

Participant Portal Paperless Grant Management

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Principles

- Participant Portal as single gateway for all exchanges
- **Single sign-on**: One user name and password (ECAS) gives access to all functions
- **Personalised web space** after login: you see all your assets related to your proposals, grants, expert account...
- **Transparency**: Everybody having a role on a project sees the full archive of all exchanges and documents
- Flexible management of roles and access rights: most roles to be assigned/revoked by the Consortium itself
- **Digital sealing** of documents; **digital signatures** replacing paper signatures





Roles (defining specific access rights)

Assigned to an organisation:

- Legal Entity Appointed Representative (LEAR)
- Legal Signatory (LSIGN) ; Financial Signatory (FSIGN)
- Account Administrator (AcAd)

Assigned to a project:

- Coordinator Contact (CoCo); Participant Contact (PaCo)
- Project Legal Signatory (PLSIGN) ; Project Financial Signatory (PFSIGN)
- Task manager (TaMa)
- Team Member (TeMe)



Roles and access rights (organisation)

Role	Read	Write/ Save	Assign/ Revoke AcAds	Assign/ Revoke LSIGNs and FSIGNs
LEAR	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
AcAd	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark
LSIGN	\checkmark	X	X	X
FSIGN	\checkmark	X	X	X



Roles and access rights (project)

Role	Read	Write/ Save	Submit to Coord.	Submit to COM	SIGN GA	SIGN Fin Stat.	Assign /revok e access
CoCo	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark
РаСо	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	X	\checkmark
ТаМа	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	X	X	x
ТеМе	\checkmark	X	X	X	X	X	x
PLSIGN	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark	x	x
PFSIGN	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	X	\checkmark	X



Minimum configuration of access rights for running a project

- ✓ 1 Primary Coordinator Contact (CoCo)
- ✓ 1 Participant Contact (PaCo) per beneficiary
- ✓ 1 LEAR per organisation
- ✓ 1 Legal Signatory (LSIGN) per organisation
- ✓ 1 Financial Signatory (FSIGN) per organisation

One person (= one ECAS account) can cumulate an unlimited number of roles (e.g. owner of a one-person SME can be PaCo, LEAR, LSIGN and FSIGN at the same time)

Example: Consortium with 10 partners: minimum 40 roles for minimum 10 persons



How to acquire roles/access?

- Access rights are managed **by the organisations and consortia** themselves (two <u>exceptions</u>)
- **LEAR:** paper process, by the legal representative of the organisation, approval by COM
- AcAd: by LEAR
- LSIGN, FSIGN: by LEAR or AcAd
- **PCoCo:** from proposal, change via COM project officer
- **CoCo:** from proposal or by other CoCo
- PaCo, TeMe: from proposal or by CoCo, other PaCo
- TaMa: by CoCo or PaCo
- **PLSIGN, PFSIGN**: from list of LSIGNs and FSIGNs; by CoCo or PaCo

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Abstract

Mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services (ES) are core to the EU Biodiversity (BD) Strategy. They are essential if we are to make informed decisions. Action 5 sets the requirement for an EU-wide knowledge base designed to be: a primary data source for developing Europe's green infrastructure; resource to identify areas for ecosystem restoration; and, a baseline against which the goal of 'no net loss of BD and ES' can be evaluated. In response to these requirements, ESMERALDA aims to deliver a flexible methodology to provide the building blocks for pan-European and regional assessments. The work will ensure the timely delivery to EU member states in

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The nomination process for LEARs – documents

- LEAR appointment letter: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/g</u> <u>rants_manual/lev/h2020-lear-applet_en.doc</u>
- LEAR role and tasks: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/g</u> <u>rants_manual/lev/h2020-lear-roltas_en.doc</u>
- Terms and conditions of use of the electronic exchange system: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/g</u> <u>rants_manual/lev/h2020-lev-terms-of-use_en.pdf</u>
- Declaration of consent to the terms and conditions of use: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/g</u> <u>rants_manual/lev/h2020-lev-declaration-consent_en.doc</u>









E-signature of grant agreements (1/2)



(Before GA signature, each beneficiary must sign declaration on nonexclusion – same signature process as described below)

1)COM prepares GA: pdf document, digitally sealed, made available in the PP. **PLSIGN** of the coordinator is **notified**.

2)PLSIGN of the coordinator logs in, selects project with "MP-Manage Project" action button, finds GA for signature (with possibility to download and print).

3)PLSIGN clicks for **initiating** electronic signature. Pop-up alerts on the signification of this action and asks for confirmation, prompting again for the ECAS password.

4)PLSIGN reintroduces ECAS password and clicks 'Sign".





E-signature of grant agreements (2/2)

- 5) System creates new version of the pdf, addingthird party digital seal, ECAS credentials of the signatory, timestamp; visually replacing the placeholder for the signature by the coordinator.
- 6) LEAR of the coordinator and other relevant actors are notified
- **7) COM authorising officer** is **notified** that GA was signed by the coordinator.
- 8) Following a similar procedure as under 2) to 6), **COM authorising officer signs** the GA.
- **9) PLSIGNs** of all **other beneficiaries** are notified that GAis ready for their accession.
- **10) PLSIGN** of each beneficiary signs (see 2) to 5)) accession form
- 11) **LEARs** of the beneficiaries having signed the accession form and other relevant actors are **notified**.



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ARTICLE 58 — ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement will enter into force on the day of signature by the *Agency* or the beneficiary, depending on which is later.

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Documentation and guidance

-Online manual, sections on <u>roles</u>, <u>grant</u> <u>signature</u> and <u>LEAR appointment</u>

-Terms and conditions of use

-Video on e-signature

-Video on LEAR appointment



Terms of use

2.2.3 The means of access (i.e. the ECAS account user name and password) are strictly personal and users are responsible for safeguarding their confidentiality and security, and ensuring their appropriate use.

Users undertake to take all steps to prevent any unauthorised third party from gaining knowledge and making use thereof.

Users may not transfer or sell their means of access to any third party.

Users must notify the European Commission immediately (via the IT helpdesk under the 'Support' menu at http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal) of the loss, theft, breach of confidentiality or any risk of misuse of the means of access.





Many thanks for your attention!

More: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/porta

