

# IMMERSE: Administrative, financial and legal aspects

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### **Overview**



- ☐ IMMERSE legal documents
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### **IMMERSE Grant Agreement**



- GA number: 945263
- Start date: April 1st, 2021
- Duration: 48 months
- Reporting periods: 3
  - P1: M01 M18 (18M) : 01/04/2021 30/09/2022
  - P2: M13 M36 (18M) : 01/10/2022 31/03/2024
  - P3: M31 M48 (12M) : 01/04/2024 31/03/2025
- Review meetings: 1
  - RV1: M24
- EC max contribution: 3.992.016,25 EUR
- Pre-financing: 2.129.075,33 EUR
- Contribution to Guarantee fund: 199.600,81 EUR

All partners signed the Accession Forms



# H2020 Model Grant Agreement: annexes



Annex 1: **Description of the action** 

Annex 2: Estimated budget

Annex 3: Accession Forms, 3a & 3b

Annex 4: Financial statements

Annex 5: Certificate on the financial statements

Annex 6: Certificate on the methodology



### Agreements



DOCUMENT	PARTIES	CONTENT			
	WHO	WHAT			
Grant Agreement Fully signed	Beneficiaries and the European Commission	Establishes the rights and obligations of beneficiaries with regard to the EU  IP rules are not negotiable			
Consortium Agreement Ongoing	Project Coordinator  and  Other  Beneficiaries	Sets out the legal basis for the share of rights, obligations and responsibilities among beneficiaries IP rules need to be agreed upon by partners			

Please provide missing information for CA. The signatory CA version will be shared shortly.

# All changes need to be reported (

Any changes need to be reported as soon as possible to the coordinator:

- Parties involved, legal entities
- Changes to the budget, work plan, person months
- Etc.

#### Some changes require

- Changes of information of 'My Organisation' by your LEAR in the Participant Portal
- Amendment of the Grant Agreement and Consortium agreement



### **Contractual obligations**



#### All beneficaries must:

- Promote the actions and its results (article 38)
- Disseminate the results (article 29)
- Ensure open access (free of charge, online access for any user) to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results (article 29)
- Take measures aiming to ensure exploitation of the results (article 28)
- CA: mark your confidential information that you share with partners as 'Confidential' at the time of disclosure
  - Oral disclosure: confirm in writing at the latest within 15 calender days as confidential information



# Obligation and right to use the EU emblem



Any communication/dissemination activity:

- Display the EU emblem
- Include the following text Exact copy:

"This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation Programme under grant agreement 945263 (IMMERSE)".



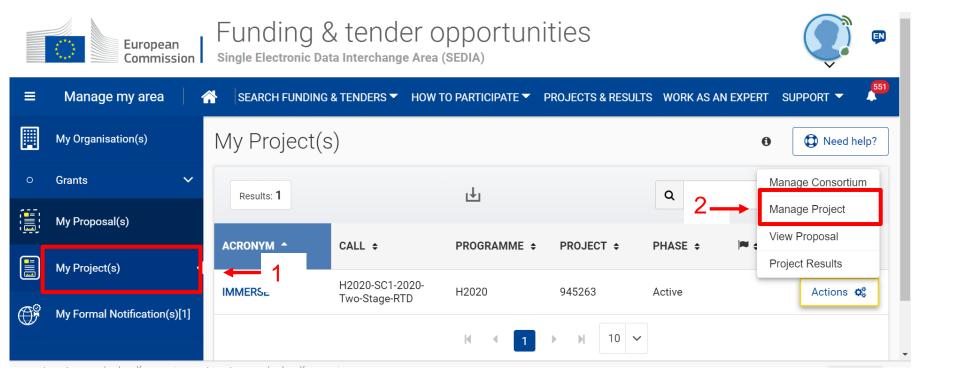
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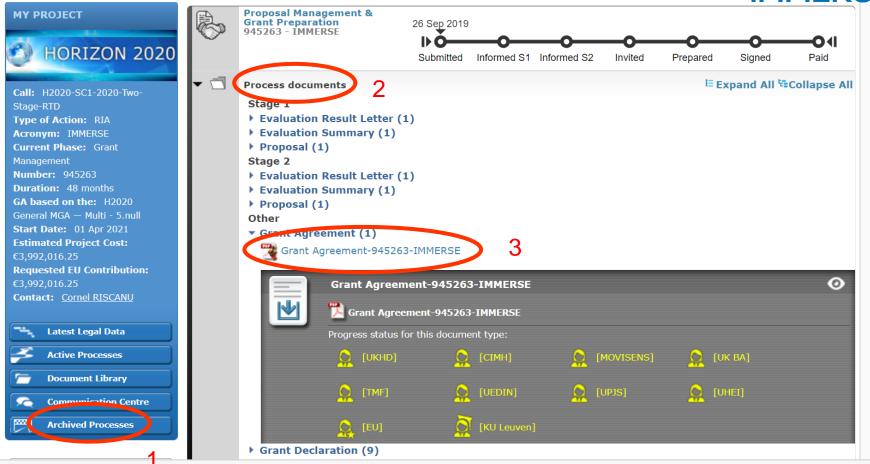






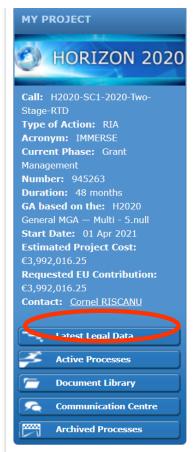


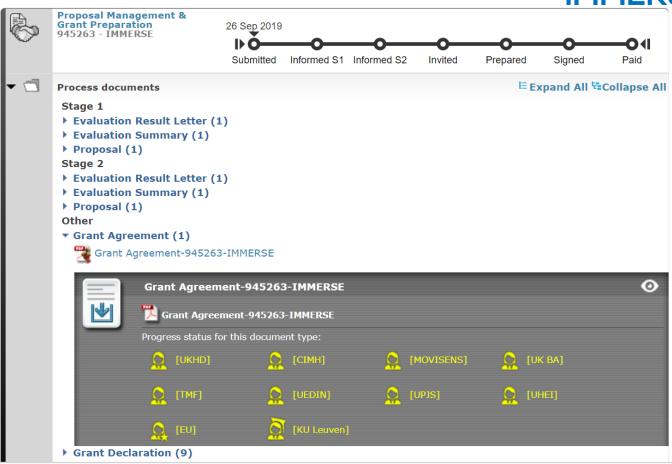








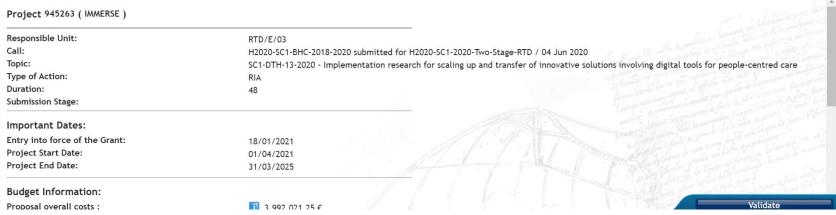














### Participant Portal – General info

#### Access to relevant documents



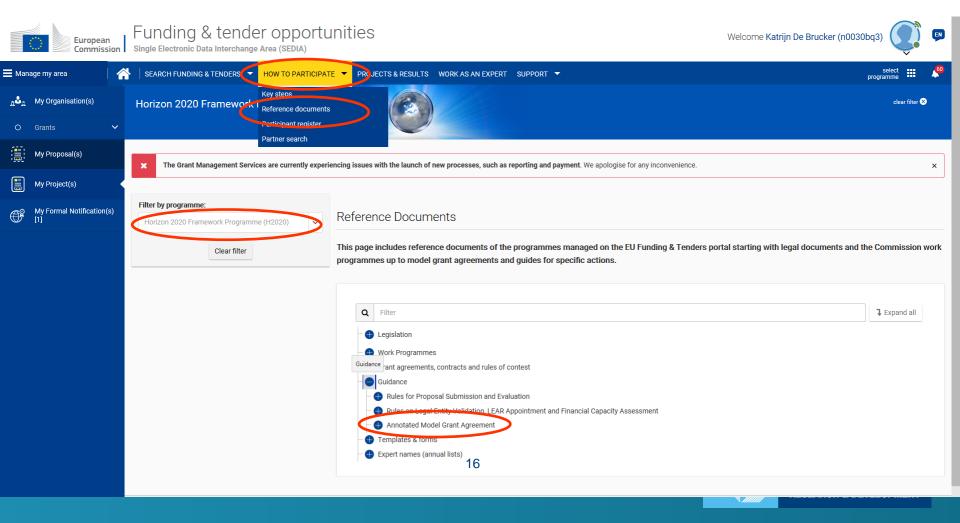
https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html

- Project related info (e.g. Grant Agreement (GA)):
  - My Area → My project(s)
  - Only accessible for persons defined as 'contact' in the project
- General information
  - How to participate → reference documents
  - Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AMGA)
     Very extensive document including all guidelines
     http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants\_manual/amga/h2 020-amga\_en.pdf
     (last version 26-06-2019)
  - Horizon 2020 On-line Manual http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index\_en.htm



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### Funding and indirect cost rate



**Horizon 2020 – Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)** 

Funding rate: 100%

Overhead rate: 25%

### Eligible costs = direct + indirect costs

HORIZZEN 2020	Direct costs	Indirect costs	Total costs	% EU contribution	EU contribution
100 / 25 Funding	100	25	125	100%	€ 125



# Budget IMMERSE (GA - Annex 2) IMMERSE

	Estimated eligible <sup>1</sup> costs (per budget category)											Previous Next			
	A. Direct personnel costs		B. Direct costs of subcontracting	[C. Direct costs of fin. support]	D. Other direct costs		E. Indirect costs <sup>2</sup>	Total costs	Reimbursement rate %	Maximum EU contribution <sup>3</sup>	Maximum grant amount <sup>4</sup>				
	A.1 Employees (or equivalent)  A.2 Natural persons under direct contract  A.3 Beeneficiaries that are natural persons without salary  A.4 SME owners without salary  A.5 Beneficiaries that are natural persons without salary  A.6 Personnel for providing access to research infrastructure]				D.1 Travel D.2 Equipment D.3 Other goods and services [D.4 Costs of large research infrastructure]	D.5 Costs of internally invoiced goods and services									
Form of costs <sup>6</sup>	Actual	Unit <sup>7</sup>	Un	iit <sup>8</sup>	Actual	Actual	Actual	Unit <sup>9</sup>	Flat-rate <sup>10</sup> 25%						
	a	Total b	No hours	Total c	d	[e]	f	Total g	h = 0.25  x (a + $b+c+f+g$ + $[il]^{13}+[i2]^{13}-n)$	j = a+b+c+d +[e]+f+g+h +[i1]+[i2]	k	1	m		
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. СІМН	592 800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61 560.00	0.00	163 590.00	817 950.00	100.00	817 950.00	817 950.0		
UEDIN	288 144.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63 960.00	0.00	88 026.00	440 130.00	100.00	440 130.00	440 130.0		
UK BA	140 880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30 780.00	0.00	42 915.00	214 575.00	100.00	214 575.00	214 575.0		
. UPJS	168 000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24 480.00	0.00	48 120.00	240 600.00	100.00	240 600.00	240 600.0		
. UHEI	133 380.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43 300.00	0.00	44 170.00	220 850.00	100.00	220 850.00	220 850.0		
. UKHD	176 080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16 600.00	0.00	48 170.00	240 850.00	100.00	240 850.00	240 850.0		
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TMF	49 980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7 500.00	0.00	14 370.00	71 850.00	100.00	71 850.00	71 850.0		
otal consortium	2 729 173.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	464 440.00	0.00	798 403.25	3 992 016.25		3 992 016.25	3 992 016.2		



# Personnel costs – IMMERSE – GA Annex 1 – WT6 table



	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WP7	WP8	Total Person/Months per Participant
1 - KU Leuven	35	0	0	1	6	32.80	38	28.80	141.60
2 - CIMH	0	0	0	48	6	4	76.40	0	134.40
3 - UEDIN	0	0	2.40	0	19.08	4	46.40	0	71.88
4 - UK BA	0	0	0	0	3	2	21.40	0	26.40
5 - UPJS	0	0	0	0	3	2	23.80	0	28.80
6 - UHEI	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	2	36
7 - UKHD	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.80	0	28.80
8 - MOVISENS	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	2.10	51.10
9 - TMF	0	0	0	0	0	5.88	0	0	5.88
Total Person/Months	35	49	36.40	49	37.08	50.68	234.80	32.90	524.86



# General financial rules: eligible COSTS

- Actual
- Incurred during duration of project
- Recorded in the accounts of beneficiary
- In accordance with the usual accounting and management principles
- In compliance with the applicable national law
- Reasonable, justified and must comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency
- Used for the sole purpose of achieving the objectives of the project
- → Partners are responsible for the eligibility of their costs: costreimbursed model. EC accepts or rejects your costs (not the coordinator).
- → More details: Annotated MGA



### Direct costs - staff (p.47-79 AMGA)



- Additional staff and permanent staff
- Time recording is necessary,
   except for researchers working exclusively on the project
   → declaration (p.178 AMGA) (see next slides)
- For calculation of personnel costs, check AMGA p.47-79



### Staff - Time recording



- All staff of which personnel costs are reported in the H2020 project
- 100% of the time
- Number of actual hours (for each day) worked for the action in the period covered by the time record
- In alignment with number of person months per work package in the grant agreement
- Dated and signed at least monthly
- Template EC (not mandatory): p. 179 AMGA



# Staff - Time recording: exception

- Staff working full time on the H2020 project
  - Timesheet can be replaced with declaration of the person
  - Conditions
    - Person works full time (only) on the project during a period of min. 1 month during the reporting period
    - Only 1 declaration / person per reporting period
    - Note: if mission for other project during this period
    - → Breach in declaration
    - → Declaration is no longer valid and timesheets have to be recorded for the remaining reporting period



### Direct costs - Other (p.82-102 AMGA

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#### Other direct costs

- Travel:
   clear link with project required;
   proof of travel and participation needs to be kept, as well as
   original receipts of all costs incurred
- Equipment:
   Depreciation rules according to your organization
- Other goods & services (p.89 AMGA):
  - Consumables & supplies
  - Dissemination costs
  - Costs related to IPR
  - Costs for CFS: only when direct costs > 325.000€
- Check table 3.4b of the Grant agreement (or hidden slides below)

## **Certification on Financial statement (GA – Annex 5)**



- Certificate on Financial statement (CFS) required for KU Leuven, CIMH and UEDIN
- Mandatory when requested funding of beneficiary is above €325.000 direct costs
  - CFS needed when project ends
  - CFS provided by:
    - Independent qualified auditor
    - Public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments and research organisations may opt for a competent Public Office



### **Audits**



- All expenses of all partners can be audited up to 2 years after the final payment,
- All supporting documents need to be kept up to 5 years after final payment (GA art. 18)



### Payments (Art 21 of GA)

Pre-financing: has been transferred in 1 part as mentioned in CA

#### Interim payments

- Based on Financial Statements, costs justified and accepted by the EC
- Normally within 90 days from submission of the periodic report
- Limited to 85% of the maximum grant amount

#### Final payment at the end of the project

- Subject to approval final report
- Payment of balance, at least 15% of total grant amount



# IMMERSE finances: prefinancing

				Total	Prefinancing - April
	Partner	Funding	% funding	Prefinancing	2021
1	KU Leuven	1.363.350,00	34,15%	727.120,00	658.952,50
2	CIMH	817.950,00	20,49%	436.240,00	395.342,50
3	UEDIN	440.130,00	11,03%	234.736,00	212.729,50
4	UK BA	214.575,00	5,38%	114.440,00	103.711,25
5	UP JS	240.600,00	6,03%	128.320,00	116.290,00
6	UHEI	220.850,00	5,53%	117.786,67	106.744,17
7	UKHD	240.850,00	6,03%	128.453,33	116.410,83
8	MOVISENS	381.861,25	9,57%	203.659,33	184.566,27
9	TMF	71.850,00	1,80%	38.320,00	34.727,50
	TOTAL	3.992.016,25	100,00%	2.129.075,33	1.929.474,52

Note: prefinancing remains property of the EU until payment of the balance



### **Example Payment schedule**

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3 reporting periods with a total funding of €4.000.000  → Interim payment is limited to 85% ~ €3.400.000	Cumulative payment
<b>Pre-financing</b> (~53% of funding): €2.120.000	
Amount to Guarantee Fund (5%): €200.000	
Saldo to be distributed: €1.920.000	€1.920.000
Pre-financing payment- April 2021: 100% (paid): 1.920.000	€1.920.000
1st reporting: €1.500.000 accepted costs 1st interim payment (after 18 months): EC pays €1.480.000	€3.400.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> reporting: €1.500.000 accepted costs  2 <sup>nd</sup> interim payment (after 36 months): EC pays €0	€3.400.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> reporting (after 48 months)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> reporting: €1.000.000 accepted costs	€4.000.000
Final payment: EC pays € 600.000	
Retention (10%) €400.000	
Guarantee Fund (5%) €200.000	



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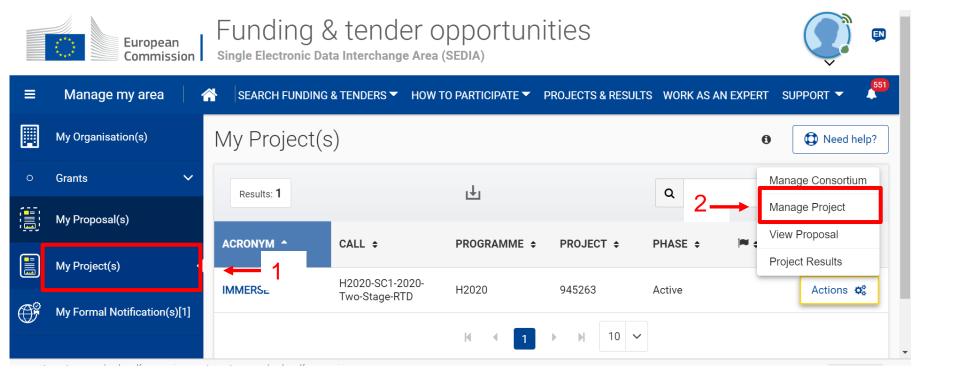
### 1. Continuous Reporting



- <u>Deliverables</u> should be submitted in accordance with the timing and format specified in the GA - Annex I (art. 19)
- Milestones
- Risks
- Publications
- Dissemination
- Patents
- Gender



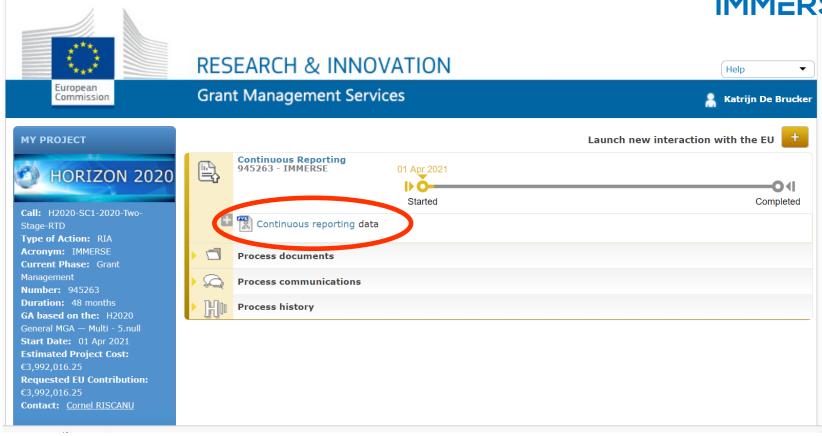






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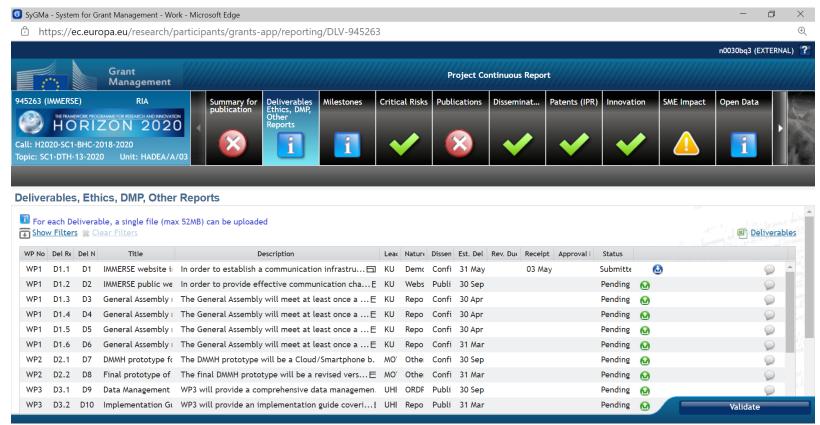






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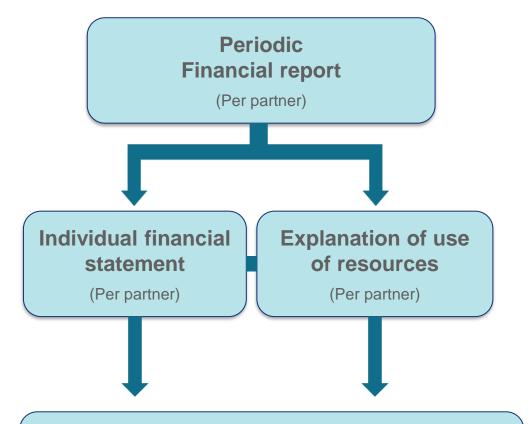






### 2. Periodic reporting





#### Periodic Technical report

(Per project – via coördinator)

#### Part A

= Project description + KPI's\* = description of the work performed

Part B

\* Key Performance Indicators: bv. deliverables, milestones, publicaties, etc.

#### Periodic summary financial statement

= consolidated financial data of all partnersContains the 'request for interim payment'



### **Contact**



### **EU-cel: legal, administrative and financial support**

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