



Grant Holders Meeting Erasmus+ Capacity Building Higher Education 2023

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Regional Workshop - Eastern Partnership

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AGENDA

8 February 2023 – online time 09:30-11:30am (CET)

10' Introduction of the session – Rosalba & Lucia, EACEA – Slido questions

10' Outline of the cooperation background in the region: overall and specific priorities and existing initiatives Kinga BEREZA-HUSAK, European Commission (DG EAC) and DELEU Corinne (DG NEAR)

10' Q&A for the policy DGs

15' Introducing Statistics and data on the last call, types of projects selected and countries involvement within the Region

15' Main challenges and suggestions Q&A

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break

15' Impact, project monitoring & management of the projects

15' Q&A from the participants

Congratulations



Congratulations for becoming part of the Erasmus+ Programme within the first 'graduates' within the Multiannual financial framework for 2021-2027 of the European Union

With 620 proposals submitted and only 150 proposals approved, you are one of 4 than made it through

Results ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE Call for proposals

- 150 Grant Agreements preparation ongoing from the entire Call
- 80% already signed
- Within the Neighbourhood East Region, almost all Grant Agreements have already been signed and the majority are already in force

Neighbourhood East (Region 2)

Countries covered

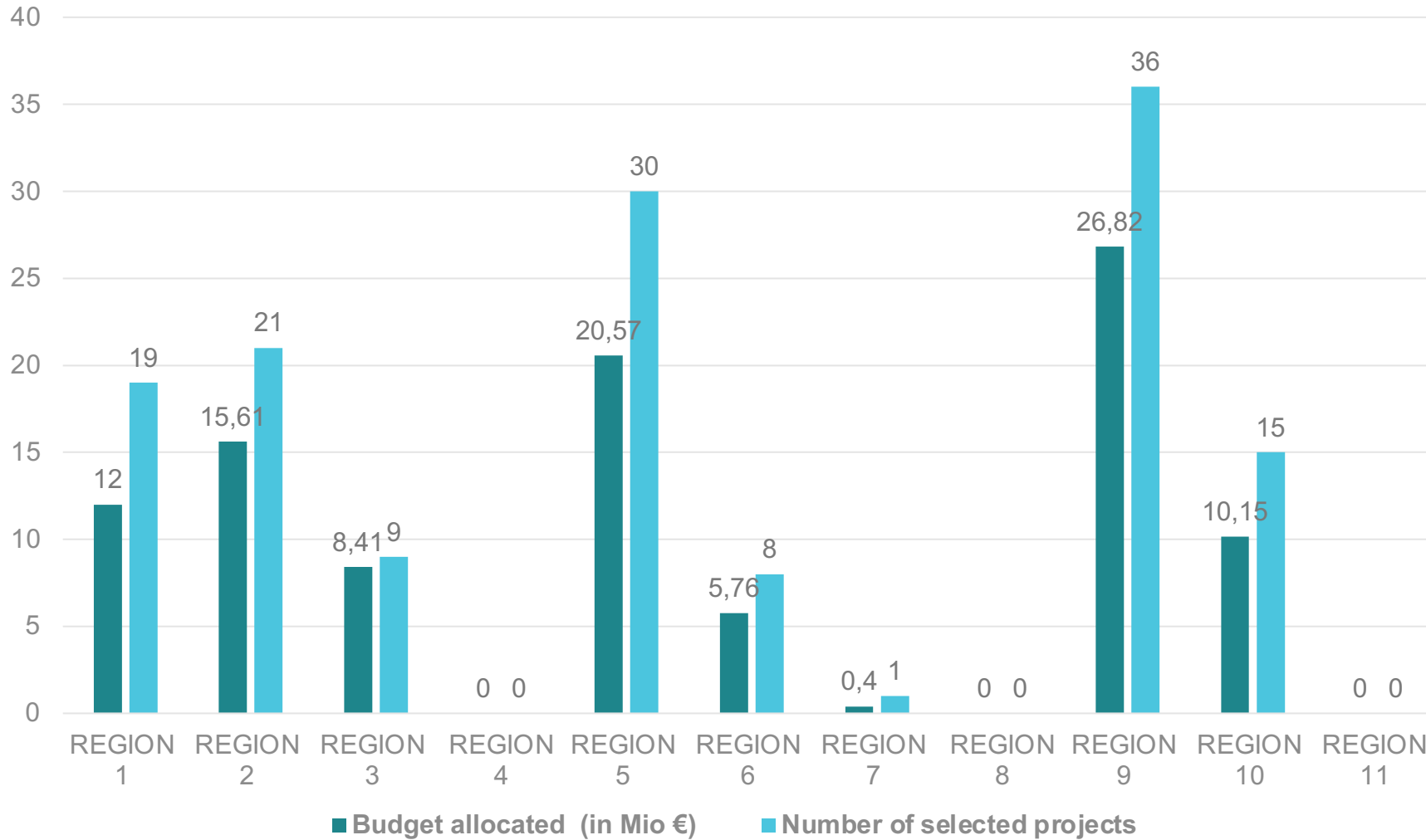


Neighbourhood East (Region 2): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law

⊘ Exception: organizations from Belarus (Region 2) are not eligible to participate in this action since the call 2022.

Source: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2022 \(version 2 of 26/01/2022\)](#)

Budget allocated per Region & number of selected projects (2022)

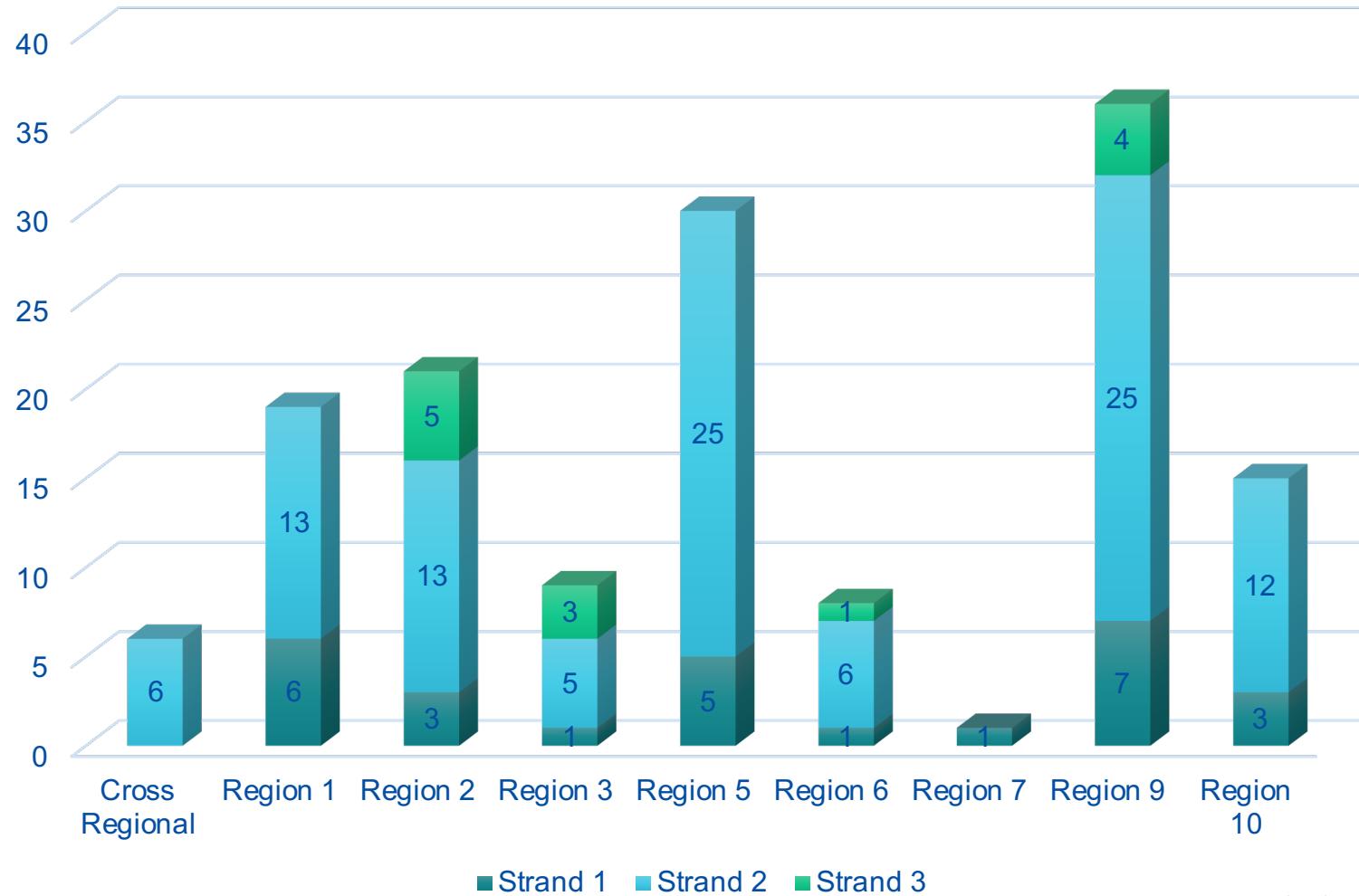


- Western Balkans (Region 1)
- Neighbourhood East (Region 2)
- South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
- Russian Federation (Region 4)**
- Asia (Region 5)
- Central Asia (Region 6)
- Middle East (Region 7)
- Pacific (Region 8)
- Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)
- Latin America (Region 10)
- Caribbean (Region 11)

Total Call budget: 99,72 Mio €

Selected projects per Region and Strand

Western Balkans (Region 1)
Neighbourhood East (Region 2)
South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
Asia (Region 5)
Central Asia (Region 6)
Middle East (Region 7)
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)
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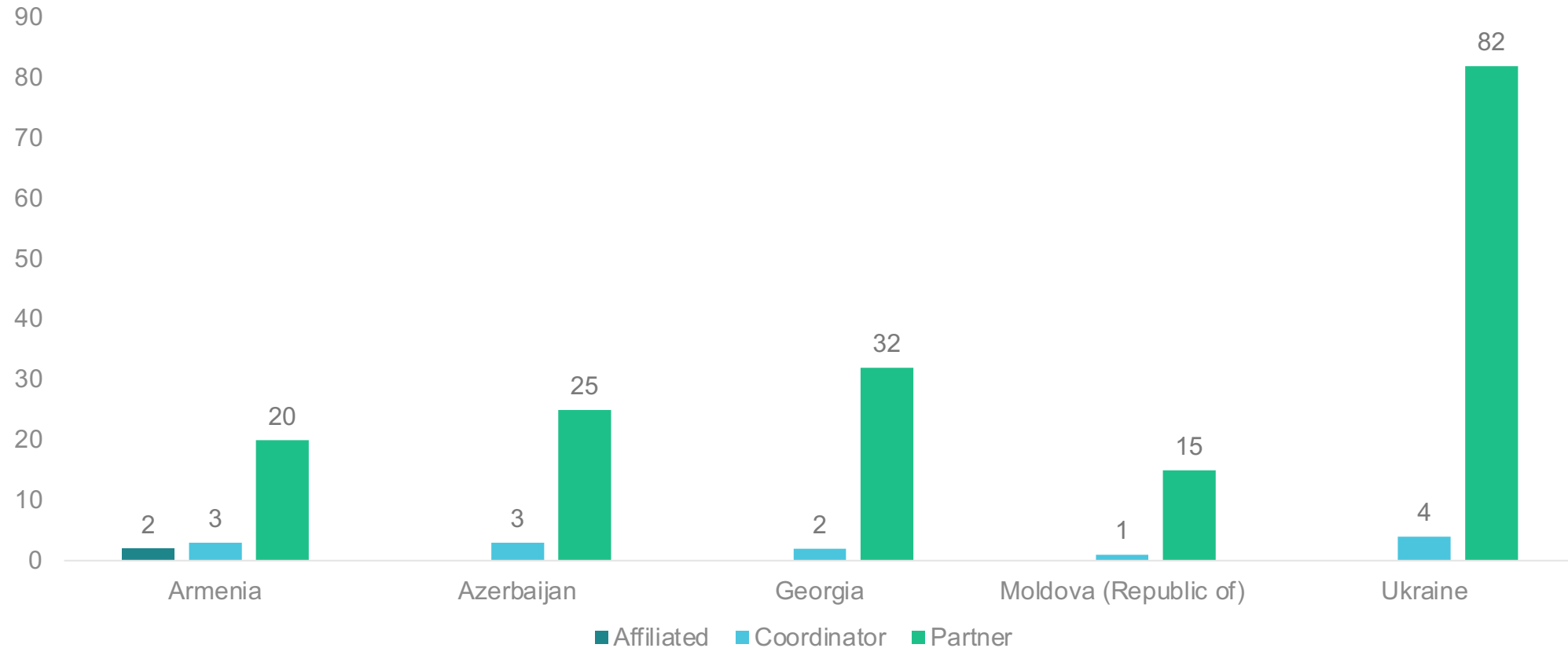
International Capacity Building – Selection 2022 Results Neighbourhood East



21 National & Regional projects and
2 Cross-regional

1. Projects with Ukraine: **13**
2. Projects with Georgia: **5**
3. Projects with Armenia: **4**
4. Projects with Azerbaijan: **3**
5. Projects with Moldova: **3**

Coordinators and Partners involvement – Neighbourhood East – Selection 2022



In a nutshell, projects financed within the Region

- 21 National & Regional projects and 2 Cross-regional
- Top 3 overarching priorities addressed by projects:
 - **Sustainable growth and jobs: 10 projects €**
 - **Digital transformation: 7 projects @**
 - **Green Deal: 4 projects ☀**
- Other overarching priorities:
 - Migration and Mobility: 1 project
 - Governance, peace, security and human development: 0 projects



Selected Projects for UKRAINE (UA)

- **BOOST:** Bringing Opportunities and Organizational Success to Small Local Universities in Ukraine – Strand 1
- **AFID:** Promotion of Academic Freedom and Inclusion through Digitalisation - Strand 2
- **AFISHE:** Development of Aquaculture and Fisheries Education for Green Deal in Armenia and Ukraine: from education to ecology – Strand 2 with AM
- **CRED4TEACH:** MOOC-based micro-credentials for teacher professional development – Strand 2
- **DEFEP:** Distance Education for Future: Best EU practices in response to the requests of modern higher education seekers and labor market – Strand 2 with MD
- **PROMENT:** Promoting professional education and students engagement through comprehensive mentoring and tutoring system at HEIs – Strand 2 with GE
- **SimS:** Simulation medicine and Scenario-based learning for emergency care – Strand 2



Selected Projects for UKRAINE (UA)

- **SMART-PL:** Students' Personalized Learning Model based on Virtual Learning Environment of Intellectual Tutoring – Strand 2
- **SuLAWe:** Sustainable Livestock Production and Animal Welfare – Strand 2
- **UKRENERGY:** Master Courses Supporting the Improvement of Energy and Carbon Footprint of the Ukrainian Building Stock – Strand 2
- **UNICITIES:** Unlocking the Potential of Ukrainian Universities towards Climate Neutral and Sustainable Cities – Strand 2
- **UNICOM:** Universities-Communities: Strengthening Cooperation – Strand 3
- **EMINReM:** Master Programme in Eco-Mining and Innovative Natural Resources Management – Cross-regional with Central Asian countries (UZ+KZ+TR)



Selected Projects for GEORGIA (GE)

- 1. VETPRO:** Development of Veterinary Faculties at Georgian HEIs to Create a New Pool of Young Veterinary Professionals in Georgia – Strand 1
- 2. DUGEOR:** Strengthening capacities for the implementation of dual education in Georgia higher education – Strand 2
- 3. PROMENT:** Promoting professional education and students engagement through comprehensive mentoring and tutoring system at HEIs – Strand 2 with UA
- 4. ETHICS:** Responsible Conduct of Research - Research Integrity and Ethics in Georgian Universities – Strand 3
- 5. PRESS:** Promoting Relevant Education in Science for Sustainability - Cross-regional with Israel



Selected Projects for ARMENIA (AM)

1. **CompIIT**: Competences for International Innovation Projects – Strand 1
2. **AFISHE**: Development of Aquaculture and Fisheries Education for Green Deal in Armenia and Ukraine: from education to ecology – Strand 2 with UA
3. **MEDIA**: Strengthening the quality of online education in HEIs in Moldova and Armenia – Strand 3 with MD
4. **T-GREEN**: Transforming Graduate Education for Green and Sustainable Future – Strand 3

Selected Projects for AZERBAIJAN (AZ)

All Strand 2



- 1. DIRNA:** Developing Research Capacity through Institutional Repositories Network in Azerbaijan (coordinator: Khazar University)
- 2. ENGAGE:** Enhancing sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem in higher education of Azerbaijan (coordinator: Mingachevir State University)
- 3. REFRESH:** Green and sustainable global economic improvement at Azerbaijani Universities: renewable energy and climate change mitigation (coordinator: Azerbaijan State University of Economics)

Selected Projects for MOLDOVA (MD)



- 1. skills4future:** Developing and improving the STEAM skills of students and teachers for curriculum innovation and sustainable development of higher education institutions and local businesses – Strand 2
- 2. MEDIA:** Strengthening the quality of online education in HEIs in Moldova and Armenia – Strand 3 with AM
- 3. DEFEP:** Distance Education for Future: Best EU practices in response to the requests of modern higher education seekers and labor market – Strand 2 with UA

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Expected IMPACT:

- Modernised HEIs;
- Improved access to and quality of higher education;
- Increased participation of HEIs located in remote areas;
- Governance for efficient and effective policymaking;
- Regional integration and establishment of comparable recognition and quality assurance tools.



Expected IMPACT:

- A stronger link and cooperation with the private sector, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Alignment of academic world with labour market;
- Increased students sense of initiative and entrepreneurship;
- Increased level of digital competence for students and staff;
- Institutional ownership of the CBHE results thus ensuring sustainability;
- Increased capacity and professionalism to work at international level;
- Increased quality in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up of international projects.



Operational Management: Main challenges and suggestions

Introduction eGrants

- Great **challenge** both for the Agency and for the newly selected projects
- New tools & procedures: time for adaptation & learning
- New System: FTOP, SYGMA
- New roles: LEAR, LSIGN, PLSIGN, PCoCo
- Another actor: REA Validation Service

Advantages

- Simplification: harmonization, digitalization, lump sums, communication tool

The basic pillars of the project management



Legal Framework

Grant Agreement

Erasmus+ Programme Guide

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/fr/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2022-version-1>



e-Grants System

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual>

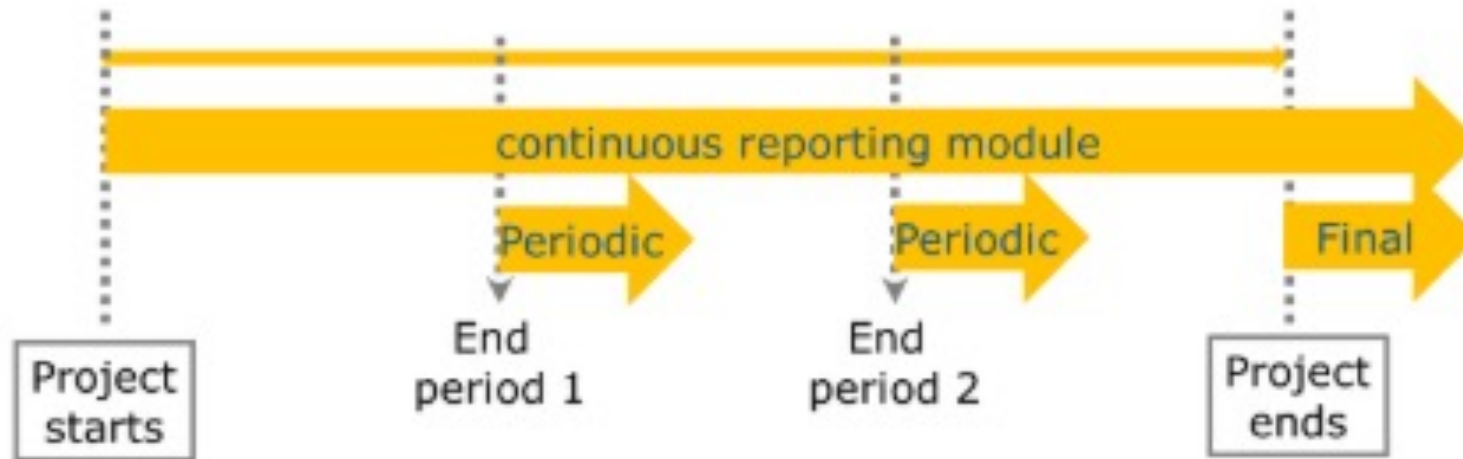
Project monitoring key steps

- Monitor that the action is implemented properly
- Report on the progress of the action (e.g. deliverables, milestones, outputs/outcomes, critical risks, indicators, etc; if any)
- **COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY**
 - Communicating your project & Acknowledgement of EU funding
 - Dissemination & exploitation of project results
 - Communication with the granting authority



Project monitoring

- *Continuous reporting module*
- *Periodic reporting module*



Reporting

On behalf of the project consortium, the project coordinator submits all reports, payment requests, proof of deliverables and other documents through the grant management service. You can access the service through your profile in the Funding & tenders Portal.

Continuous Reporting, Periodic Reporting, Publicity obligations Amendments

- **Continuous** Reporting Module (periodic uploading of results)
- **Periodic** Reporting Module (linked to payment)
- Communication
- Work Packages (WP)
- Deliverables (DEL) & other tabs

Continuous Reporting – From a legal viewpoint

During the project, you are expected to provide regular updates on the status of the project: the continuous reporting. The beneficiaries must continuously report on the progress of the action (Art.21.1)

The continuous reporting includes:

- progress in achieving **milestones**
- **deliverables**
- updates to the **publishable summary**
- response to **critical risks or Unforeseen Risks**
- programme-specific monitoring information

Communication and Role of the Project Coordinator

- The coordinator must act as the intermediary for all communications between the consortium and the granting authority (Art.7)
- Request and review any documents or information required and verify their quality and completeness before passing them on to the granting authority. The information provided must be **accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested**, including electronic format (Art.19.1)
- Submit the deliverables and reports to the granting authority
- The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action

Work Packages

- The action grant takes the form of a lump sum grant for the completion of work packages (Art.5.1, 6.1, 6.2);
- Annex 2 contains the estimated eligible contributions for the action (lump sum contributions), broken down by participant and work package (Art.5.4);



Amendments to the Grant Agreement Art.39

- In some cases, it might be necessary to amend your grant agreement, for example, if changes are needed for a successful project implementation. In these cases, the project coordinator submits a request through the Funding & tender portal's grant management service. Both the beneficiaries and the Agency sign the amendment electronically.
- In the Funding & tenders online manual, you will find an [overview of when and how you can request an amendment](#).
- [Amendments - Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities \(europa.eu\)](#)

Useful links

- Online Manual
 - ♦ [Continuous reporting on milestones & deliverables - Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - ♦ [Communication with the granting authority - Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities \(europa.eu\)](#)
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 - ♦ [Continuous Reporting - IT How To - Funding Tenders Opportunities \(europa.eu\)](#)
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