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ICT PSP draft grant agreement*

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- The presentation is based on a draft Grant Agreement not yet approved by the Commission

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Draft Grant Agreement - principles

- Simplification
 - Single type of participant – the ‘beneficiary’
 - No members
 - No third party participation except for subcontractors
 - For Pilot Type A and B
 - A single cost model (Full cost) - single reimbursement rate of 50%
 - Option to use of flat rate for charging indirect costs
 - For Thematic Networks
 - Use of lump sums – to be reimbursed at 100%
 - Threshold for certificates on financial statements for payment requests equal to or superior to 325.000€ by beneficiary
- Built on experience
 - Align with Framework Programme 7 Grant Agreement
- Comply with Financial Regulation/Implementing Rules

Draft Grant Agreement - Overview

- Core grant agreement
 - Parameters including beneficiaries legal names, maximum Community contribution, reporting periods and pre-financing payment
 - Special conditions
- Annex I
 - Description of work – including the budget table
- Annex II
 - Implementation of the Project – reinforced role of the co-ordinator, subcontracting
 - Rules related to Intellectual Property, Publicity and Confidentiality – only foreground is covered
 - Financial provisions
 - Controls, recoveries and penalties – including provisions for financial and technical audits, penalties, reimbursement of recovery orders

Pilot Type A and B – Community Financial Contribution

- Eligible and non-eligible costs
 - Eligibility conditions include necessity, actually incurred during the duration of the project, recorded in the accounts
- Direct cost
 - Personnel
 - Be directly hired by the beneficiary, under sole technical supervision, be remunerated in accordance with normal practices
 - Subcontracting
 - To be awarded according to the principle of best value for money under conditions of transparency and equal treatment
 - Other specific direct costs
- Indirect costs
 - Costs which cannot be identified as directly attributed to the project but incurred in direct relationship with the eligible costs
 - Option to charge real indirect costs or 30%* flat rate

Pilot Type A and B – Reporting and Payment conditions

- The consortium has 60 days after the end of reporting period to submit reports and the Commission has 105 days to pay
- Payment
 - Pre-financing – typically to cover 16 months
 - Interim - (option of several pre-financing payments)
 - Final - payment of the balance
- Payments upon approval of reports and deliverables

Special case – Pilot Type A

- Intellectual property – publication and free accessibility of results
- Possibility to subcontract co-ordination task
- Reservation of budget for extension of consortium at application stage (budget to be set aside in the budget of the co-ordinator - should typically not exceed 15% of the total budget of the pilot)
- Possibility for launching competitive calls for participation
- At contracting stage a consortium agreement needs to be concluded

Thematic network – Community financial contribution

- The implementation will be using a lump sum approach*
 - lump sums are reimbursed at 100%

| | <i>Lump sums 'Coordination costs'</i> | <i>Lump sum 'Implementation costs'</i> | <i>Lump sum 'attendance of meetings costs'</i> |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| <i>Coordinator</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.000€ per year and per beneficiary for the first 10 beneficiaries (incl. the coordinator); - 2.000€ per year and per beneficiary from the 11th beneficiary on. - No additional funding from the 21st beneficiary on. | | Costs for attendance of networks meetings and network related events are financed by a lump sum of 5.000€ per year per beneficiary |
| <i>Other Beneficiaries</i> | | 3.000€ per year per beneficiary | |

Thematic network - example

- 2 years thematic network involving a total of 15 participants (including the coordinator)

| | <i>Lump sums 'Coordination costs'</i> | <i>Lump sum 'Implementation costs'</i> | <i>Lump sum 'attendance of meetings costs'</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| <i>Coordinator</i> | $[(10 \times 3.000\text{€}) + (5 \times 2.000\text{€})] \times 2 \text{ years} = \mathbf{80.000\text{€}}$ | | $5.000\text{€} \times 2 \text{ year} = \mathbf{10.000\text{€}}$ | 90.000€ |
| <i>Other Beneficiaries</i> | | $(14 \times 3.000\text{€}) \times 2 \text{ years} = \mathbf{84.000\text{€}}$ | $(14 \times 5.000\text{€}) \times 2 \text{ year} = \mathbf{140.000\text{€}}$ | 224.000€ |
| <i>Total</i> | 80.000€ | 84.000€ | 150.000€ | 314.000€ |

Thematic Network - advantages

- Simplification
 - No actual cost reporting
 - No justification of costs
 - No provision of certificates
- Focus on results - networking

Next steps

- Approval of the grant agreement by the Commission probably in June 2007
- Detailed guidance on legal and financial viability
- Lump sum approach to be reviewed within maximum 2 years

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