

# Erasmus+ Sport Programme Online submission of application

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency





## **Participant Portal**



#### What is the EACEA participant portal?

- Unique entry point for the registration of organisations that want to apply for the following programs:
  - Erasmus+
  - Creative Europe
  - Europe for Citizens
  - EU Aid Volunteers
- Unique entry point for Experts applying for the call for expression of interest EACEA/2013 for experts





#### **Organisation registration**

- Organisations (and partners) MUST register to receive the Participant Identification Code (PIC of 9 digit numbers) before submitting a project proposal via the official e-Form
- e-Forms will be pre-filled with the organisation's data by inserting the PIC
- Beneficiaries will no longer need to send the organisation documents for each application for each programme – only uploaded once





#### **Organisation registration - How?**

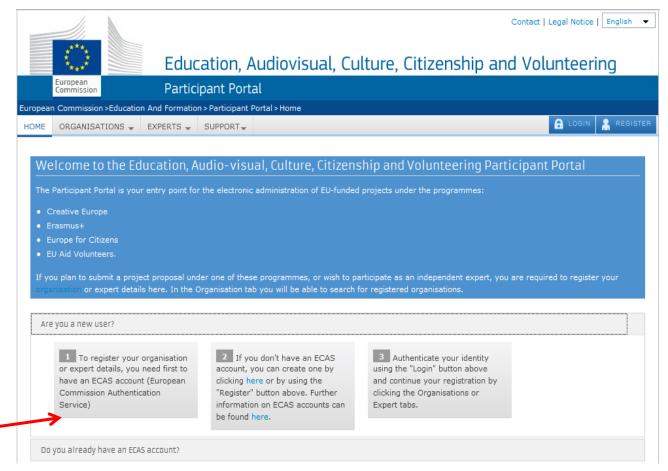
- Necessity to have or create a personal ECAS account to start the registration
- Registration will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes if all information are at hand
- After the first registration and the creation of PIC, documents related to the organisation can be uploaded





#### **Participant's Portal home page**

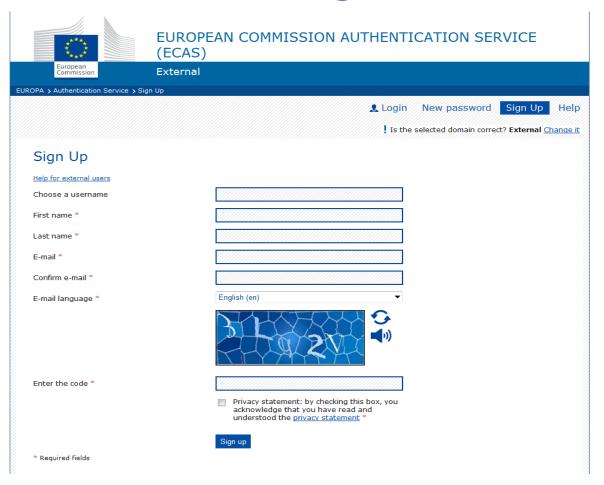
http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html







#### **ECAS** Account registration

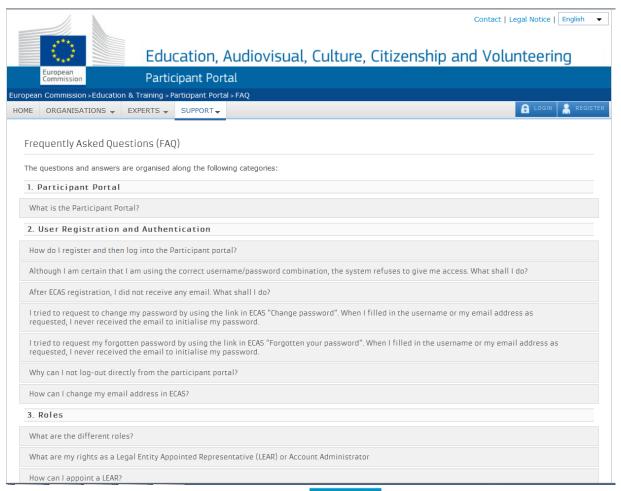


- ECAS account creation is necessary to start the registration.
- An email confirmation is sent after the Sign Up.
- This step is not the organisation registration. It allows <u>starting the</u> <u>process</u>



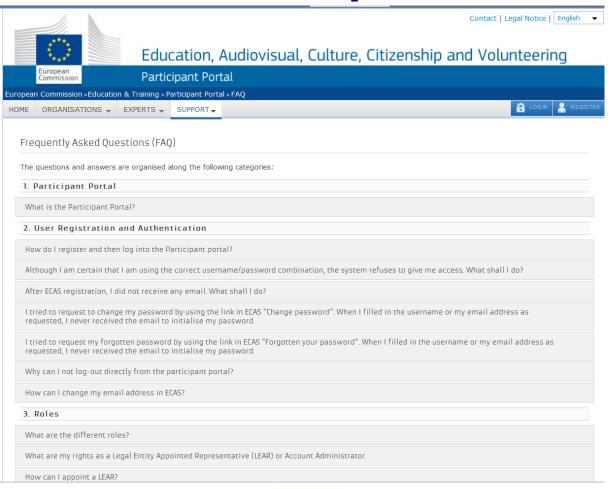


## If lost: go to Support page, read the FAQ



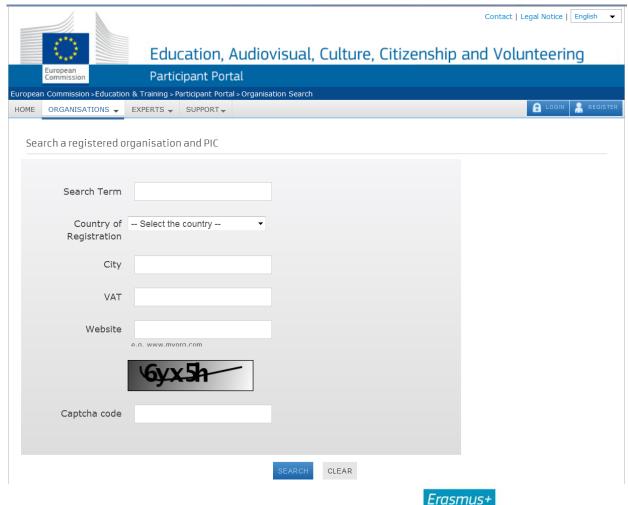


#### In case of a technical question:





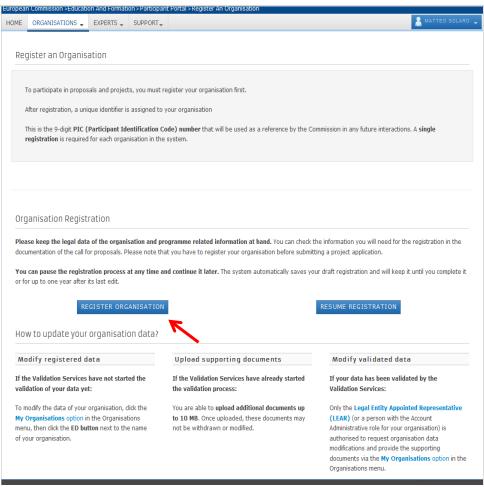
### Organisation/Company - Search tool



- The Search tool allows to see if your organisation already exists in the database.
- If your organisation exists and has a PIC, <u>no new one</u> <u>should be</u> <u>created</u>.
- Please note that the database is common to other Commission services (e.g. research)



#### **Organisation/Company** -

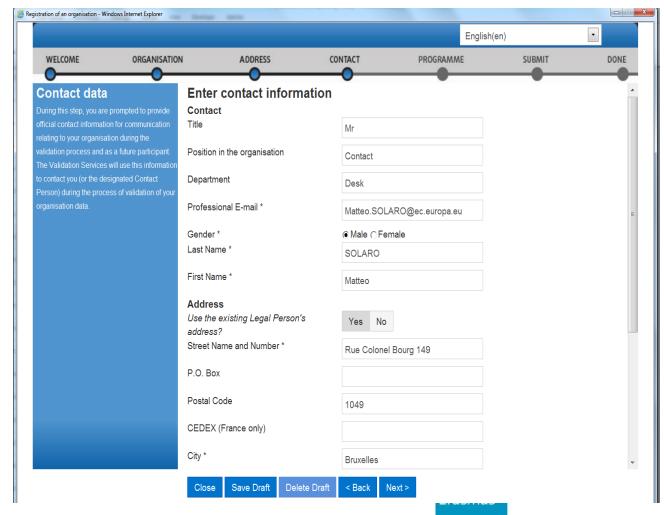


#### - Registration

- If your organisation does not exist, it can be created by chosing the "Register organisation" button.
- The botton will redirect you to the unique registration facility.



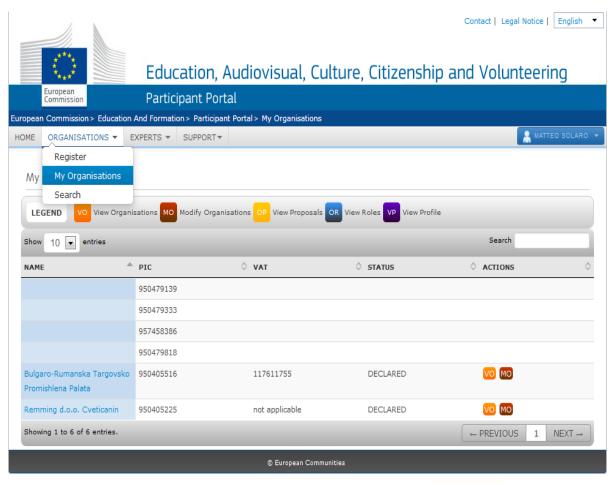
### Organisation – contact data registration



- contact data
  are the general
  contacts of an
  organisation, not
  the ones related
  to a particular
  project.
- Contact person
   will be contacted
   in case of
   questions related
   to organisation
   or before
   validation



### **Participant Portal – See My Organisations**



- All organisations created with the ECAS account will be visible in the "My organisation" tab.
- In order to modify the organisation data or to upload official documents, click on Modify Organisations (MO)



## **Sport eForms**



## Where? home page (EACEA website)

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/PPMT/



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#### Application for funding: partner list management and application eForm creation

#### IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE BEFORE YOU START

#### PIC numbers

In order for an organisation to be included as a participant in a funding application, it must first have been registered in EACEAs Participant Portal and been allocated a unique Participant Identification Code (PIC). If an organisation does not have a PIC number, it will not be possible to include it in an application.

#### Organisations can obtain their PIC number by registering in EACEAs Participant Portal. Click here to be directed to the Participant Portal.

#### Organisation profile

Some actions require a minimum number of participating organisations in order for the application to be considered eligible. Likewise, some actions require there to be representation from specific countries for the application to be considered eligible. Please scrupulously check if any such rules apply to the funding opportunity you are applying under. If such rules do apply, you must respect those rules when building your list of participating organisations. If you have not respected the rules, you will receive an error message when the application eForm is created and you will have to start the entire process again.

One uninterrupted session

When you proceed with either of the options below, you must complete all of the steps involved in one continuous session. Once you have clicked on one of the buttons, it is not possible to interrupt the activity and resume it at a later time. All the steps mentioned below must be carried out in one go. If you close the browser window in which you are working or if you close the browser entirely, you will lose the data you have entered and will have to start again. Please therefore ensure you have all necessary PIC numbers AND have checked the rules for the organisation profile BEFORE YOU PROCEED.

#### ECAS authentication

Access to the options below you is authenticated by ECAS, the European Commission's Authentication Service. Applicants must therefore have an ECAS account. If you do not yet have an ECAS account, click here to be directed to the ECAS website where you can create your account including an ECAS login username and password. After creating your account, please return to this webpage in order to continue with your chosen option.

#### Create a new application eForm

You will be required to complete the following steps in one session once you have clicked on the button below:

- · Select the funding opportunity you are applying under.
- · Select the language version of the application eForm.
- . Select the organisation(s) participating in your funding application and
- build your list of participating organisations.
- Create the application eForm.
- . Save the application eForm to your local computer or network drive.

Create new application eForm

#### Revise your list of participating organisations and incorporate it in your existing application eForm

If you have already created an application eForm but need to update it because of the inclusion of additional organisations or because an organisation's details have changed, please use the button below.

Once you click on the button, you will be required to complete the following steps in one session:

- · Upload your existing application eForm.
- · Make the necessary revisions to your list of participating organisations.
- · Create the updated version of your application eForm bearing your revised list of participating organisations.
- · Save the updated application eForm to your local computer or network drive.

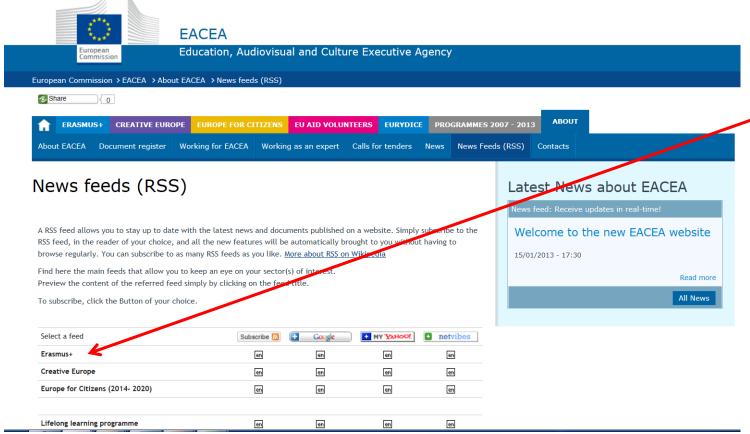
Revise list of participating organisations and update application eForm

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#### When?

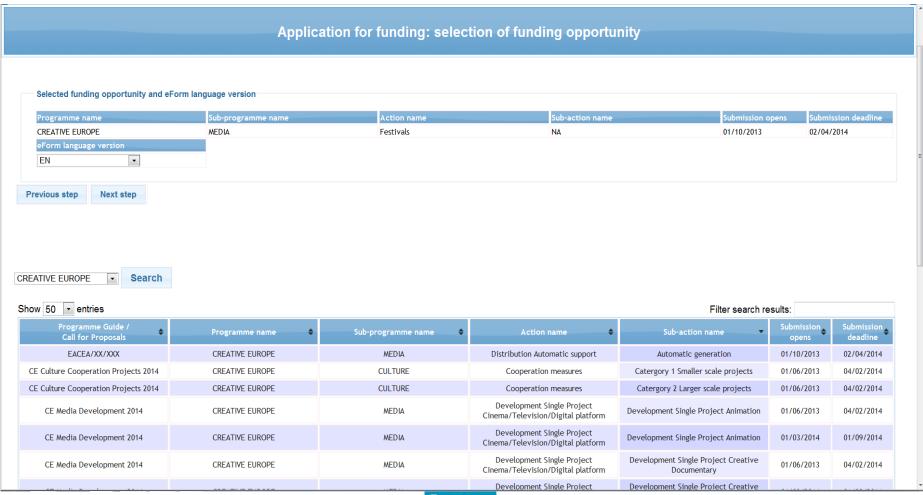
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### e-Form creation - select your call sport





## Insert your PIC & choose the applicant organisation and partners





#### **Proposal Submission User Guide**

 https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eaceasite/files/proposal submission user guide og 2014 v1 en.pdf



#### eForm tutorial





#### **Submission**



#### Save the application e-Form

Please do not change the file name, this will be your reference document

- If all the details of applicant and partners are correct, click on the "Create application e-Form" button.
- If any details are incorrect or missing click on the *Previous step* button to make the necessary changes.

Submittion number:
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Validate form

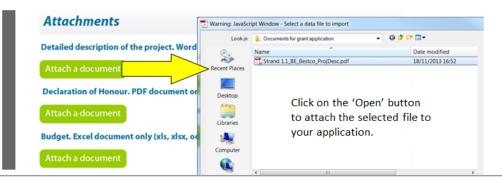


#### **Attachments to e-Forms (mandatory)**



As the screenshot above is merely an example, your own <u>eForm</u> may include different document attachments from the ones displayed above.

To carry out the attach operation, click on the relevant *Attach a document* button and a window will pop up enabling you to browse, locate and select the file you wish to attach:



The annexes are mandatory parts of application

Maximum size of application: 10 MB





#### **eForm Technical assistance**

EACEA Helpdesk	Availability
Tel: +32 229 90705 Email: eacea-helpdesk@ec.europa.eu	08:30- 17:30, Monday to Thursday 08:30 to 17:00, Fridays Excluding public holidays and European Commission holidays All times are Brussels time



## **Erasmus+ Sport Programme**



#### Legal basis

 Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport <a href="http://eur-">http://eur-</a>

lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:347:0050:0073:EN:PDF

Erasmus+ Programme Guide
 http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide en.pdf





#### **Actions**

- Support for collaborative partnerships
- Support for not-for-profit European sport events
- Support for strengthening the evidence base for policy-making
- Dialogue with European stakeholders



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#### **Erasmus+: Sport - Specific objectives**

- To tackle cross-border threats such as doping, match-fixing, violence, intolerance and discrimination
- To promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes
- To promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of HEPA





### **Collaborative Partnership (CP) - Activities**

- Networking among key stakeholders
- Identification and sharing of good practices
- Development and implementation of education and training modules and tools
- Awareness-raising activities on the added value of sport and physical activity
- Collection of data, surveys, consultations
- Conferences, seminars, meetings, events





## Not-for-profit European Sport Events (NESE) - Activities

- Organisations of training activities for athletes, coaches, organisers and volunteers in the run-up to the event
- Organisation of the event
- Organisation of side-activities (conferences, seminars)
- Implementation of legacy activities (evaluations, drafting of future plans)

#### Not eligible

- Sport competitions regularly organised by international, European or national sport federations/leagues
- Professional sport competitions





#### Calls for proposals in 2015

 Related to the 2015 European Week of Sport

Not related to the 2015 European Week

of Sport





#### **European Week of Sport (EWoS)**

- Initiative launched by the EC
- Promoting sport and physical activity in the EU

EU level	7-13 September 2015
National events	7-30 September 2015



#### **Collaborative partnerships (EWoS) – eligibility**

Non-profit
organisation or
public body
established in
Programme or
Partner Country

Applicant established in Programme Country

At least 5
organisations
from 5
different
Programme
Countries



#### **Collaborative partnerships (EWoS) – eligibility**

Start of the project	Between 1/04 and 1/09/2015
Maximum duration	18 months
Deadline	22/01/2015, 12 pm (midday) CET

The initiatives and activities must be carried out during the 2015 EWoS and/or have a thematic link with it





## Not-for-profit European sport events (EWoS) – eligibility

Public body or nonprofit organisations active in the field of sport established in a Programme Country

Participants from at least 3 different Programme Countries

<u>OR</u>

Simultaneous events in at least 3 Programme Countries



## Not-for-profit European sport events (EWoS) – eligibility

Start of the project	01/05/2015
Maximum duration	12 months
Deadline	22/01/2015, 12 pm (midday) CET

The event must take place: 7-30/09/2015





### Call related to EWoS - co-financing

Sport action	Maximum grant
Collaborative partnerships	500 000 EUR
Not-for-profit European sport events	250 000 EUR

Max. 80% of the total eligible costs





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### **Collaborative partnerships – eligibility**

Start of the project	01/01/2016
Maximum duration	From 12 to 36 months (12, 18, 24, 30, 36 months)
Deadline	14/05/2015, 12 pm (midday) CET

The activities must take place in the countries of organisations involved in CP.





# Not-for-profit European sport events – eligibility

Public body or non-profit organisations active in the field of sport established in a Programme Country

Participants from at least 12 different Programme Countries



# Not-for-profit European sport events – eligibility

Start of the project	01/11/2015
Maximum duration	12 months
Deadline	14/05/2015, 12 pm (midday) CET

The event must take place in 2016.





#### Call not related to EWoS - co-financing

Sport action	Maximum grant
Collaborative partnerships	500 000 EUR
Not-for-profit European sport events	500 000 EUR

Max. 80% of the total eligible costs





# **Indicative number of selected projects** in 2015

	Call related to EWoS	Call not related to EWoS
Collaborative partnerships	5	45
Not-for-profit European sport events	3	3



#### **Application package**

- eForm
- Project description
- Budget table
- Declaration of honour



FAQ





# **Project Description**



#### **Organisations and activities**

- Aims and activities of organisations
- Previous sport projects

Other EU grants







### **Project characteristics and relevance**

- Objectives
- Innovative aspects
- EU added value





# Quality of project design and implementation

- Project design
- Methodology
- Quality control during project implementation
- Overview of all activities

Selection of participants







# Quality of project team and cooperation arrangements

- Project team
- Cooperation arrangements
- Partner Countries







#### Impact and dissemination

- Quality control of final outcomes
- Expected impact of project
- Dissemination

Sustainability





# Some advice from staff and experienced coordinators



# Advice on finding and working with partners

- Start with a clear idea of ideal skills mixture
- Partner organisations also need to find the results relevant and useful
- Mix "old" and "new": previous collaborators + new ones



# Advice on finding and working with partners (2/2)

#### Finding partners

Work with your own networks (former projects, other projects)

Work with organisations with the skills needed for the specific project

Use recommendations of people you trust (colleagues, previous partners)

Select carefully according to criteria you establish in advance

#### **Working with partners**

Involve them in all stages of development and drafting





## Advice on completing the form (1/2)

- Have the project idea firmly in mind before starting to complete the form
- Take time to understand how the form is constructed
- Be sure that your project fits into the Erasmus+ Sport objectives and actions
- Ensure that partner involvement (work packages and budget) has been fully discussed and agreed



### Advice on completing the form (2/2)

- Allow time for drafting and reviewing and redrafting the texts
- Test your draft application on someone outside the partnership
- The time required is variable (a few weeks to more than a year from concept to finalisation)
- Partners who provide low quality input to the drafting of application will not provide high quality input into the project
- It is a time-intensive process and will require dedicated staff time





### Advice for "first-timers" (1/2)

- Mentors and a project team in your organisation
- Experienced partners
- Avoid chairing meetings
- Gaining experience as a project partner before becoming coordinator
- As a manager, focus significantly on tasks and quality assurance





### Advice for "first-timers" (2/2)

- Approval from participating institutions is essential and can take time
- The objectives of the project need to fit into the objectives of partner organisations and the objectives of the Erasmus+ Sport
- When planning communication with partners take into account:
  - Blending different types of meetings (workshops and virtual meetings as well as formal meetings)





#### **Award criteria**

Collaborative Partnerships

Relevance of the project	Maximum 30 points
Quality of the project design and implementation	Maximum 20 points
Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements	Maximum 20 points
Impact and dissemination	Maximum 30 points

Min. 60 points (at least half of the max. points in each criterion)





#### **Award criteria**

Not-for-profit European sport events

Relevance of the project	Maximum 30 points
Quality of the project design and implementation	Maximum 40 points
Impact and dissemination	Maximum 30 points

Min. 60 points (at least half of the max. points in each criterion)





# **Financial part**



#### **Principles applying to EU Grants**

- No retroactivity
- Non-cumulative award
- No-profit principle
- Co-financing principle







Structure of the estimated project budget:

1) Estimated Expenditures:

- Staff costs

- Travel and subsistence costs

- Equipment costs

- Consumables and supplies

- Subcontracting costs

- Duties, taxes and charges

- Other costs

- Indirect costs

- Direct costs

max. 7 % of the total direct costs





#### 2) Estimated Income:

- from the EU
- Grant requested distribution of the grant among partners

- Co-financing

- Own funding of the partners
- Other sources of financing (third parties)
- Income generated by the project





#### Tips:



- coherence between: e-Form, detailed excel budget, Declaration of Honour
- allocating estimated costs in the right budget heading
- budget is justified in relation to the planned activities
- application is in line with the specific provisions of the relevant call for proposals





## **Funding Rules**

	Collaborative Partnerships	Not-for-profit European Sport Events
Max. Grant	500 000 EUR	250 000, 500 000 EUR
Co-financing	Max. 80 %	Max. 80 %
Pre- financing	60 % of the grant awarded	60 % of the grant awarded
Duration	12/18/24/30/36 months	up to 12 months
Type of contract	Grant Agreement	Grant Agreement / Decision



# What happens in case of selection?



#### **Financial Capacity Verification**

- Does applicant have stable and sufficient sources of funding?
- Required: Financial Capacity Form
  - Annual accounts for the last 2 years
- Does not apply: to public bodies
  - to international organisations
  - in the case of a low value grant (grant request ≤60 000 EUR)



#### **Contracting Procedure**

- Grant Decision or Grant Agreement
- Specific provisions in case of multi-beneficiary agreement (Collaborative Partnerships):
  - all partners become beneficiaries of the agreement
  - applicant organisation signs
  - co-beneficiaries sign a mandate







#### **Payment Arrangements**

#### In General

#### Pre-financing payment

- Upon entry into force of the Grant Agreement/Decision
- In exceptional cases a bank guarantee is requested

#### Payment of the balance

- Upon acceptance of the Final report and its compulsory annexes incl.
- a certificate on the financial statements and underlying the accounts:
  - ➤ Supporting documents for Grants ≤60 000 €
  - ➤ Audit certificate "Type I" for Grants >60 000 € and <750 000 €</p>
  - ➤ Audit certificate "Type II" for Grants ≥750 000 €







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