

CHANGE LOG FILE

Implementation manual

Version 2

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Ref.	Main topic	Description of the change
A.3	Simplification of communication chapter	Simplification and better specification of provisions concerning project communication, aligning with the application manual. Simplifications also including the shift of guidance chapters on project communication (chapters A.3.3 and A.3.4) from the implementation manual to the “project communication and branding manual” in order to avoid overlapping. The project communication and branding manual will be published contemporarily with version 2 of this manual.
A.4.1	Information on AT and IT national control systems	Inclusion/update of information concerning Austria and Italy in the overview table on national control systems
A.4.2	Specification on checks linked to anti-fraud	A sentence specifying the right of the MA/JS to perform additional checks has been included consistently with EC guidelines on anti-fraud measures
B.1	Progress report overview table	Update of the table presenting the progress report structure to the latest version of eMS
B.2	Contents of the output fact sheet	Contents of the output fact sheet have been further specified. Linked to this, the example on outputs and deliverables has been updated with regard to the documentation within output fact sheets.
B.3.4	Annex on LP verifications	The checklist documenting verifications carried out by the LP in compliance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 has been separated from the national control checklist. This has been done since the checklist can be filled in either by LP finance/project manager or by its national controller.
B.5.1	Mid-term review meeting	A specification that the LP has to draft a summary of the mid-term review meeting to be sent to the JS has been added.
C.	Reference to TA provisions	The first sentence of the chapter linking to provisions for TA expenditure as in the TA manual has been deleted since the TA manual in its latest version contains all relevant rules for TA (in its annex 6) and provisions of the implementation manual are no longer needed for TA.
C.1.5.2	Specification of which Member State grants <i>de minimis</i> aid	Specifications linked to the MC decision according to which Austria is the Member State granting <i>de minimis</i> aid to all Interreg CE beneficiaries has been included.
C.1.5.2	Exclusion of agricultural and fisheries <i>de minimis</i> aid	A provision specifying that <i>de minimis</i> aid in the agriculture and fisheries sectors cannot be granted in the framework of Interreg CE projects has been added in order to simplify the management of State aid, aligning with other Interreg programmes.
C.1.5.3	Specification of branding requirements	Better specification of branding requirements linked to the eligibility of expenditure has been added
C.1.6	Specification of ineligible expenditure	A specification on the ineligibility of fees between partners has been added, aligning with the application manual.
C.2.1.3 point a.	Simplification of audit trail description for staff costs on a real cost basis	The description of the audit trail requirements for staff costs has been moved (and merged) from each chapter describing the calculation methods to a new sub-chapter devoted only to the audit trail for staff costs on a real cost basis (point a.vi).

C.2.4.3	Eligibility of travel and accommodation costs for externals	A specification concerning the eligibility of travel and accommodation costs for external participants to project activities (in addition to associated partners) has been added under BL 4 “External expertise and services”.
C.2.5.1	Specification on eligibility of consumables	A specification concerning the eligibility of consumables linked to the use of thematic equipment has been added under BL 5 “Equipment expenditure”
C.2.6.3	Specification on ownership	A specification concerning ownership requirements for the land and/or buildings where works are carried out under BL 6 “Infrastructure and works” has been added consistently with the application manual.
D.3.1	Signing of the “Modification request form”	A specification concerning the need by the LP to sign the “Modification request form” when requesting a major project modification has been added.
D.3.1	Re-submission of LP declarations	As consequence of the above specification, the obligation for the LP to submit a revised LP declaration has been skipped. An updated lead partner declaration has to be submitted only in the case that the LP budget is increased following the project modification.
D3.1	Re-submission of rejected modification requests	It has been specified that, in case of rejection, the same modification request cannot be re-submitted by the LP.
D.3.3	Specification of project activity modifications	A specification on the applicability of project activity modification also to deliverables and output indicator targets has been included.
Annexes 2 to 5	Removal of annexes	Documents/templates linked to control and reporting have been removed from the implementation manual in order to allow more flexibility in updating such documents according to programme needs.