Legal, administrative and financial information within the framework of the first Open Call of PIANOFORTE partnership

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What is a participant in the frame of PIANOFORTE? (annex A of the call text)

The term "Participant" is defined in article 2 "Definitions" of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement

Participants = Entities participating in an action as :

- beneficiaries,
- affiliated entities,
- associated partners,
- third parties giving in-kind contributions,
- subcontractors or
- recipients of financial support to third parties.





What is a participant in the frame of PIANOFORTE? (annex A of the call text)

Participants can be :

- Entities considered as Participants at the launch of the first open call
 Those entities are already mentioned in the Grant Agreement and have been listed in Appendix A I. of the call text.
- Entities considered as new participants which are going to enter PIANOFORTE through an open call

➔ Those entities can have one of the status listed in the definition of the word « Participant »





Warning regarding the status of Affiliated entities (annex A of the call text)

To be considered as an "Affiliated Entity" the Beneficiary shall transmit to the Call Secretariat of PIANOFORTE all the appropriate documents necessary to prove the existence of a legal link between the Beneficiary and the Affiliated Entity.

The decision regarding the status of Affiliated Entity is taken by the European Commission.

If the status of Affiliated Entity is rejected by the European Commission, the participant will need to be considered as another kind of participant with the financial consequences attached.





PIANOFORTE funding agreement (annex B I. of the call text)

Mandatory for each financed project and not negotiable.

- Signed by IRSN and the Coordinator of each project (the coordinator can be an associated partner)
- Beneficiaries participating in the project, Beneficiaries not participating themselves to the project but receiving the funds on behalf of their Affiliated Entities as well as affiliated entities and recipients of financial support to third parties shall sign an accession form.

➔ Accession form not necessary for associated partners and subcontractors.





Brief summary of the funding rules (appendix B and C of the call text)

Entities which cannot be financed :

- Associated Partners
- Participants from non-EURATOM Countries (except Euratom associated countries mentioned in Appendix B. III e. of the call text (=Ukraine))
- Entities under sanction by the European Union.





Brief summary of the funding rules (appendix B and C of the call text)

Subject to some exception (cf. recipients of financial support to third parties), PIANOFORTE will reimburse 63% of the eligible costs

The 37% remaining and all other costs shall be secured by the Participants (each of them financing on its own funds or financing by another entity).

All the details are in appendix B and C of the call text





Focus on recipients of financial support to third parties

Maximum amount for each recipient :

- EUR 300 000 for actions justifying the establishment of a Ph.D. or post doc contract or
- EUR 100 000 in other cases of activities for the implementation of the roadmap for research in radiation protection.

The ceiling mentioned hereinabove is global ceiling for all the calls organized in the frame of PIANOFORTE.





Costs eligility (1/2) (appendix C of the call text)

Costs must :

- be related to the duration of project,
- be indicated in the estimated budget,
- be incurred in connection with the action,
- comply with the applicable national law on taxes, labour and social security.





Costs eligility (2/2) (appendix C of the call text)

Costs must :

- be identifiable and verifiable, in particular recorded in the participant's accounts in accordance with the accounting standards applicable in the country where the participant is established and with the participant's usual cost accounting practices
- reasonable, justified and must comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency





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