

How to prepare a project proposal (including budget) and submit it via Jems

Information sessions







What is \(\frac{1}{2}\)Jems?



Jems, the Joint
Electronic
Monitoring
System, is a
Programme
monitoring system



Allows the
Programme to
collect and store all
necessary project
and Programme
information



Enables
communication
between
beneficiaries and
programme bodies



Enables the creating, filling-in and submitting of project proposals



A web application, which can be accessed with most common browsers (e.g. Chrome, MS Edge, Firefox)



The project proposals must be created and submitted solely through the Jems – **offline templates are not accepted.**





Instructions for Applicants



Application Manual - Instructions how to fill in the Application



Guidelines for Applicants



Programme Manual on Eligibility



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Access and Registration

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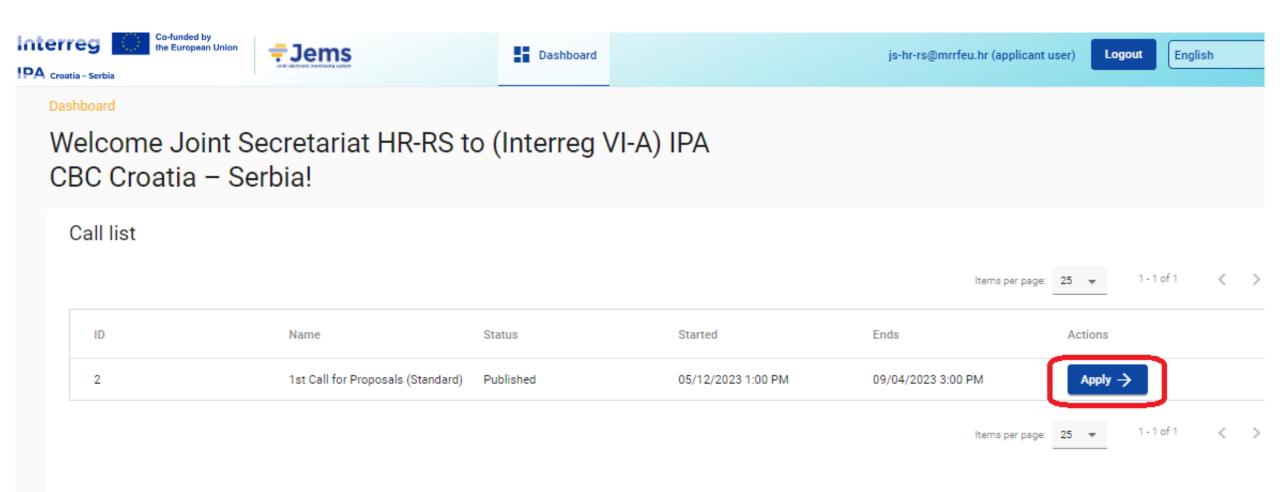


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Applying for a Call





Creating Application











Create a new project application

1st Call for Proposals (Standard)

Start date 05/12/2023

End date Ends 09/04/2023. Time left: 111 days, 5 hours and 28 minutes.

View detailed call information

Hint: all project data can be changed before submission.

* Project acronym
TEST APPLICATION

Cancel

Create project application ->



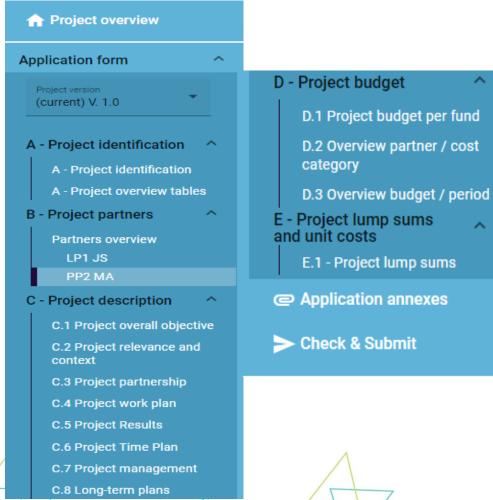
Insert the acronym of your project (which can always be modified afterwards) and click "Create project application".





Filling in the Application

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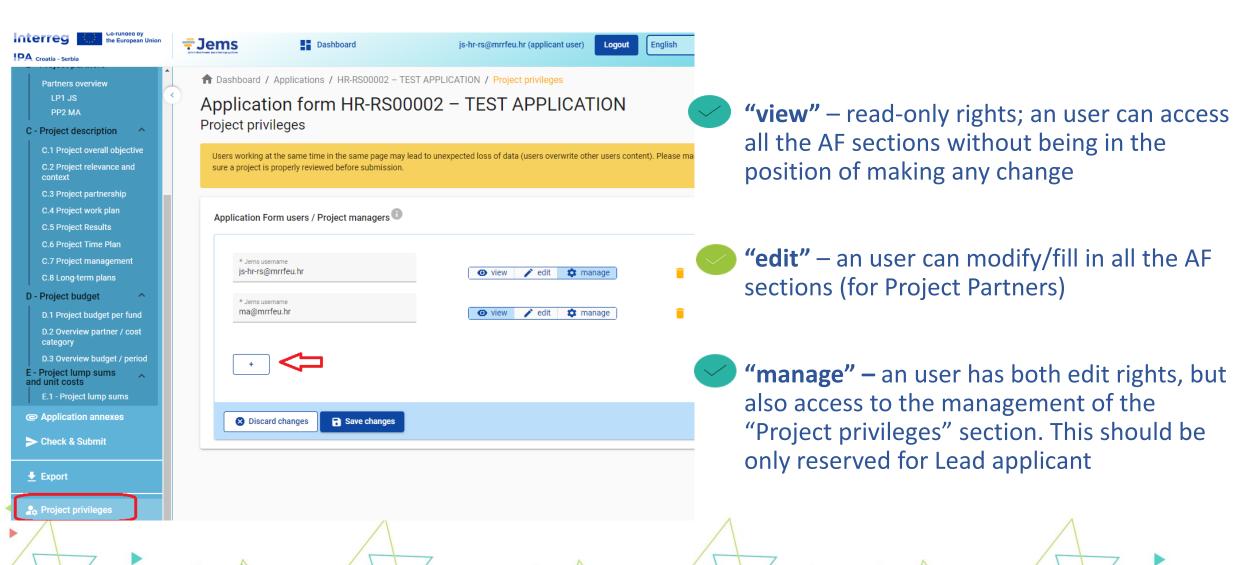


- Click on the chapters to navigate through the application form
- Click "Application annexes" to access to the file upload section
- Click "Check & Submit" to run pre-submission checks and to submit a project application
- Click "Export" to export the application form as pdf file and the partners budgets as Excel sheet
- Click "Project privileges" to give other users access rights (view/edit/manage) to project application





User Management



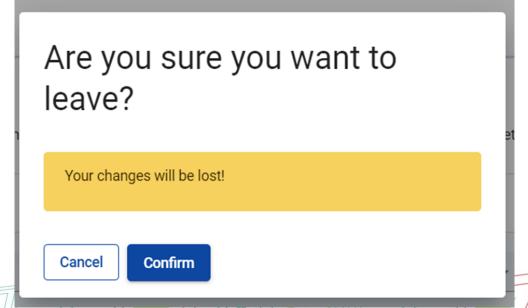


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Usability Features

- Mandatory fields are indicated by an "*" in the system
 A page cannot be saved unless all mandatory fields are filled in
- Upon hovering over the icon further explanation is provided on what to fill in the field or how a field is calculated.

Changes made can be saved or discarded. If the user leaves the page without saving, a warning message is displayed







Usability Features

Please note that certain text fields have a limited number of characters. If you input a longer text into field, warning message to reduce the length of input will appear

Being inactive for a long period may automatically end your session for security reasons and unsaved data is lost!

Once the application is submitted editing of input fields is not possible any longer!





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Part A - Project identification



an abbreviation or short name that helps identify the project. It can be modified at any time before submitting application

Project title
short and straightforward with a clear idea of what the project is about (recommended: no more than 15 characters)

- Project duration calculated by dividing the project duration by the period length as defined by the Programme, which is set in 6 months.
- Project axis and Specific objective
 only one Priority axis and Specific objective can be chosen
- Project Summary
 brief description of the project



Part A - Project identification

A - Project overview tables

A.3 Project budget overview

A.4 Project outputs and result overview

Table will be automatically generated once outputs and results are created in section C4 and C5.



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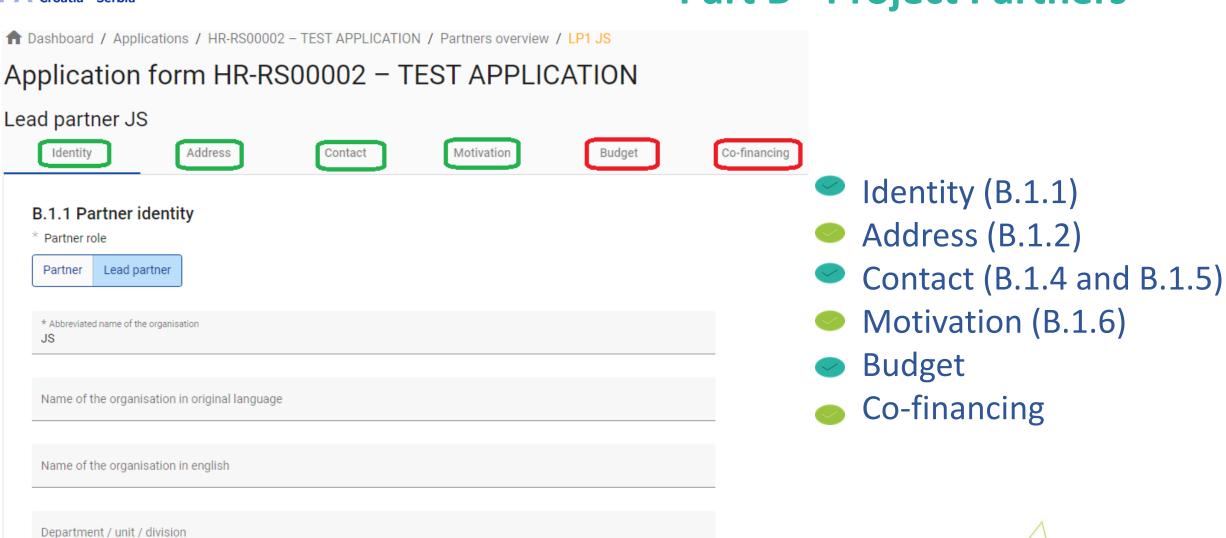


Partnership: whom to take on board?





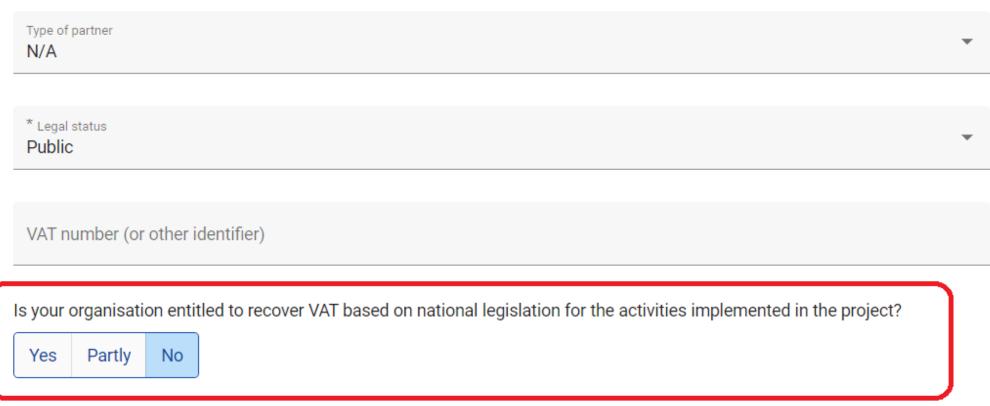
Part B - Project Partners







Legal and financial information

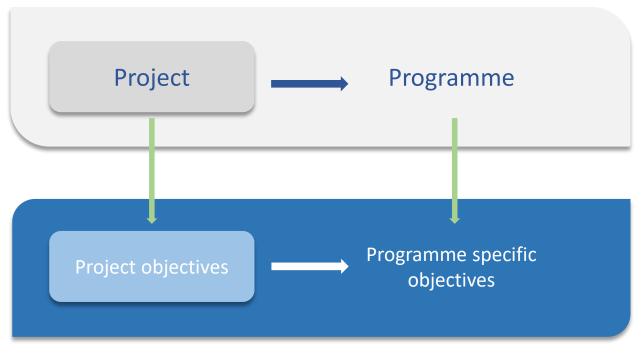






Part C - Project Description

C.1 Project overall objective



- Choose the right programme specific objective in your priority
- Precise and explicit objective
- Cross-border cooperation as key element
- Feasible and realistic within the project's lifetime





Project relevance and context

- Territorial Challenge
- Project Approach
- Cross-border Cooperation
- Target groups
- Wider strategies and policies contribution
- Synergies with other EU projects or initiatives
- Experiences/lessons learned and available knowledge





Project partnership

PARTNERSHIP

- Experience / competence in the field addressed
- Defined role and added-value of each PP
- Reach-out to target groups / stakeholders
- Policy role / capacity to impact on policy making

Recommendation:

- involvement and main tasks in the activities to be clearly mentioned
- PP budget required to be proportionate with its role
- only information pertaining to the partnership as a whole should be entered here.









Each project specific objective

has a work plan (work package). This means that the project will have as many work packages as it will have specific objectives defined.



Only thematic work packages will be used. WP Management is not a work package anymore – instead, questions about project management are in C.7.



Communication activities also don't have a separate WP – instead, they are embedded in the thematic work packages.



There are also **no separate investment work packages**. The
applicants will need to provide
additional information about
investments that **in the thematic work packages**.





- To add a new WP click "Add new work package".
- WPs are numbered automatically.
 To fill in the contents of a WP, click on in corresponding row.

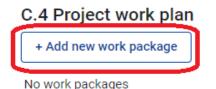
Each work package contains the following tabs:

- Objectives
- Investments
- Activities

Outputs

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Application form HR-RS00002 – TEST APPLICATION C - Project description



C - Project description Work package1

Objectives

Investments

Activities

Outputs

Work package

Work package number (automatically created)

1





A maximum of 3 work packages should be created within one project



Specific objectives should be **realistic** and **achievable** by the end of the project, **specific** (who needs project outputs delivered in this work package, and in which territory) and **measurable**



How is it **linked** to other work packages?



Clear structure and coherence of thematic activities within the project



Remember to include communication objectives and target audience, if





Recommendations:

- → Cross-border purpose = guiding principle
- → limited number of deliverables and outputs: quality vs. quantity
- → a WP does not necessarily need to have an output
- → create the right output in the right WP
- → check the coherence of the timeline between WP, activities, and the delivery of outputs and deliverables
- → plan the delivery of outputs early enough (dissemination/transferability)







Project activities



Project deliverables



What are the necessary steps or tasks we need to implement?

Example:

Developing software and purchasing equipment for telemedicine communication

What is the outcomes of my activities?

How do I capture the implementation of my activities (report, study, working document)?

Example:

Equipment for telemedicine
Developed telemedicine communication software

Project outputs



What are the final products of the implementation of my activities?

To which programme output indicators do they contribute?

Example:

Cross border telemedicine network > Jointly developed solutions

Project results

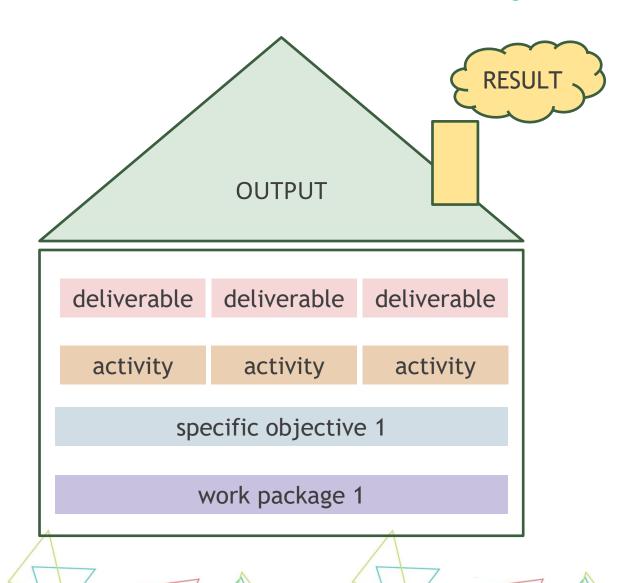
What is the immediate foreseable change my project brings and how is it taken on board by relevant stakeholders?

To which programme result indicators do my results contribute?

Cross border
infrastructure for
telemedicine established >
Solutions taken up or upscaled by organisations









Investments

- 1
- Investment part of WP(s) is not mandatory. Investment is to be filled in relevant WP(s).
- Location of the investment must be in the Programme area
- 1
- More then one investment can be added to the relevant WP
- The state of the s
- It should **clearly contribute** to the project objectives and expected results; and show clear benefit for target groups
- It is not necessary to obtain required investment documentation when submitting AF, only prior to contracting





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 Project output and Programme output indicator need to have the same measurement unit to be able to aggregate them

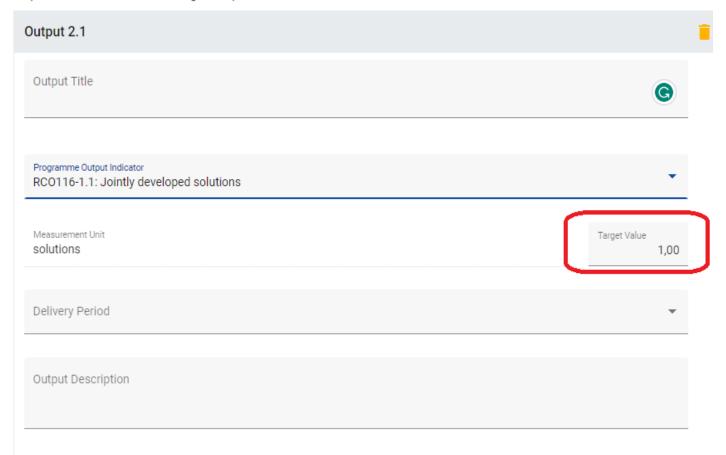
 Once the Programme output indicator is chosen by the user, the measurement unit is automatically filled in. The Target value is by default 1 and can be increased by the applicant.

Outputs

List of outputs

+ Add Output

Based on the activities you need to implement to achieve the specific objective in this work package, please list below the outputs that will be delivered during the implementation.







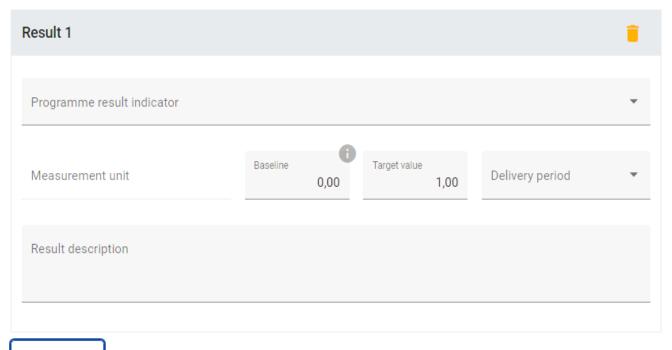
Project Results

• Results

- Positive change achieved jointly
- The effects of the project need to be long-term
- Contribute to Programme results
- Need to start to be achieved within the project lifetime
- Need to be measurable

C.5 Project Results

What do you expect to change because of the activities you plan to implement and the outputs you plan to deliver? Please take a look at the programme result indicators and select those that you will contribute to.



+ Add result



Result indicators need to be consistent with the output indicators defined for the WPs.



Project Management



Not a separate work package anymore!

Instead, applicants need to explain:

- (C.7.1) Day to day project management and coordination
- (C.7.2) Qualitative project management planning
- (C.7.3) Communication approach
- (C.7.4) Financial management

C.7.5 Cooperation criteria – all 4 criteria must be selected and described

C.7.6 Horizontal principles - Sustainable development, Equal opportunities and nondiscrimination and Gender equality





Communication

- Communication activities don't have a separate WP
- Communication objectives must be linked to the specific project objective



- Every project must have at least one communication objective
- Not all work packages need to have communication objectives and one work package can have more communication objectives
- Communication objectives aim at changes in a target audience's behavior, knowledge or belief





Long-term Plans

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- Measures to achieve sustainable results
- Link to the target groups
- Link to your communication strategy





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How to prepare and submit budget via Jems?



PROGRAMME MANUAL ON ELIGIBILITY (PME)

- Rules on eligibility and guidance for the beneficiaries requesting IPA III co-funding and for Programme bodies including FLC
- Rules apply to all projects approved and expenditures declared under this Programme
- In accordance with EU regulations, Programme documents and national legislation



Basic conditions of the eligibility of expenditure

- incurred by the LP/PPs of a grant and paid solely by LP/PPs, with the exception of costs calculated as flat rates or lump sums;
- incurred during the implementation period of the Operation, with the exception of preparatory and contracting costs and closure costs;
- indicated in the estimated overall budget of the operation;
- necessary for the implementation of the Operation which is the subject of the grant;



Basic conditions of the eligibility of expenditure

- identifiable, verifiable and documented;
- comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social security legislation;
- not listed as an ineligible expenditure, not double funded;

• etc.

Before contracting, during the budget optimization process, the expenditures included in the Application shall be verified by the JS/MA.



Geographical eligibility

- Operations have to be located in the Programme area.
- the MA may accept that all or part of an operation is implemented outside the Programme area when the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a) the operation contributes to the Programme objectives;
 - b) justification is provided within the Application.

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Eligibility period

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 lump sum in the total amount of 5,500.00 EUR

Preparatory and contracting period

Implementation period

- project start date end date
- payment of costs incurred in the last reporting period = 1 month after the project end date (Final Partner Progress Report

• lump sum in the total amount of 2,500.00 EUR

Closure period

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Ineligible costs

- a. interest on debt;
- b. VAT except when the total cost of operation is below EUR 5,000,000.00;
- c. the purchase of land exceeding 10% of the total eligible expenditure for the operation concerned. For derelict sites and for sites formerly in industrial use which comprise buildings, this limit shall be increased to 15%;
- d. Fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation;
- e. Costs of gifts;
- f. Costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate.



Ineligible costs

Examples of other ineligible expenditures as defined by the Programme:

- consultant fees between partners for services and work carried out within the operation;
- contracting of employees (staff) of the beneficiary and partner organisations as external experts (e.g. as freelancers, translators, IT experts, etc.);
- unjustified ad-hoc salary bonuses that are not directly linked to operation activities;
- purchases of equipment not indicated in the Application or specifically approved during operation implementation by the JS/MA;
- equipment purchased from another PP;

Ineligible costs



- cost for infrastructure and works outside the Programme area;
- charges for national financial transactions;
- discounts not considered when claiming the costs (only the discounted amount is to be regarded as eligible);
- costs of audits and evaluations at the operation level;
- etc.



This list is not exhaustive.

Costs not listed are therefore not automatically to be considered as eligible.



Other financial provisions

Value Added Tax (VAT)

In line with Article 64 of CPR, VAT shall not be supported by the Programme, except:

- a) For operations the total cost of which is below EUR 5,000,000.00 (including VAT);
- b) For operations the total cost of which is at least EUR 5,000,000.00 (including VAT) and VAT is non-recoverable under national legislation.

Exchange rate

- All expenditures reported in the Progress Reports must be denominated in Euro
- Costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate are not eligible!





Simplified Cost Options

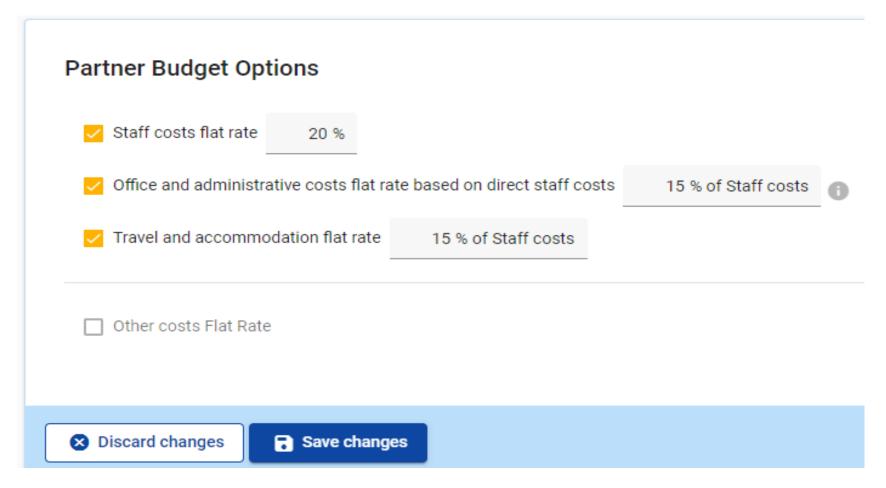
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Ор	tion 1	Option 2			
Cost category	Form of reimbursement	Cost category	Form of reimbursement		
Staff costs	up to 20 % flat rate of direct costs (real costs)	Staff costs	Real costs		
Office and administrative costs	up to 15 % flat rate of staff costs		up to 40 % flat rate of staff costs for all other costs		
Travel and accommodation costs	up to 15% flat rate of staff costs				
External expertise and services costs	Real costs	Other costs			
Equipment costs	Real costs				
Costs of infrastructure and works	Real costs				

> Each partner within one project may choose between these two options!

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Option 2 in Jems

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Partner Budget Options
Staff costs flat rate
Office and administrative costs flat rate based on direct staff costs
Travel and accommodation flat rate
Other costs Flat Rate 40 % of Staff costs
Discard changes Save changes

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gross employment costs of staff employed by the beneficiary, who are formally engaged to work on the operation.

Forms of reimbursement

- 1. as a flat rate of up to 20% of direct costs other than staff costs no audit trail!
- 2. **on a real cost basis** (proven by the employment document and payslips) **audit trail needed!**

Real costs

- a) staff working full-time on the operation (100%)
- b) real costs for staff working part-time with a fixed percentage of time worked per month on the operation

> Co-financing of the operation via staff costs is not eligible under this Programme.

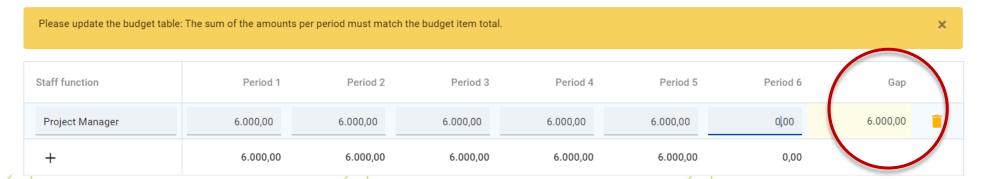


Option 2: only real cost for cost category Staff costs should be added – a) working Full time

Partner budget Staff costs

Staff function	Comments	Unit type	No. of units	Price per unit	Total	Period 1	
Project Manager	Project Manager will be eng	Month	24,00	1.500,00	36.000,00	6.000,00	î
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Staff costs



No. Of units

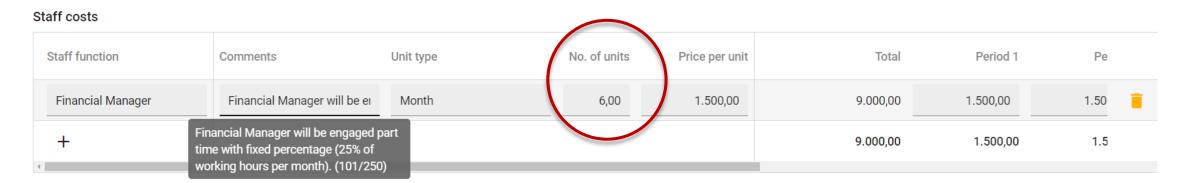
total duration of project in months

Price per unit

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Option 2, only real cost for cost category Staff costs should be added - b) working Part-time with fixed percantage



How to calculate No.of units?

Total project duration in months = 24
Fixed percentage = 25% (per month)
No.of units = fixed percentage (25%) * 24 = 6





2. Office and administrative costs

> operating and administrative costs of the beneficiary organization necessary for the implementation of the operation.

Forms of reimbursement

- flat rate of up to 15% of eligible staff costs
- In case the beneficiary is using **Option 2 (40 % other costs flat rate)** it is not possible to plan/report office and administrative costs as a flat rate since those costs are already included in the cost category "other costs").
- In case that staff costs used as a calculation basis for determining office and administrative costs are **found to be ineligible**, the determined amount of office and administrative costs **will be recalculated and reduced accordingly.**





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3. Travel and accommodation costs

rissions necessary for the implementation of the operation.

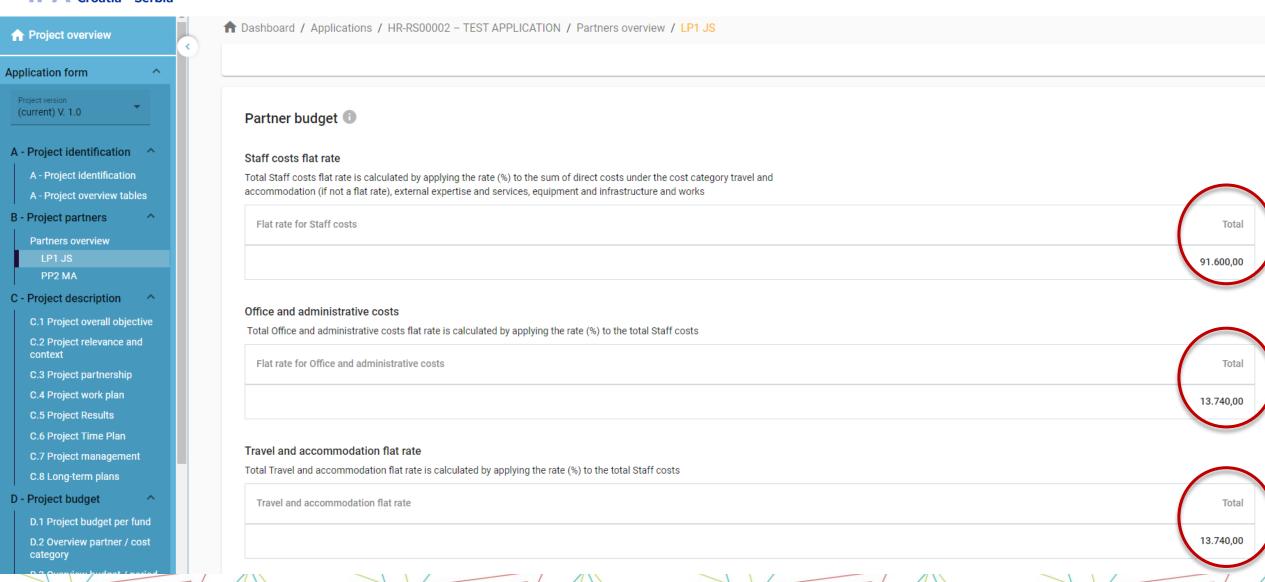
Forms of reimbursement

- flat rate of up to 15 % of the direct staff cost of that beneficiary institution
- In case the beneficiary is using **Option 2 (40 % other costs flat rate)** it is not possible to plan/report travel and accommodation costs as a flat rate since those costs are already included in the cost category "other costs".
- In case that staff costs used as calculation basis for determining travel and accommodation costs are found to be ineligible, the determined amount of travel and accommodation costs will be recalculated and reduced accordingly.



Option 1 in Jems – FLAT RATES

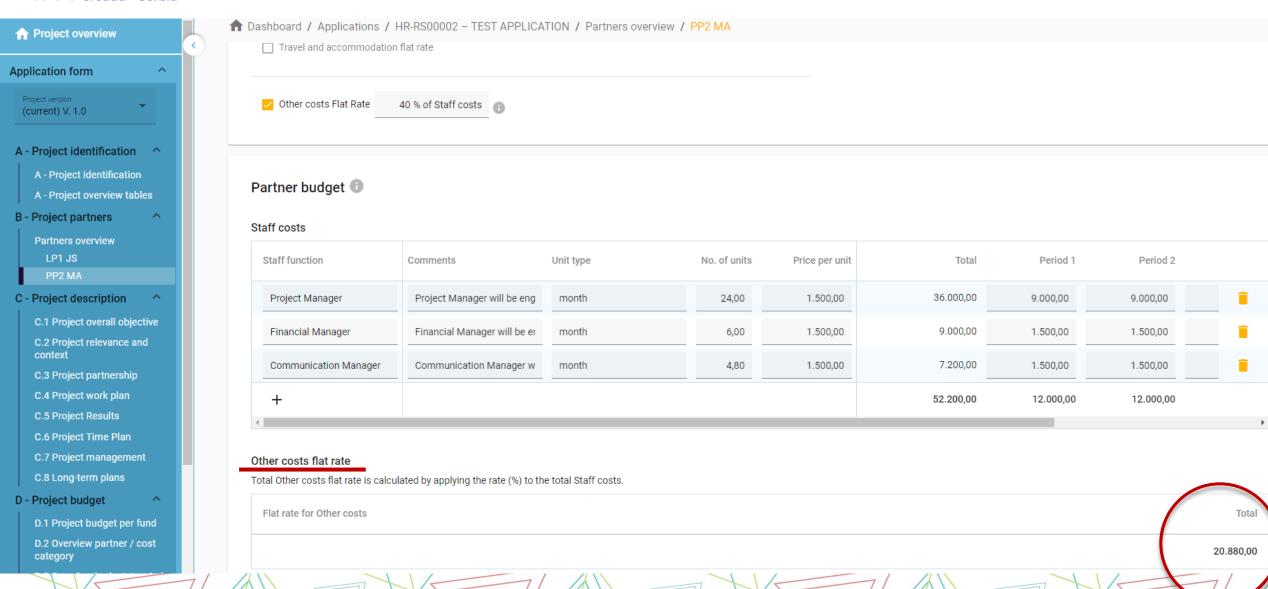
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Option 2 in Jems – Other costs FLAT RATE

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4. External expertise and services costs



reimbursement to external experts and service providers contracted to carry out certain tasks or activities linked to the implementation of the operation.

Forms of reimbursement

- On a real cost basis audit trail!
- In case the beneficiary is using **Option 2 (40 % other costs flat rate)**, it is not possible to plan/report external expertise and services costs on a real cost basis since those costs are already included in the cost category "other costs").





4. External expertise and services costs

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External expertise and services



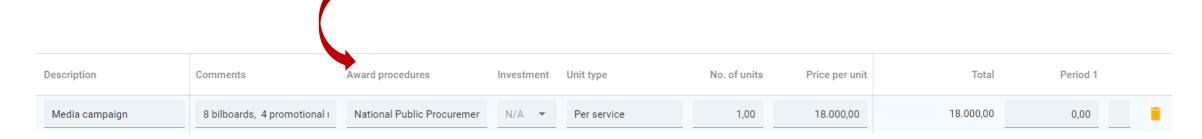
SERVICE CONTRACTS	≥ 300 000 EUR International open tender procedure	< 300 000 EUR but > 20 0 Simplified procedure ³⁹	≤ 20 000 EUR Single tender procedure		
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WORKS CONTRACTS	≥ 5 000 000 EUR International open tender procedure	< 5 000 000 EUR but ≥ 300 000 EUR Local open tender procedure	< 300 000 EUR but > 20 000 EUR Simplified procedure	invoice without prior acceptance of a tender if the expenditure is ≤ 2 500 EUR	_



4. External expertise and services costs



- Detailed rules on public procurement procedures to be applied by the beneficiaries are described in PIM - available at Programme website https://interreg-croatia-serbia.eu/
 - PPs in the Republic of Croatia that are obligees of the National Public Procurement law National procurement procedures for procurement of all values.
 - > In Jems Award procedure: National public procurement (ZJN)





5. Equipment costs

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refers to expenditure for the financing of equipment purchased, rented or leased by the beneficiary of the operation other than those covered by the cost category office and administrative expenditure, which is necessary for the implementation of the operation.

Forms of reimbursement

- On a **real cost** basis audit trail!
- In case the beneficiary is using **Option 2 (40 % other costs flat rate)**, it is not possible to plan/report equipment costs on a real cost basis since those costs are already included in cost category "other costs").
 - > Full purchase cost of equipment is eligible.
 - Cost of purchase of second-hand equipment may be eligible!



5. Equipment costs

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Equipment

Description	Comments	Award procedures	Investment	Unit type	No. of units	Price per unit	Total	Period 1	
Production equipment for F	Production equipment to be	Simplified procedure	11.1 ▼	Per contract	1,00	90.000,00	90.000,00	0,00	î
	oduction equipment to be purchas ludes: audio equipment,	sed	WA .		1,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	•
orc	crophones for artist instruments, hestra and dancing ensemble;		N/A ▼		1,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	î
ligh	king console for audio equipment nt console for mixing the lights; ples and stands, etc. (229/250)		N/A ▼		1,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	î

Equipment

Description	Price per unit	Total	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Gap
Production equipment for F	90.000,00	90.000,00	0,00	90.000,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
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	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00





6. Costs of infrastructure and works

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recover costs related to investments in infrastructure that do not fall into the scope of other cost categories. These investments may either refer to an object (e.g. a building) that will be set up ex-novo or to the adaptation of an already existing infrastructure

Forms of reimbursement

- On a real cost basis audit trail!
- In case the beneficiary is using the **Option 2 (40 % other costs flat rate)**, it is not possible to plan/report costs for infrastructure and works on a real cost basis since those costs are already included in cost category "other costs").
 - ➤ Prior to signature of the SC legal documents specifying any legal right under the real-estate law + necessary permissions (if applicable) will be requested.



6. Costs of infrastructure and works

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Infrastructure and works

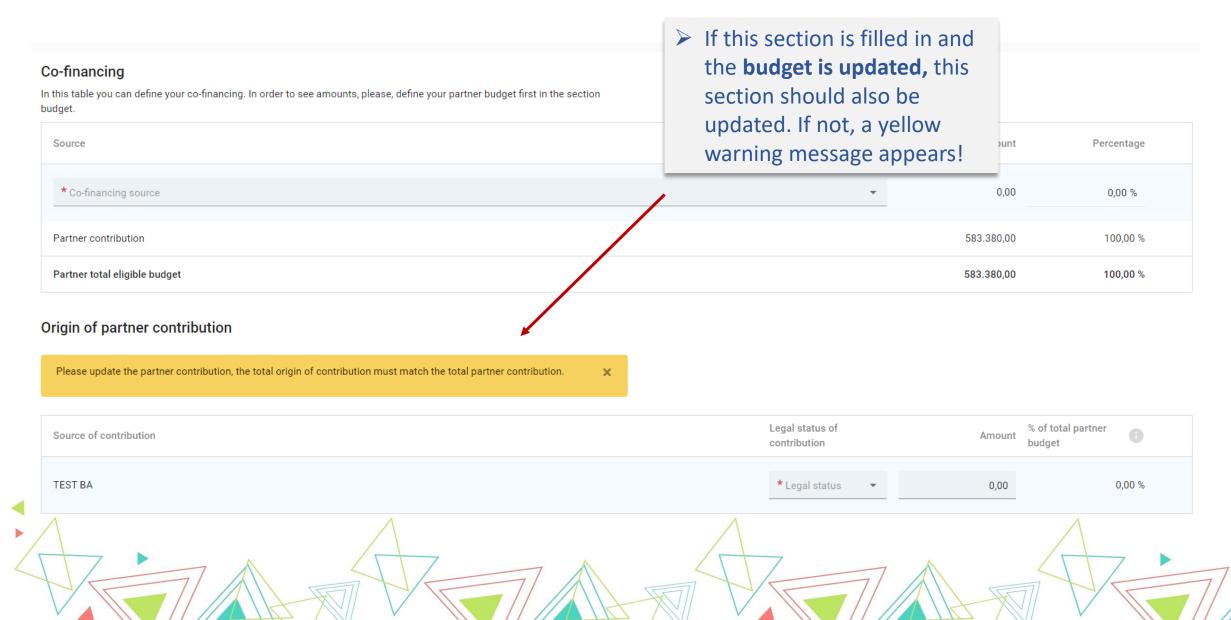


- Supervision of works (External expertise and services costs)
- Contingency reserve (up to 5 %)



Co-financing

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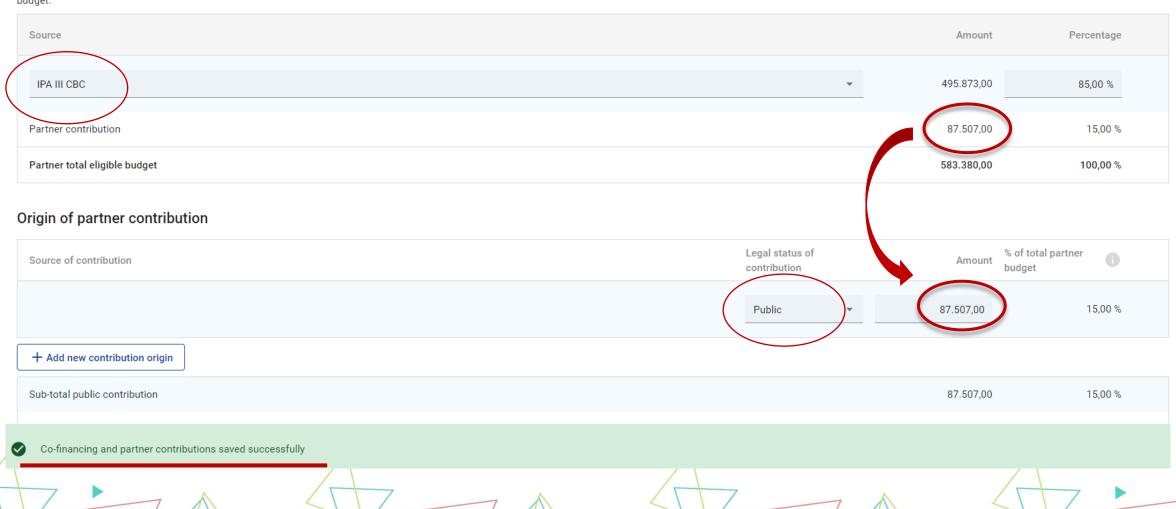


Co-financing



Co-financing

In this table you can define your co-financing. In order to see amounts, please, define your partner budget first in the section budget.





Project lump sums and unit costs

Sum

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2.500,00

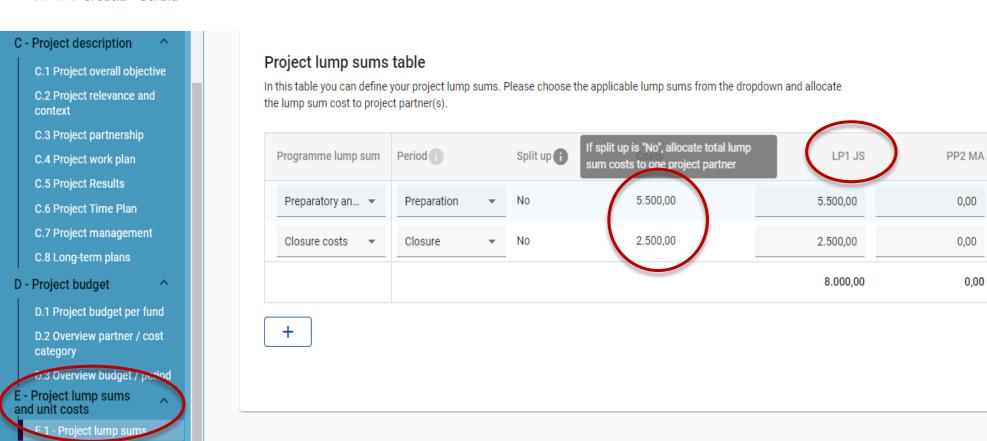
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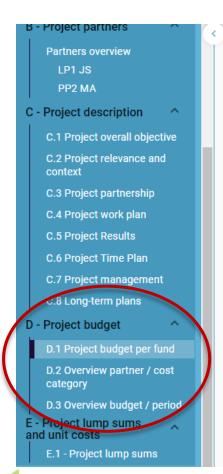
> The applicable lump sums can be allocated only to one Partner, preferably to the Lead Partner.





Partner budget overview

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D.1 Project budget per co-financing source (fund) - breakdown per partner

Partner	Organisation abbreviation	Country	IPA III CBC	IPA III CBC % Rate	Public Contribution
LP1	JS		497.318,00 88.9 % of total	85,00 %	4.602,00
PP2	MA		62.118,00 11.1 % of total	85,00 %	10.962,00
	Total 🔒		559.436,00	85,00 %	15.564,00

D – Project budget -Automatically generated table indicating:

- D.1 co-financing section of each partner (Part B – Co-financing)
- D.2 overview of partner budget and cost category/flat rate/lump sums
- D.3 overview of budget per periods



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> Each Partner must have a budget of at least 10% of the total Operation budget!



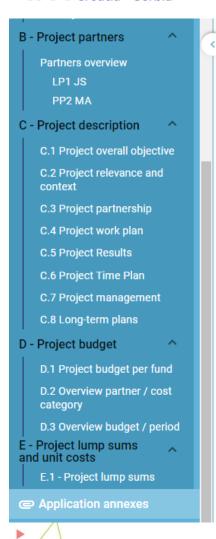
If a total Operation budget is 1.000.000,00 EUR, one Project Partner's budget must be at least 100.000,00 EUR.

Please note that this % may be changed during the negotiation phase (budget optimization) and/or implementation phase.

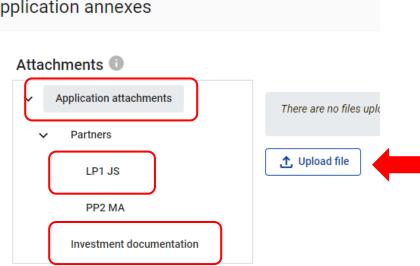


Application annexes

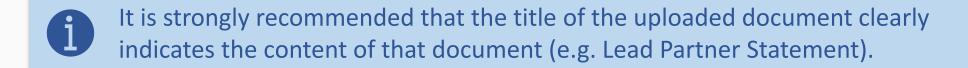
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- The document "Partnership Pre-Agreement" should be uploaded in the general Application attachments section
- Lead Partner/Project Partner Statement and eligibility check documents must be uploaded in connection with a specific partner
- Investment documentation (not mandatory) can be uploaded by selecting the investment and then clicking "Upload file"

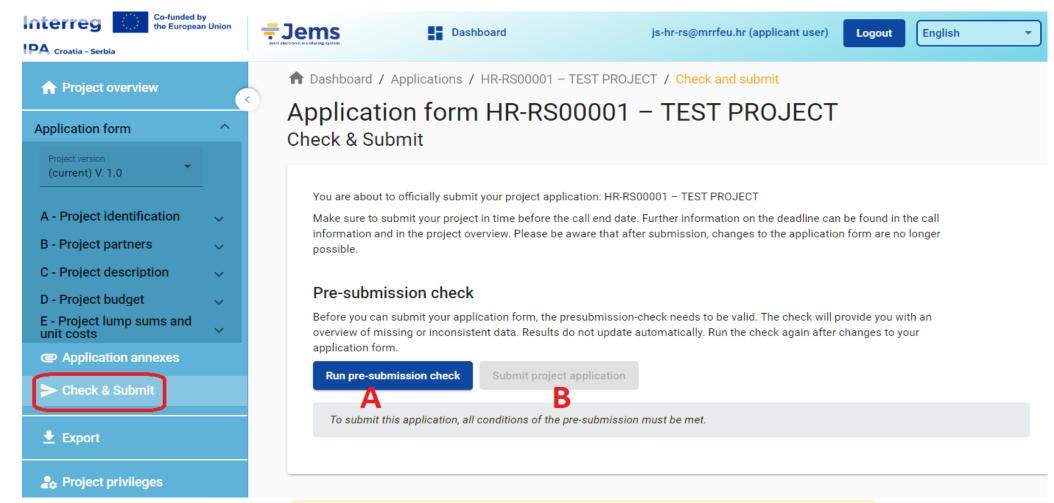


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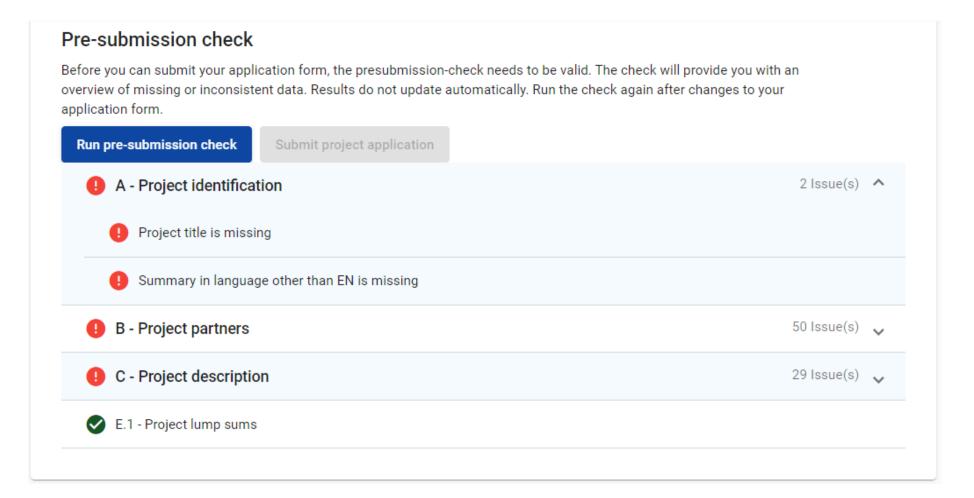


A successful pre-submission check is no guarantee that an application is fully complete and formally compliant!



Check & Submit





Check & Submit



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Check & Submit

You are about to officially submit your project application: CBC HR-BA-ME0500004 - @Test_HrBaMe Make sure to submit your project in time before the call end date. Further information on the deadline can be found in the call information and in the project overview. Please be aware that after submission, changes to the application form are no longer possible. Pre-submission check Before you can submit your application form, the presubmission-check needs to be valid. The check will provide you with an overview of missing or inconsistent data. Results do not update automatically. Run the check again after changes to your application form. Run pre-submission check Submit project application A - Project identification B - Project partners 0 Issue(s) C - Project description 0 Issue(s) E.1 - Project lump sums



Reporting process

IPA Croatia – Serbia

every 6 months of operation implementation

Progress report(s)

Final Progress report

covers the last months of operation implementation (6 months or less)

LP/PP prepares and submits the Partner Report through Jems within 15 calendar days from the end of each reporting period (or within 1 month in case of final reporting period)



What if something goes wrong with Jems?

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Thank you for your attention!!!

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