

# Nástroj pro řízení projektového konsorcia


# **Project Management Handbook**

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# Project Management Handbook

## D1.2 PROJECT MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

*Handbook outlining practices for BIPED project management and  
online collaboration*





# Agenda

Řídící struktura projektu

Plán projektových prací

Spolupráce online

Řízení kvality výstupů

Řízení rizik

Monitoring a reportování

Finanční řízení a platby

Finanční pravidla a administrativní aspekty



# ▶ Project Management Handbook or Plan?

Handbook format not always used in HE projects:

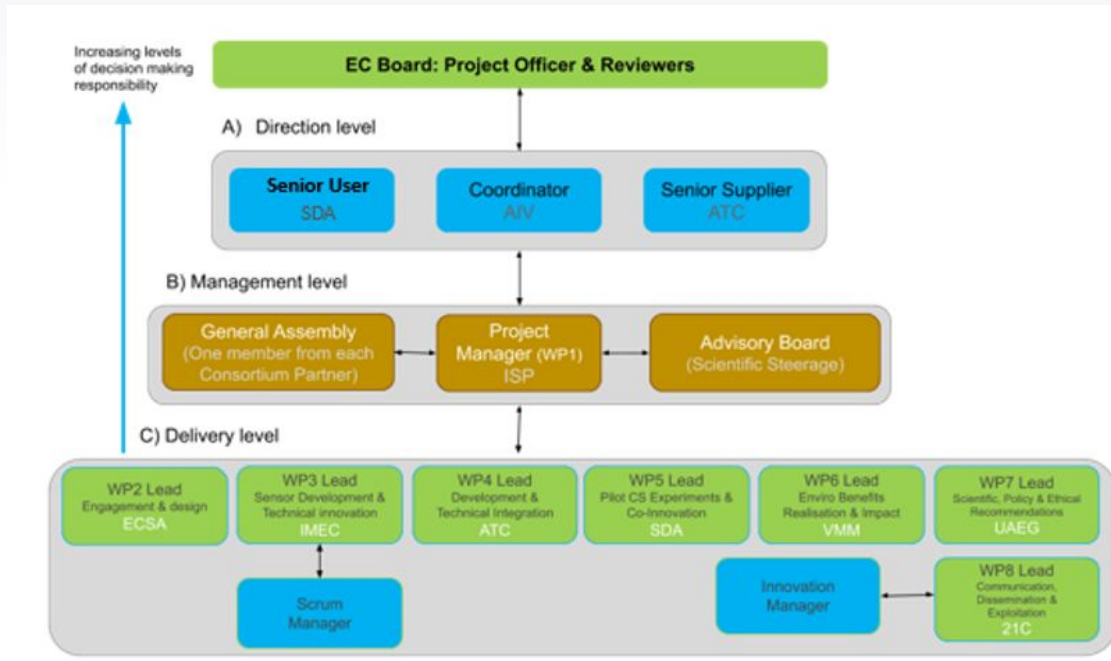
- ▶ D1.1 Project management, quality assessment and financial plan
- ▶ D1.1 Project Management, Quality and Risk Management Plan
- ▶ etc.

Might be too formalistic and rigid -> **let's make it brief and practical**

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# Project Governance Structure



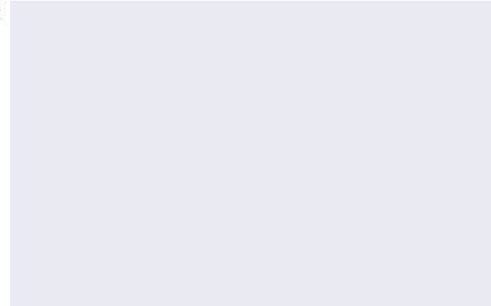
# Project Governance Structure

Tip:  
List the names of the  
responsible people

## 2.1. Project Organisation

The project organisation structure incorporates traditional project management workflows and roles with more modern development practices. The roles and responsibilities are assigned to the following personnel:

- Project Coordinator:
- Senior User:
- Senior Supplier:
- Project Manager:
- WP leads
  - WP1 lead:
  - WP2 lead:
  - WP3 lead:
  - WP4 lead:
  - WP5 lead:



# Consortium Agreement

responsibilities and operational procedures of consortium bodies:

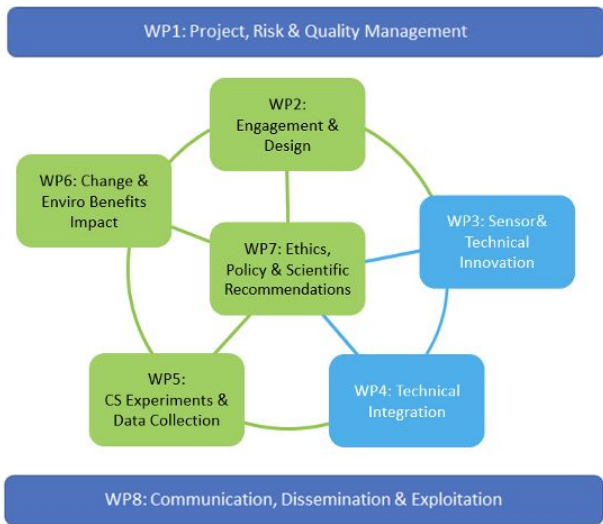
- ▶ General Assembly
- ▶ Coordinator
- ▶ Expert Panel / Advisory Board

Tip:  
Use DESCAs model CA.  
Section 6 deals with  
consortium bodies

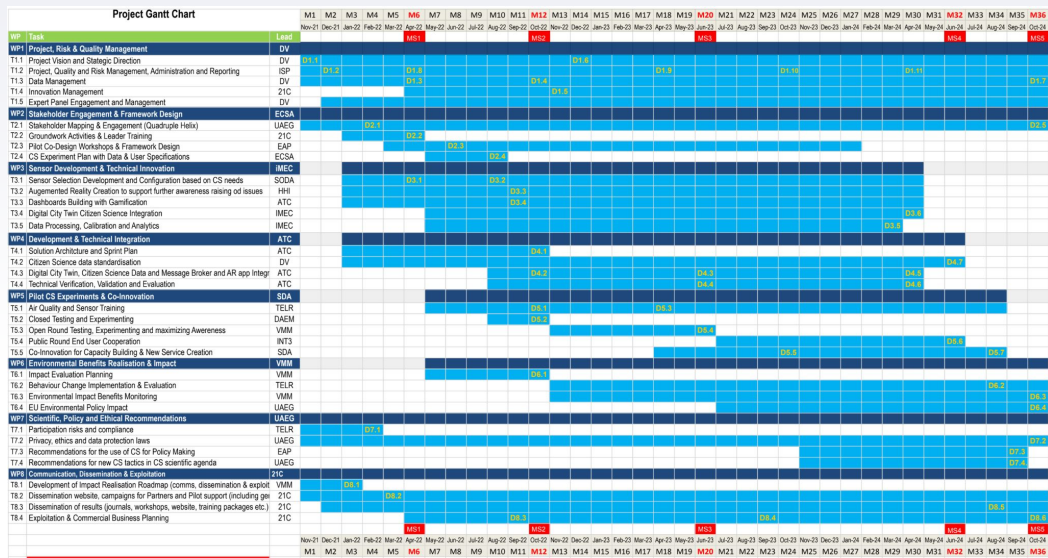
Consider the Payment  
schedule (Section 7  
Financial Provisions)



# Work Plan



- Key
- Mgmt
  - Technical
  - Citizen Science



Tip:  
Do not copy content from the DoA,  
Section A. Refer to it.

# Performance Monitoring

- ▶ Monthly in Management Meetings
- ▶ Handbook provides timetable when performance monitoring will be performed, typically within
  - ▶ periodic reports
  - ▶ interim progress reports (if in place)
  - ▶ full consortium meetings

**Table: Success Criteria Reporting**

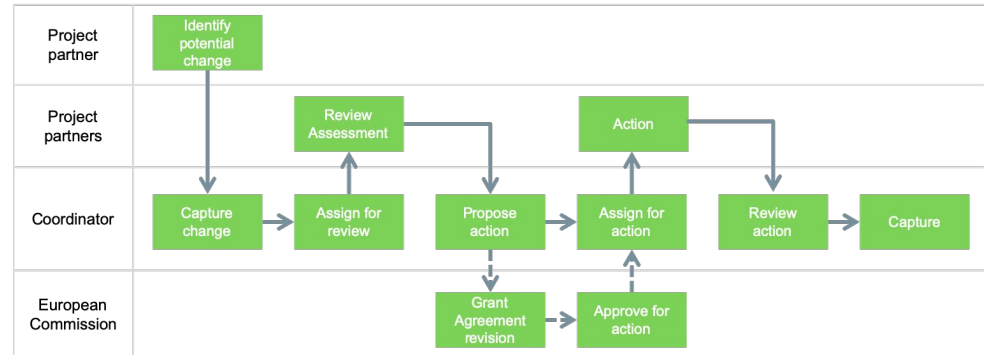
Success Criteria Measurement No.	Project Month / Date	Reported to EC in
1	M12	internal
2	M18	<b>Periodic Report 1</b>
3	M24	internal
4	M36	<b>Periodic Report 2</b>



# (DoA) Change Management

**Table: Examples of changes**

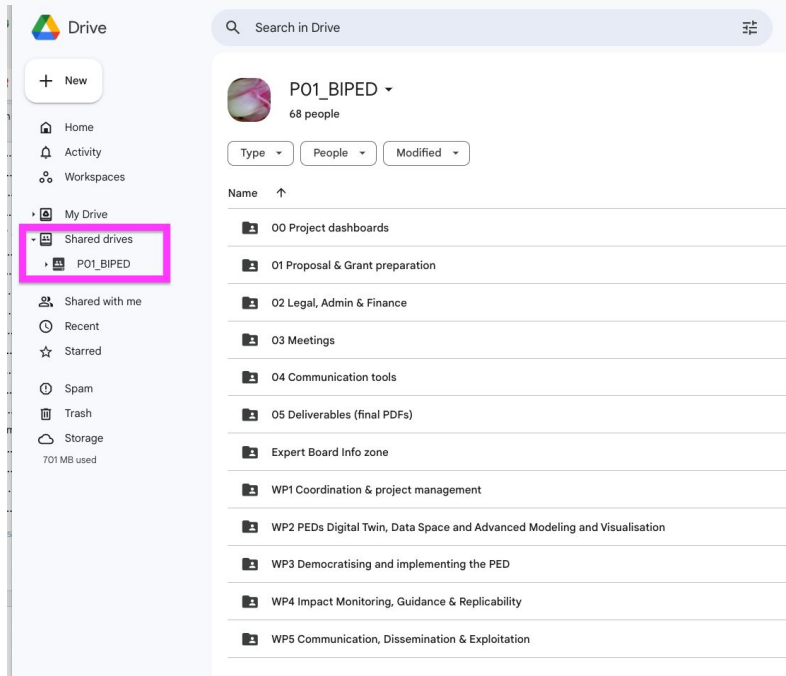
Example of a change that does <u>not</u> need to be a subject of the RFC	Example of a change that needs to be a subject of the RFC
<p>A Beneficiary requests to shift 1 person-month from one task to another across WPs in order to provide his expertise for one of the deliverables where his involvement was not originally planned. Such a change does not require any approval.</p>	<p>Due to unforeseen circumstances the deliverable lead lags behind the schedule of deliverable drafting. He requests the Coordinator and Project Manager for an extension of two weeks (with a justification) to allow him to deliver a report of an expected quality.</p>



# Conflict Resolution

1. Conflicts related to technical and implementation
  - > Management Meetings
2. Major Conflicts involving changes to the GA
  - > General Assembly according to the procedures define in the CA

# Online collaboration



The screenshot shows the Google Drive interface. On the left sidebar, the 'Shared drives' section is expanded, and the 'PO1\_BIPED' drive is highlighted with a pink box. The main content area shows the 'PO1\_BIPED' drive details, including a search bar, a dropdown menu for 'Type', 'People', and 'Modified', and a list of folders. The folders listed are:

- 00 Project dashboards
- 01 Proposal & Grant preparation
- 02 Legal, Admin & Finance
- 03 Meetings
- 04 Communication tools
- 05 Deliverables (final PDFs)
- Expert Board Info zone
- WP1 Coordination & project management
- WP2 PEDs Digital Twin, Data Space and Advanced Modeling and Visualisation
- WP3 Democratising and implementing the PED
- WP4 Impact Monitoring, Guidance & Replicability
- WP5 Communication, Dissemination & Exploitation

Google Workspace

MS Teams + Sharepoint

Tips:

For the sake of an effective collaboration, the whole team is requested to

- ▶ always upload all the documents to the Drive starting already with their early drafts version,
- ▶ use the online editing tools when working on all project documents.

# Project Dashboards

P01\_BIPED > 00 Project dashboards ▾

Type ▾

People ▾

Modified ▾

Name ↑



BIPED budget.pdf



BIPED contact list 👤



BIPED Critical Implementation Risks



BIPED Deliverables & reviewers



BIPED Gantt.pdf



BIPED Key Performance Indicators



BIPED person-months per task.pdf



BIPED Stakeholders & Dissemination Database



BIPED tasks+budget

The **00 Project dashboards** folder contains key project documents such as contact list, budget, gantt, resources allocation, critical risk, the list of deliverables' and its reviewers etc.





# Document templates

P01\_BIPED > 04 Communication tools > 02 Document templates ▾

Type ▾

People ▾

Modified ▾

Name ↑	Last mo... ▾	File size
 2024-MM-DD_meeting_name-meeting_minutes	Jan 31, 2024 me	11 KB
 BIPED_Dx.x_name (deliverable template).docx	5:59 PM me	1.9 MB
 biped-presentation_template	Jan 3, 2024 hugo@digitalre...	13 KB
 biped-presentation_template.pptx	Jan 3, 2024 hugo@digitalre...	8.3 MB



# Mailing lists Calendar

- ▶ Contact list
- ▶ Mailing lists example
  - ▶ all
  - ▶ pilots team
  - ▶ technical team
- ▶ Shared project calendar (ical invitation)

# ▶ Meetings

- ▶ **Consortium meetings / General Assembly**
  - ▶ online vs. face-to-face (1x year)
  - ▶ focus on collaboration, interactivity and discussion (no long presentations)
  - ▶ need to have well defined agenda
- ▶ **regular online meetings**
  - ▶ we prefer per topic (Management, technical, pilot) rather than formalistic per WP -> break WP silos
  - ▶ fixed time slot every week / month

# Other (used/useful?) tools

- ▶ **Co-create** online: Miro
- ▶ **Agile Project Management:** Basecamp, Jira, Youtrack, Trello, Asana, Todoist
- ▶ **PM Dashboards** in MS Teams, MS Power BI
- ▶ **Chat:** Skype, Slack, WhatsApp
- ▶ **AI-generators** for meeting minutes and follow-up actions
- ▶ **Emdesk**
- ▶ **Time tracking:** Clockify apod.
- ▶ **Code** repository: GitLab, GitHub



# Deliverable Quality Management

# Deliverable Template



BIPED\_Dx.x\_name (deliverable template) .DOCX

File Edit View Insert Format Tools Help



**Project name** BIPED: Building Intelligent Positive Energy Districts  
**Duration** January 2024 – December 2026  
**Project ID** 101139060  
**Coordinator** Technical University of Denmark  
**Type of action** Innovation Action  
**Call ID** HORIZON-MISS-2023-CIT-01  
**Website** <https://www.bi-ped.eu/>  
**Document name** %DX deliverable%  
**Document status** Final  
**Delivery date** Date  
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%DX deliverable%

## Document history

Version	Date	Contributor	Description
0.1	01.01.2024	Name Surname (ORG)	First draft
0.2	01.01.2024	Name Surname (ORG)	Review
0.3			
1.0			

# Executive Summary, Introduction, Conclusion

%DX deliverable%

## Executive summary

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### **Please note:**

*Executive summary is not a simple overview of the deliverable structure.*

*Executive summary is an overview of all the deliverable content, highlighting key points by outlining its*

- context / motivation,
- purpose / problem statement or any relevant background information,
- approach / methodology,
- results & main findings, and
- conclusions and recommendations.

*Please limit the executive summary up to 1 page max.*

**After reading the executive summary, the reader should become acquainted with the material (including its main findings) without having to read it all.**

## 1. Introduction

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### **Please note:**

*A good Introduction does four things:*

- 2. introduces the problem and motivation for the deliverable,*
- 3. provides a brief summary of previous work on the topic and/or context in relation to the other project tasks/deliverables,*
- 4. outlines the purpose and specific objectives of the deliverable for the project,*
- 5. provides a 'road map' for the rest of the deliverable, describes (in approximately one sentence each) the contents of each of the deliverable chapters.*

### **What doesn't go in your Introduction?**

*Never put any results or decisions in the Introduction. Just because you are writing it last doesn't mean you should give away the story. After all – it's called the "Introduction" for a reason.*

## 7. Conclusion

### 7.1. Text

#### 7.1.1. Text

##### 7.1.1.1. Text

##### 7.1.1.1.1. Text

##### 7.1.1.1.1.1. Text

### **Please note:**

*The purpose of the conclusions is to provide a summary of the whole report. In this context, it is similar to the Executive Summary, except that the Executive Summary puts roughly equal weight on all report chapters, whereas the Conclusions chapter focuses primarily on the findings, conclusions and/or recommendations of the project.*

# Deliverable Quality Management



## Tips:

- ▶ List of reviewers for each deliverable is available in the 00 Project Dashboards folder (min 2 for each deliverable)
- ▶ It is strongly recommended to involve reviewers in the deliverable drafting process as soon as an early draft
- ▶ All the reviewers comments shall be provided in the 'suggesting' mode and via online comments directly in the Google Docs online version

# Risk Management

## Continuous Risk Management Approach



## Risk exposure assessment matrix

IMPACT	LIKELIHOOD		
	likely	possible	unlikely
severe	critical	critical	moderate
moderate	critical	moderate	low
minor	moderate	low	low

### Tip:

- regular risk assessment at least yearly, kept in online sheet
- results reported to the EC in Periodic reports (and Interim reports if defined)



# Progress Monitoring and Reporting

- ▶ regularly on monthly basis in Management Meetings
- ▶ Funding & Tenders Portal
  - ▷ Continuous reporting
  - ▷ Periodic Progress Reporting
- ▶ Technical Review
  - ▷ preference for in-person
  - ▷ rigorous preparation

MY PROJECT

Call: HORIZON-MISS-2023-CIT-01  
Type of Action: HORIZON-IA  
Acronym: BIPED  
Current Phase: Grant Management  
Number: 101139060  
Duration: 36 months  
GA based on the: HE MGA – Multi & Mono – 1.null  
Start Date: 01 Jan 2024  
Estimated Project Cost: C7,017,437.50  
Requested EU Contribution: €6,304,468.75  
Contact: Juan-Carlos ESPADA SUAREZ

Continuous Reporting 101139060 - BIPED

01 Jan 2024

Started

Completed

Continuous reporting data

Process documents

Process communications

Process history

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Participant Portal - Grant Management Services

MY PROJECT

HORIZON 2020

Call: H2020-MSCA-NIGHT-2014  
Type of Action: CSA  
Acronym:  
Current Phase: Grant Management  
Number:  
Duration: 18 months  
Start Date: 2014-02-19  
Estimated Project Cost: €422,375.00

Periodic Reporting > 08/2015 period 02/2015

08/2015

Draft

Submitted

Reviewed

Paid

Periodic Reporting Module

Technical Part of Periodic Report contribution

Financial Statement

Periodic Report 1 projectNo composition

Process specific documents

Process specific communications

# Dissemination Reporting

- ▶ Dissemination assets and templates
  - ▷ keep them updated and online
- ▶ Reporting dissemination activities
  - ▷ all, regularly in online sheet

Tip:

All partners report their dissemination actions regularly in the *Stakeholders & Dissemination Database* stored in *OO Project Dashboards*

☰ **KPI Status** ▾ Events attended/planned ▾ Potential relevant events ▾ Publications ▾ Clustering ▾

Partner Blog List ▾ FB groups & posts ▾ LinkedIn groups & posts ▾ Social Media Handles ▾

This is a tracking tool to report on events ATTENDED by partners to present/promote BIPED, or events for which preparation is underway

Date event	Event name	Place: city or online	Partners attending	Presentation (Y/N)	Activity description	Contacts per event, total no. people learning about BIPED: this may include people who saw printed material, listened to speech, attended workshop, interacted during networking etc.	Comments: feel free to provide any feedback received on BIPED, overall assessment, critical remarks, new clustering opportunities etc.
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# Financial Statements



Funding & tender opportunities  
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDA)



Manage my area | SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | PROJECTS & RESULTS | WORK AS AN EXPERT | SUPPORT

My Person Profile | My Organisation(s) | Grants | My Proposal(s) | **My Project(s)** | My Formal Notification(s) | My Expert Area

• Due to a system deployment, Results will be unavailable this Wednesday 15/12/2021 from 17:00 until 17:30 (Brussels time).

### My Project(s)

Results: 1 | COMPARE

ACRONYM	CALL	PROGRAMME	PROJECT	PHASE	ACTIONS
CompAir	H2020-LC-GD-2020-3	H2020	101036563	Active	<a href="#">Actions</a> <a href="#">Manage Consortium</a> <a href="#">Manage Project</a> <a href="#">Project Results</a>

### MY PROJECT

## HORIZON 2020

Call: H2020-MSCA-NIGHT-2014  
Type of Action: CSA  
Acronym:

Current Phase: Grant  
Management  
Number:  
Duration: 18 months  
Start Date: 2014-02-19  
Estimated Project Cost: €422,375.00

Periodic Reporting period 02/2014  
19 Aug 2015  
Draft Submitted Reviewed Paid

Technical Part of Periodic Report contribution [Lock for review](#)

**Financial Statement** drafting [Lock for review](#)

Periodic Report 1 projectNo composition [Submit to EU](#)

Process specific documents  
Process specific communications

Direct personnel costs declared as actual costs

Person/month per WP

No.	Person Months	Associated Work Package	Actions
1	(none)		X

Use of in kind contribution from third party

No.	Costs	Third Party Name	Type	Forecasted in Annex I	Explanations (if not forecasted in Annex I)	Actions
1						X

Use of 'costs of in-kind contributions not used on premises' (a) Yes No

Other direct costs

Explanation of major cost items if the amount exceeds 15% of personnel costs  
Amount to be explained: € 98950

No.	Costs	Short Description	Category	Associated Work Package	Forecasted in Annex I	Explanations (if not forecasted in Annex I)	Actions
1				(none)			X

Use of in kind contribution from third party

No.	Costs	Third Party Name	Type	Category	Associated Work Package	Forecasted in Annex I	Explanations (if not forecasted in Annex I)	Actions
1					(none)			X

166,250.00 €  
0.00 €  
166,250.00 €

### RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Participant Portal - Grant Management Services

### MY PROJECT

## HORIZON 2020

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# ▶ Assigning FSIGN role

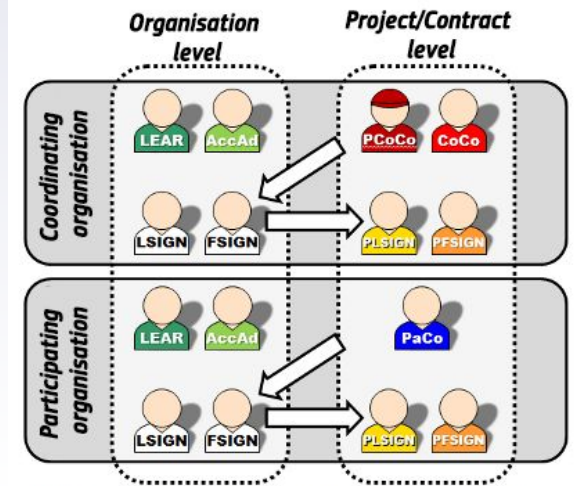


Figure 5 - Appointment of LSIGNs and FSIGNs to a specific project

# Grant Payments Schedule

## *An interim payment*

### When

- 90 days from reception of periodic reports

### How much

- EU contribution corresponding to the eligible costs incurred in the reporting period
- Limit = 90 % of the maximum grant amount

### Characteristics

- Ineligible costs will be rejected and not taken into account for the payment

## *A payment of the balance*

### When

- 90 days from reception of final reports

### How much

- Reimburses the remaining part of the eligible cost incurred
- Includes the release of the Guarantee Fund (GF)

# Overview of Financial and Administration Rules

## Basic overview

- ▶ Cost types
- ▶ Personnel Costs & Timesheets
- ▶ Purchase costs
  - ▶ travel
  - ▶ equipment
  - ▶ other goods and services
- ▶ Subcontracting
- ▶ Purchase of goods, works or services –  
'Subcontracting' vs. 'Other goods, works, services'
- ▶ Keeping records

## Tip:

Costs falling under 'Other goods, works, services' are by definition smaller cost items. If a service or goods is planned to be purchased which is of a bigger value and is not planned in the DoA as an action task, the purchase might be considered as a 'new' subcontract and shall be first approved with the EC.

# Certificate on the Financial Statements

- ▶ Beneficiaries requesting a total contribution  $\geq$  430,000 EUR must accompany their final financial statement by a CFS
- ▶ The CFS is only submitted once at the end of the project together with the final financial report.

Tip:  
Explicitly name partners to which the CFS obligation might apply

# ► Useful Documents

Provide direct links to useful documents

## 11. Useful Documents

### **BIPED Grant Agreement**

- stored at [BIPED/02 Legal, Admin & Finance/01 GA](#)

### **BIPED Consortium Agreement**

- stored at [BIPED/02 Legal, Admin & Finance/02 CA](#)

[Horizon Europe Online Manual](#)

[Horizon Europe Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)






# Conclusions

# ▶ Handbook: what I would not recommend

- ▶ being too formalistic, generic and lengthy
  - > **better to be brief and practical**
- ▶ being overly complicated with too many project management and communication tools
  - > **keep it simple**
- ▶ copying content from DoA
  - ▶ e.g. Gantt, milestones, WP tables, list of deliverables etc
- ▶ copying content from Consortium Agreement
  - > **only link to these documents**

- 
- ▶ Explain these project management procedures again and again. Help and support.
  - ▶ Be professional. Set example.
  - ▶ Insist that everyone follows the rules. No exceptions.
  - ▶ After 1 year, most will comply. Collaboration will become smooth.

**Everyone will appreciate how efficiently the project is managed.**

# Thank you



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