

Financial Reporting and coheMON system.

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Financial reporting: Budget Lines and eligibility rules



Financial reporting – key points

- No advance, expenses will be reimbursed.
- Only certified expenses are reimbursed (expenses certification at regional level).
- Each PP is responsible for own expenses and certification.
- One reimbursement request per year mandatory
 - → **LP** for whole consortium.



Expenses eligibility period

From project proposal submission (06/06/2016) until end of project + 3 months.



Receiving and paying all invoices.



Budget Lines recap

- BL1: Costi di personale.
- BL2: Spese d'ufficio e amministrative.
- BL3: Spese di viaggio e soggiorno.
- BL4: Costi per consulenze e servizi esterni.
- BL5: Spese per attrezzature.
- BL6: Investimenti infrastrutturali e interventi edilizi.

- BL1: Personalkosten.
- BL2: Büro- und Verwaltungsausgaben.
- BL3: Reise- und Unterbringungskosten.
 - **BL4:** Kosten für externe Expertise und Dienstleistungen.
- BL5: Ausrüstungskosten.
 - BL6: Infrastruktur- und Bauma@nahmen.

Ref.: Norme specifiche del programma di ammissibilità della spesa/Programmspezifische Förderfähigkeitsregeln



BL 1 Personnel Costs

Eligible costs:

Eligible personnel: permanent staff and fix-term contracts.

Note: no fellowships (Italy). \rightarrow BL 4.

- Eligible costs: salary and all directly connected costs (insurances, retirement...).
- Ineligible costs: bonuses and performance-based prizes



BL 1 Personnel Costs

Calculation and reporting:

Each PP had to choose only one option once and for all:

- Real cost principle.
- Simplified option (fixed %).

No mix possible.



BL 1 Personnel Costs

Real cost reporting:

1. Personnel 100% on project: standard reporting, **no timesheet**, if new personnel need selection docs and contract.

Note: remember to explicitly cite project on job offer and contract!

- 2. Personnel with fixed time % on project: standard reporting, **no timesheet**, need official document assigning the time to the project.
- 3. Personnel with variable time % on project: standard reporting, need timesheet signed by employee and PP project leader, hour cost.



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Gross month cost/month hours defined by contract.



BL 2 Overheads

- Fixed for each PP at 15% of BL 1.
- No reporting needed.

Complete list of items that cannot be reported in any other BL:

- Canone di locazione degli uffici;
- Assicurazioni e imposte relative a edifici e attrezzature;
- Utenze;
- Forniture per ufficio;
- Contabilità generale;
- Archivi;
- Manutenzione, pulizia, riparazioni;
- Sicurezza;
- Sistemi informatici:
- Comunicazione (telefono, fax, Internet, servizi postali, biglietti da visita);
- Spese bancarie di apertura e gestione conto;
- Oneri associati alle transazioni finanziarie transnazionali.

- Büromiete:
- Versicherung und Steuern für Gebäude sowie für die Büroausstattung;
- Assicurazioni e imposte relative a edifici e attrezzature;
- Nebenkosten:
- Büromaterial;
- Allgemeine Buchführung innerhalb der Struktur des Begünstigten;
- Archive:
- Instandhaltung, Reinigung und Reparatur;
- Sicherheit;
- IT-Systeme;
 - Kommunikation (etwa Telefon, Fax, Internet, Postdienste, Visitenkarten);
- Bankgebühren für Kontoeröffnung und Kontoführung;
- Gebühren für transnationale Finanztransaktionen.



BL 3 Travel expenses

Eligible for each PP's team members for trips relevant to the project inside the Programme Area.

Eligible costs:

- Travel.
- Accommodation.
- Meals.
- Visas.
- Daily allowance.

Standard reporting with all original receipts, tickets, boarding passes etc.



BL 3 Travel expenses

CAVEATS:

- Travel expenses for third parties outside the partnership under BL 4.
- Expenses < 50 € not eligible → group several trips when reporting.
- If need a trip outside Programme Area, need explicit approval by MA.



BL 4 Subcontracting

Eligible costs:

- All kinds of collaborators that are not PP's employees, including travel expenses (Italy: borse di studio, assegni di ricerca, interinali, co.co.co....).
- Subcontractors.

Complete list of eligible subcontractors in Expenses Handbook.

Note: catering expenses only for events with external participants.

For all internal meetings, each PP will reimburse its team members.



BL 5 Equipment

Eligible costs:

- Purchase, rent, leasing of equipment.
- Transport and installation costs.

Eligible items:

Complete list

- Attrezzature per ufficio;
- Hardware e software:
- Mobilio e accessori;
- Apparecchiature di laboratorio;
- Strumenti e macchinari;
- Attrezzi o dispositivi;
- Veicoli;
- Altre attrezzature specifiche necessarie per le operazioni.

- Büroausstattung;
- IT-Hard- und Software;
- Mobiliar und Ausstattung;
- Laborausrüstung;
- Maschinen und Instrumente;
- Werkzeuge;
- Fahrzeuge;
- Sonstige für die Vorhaben erforderliche besondere Ausrüstungen.

Here go consumables too.



BL 5 Equipment

Reporting rules:

- In general, equipment cost must be weighted with depreciation and % of use on project (computers, printers etc.).
- Only for technical equipment that is entirely devoted to project and crucial for project objective → full cost eligible.

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The coheMON system



CoheMON key points

MA directives:

- All scientific and financial reporting will be only digital on the online portal coheMON. No paper documents required.
- Financial reporting on coheMON only by BL, not WP.

However:

- The LP will need details for BL and WP for annual scientific report.
- Expenses are certified at regional level by FLC.
- Double check with your UCR/RK!



CoheMON's structure

Database system:

 "Suppliers": one entry for each supplier with all relevant info/docs (selection procedure etc.)

Always in line with national procurement laws!

 "Personnel": one entry per team member (especially new personnel) with all relevant info/docs.

Reporting:

 "Expenses": idea to connect expenses with one entry in the database (equipment → suppliers, personnel costs/travels → people).

Here there will also be a place for in-kind contributions.

CoheMON logic: keep the database updated in real time.



Reporting troubleshooting

BL adjustments:

- If within 20% of BL budget or < 10 000 € automatically accepted and reported by PP in coheMON.</p>
- Il more than 20% and 10 000 € needs to be justified by LP and explicitly accepted by MA.

In any case, always add small report for FLC on coheMON when sending expenses out for certification.



Reporting troubleshooting

Time adjustments and delays:

- Key point: financial engagements in the Contract.
- MA declared maximum availability to dialogue and support.
- We might need adjustments in the Contract after year 1 of project.



Crucial:

- Notes to the FLC.
- 2. Annual technical report due on 31st January.



Reporting troubleshooting

Crucial: every PP will send to LP an expenses sheet at the end of solar year completed with expected adjustments for future (by 15/01/2018).

	PARTNER	2017			2018	2019	TOTAL
	PARTNER	Certified expenses	To be yet certified	Total	To be yet certified	To be yet certified	
WP n	BL1			€ -			€ -
	BL2			€ -			€ -
	BL3			€ -			€ -
	BL4			€ -			€ -
	BL5			€ -			€ -
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Put here projections as well

After comparison with submitted "detailed financial plan", we will (or not) discuss Contract adjustments with MA.



Final remarks

Reporting schedule:

Date	Action
15/07	All PP submit financial report to First Level Control on coheMON.
15/10	All PP documents and FLC certification on coheMON submitted to LP.
31/10	LP submits reimbursement request for all PP.
15/01	PP submit advancement report to LP.
31/01	LP submits scientific and communication reports to MA.

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Final remarks

Who accesses coheMON for each PP?

Elettra will submit only one reimbursement request per year, on 31/10/2017. Be ready!

If any exceptional reason by a PP for extra reimbursement request we will consider it.

Italian PP: CUP everything!



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Grazie! Danke!

