

Financing Agreements for Interreg NEXT programmes

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Number of Agreements to be signed



- **Financing Agreement (Article 58 Interreg).**
- **Implementing Agreement (Article 58 Interreg).**
- **Implementing Agreement (if option from Article 59 is used).**

- **It is possible to sign 1 Financing Agreement covering implementing elements. If so, such Financing Agreements must be co-signed by the Member State hosting the MA.**

Timing



- **First draft to be provided by the Commission.**
- **To be concluded by 31st December of the year following the year when 1st budgetary commitments were made.**
- **Conclusion means the signature by the last party.**
- **For programmes involving several Partner Countries at least one Financing Agreement must be concluded by the deadline.**

Structure



- **The scope should cover the rights, responsibilities and the role of a Partner Country as such.**

- **General provisions:**

Purpose of this agreement

Definitions

Cooperation principles

Total budget and financial contributions to the Programme

Execution period of this Financing Agreement

Structure



- **General rules on implementation:**

Implementation of programme

Promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination

Sustainable development

Partnership principle

- **Programme authorities and bodies:**

Programme authorities and management bodies

The role of National Authority

Management verifications and national controller (Verifications and checks)

Audit authority and group of auditors

Structure



- **Three Specific rules on implementation:**

Control, checks and verifications

Durability of operations and relocation

Procurement rules applied by entities implementing a programme

Rules of nationality and origin

Beneficiaries

- **Financial provisions:**

Payments to Managing Authority

Payments to lead beneficiary (made by accounting function)

Foreign Exchange provisions and transfer of funds

Use and reimbursement of Technical Assistance as a flat rate

De-commitment [of EU share]

Structure



- **Irregularities, recoveries and financial corrections:**

Prevention of irregularities, fraud and corruption

Irregularity reporting

Recovery

Offsetting

Financial corrections by the managing authority

Financial corrections by the Commission

- **Various legal provisions:**

Visa facilitation

Taxes, customs, duties and charges

Permits and authorisation

Intellectual property rights (including “Use of studies”)

Structure



- **Various legal provisions:**

Record keeping and reporting obligations

Disclosure of information

Personal data protection

- **Communication and visibility:**

Communication

Visibility

- **Mutual rights and obligations with regard to the implementation and financial management of the Programme.**

Structure



- **Final provisions:**

Conclusion of this Agreement

Addresses of and communication between the parties

Interpretation of this Agreement

Consultations between Parties

Dispute settlement arrangements

Amendment of this Agreement

Suspension of this Agreement

Termination of this Agreement

Depositary

Components of this Agreement

Entry into force of this Agreement

**Thank you
for attention!**

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