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Getting started: Roles and responsibilities

How do you prepare for reporting? What is the work flow? Who does what?







Which kind of different report types are there?

- Basic progress report = Short summary of project's achievements over the last six months with facts and figures on progress. Statement of expenditure is **optional**.
- Full progress report = Basic report plus some additional information (f. ex. on functioning of the partnership, how stakeholders have been involved, etc.) Must include a statement of expenditure.
- 3. <u>Final report</u> focuses on overall achievements of partnership over whole project lifetime. **Must** include statement of expenditure.







Three things to be aware of...!

- ✓ Please note that your first report will be a basic progress report.
 - -> Statement of expenditure is **optional**.
- Partnership Agreement needs to be signed in order get funding paid out.
- ✓ Your first report needs to be submitted within one year after the LB signed the contract.







Example of reporting schedule – Project X









How to get started?

Please **ask your project advisor** to open your project's report in the Online Monitoring System.



What is your date of submission? Your advisor will enter this into the Online Monitoring System, and it will be your **deadline for submission**.







What is the work flow?

- every beneficiary needs to produce their own report to feed the formal project report
- Lead Beneficiary compiles all the information contained in the beneficiaries' reports into a project level report

= adhering to the Lead Beneficiary Principle













Local partnership reporting

Joint Secretariat's recommendation:

activity report

Coordinating beneficiary fills out one report, which includes all relevant information of all beneficiaries in the whole local partnership.

finance report

Co-beneficiaries give relevant information to the coordinating beneficiary who fills out the individual finance reports for each and every co-beneficiary.







Where does the reporting take place? OMS! OMS! OMS! Online Monitoring System

- If something is not in the Online Monitoring System, it never happened...
- Online Monitoring System works best using Firefox and Chrome browsers...







Who is who in the OMS? Who does what?

- Project Managing User
- Beneficiary Managing User
- Authorised Signatory
- First Level Control







Who is the Project Managing User?

- staff member of the Lead Beneficiary who prepared the project application to the Joint Secretariat
- only one Project Managing User per project
- always responsible at the project level







Responsibilities of the Project Managing User

- + Invites
 - 1. other staff members of own organisation to the Online Monitoring System
 - 2. all other beneficiaries to Online Monitoring System
- Fills out the project-level report based on individual beneficiaries' reports and sends it to the Authorised Signatory for submission to the Joint Secretariat







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Who is a Beneficiary Managing User?

- Staff member of a project beneficiary (invited by Project Managing User or other Beneficiary Managing User)
- Joint Secretariat recommends having more than one Beneficiary Managing User per beneficiary
- Always responsible on the beneficiary level







Responsibilities of Beneficiary Managing User

- Invite other staff members of the same institution to become Beneficiary Managing User
- Designation of an **Authorised Signatory** for the beneficiary
- Designation of First Level Controller
- Preparation of basic-, full- or final progress reports as well as finance reports









Who is the Authorised Signatory? What are their responsibilities?

- by signing, submitting the beneficiary report to the Lead Beneficiary

- Does **not** have to be the head of the organisation but a staff member with the right to sign off (also financial commitments) on behalf of the beneficiary







HOW can an Authorised Signatory be designated?

Procedure of approving an Authorised Signatory

- 1.Beneficiary Managing User needs to invite a person in their institution to become an Authorised Signatory
- 2.Paper documents need to be filled in and:
 - 1. Sent by post to the Joint Secretariat
 - 2. Uploaded in the Online Monitoring System
- 3.PIN code will be issued by the Joint Secretariat
- 4. Authorised Signatory needs to approve him/herself via PIN







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Who is the First Level Controller? What are their responsibilities?

- an auditor that takes a critical view of all project related expenditure and...
- verifies that it is in line with all relevant regulations and guidelines and...
- confirms this in the FLC report.







HOW can a First Level Controller be designated?

- 1. BMU needs to invite FLC to the OMS by
 - filling out FLC's contact details
 - filling out designation checklist
- 2. FLC needs to agree to become the FLC of the beneficiary
- 3. FLC needs to be appointed by designation body
- -> see Fact Sheet 24







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Special rules for Local Partnerships

- + Co-beneficaries cannot have their own Authorised
 Signatory. The Authorised Signatory of the Coordinating
 beneficiary signs off on all documents.
- + Co-beneficiaries do not have their own First Level
 Controller (generally). The coordinating beneficiary's
 designation is valid for the entire local partnership.
- However... in exceptional cases individual cobeneficiaries have the option to designate their own first level controller.







No Authorised Signatory/no First Level Controller

Report cannot be submitted and no funding can be claimed







90-days clock

All reports should be processed and paid within 90 days!

Issues requiring follow up letter = If information is missing we will send you a message. It will stop the 90-days clock until we receive the requested information.

Concluding progress report and payment cover letter = You will receive a message after your report has been processed and your funding will be paid out.







How do you prepare for reporting?

- ✓ first report = basic progress report
- ✓ within one year after the contract has been signed
- ✓ individual reporting schedule for each project, first submission date needs to be carefully planned because it determines all further submission dates







What is the work flow?

- ✓ Every beneficiary fills out their own report
- ✓ Lead beneficiary needs to compile a project-level report which will be submitted to Joint Secretariat
- ✓ Always adhere to the Lead Beneficiary principle!







Who does what?

- ✓ Different roles in the Online Monitoring System
 ✓ Project Managing User
 ✓ Beneficiary Managing User
- ✓ Authorised Signatory and First Level Controller ... need to be in place before submitting a report!







Questions?!

