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Introduction

This document is designed for subsidy beneficiaries in order to help them to provide the required supporting documents. Attention is drawn to the importance of complying with the agreements signed at the start of the project.

The new directives will apply starting with projects submitted from 01/03/2024. The new guidelines apply to all projects submitted from 01/03/2024, with the exception of project calls 2024-BFB (Brains for Brussels 2024).

Important information can be found below under the heading "Preliminary information"

Preliminary information

The beneficiary must send by email to Innoviris all the documents, written in French or Dutch, that justify costs for the project's implementation, as presented in the articles of the budget annexed to the agreement

- mandatory Excel template for the general statement of expenditure (available [on the website](#)). This must correspond to the budget in the agreement (do not add any headings and do not make any major changes to the amount);
- list all costs in the relevant tab (one line per supporting document) and create a corresponding

PDF file for each line with the title: "project id, template id, id of supporting document in statement of expenditure". **For example: "2023 PR 7, Instrument and material costs, 2.pdf"**;

- However, if you have more than 30 supporting documents, you may send us a single PDF file, but in that case the documents must be numbered and arranged as they appear in your statement of expenditure.
- Receipts identified by an order name from the general statement of expenditure, according to the following format: "project id,_template id,_id of item in the statement"; Receipts are only accepted for small expenses for which no invoice is available (e.g.: parking, metro abroad);
- Include a proof of payment for each invoice as a separate annex with the name "project id, template id, id of proof of expenditure + proof of payment". Without this proof, we cannot accept the charges. **For example: "2023 PR 7, Instrument and material costs, 2 proof of payment"**.

Concerning VAT, statements of expenditure must be drafted as follows:

- including VAT for research organisations not liable for VAT;
- excluding VAT recoverable for research organisations liable for VAT.

The required documents (statements of claim, scientific and financial reports), and the deadlines by which these documents must be supplied are stipulated in the agreement.

Reports and claims should be sent at the same time.

Non-compliance with these deadlines may result in sanctions that may vary from the temporary suspension of the payment of the aid to the complete loss of entitlement to the aid and the partial or total reimbursement of the sums already paid.

The originals of the supporting documents of expenditure must be kept available to the Region for 7 years following the expiry of the project agreement.

As a beneficiary, you undertake to comply with the laws generally applicable to you, and in particular, in the context of projects subsidized by the Region, the application of the Public Procurement Act if they meet the definition of contracting authority. As a reminder and in accordance with Article 2, 1° of the Law of 17 June 2016 on public procurement, contracting authority means:

"(a) the State;

b) the Regions, Communities and local public authorities;

(c) public law bodies and persons which, regardless of their form and nature, on the date of the decision to award a contract:

i are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest not having an industrial or commercial character, and;

ii have legal personality, and;

iii depend in one of the following ways on the State, the Regions, the Communities, the local authorities or other institutions or persons referred to in this point c) :

1. either their activities are mainly financed by the State, the Regions, the Communities, the local public authorities or other institutions or persons subject to this point c);

2. or their management is subject to the supervision of the State, the Regions, the Communities, local authorities or other bodies or persons governed by this point c);
 3. or more than half of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body are appointed by the State, Regions, Communities, local authorities or other institutions or persons governed by this point c);
- (d) associations consisting of one or more contracting authorities referred to in 1°, a, b or c;"

The financial reports and their supporting documents (written in French or Dutch) should be sent to: reporting@innoviris.brussels

The statements of claim should be sent to: e-invoicing@innoviris.brussels

For any questions concerning the admissibility of a specific item of expenditure, you can contact the scientific advisor in charge of your project **by e-mail**.

Program or budget changes can be allowed after a motivated notification by e-mail to the scientific advisor of Innoviris (with the accountant in cc) in charge of your project and a prior agreement by Innoviris (see agreement).

TEMPLATES OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO INNOVIRIS

All the templates that must be completed are available in an Excel file accompanying this document. This file contains additional instructions on how to complete them.

Template A: Statement of claim

This document must be by email only to: e-invoicing@innoviris.brussels.

To be sent digitally only to e-invoicing@innoviris.brussels. Dit document must be prepared on paper with headings of the company or university and must be sent electronically to Innoviris at the e-mail address only:

The claim must contain the following elements:

- logo and data ven the beneficiary entity
- reference agreement;
- amount requested; (*)
- the number of the relevant tranche according to agreement or addendum;
- bank account number;
- date xx/xx/20xx;

- signature of the person legally authorized to bind the entity concerned.

(*) Please note: in principle, the amount requested is the amount of the theoretical instalment.

However, if payment was not made in full during previous instalments, enter the sum on your claim of the unpaid amounts, including the active instalment. The same applies to the last tranche of the project, where the total amount not received must be carried forward.

Innoviris immediately adjusts the amount according to the financial analysis.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This comprises a general statement of expenditure and a summary of expenses by section, as well as copies of the supporting documents. (See preliminary information.)

Template B: General statement of expenditure

With this dated and signed document, certified true and sincere, the beneficiary states that all the amounts declared have actually been paid. Each document should be numbered, filed in an orderly manner by heading and recorded in an Excel file. **Accounting registration numbers should be indicated on each document.**

Template C 1.1: Overview of salaried staff costs

We would like to remind you that the budget in the agreement should be prepared on the basis of an estimate of the expected salary that an employee working on the project will cost you over the duration of the project, and the associated employer charges. The standard hourly costs (described below) should not be used to prepare budgets, but only to prepare the financial reports that you must submit throughout the project, according to the schedule set out in the agreement.

The accepted salaried staff costs are based on the standard hourly cost (SHC) of the persons working on the project (all employer contributions included). This cost is multiplied by the number of hours spent on the project: calculation of the standard hourly cost (SHC) = gross monthly full-time * 1.2%.

The calculation is done on a monthly basis, you have to take the actual salary of the month to calculate the standard hourly cost. It is possible that the standard monthly cost changes according to the amount of the gross monthly salary (for example: salary increase or indexation).

If applicable

- Jean works full time and his gross monthly salary is €3,050:
the standard hourly cost is: $3,050 * 0.012 = €36.60$

- Anne works part-time (19 hrs/week) and her gross monthly salary is €1,600: the standard hourly cost is $1,600/19*38*0.012 = €38.40$

Concerning the justification of the remuneration of staff members, a copy of the individual account kept by virtue of social legislation, is required, as well as a copy of the labour contracts and/or the letters of appointment. The individual wage statement, or failing that, the monthly sheets drawn up by a certified social secretariat or the company's payroll service, must correspond to the duration of the agreement.

The costs of temporary staff must be supported by invoices.

Template C 1.2: Overview of self-employed staff costs

If applicable

For self-employed staff, contracts governing the service and the tax sheet 281.50 of annual revenue issued by the Tax administration must be supplied. Innoviris reserves the right to request supporting VAT lists in the event of any suspicions during a control.

For this category, only invoices will be accepted as supporting documents.

Company directors and managers receiving remuneration through a management company or social secretariat should also be declared in this category (standard hourly rate not applicable).

Template C 2: Overview of operating costs

As mentioned, these costs only concern current expenses directly related to the implementation of the project and for the benefit of the persons mentioned in the budget of the agreement;

- 1) consumables (chemicals, materials, tools);
- 2) small scientific and technical equipment;
- 3) Publications costs, survey costs;
- 4) costs of participation in research: volunteer and participant compensation;
- 5) costs linked to the acquisition of technologies or data, or the hiring of data storage space from third parties (according to the applicable legal basis);
- 6) logistics support for the completion of the project: equipment rental, student workers, infrastructure and material rental;
- 7) for Applied PhD only:
 - registration fee for the doctorate: payment of the registration fee for the doctorate when it is paid after the submission of the application;
 - PC: the costs (purchase cost) of a specific PC (**non-standard**);
 - publication costs, service costs;
- 8) Costs for foreign assignments
 - a) travel and accommodation costs for staff included in the budget of the contract or in the amended budget approved by Innoviris, costs for public transport (plane, train tickets, etc.) or travel costs car (excluding local travel) according to the applicable rate (according to the FPS mileage allowance circular);

- b) accommodation costs (hotel and meals abroad);
only actual costs, supported by supporting documents, will be taken into account.
The amount is limited to the allowances per country listed on the FPS website.

ministerial Decree of 10 January 2023:
<https://bosa.belgium.be/fr/themes/travailler-dans-la-fonction-publique/remuneration-et-avantages/allocations-et-indemnite-15>
 - c) registration fees for conferences, symposiums, seminars specifically required for the project;
- 9) valorization costs
- a) organisation of symposiums/seminars: meeting organisation costs (meals, external meeting room) only when relevant;
 - b) dissemination other than through the publication of scientific articles;
- 10) miscellaneous: if not specified in the budget, to be submitted for approval to Innoviris - by email to the scientific advisors: miscellaneous costs must be small amounts and incurred as infrequently as possible.

Template C 3: Overview of the costs of instruments and equipment

If applicable

These costs correspond to the depreciation of the equipment and material used in the project, whose value is higher than 999 euros, following the company's valuation rules.

When this equipment is not used throughout its full lifespan in the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the duration of the project, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, are admissible.

Depreciation is calculated on a pro-rata basis of the duration of the project and the rates of use for:

- o Computer equipment over a period of 36 months

- o Scientific and technical apparatus over a period of 60 months.

In exceptional cases, a longer depreciation period may be considered for specific equipment, depending on the beneficiary's accounting valuation rules. In this case, a supporting document should be added in accordance with European directives (depreciation rules).

The formula used is as follows (the calculation of the amount to be included in the budget):

Purchase cost * Utilisation rate * Depreciable utilisation period during the project (in months)

Depreciation period (36 or 60 months)

The depreciable utilisation period during the project starts from the date of purchase of the equipment or the start of the agreement for purchases prior to the start of the project and ends either at the end of the period of the agreement, or at the end of the investment period if prior to the end of the agreement.

Overheads: no template to be completed

A flat-rate sum is calculated corresponding to 10% of the total of the operating costs and the salaried staff costs.

These are general costs incurred in supporting the execution of the research or development project, and that are part of the general operation of the project, such as: use (rental and maintenance) of internal premises and parking spaces, meeting rooms and premises with standard office and IT (PC) equipment, the costs of heating, lighting, electricity, gas, water, insurance, telecommunications costs, secretariat costs, accounting and social secretariat costs, office supplies, copying, correspondence, postal charges, electronic and telecommunications equipment, the cost of developing and maintaining a website, the provision of rooms by the research centre, representation costs, subscriptions, working clothes, catering costs and business gifts. This flat-rate sum also includes the purchase of small IT equipment (keyboard, mouse, USB stick, standard software, etc.), books and subscriptions, the rental of a company vehicle for demonstration purposes, registration fees for training courses, costs for assignments in Belgium.

Template C 5: Overview of sub-contracting costs

If applicable: the cost of contractual research, knowledge and patents purchased or licenced from external sources on a commercial basis, as well as the cost of consultancy and equivalent services used solely for the purpose of the project.

Template C 6: Overview of costs for innovation support and advisory services (Spin-Off action)

Only for Spin-Off action if applicable

As a reminder, this budget covers the cost of:

- legal, marketing, financial and economic consultancy pertaining to the creation of the spin-off, including the alter ego's salary, if applicable;
- training for the researcher-entrepreneur in setting-up a company (e.g. Solvay Business School and ICHEC)
- economic Demonstration (shows, fairs, customer acquisition, certification, etc.);
- patents (aid with drafting patents, patent application costs, etc.).

Summary: modifications guidelines 2021

The heading 'Additional operating costs (flat rate of 5%)' has been removed. Some of the existing sub-headings:

Belong to operating costs from now on:

- costs of assignments abroad (actual costs limited to fees set by the FPS (transport/accommodation);
publication costs.

Belong henceforth to overheads (10%):

- small IT equipment (keyboard, mouse, USB stick, software, etc.);
- books and subscriptions;
- demonstration: company vehicle rental;
- expenses in Belgium: car travel expenses (mileage allowance, petrol, parking).

Management of specific revenue (for the Spin-Off action only)

If applicable

If an economic activity is carried out by the Beneficiary within the context of the project, the revenue must be immediately notified to Innoviris which will evaluate its nature and, in view of it:

- a) allow the reinvestment of this revenue in the project;
- b) terminate the funding.

If Innoviris allows the reinvestment of the revenue, the following costs may be covered: -

- personnel costs (alter-ego, additional technical support staff); -
- the cost of the instruments and equipment used provided that they are used in measurements and for as long as they are used for the project;
- operating costs;
- the cost of contractual research, knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under no compulsion, as well as the cost of consultancy and equivalent services used solely for the purpose of the project;

- legal, marketing, financial and economic consultancy pertaining to the creation of the spin-off, including the alter ego's salary , if applicable;
- the cost of economic demonstrations (shows, fairs, customer acquisition, certification, etc.);
- patents (aid with drafting patents, patent application costs, etc.);
- costs pertaining to additional economic training.

The Beneficiary declares that the revenue generated will be used for eligible expenditure that is not already the subject of the grant awarded. All supporting documents for expenditure with the revenue recorded may be requested and analysed by Innoviris. Innoviris reserves the right to reduce the grant by the revenue that has not be used in accordance with the rules laid out in this chapter.

A maximum participation in general operating costs of 15% of the revenue may be contributed by the research organisation.

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