerských obcí. Na sociálne siete sa dostanú krátke odkazy na podujatie a po jeho ukončení aj zhrnutie.

Súčasťou komunikačných aktivít bude aj tlačová konferencia v úvode podujatia. Koordinátor projektu predstaví prítomným občanom a médiám projekt spolu s jeho cieľmi a plánovanými a očakávanými výsledkami a finančnou podporou z programu CERV.

Komunikačný prostriedok:

- pozvánky – spolu 540 kusov, vydané v jazykoch partnerov, 6 týždňov pred realizáciou projektu
- plagáty - spolu 50 kusov, vydané v jazykoch partnerov, 6 týždňov pred realizáciou projektu
- webstránka – spolu 1 ks, vytvorená ako podstránka na stránke obce Tomášikovo, vytvorená pred realizáciou projektu
- sociálne siete – posty pre, počas o po ukončení realizácie projektu
- tlačová konferencia – 1 ks, realizovaná na začiatku realizácie projektu
- video – 1 ks, vydané 6 týždňov po realizácii projektu

Každý vydaný propagačný materiál, či už offline alebo online, bude obsahovať vlajku EÚ a ďalšie náležitosti týkajúce sa rozhodnutia o grante. Tieto sa budú týkať podpory projektu EÚ. Vlajka EÚ alebo skôr vlajka EÚ s textom „Spolufinancované Európskou úniou“ bude umiestnená na všetkých miestach realizácie projektu. Okrem toho bude podpora EÚ zdôraznená aj počas otváracieho a záverečného

ceremoniálu. Organizátori preto prítomnej verejnosti a médiám pripomenú, že projekt je spolufinancovaný Európskou úniou. Vydané tlačoviny – letáky a plagáty budú obsahovať aj vlajku EÚ s textom, ako aj webová stránka a sociálne médiá. Vďaka vyššie uvedeným komunikačným prostriedkom sa informácie o finančnej podpore projektu zo strany EÚ dostanú k širokej verejnosti.

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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?

Distribúcia výsledkov projektu medzi širokú verejnosť prostredníctvom komunikačných nástrojov bude mať výrazný multiplikačný efekt. Širokú verejnosť budú tvoriť občania z okolitých obcí v okolí obce Tomášikovo, ktorí sa do projektu zapoja len pasívne ako diváci a zároveň získajú informácie a poznatky o aktuálnej problematike, EÚ a partnerských obciach. Druhou významnou skupinou sú občania z partnerských obcí, ktorí sekundárne dosahujú posolstvo projektu svojimi priateľmi, rodinou a známymi, ktorí sa zúčastňujú na projekte. Široká verejnosť sa k výstupom projektu dostane ústne a prostredníctvom vydaných propagačných materiálov. Výsledky a výstupy projektu budú šírené vyššie uvedenou formou propagácie, šírenej nielen v partnerských obciach, ale aj v okolí. Je potrebné, aby široká verejnosť vedela o prínosoch projektu, a tak bude zabezpečená prezentácia a šírenie európskych myšlienok a tém, ktoré projekt otvára.

Výsledkami projektu budú:

- zvýšené povedomie o formách diskriminácie a spôsoboch jej potlačania
- zníženie miery vyčlenenosti marginalizovanej Rómskej komunity
- zlepšenie pohľadu na postavenie žien v spoločnosti
- rozvoj kultúrneho dialógu medzi národmi
- lepšie poznanie Európskej únie
- väčšie zapájanie sa do solidarity

Udržateľnosť týchto výsledkov projektu je úzko spojená s existenciou všetkých partnerov projektu a ich vlastných finančných prostriedkov. Výsledky projektu budú vlastníctvom všetkých partnerov. Výstupy však nebudú zahrnuté do majetku. Ich cieľom je šíriť myšlienky solidarity, tolerancie, rovnosti, nediskriminácie, multikulturalizmu a významu EÚ. Tieto myšlienky budú vtlačené do aktivít projektu a objavajú sa aj na sociálnych sieťach a na webovej stránke. Za webovú stránku a sociálne siete zodpovedá obec Tomášikovo. Pôjde o podstránku webovej stránky obce. Ostatné výstupy projektu budú zdieľané všetkými partnermi. Vzájomným vlastníctvom takýchto výstupov bude vzájomné partnerstvo potvrdené aj do budúcnosti, t. j. všetci partneri budú naďalej spolupracovať na skvalitňovaní vzájomných výstupov projektu, ako aj partnerstva jeho obohatením o nové oblasti riešení. Finančná udržateľnosť projektu je úzko spätá aj s vlastnými finančnými možnosťami jednotlivých partnerov. Môžeme teda predpokladať, že partneri majú zabezpečené dostatočné personálne a finančné prostriedky na financovanie partnerstva aj v budúcnosti.

Po spolufinancovaní z európskych finančných zdrojov a vlastných zdrojov, bude partnerstvo pokračovať ďalej. Partneri budú intenzívne hľadať ďalšie možnosti financovania partnerstva cez spoločne realizované projekty. Napr. cez program Interreg, resp. CERV, Vyšehradský fond a pod.. Prípadne budú investovať vlastné zdroje do realizácie podujatí (s menšou účasťou bežných občanov). Pokračovanie projektu a partnerstva vidíme aj v aktívnej výmene informácií a zdieľaní know-how. Projekt prinesie prenos osvedčených postupov v oblastiach udržateľného turizmu, ochrany životného prostredia, ale aj v oblastiach práce s menšinami a utečencami z Ukrajiny. Po ukončení projektu výmena informácií a know-how bude v ďalších oblastiach, ako napr. manažment povodní, spolupráca základných škôl, odpadové hospodárstvo a pod.

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Dlhodobým dopadom projektu je vytvorenie jednoty v rozmanitosti. Partneri získajú pevný základ pre budúcu spoluprácu a pre uplatňovanie nediskriminačného prístupu vo všetkých oblastiach správy vecí verejných.

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4. WORKPLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

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)).

Plán práce bude pozostávať z jedného workpackage, nakoľko sa bude realizovať v rámci projektu len jedno podujatie. Štruktúru plánu práce tvorí zoznam aktivít, ktoré budú realizované v rámci projektu. Zoznam je nasledovný:

Piatok, 10/07/2026 – Občianska rozmanitosť

14.00 Tlačová konferencia, predstavenie projektu

15.00 Kríza na východnej hranici – výstava fotografií reflektujúca vojnu na Ukrajine

16.00 Výzva k rozmanitosti = život s maďarskou a rómskou menšinou – workshop o práci samospráv s menšinami a prijatí utečencov z Ukrajiny

18.00 Rozhovory s úspešnými ženami – beseda o rodovej rovnosti

20.00 Kultúra a hudba Rómskej menšiny

Sobota, 11/07/2026 – Kultúrna rozmanitosť

09.00 Informačný stánok o EU s Europe Direct

09.30 Farmárske trhy na nádvorí kaštieľa

10.00 Výzva pre úspech – beseda o rovnosti, rozmanitosti a začlenení marginalizovaných a hendikepovaných občanov do spoločenstva prostredníctvom kultúry

11.00 Remeselné hry pre deti

12.00 Súťaž vo varení tradičných rybárskych a poľovníckych špecialít

13.00 Môj hlas pre Európu – workshop pre mladých ľudí o Európskej únii

15.00 Vystúpiť z davu – workshop o potrebe pomoci Rómom vystúpiť zo sociálne znevýhodneného prostredia (Divé maky, o.z.)

17.00 Kultúrny a Hudobný festival

20.00 Spoločenský večer

Nedeľa, 12/07/2026 – Európska rozmanitosť

09.00 O jednej rieke – workshop o lokálnom udržateľnom turizme, ktorý determinuje voda, splav Malého Dunaja

11.00 Diskusia o ochrane životného prostredia vo vidieckom prostredí, adaptácia na zmenu klímy

13.00 Budúcnosť EU je spojená s cestou z krízy a vytváraním zelenejšej, digitálnejšej a odolnejšej Európy – diskusia o budúcnosti EU

15.00 Podpora ďalšieho vzdelávania starších ľudí - workshop

17.00 Tradície jedného európskeho rodu – netradičné informácie o tom, ako šľachta pomáhala chudobným

18.30 Zhrnutie a ukončenie podujatia

Štruktúra pracovného plánu je jednoduchá. V rámci projektu sa zrealizuje jedno podujatie, t.j. splní sa jeden workpackage. Workpackage pozostáva z činností: workshopy, školenia, diskusie, prezentácie, činnosti na zvyšovanie povedomia, výmena a šírenie osvedčených postupov a komunikačné činnosti. Všeobecný prehľad pracovného plánu:

- 1) Organizačná štruktúra – za realizáciu pracovného plánu bude zodpovedný organizačný tím. Jeho členovia sú uvedení vyššie v časti 2.3. Jeho povinnosťou je zabezpečiť projekt z hľadiska organizačného = pripraviť priestory pre aktivity, zabezpečiť ubytovanie, stravovanie, dopravu a účastníkov, zabezpečiť lektorov, prednášajúcich a animátorov.
- 2) Hierarchia povinností – pre projekt postačuje využitie len jedného miesta realizácie. Projekt sa bude realizovať výlučne na území obce Tomášikovo. Jednotlivé povinnosti v rámci implementácie projektu sú stanovené nasledovne: za projekt je zodpovedný projektový tím a tento zabezpečí základné požiadavky a priestory na realizáciu. Aktivity budú plniť občania z partnerských obcí. Organizačný tím zabezpečí lektorov a prednášajúcich.
- 3) Definovanie cieľov a výsledkov – už v prípravnej fáze bol stanovený cieľ projektu a taktiež aj plánované výsledky. Tieto stanovujú význam projektu.
- 4) Stanovenie úloh a výstupov – tieto sú stanovené vo workpackage nižšie.
- 5) Dôraz na rovnaké zastúpenie mužov a žien – rodová rovnosť nebude len jednou z nosných tém projektu, ale bude sa jednať aj o pohlavne rovnaké zastúpenie na projekte.
- 6) Ochrana práv detí – účasť detí sa bude riadiť európskymi a medzinárodnými štandardmi pre ochranu detí.

Timetable

Timetable (projects up to 2 years)

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Fill in cells in beige to show the duration of activities. Repeat lines/columns as necessary.
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
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Task 1.2 - Kultúrna rozmanitosť																								
Task 1.3 - Európska rozmanitosť																								

Timetable (projects of more than 2 years)
Fill in cells in beige to show the duration of activities. Repeat lines/columns as necessary.
Note: Use actual calendar years and quarters. In the timeline you should indicate the timing of each activity per WP. You may add additional columns if your project is longer than 6 years.

ACTIVITY	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4				YEAR 5				YEAR 6			
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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.

Súčasťou projektu je poskytnutie pohľadu na fungovanie EÚ, nie však na inštitúcie, ale na jej dopady na životy občanov a na aktuálne priority, ktoré financuje. Vďaka tomu dostaneme odpoveď na otázku, aké je to byť Európanom. Európan vyznáva hodnoty slobody, solidarity, tolerancie, demokracie, nediskriminácie a rodovej rovnosti. Tieto prvky sú integrované aj do implementácie projektu. V rámci aktivít bude zabezpečené, že všetci účastníci sa ich budú zúčastňovať rovnako, bez rozdielu. Skupinu účastníkov budú tvoriť občania z partnerských obcí všetkých vekových kategórií a pohlaví. V rámci projektu nebudú do centra pozornosti kladené etické otázky. Je však možné, že problémy môžu nastať pri problematike diskriminácie Rómov a žien, kedy niektorí občania môžu mať pocit, že táto téma do kultúrno-spoločenského podujatia nepatrí.

Cieľom projektu je poskytnúť každému občanovi z každej partnerskej obce príležitosť spoznať nových ľudí, nadviazať nové priateľstvá, naučiť sa nový jazyk, či spoznať novú kultúru. Poznanie EÚ a jej významu je zabezpečené pre každého. Účasť na každej aktivite je dobrovoľná – každý sa môže rozhodnúť (žena, muž, senior alebo mladý), či sa do aktivity zapojí alebo nie. Vďaka tomu bude zabezpečená rovnosť príležitostí a eliminované prvky diskriminácie.

Jednou z kategórií účastníkov budú aj deti. Špeciálne aktivity ako napr. Remeselné hry pre deti; Môj hlas pre Európu – workshop pre mladých ľudí o Európskej únii budú pre nich vytvorené. V rámci svojich možností sa deti a mládež zapoja aj do iných aktivít. Preto má projekt vplyv aj na nich. Je to pozitívny vplyv hlavne na hľadanie nových priateľov a spoznávanie nových vecí. Účasť detí sa bude riadiť dokumentmi zameranými na ochranu základných práv detí na európskej a svetovej úrovni. Koordinátor a všetci partneri projektu vytvoria priestor, kde budú v deti bezpečí. Deti budú vždy v sprievode rodičov resp. skúsených animátorov, ktorí budú zodpovedať za ich bezpečnosť.

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5.2 Security

Security

Not applicable.

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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. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, 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. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.	YES

Financial support to third parties (if applicable)
<i>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.</i>
N/A Finančná podpora je určená len pre priamych účastníkov – občanov z partnerských obcí Aba (HU), Svitávka (CZ), Borsec (RO).

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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*

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LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS

List of previous projects					
<i>Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.</i>					
Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
Obec Tomášikovo	618164-CITIZ-1-2020-1-SK-CITIZ-TT, We are living with "Other" People, EUROPE FOR CITIZENS	02/07/2021 – 04/07/2021	COO	22 175	https://www.tomasikovo.sk/we-are-living-whit-other-people-informacny-list-info-template/
Obec Tomášikovo	101091253, Call for equality, CERV	07/07/2023 – 09/07/2023	COO	30 000	https://www.tomasikovo.sk/urad/dokumenty/projekty/
Obec Tomášikovo	101054120, Dialogue is important, CERV	08/07/2022 – 10/07/2022	COO	30 000	https://www.tomasikovo.sk/urad/dokumenty/projekty/

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2021	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	01.06.2022	Consolidation, formatting and layout changes. Tags added.
3.0	08.08.2025	Changes for GAP info

CERV Programme - Citizens engagement and participation strand: Town Twinning	
Estimated EU contribution	
ATTENTION: The list of events has to correspond with the list of work-packages described in part B and the events listed in part C. Please use the same order! 1 EVENT = 1 WORK-PACKAGE	
Project title:	Call for Diversity / Výzva k rozmanitosti

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Event (Work Package) Number	Country of the event	City	Number of International direct participants	Number of direct participants	Lump Sum (automatic)
1	Slovakia	Tomášikovo	131/145	540	EUR 33 830
2					EUR 0
3					EUR 0
4					EUR 0
5					EUR 0
6					EUR 0

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
	WP1 Implementation of the event Volanie po rozmanitosti	
	Lump sum contribution	
	a	b = a
1 - TOMASIKOVO	33 830.00	33 830.00
2 - Borsec		
3 - Aba		
4 - Mestys Svitávka		
5 - Obec Donovaly		
Σ consortium	33 830.00	33 830.00

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).

ANNEX 4 XXX LUMP SUM MGA — MULTI & MONO

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

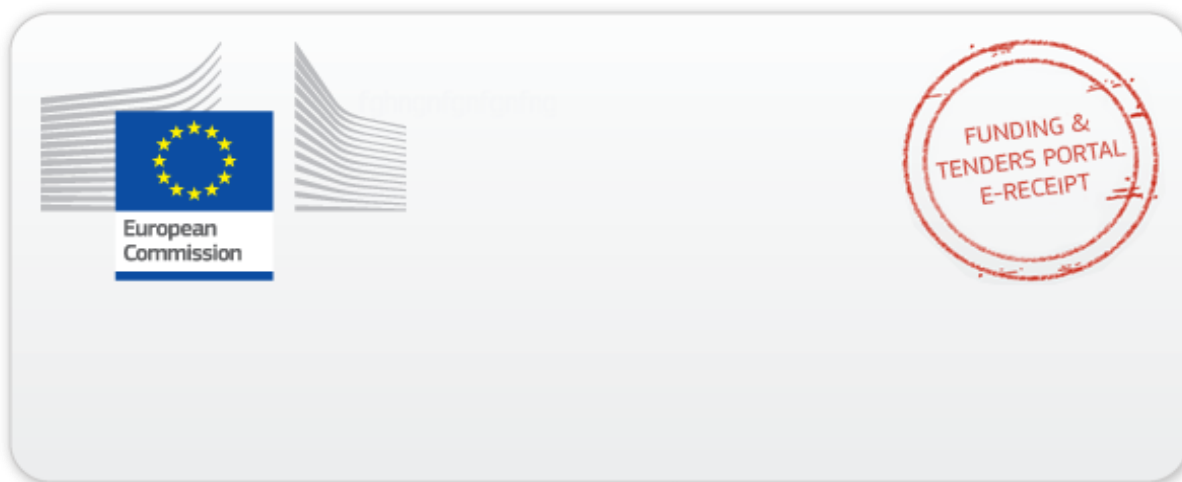
comply with their obligations under this Agreement (in particular, by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned).

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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