

**Erasmus+ Programme  
2017-2020**

**Key Action 2: Strategic Partnership Projects**

**Agreement No: 2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009**

**Project Name: Shaping, Enhancing and Nurturing STEM in Europe**

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BENEFICIARY AND THE PARTNER**

This contract shall govern relations between:

*Zlínský kraj, Třída Tomáše Bati 21, 761 90 Zlín, Czech Republic, hereafter named "the Beneficiary", represented by Mr. Jiří Čunek, Governor,*

on the one hand

and

*Umbria Training Center, Piazza 23 Luglio 5, Scheggino, 0604, Italy, hereafter named "the Partner", represented by Mr. Francesco Di Giacomo, President,*

on the other hand,

Which have agreed as follows:

## Article 1/Subject

This Agreement comes under the Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** concluded between **the Beneficiary** and the **National Agency**.

1. The total cost of the project for the contractual period referred to by the Agreement number **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009**, all financing combined, is estimated at **251 175,00 EUR**.
2. The final financial contribution shall depend on the evaluation of the quality of the results of the project n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** pursuant to the rules laid down at Community level, particularly in the Guidelines for administrative and financial management and reporting, but shall, under no circumstances, give rise to a profit.
3. This contract shall regulate relations between the parties, and their respective rights and obligations with regard to their participation in the **Shaping, Enhancing and Nurturing STEM in Europe** project under the Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** passed between the **National Agency** and the **Beneficiary**.

## Article 2/Duration

1. The project referred to in Article 1 has a duration of 24 months. **It starts on 01.10.2018 and ends on 30.09.2020 at the latest.**
2. This contract enters into force on the date of signature by the last of both participating parties to the contract and terminates at the moment of payment of the balance of the contract, as mentioned in Article 7.1.
3. The period of eligibility of the costs starts on **01.10.2018** and finishes on **30.09.2020** at the latest.

## Article 3/Obligations of the Beneficiary

The Beneficiary shall undertake:

1. to take all the steps necessary to prepare for, perform and correctly manage the work programme set out in this contract and in its annexes, in accordance with the objectives of the project as set out in the Agreement concluded between the **National Agency** and the **Beneficiary**;
2. to send to the Partner a copy of the Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** and its annexes, concluded with the National Agency, of the Guidelines for administrative and financial management and reporting, of the various reports and of any other official document concerning the project;

3. to notify and provide the Partner with any amendment made to the Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** concluded with the National Agency;
4. to define in conjunction with the Partner the role and rights and obligations of the two parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights;
5. to comply with all the provisions of Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** binding the **Beneficiary** to the **National Agency**.

#### **Article 4/Obligations of the Partner**

The Partner shall undertake:

1. to take all the steps necessary to prepare for, perform and correctly manage the work programme set out in this contract and in its annexes, in accordance with the objectives of the project as set out in the Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** concluded between the **National Agency** and the **Beneficiary**;
2. to comply with all the provisions of Agreement n° **2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009** binding the **Beneficiary** to the **National Agency**;
3. to communicate to the Beneficiary any information or document required by the latter that is necessary for the management of the project;
4. to accept responsibility for all information communicated to the Beneficiary, including details of costs claimed and, where appropriate, ineligible expenses;
5. to define in conjunction with the Beneficiary the role and rights and obligations of the two parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights.

#### **Article 5/Financing**

1. The total expenditure to be committed by the Partner for the period covered by this contract is estimated at **40,910.00 EUR** (including all taxes and duties). The partner's detailed budget is described in the annexes to the contract (**Annex I**).

#### **Article 6/Payments**

1. The Beneficiary commits himself to carrying out payments relating to the subject matter of this contract to the Partner according to the achievement of the tasks and according to the following schedule:

1st payment:

An initial advance **Euros 16,364.00** i.e. 40 % of the Erasmus+ contribution within 30 days of

receiving the initial payment from the National Agency.

2nd payment:

A second advance **Euros 8,182.00** i.e 20 % of the Erasmus+ contribution after the delivery of the **second monitoring report** (deadline: 07/04/2019) with the condition that all the financial and working documents attached with the report are approved by the Beneficiary and all the tasks scheduled to be delivered /achieved by that time are accomplished and evidenced.

3rd payment:

A third advance **Euros 8,182.00** i.e 20 % of the Erasmus+ contribution after the delivery of the **fourth monitoring report** (deadline: 15/09/2019) with the condition that all the financial and working documents attached with the report are approved by the Beneficiary and all the tasks scheduled to be delivered /achieved by that time are accomplished and evidenced

### Article 7/Final Report and Final Payment

1. Within a **final summary report** submitted by **15/09/2020**, the Partner must show that 100% of the project budget has been used, all the tasks scheduled for the project have been accomplished.
2. The balance of **20%** will be paid on approval of the final report submitted to the National Agency by **30/10/2020** and the remaining balance is paid to **the Beneficiary** by the National Agency. The final payment will be based on the costs reported by **the Partner** in the final report.
3. With the exception of the first payment, no payment will be made to **the Partner** that has not submitted qualitative and financial reports supported with working documents according to the stipulations of article 6.
4. All payments shall be regarded as advances pending explicit approval by the National Agency of the final report *including approval of the eligibility of the costs*, the corresponding cost statement and the quality of the results of the project.
5. Any revenue generated by the project and received by **the Partner** shall be declared in the financial statement and shall limit the financial contribution of the Erasmus+ programme to the amount required to balance revenue and expenditure. Any revenue shall be declared and communicated to **the Beneficiary**.

### Article 8/Bank account

<b>Bank Name</b>	<i>BANCA POPOLARE DI SPOLETO</i>
<b>Bank Branch Address</b>	<i>VIA DELLA REPUBBLICA SNC –LOC. BRUNA</i>
<b>City</b>	<i>CASTEL RITALDI (PG)</i>

<b>Post Code</b>	<i>06044</i>
<b>Country</b>	<i>Italy</i>
<b>Account Number</b>	<i>148400</i>
<b>IBAN</b>	<i>IT44T0570438340000000148400</i>
<b>SWIFT CODE</b>	<i>BPSPIT31</i>

### **Article 9/Reports**

1. The Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required for the preparation of the interim report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting documents by **15.09.2019** at the latest.
2. The Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required for the preparation of the final report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting documents by **15.09.2020** at the latest.

### **Article 10/ Monitoring and supervision**

1. The Partner shall provide without delay the Beneficiary with any information that the latter may request from him concerning the carrying out of the work programme covered by this contract.
2. The Partner shall make available to the Beneficiary any document making it possible to check that the aforementioned work programme is being or has been carried out.

### **Article 11/ Liability**

1. Each contracting party shall release the other from any civil liability in respect of damages resulting from the performance of this Agreement, suffered by itself or by its personnel, to the extent that these damages are not due to the serious or intentional negligence of the other party or its personnel.
2. **The National Agency**, the **Beneficiary** and their personnel are released from any action against them for damages suffered by third parties, including project personnel, as a result of the performance of this contract, to the extent that these damages are not due to the serious and intentional negligence of the **National Agency**, the **Beneficiary** or their personnel.

**Article 12/Termination of the contract**

1. The Beneficiary may terminate the contract if the Partner has inadequately discharged or failed to discharge any of the contractual obligations, insofar as this is not due to *force majeure*, after notification of the Partner by registered letter has remained without effect for one month.
2. The Partner shall immediately notify the Beneficiary, supplying all relevant information, of any event likely to prejudice the performance of this contract.

**Article 13/ Jurisdiction clause**

1. Failing amicable settlement, the Courts of **Czech Republic** shall have sole competence to rule on any dispute between the contracting parties in respect of this contract.
2. The law applicable to this contract shall be the law of **Czech Republic**.

**Article 14/ Amendments or additions to the contract**

Amendments to this contract shall be made only by a supplementary Agreement signed on behalf of each of the parties by the signatories to this contract.

**Annexes**

Annex I Detailed budget relating to the activities of the Partner  
Annex II Financial and contractual rules

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For the **Beneficiary**,

Jiří Čunek  
Governor

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[ date ]

For the **Partner**,

Francesco Di Giacomo  
President

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[ date ]

**Annex I: Partner Organisation Budget details**
**Agreement No: 2018-1-CZ01-KA202-048009**
**Project Name: Shaping, Enhancing and Nurturing STEM in Europe**
**Partner: Umbria Training Center, IT**

Budget Items	Total grant
Project Management and Implementation	6 000,00 €
Transnational project meetings	3 450,00 €
Intellectual Outputs	24 344,00 €
Learning/teaching/training linguistic support	7 116,00 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 910,00 €</b>

**Transnational Project Meetings (budget breakdown)**

Total Number of Participants	Distance Band	Total grant
0	≥ 2000 km	0,00 €
2	0-99 km	0,00 €
6	100 - 1999 km	3 450,00 €
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 450,00 €</b>

**Intellectual Outputs (budget breakdown)**

Output	Category of Staff	No of working days	Total grant
O1: Training course for new STEM Supporters	teacher/trainers/researchers	23	4 922,00 €
O1: Training course for new STEM Supporters	technicians	5	810,00 €
O2: Methodology for Teachers	teacher/trainers/researchers	18	3 852,00 €
O2: Methodology for Teachers	technicians	5	6 720,00 €
O3: Proven and Suitable Strategies for Talents	technicians	24	1 620,00 €
O3: Proven and Suitable Strategies for Talents	teacher/trainers/researchers	10	5 136,00 €
O4: Policy Recommendation	teacher/trainers/researchers	6	1 284,00 €



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Total		110	24 344,00 €
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**Learning/Teaching/Training (budget breakdown)**

Activity	Travel		Individual support			Total grant
	No of participants	Total grant	No of days	No of participants	Total grant	
C1	4	1 100,00 €	3	4	1 272,00 €	2 372,00 €
C2	4	1 100,00 €	3	4	1 272,00 €	2 372,00 €
C3	4	1 100,00 €	3	4	1 272,00 €	2 372,00 €
Total						7 116,00 €



## Annex II: Financial and Contractual Rules

### I. RULES APPLICABLE TO BUDGET CATEGORIES BASED ON UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS

#### I.1 Conditions for eligibility of unit contributions

Where the grant takes the form of a unit contribution, the number of units must comply with the following conditions:

- (a) the units must be actually used or produced in the period set out in Article I.2.2 of the Special Conditions;
- (b) the units must be necessary for implementing the Project or produced by it;
- (c) the number of units must be identifiable and verifiable, in particular supported by records and documentation specified in this annex.

#### I.2 CALCULATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS

##### A. Project management and implementation

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the total number of months of the project duration by the unit contribution applicable to the beneficiary, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement. The beneficiaries must agree on the distribution of the amount between them depending on their respective workload and contribution to the project activities and results.
- (b) Triggering event: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the beneficiary implements the activities and produces the outputs to be covered from this budget category as applied for in the grant application and as approved by the National Agency.
- (c) Supporting documents: proof of activities undertaken and outputs produced will be provided in the form of a description of these activities and outputs in the final report. In addition, outputs produced will be uploaded by the coordinator in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform and, depending on their nature, available for checks and audits at the premises of the beneficiaries.
- (d) Reporting: on behalf of the Project as a whole, the coordinator must report on the final distribution of funds and on undertaken activities and results.

##### B. Transnational project meetings

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the total number of participations by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement.

By default, the place of origin is understood as the place where the sending organisation is located and the place of venue as the place where the receiving organisation is located. If a

different place of origin or venue is reported, the beneficiary must provide the reason for this difference.

- (b) Triggering event: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the participant has actually participated in the transnational project meeting.
- (c) Supporting documents:
- For travel taking place between the sending organisation and the receiving organisation: proof of attendance of the activity in the form of a declaration signed by the receiving organisation specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its starting and end date;
  - In case of travel from a place different than that where the sending organisation is located and/or travel to a place different than that where the receiving organisation is located which leads to a change of distance band, the actual travel itinerary must be supported with travel tickets or other invoices specifying the place of departure and the place of arrival.
  - Proof of attendance of the transnational project meeting in the form of a participants list signed by the participants and the receiving organisation specifying the name, date and place of the transnational project meeting, and for each participant: name and signature of the person, name and address of the sending organisation of the person;
  - Detailed agenda and any documents used or distributed at the transnational project meeting.
- (d) Reporting:
- The coordinator must report on the venue of the meeting, the date and the number of participants.
  - In all cases, the beneficiaries must be able to demonstrate a formal link with the persons participating in transnational project meetings, whether they are involved in the Project as staff (whether on a professional or voluntary basis) or as learners of the beneficiary organisations.

### C. Intellectual outputs

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of days of work performed by the staff of the beneficiaries by the unit contribution applicable per day for the category of staff for the country in which the beneficiary concerned is established, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement. The category applicable does not relate to the professional profile of the person, but to the function performed by the person in relation to the development of the intellectual output.

Staff costs for managers and administrative staff are expected to be covered already under the "Project management and implementation" budget item. These costs can be used under the "Intellectual Outputs" budget item only if applied for and approved by the NA, as specified in Annex II.

- (b) Triggering event: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the intellectual output has been produced and that it is of an acceptable quality level, as determined by the evaluation of the NA.

(c) Supporting documents:

- proof of the intellectual output produced, which will be uploaded in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform and/or, depending on its nature, available for checks and audits at the premises of the beneficiaries;
- proof of the staff time invested in the production of the intellectual output in the form of a time sheet per person, identifying the name of the person, the category of staff in terms of the 4 categories specified in Annex IV, the dates and the total number of days of work of the person for the production of the intellectual output.
- proof of the nature of the relationship between the person and the beneficiary concerned (such as type of employment contract, voluntary work, SME ownership, etc.), as registered in the official records of the beneficiary. In all cases, the beneficiaries must be able to demonstrate the formal link with the person concerned, whether he/she is involved in the Project on a professional or voluntary basis. Persons working for a beneficiary on the basis of service contract (e.g. translators, web designer etc.) are not considered as staff of the organisation concerned. Their working time can therefore not be claimed under "intellectual outputs" but may be eligible under "exceptional costs" under the conditions specified in the related section below.

(d) Reporting:

- On behalf of the Project as a whole, the coordinator must report on the activities undertaken and results produced. The coordinator must include information on the start and end date and on the number of days of work per category of staff for each of the beneficiaries cooperating directly on the development of intellectual outputs.

**D. Multiplier events**

(a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of participants from organisations other than the beneficiary, the associated partners hosting a multiplier event and other project partner organisations as specified in the Agreement by the unit contribution applicable per participant, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement.

(b) Triggering event: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the multiplier event has taken place and that it is of an acceptable quality level, as determined by the evaluation of the NA.

(c) Supporting documents:

- Proof of attendance of the multiplier event in the form of a participants list signed by the participants specifying the name, date and place of the multiplier event, and for each participant: name and signature of the person, name and address of the sending organisation of the person (if applicable);
- Detailed agenda and any documents used or distributed at the multiplier event.

(d) Reporting:

- On behalf of the Project as a whole, the coordinator must report on the description of the multiplier event, the intellectual outputs covered, the leading and participating organisations, the venue of the meeting and the numbers of local and international participants



- In the case that the beneficiaries do not develop the intellectual outputs applied for and approved by the NA, the related Multiplier events will not be considered eligible for grant support either. If the NA awarded support for the development of several intellectual outputs but only some of them are ultimately realised, the NA must determine to which extent each of the related Multiplier events is eligible for grant support.

## **E. Learning, teaching and training activities**

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant amount takes the form of a unit contribution towards the travel, individual support and linguistic support. It is calculated as follows:
- Travel: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of participants by the unit contribution applicable to the distance band for the travel as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement; for the establishment of the distance band applicable, the beneficiaries must use the on-line distance calculator available on the Commission's website at [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm).
  - Top-up for expensive domestic travel costs: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of expensive domestic return trips undertaken by the participants, including accompanying persons, by the unit contribution applicable to the “top-up for expensive domestic travel costs”, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement. The top-up for expensive domestic travel may be requested only for travel itineraries within Programme Countries.
  - Individual support: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of days/months per participant, including accompanying persons staying up to 60 days, by the unit contribution applicable per day/month for the type of participant and for the receiving country concerned, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement. In the case of incomplete months for activities exceeding 2 months, the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the number of days of the incomplete month by 1/30 of the unit contribution per month. If necessary, the beneficiary may add one day for travel directly before the first day of the activity abroad and one day for travel directly following the last day of the activity abroad; these extra days for travel will be considered for the calculation of the individual support.
  - Linguistic support: the grant amount is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants receiving linguistic support by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex IV of the Agreement.
  - Support to participants in Learning, teaching and training activities taking place in their own country is eligible, provided that the activities involve participants from beneficiary organisations from at least two different Programme Countries and that the distance between the place of departure and place of arrival as specified above is at least 10 km following the online distance band calculator.
- (b) In all cases, the beneficiaries must be able to demonstrate the formal link with the persons participating in Transnational training, teaching or learning activities, whether they are

involved in the Project as staff (either on a professional or a voluntary basis) or as learners.  
Triggering event:

- Travel and top-up for expensive domestic travel costs: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the participant has actually undertaken the activity.
- The eligibility of the grant for the top-up for expensive domestic travel will be conditional on the National Agency accepting the justification provided. The National Agency must make the assessment of the justification based on the information provided by the beneficiary and on publicly available information relating to the same travel route. The eligibility must be established based on typical price for the route and the period in which the travel was undertaken.
- Individual support: the event that conditions the entitlement to the grant is that the participant has actually undertaken the activity.
- Linguistic support: the triggering event for the entitlement to the grant is that the participant has undertaken an activity exceeding 2 months and that the person has actually undertaken language preparation in the language of instruction or of work.

(c) Supporting documents:

(i) Travel

- For travel taking place between the sending organisation and the receiving organisation: proof of attendance of the activity in the form of a declaration signed by the receiving organisation specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its starting and end date;
- In exceptional cases of travel from a place different than that where the sending organisation is located and/or travel to a place different than that where the receiving organisation is located which leads to a change of distance band, the actual travel itinerary must be supported with travel tickets or other invoices specifying the place of departure and the place of arrival. In duly justified exceptional cases when the third party evidence cannot be provided, the beneficiary and the receiving organisation can sign a declaration specifying the place of departure and the place of arrival.

(ii) Top-up for expensive domestic travel costs:

Proof of attendance of the activity in the form of a declaration signed by the receiving organisation specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its start and end date;

(iii) Individual support

Proof of attendance of the activity in the form of a declaration signed by the receiving organisation specifying the name of the participant, the purpose of the activity, as well as its start and end date;

(iv) Linguistic support

- Proof of attendance of courses in the form of a declaration signed by the course provider, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the linguistic support provided, or
- Invoice for the purchase of learning materials, specifying the language concerned, the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and

- currency, and the date of the invoice, or
  - In case the linguistic support is provided directly by the beneficiary: a declaration signed and dated by the participant, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the linguistic support received.
- (d) Reporting:
- The coordinator must report on the venue of all learning, teaching and training activities, the date and the number of participants.
  - If domestic travel top-up has been requested, the coordinator must provide a description of the actual itinerary and a justification explaining why a more economical route could not have been taken. The itinerary followed may not be justified based on convenience, unless an alternative route would require more than one travel day to reach the final destination or return to the place of origin.

## **II. RULES APPLICABLE FOR THE BUDGET CATEGORIES BASED ON REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL INCURRED COSTS**

### **II.1. Conditions for the reimbursement of actual costs**

Where the grant takes the form of a reimbursement of actual costs, the following conditions must apply:

- (a) they are incurred by the beneficiaries;
- (b) they are incurred in the period set out in Article I.2.2.;
- (c) they are indicated in the estimated budget set out in Annex II or eligible following budget transfers in accordance with Article I.3.3;
- (d) they are incurred in connection with the Project as described in Annex II and are necessary for its implementation;
- (e) they are identifiable and verifiable, in particular are recorded in the beneficiary's accounting records and determined according to the applicable accounting standards of the country where the beneficiary is established and with the beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices;
- (f) they comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social legislation;
- (g) they are reasonable, justified, and comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency;
- (h) they are not covered by a unit contribution as specified in Section I of this Annex.

### **II.2. CALCULATION OF ACTUAL COST**

#### **A. Special needs support**

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant is a reimbursement of 100% of the eligible costs actually incurred.
- (b) Eligible costs: costs directly related to participants with disabilities and accompanying persons, including costs for subsistence of accompanying persons beyond the 60th day of stay, and that are additional to costs supported by a unit contribution as specified in Section I of this Annex.
- (c) Supporting documents: invoices of the actual costs incurred, specifying the name and

address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, and the date of the invoice.

B. Exceptional costs

- (a) Calculation of the grant amount: the grant equals the reimbursement of 75% of the eligible costs actually incurred with a maximum of € 50.000 per project excluding the costs of a financial guarantee if required by the Agreement; and of 80% of the eligible costs for expensive travel costs of participants travelling from/to outermost regions and OCTs.
- (b) Eligible costs:
- Sub-contracting: sub-contracting and purchase of goods and services in so far as applied for by the beneficiary and in so far as approved by the NA as specified in Annex II;
  - Financial guarantee: costs relating to a pre-financing guarantee lodged by the beneficiary where such guarantee is required by the NA, as specified in Article I.4.2 of the Agreement.
  - Costs of travel for participants travelling from/to outermost regions and OCTs for which the standard funding rule does not cover at least 70% of the eligible costs;
  - Cost related to the depreciation costs of equipment or other assets (new or second-hand) as recorded in the accounting statements of the beneficiary, provided that the asset has been purchased in accordance with Article II.10 and that it is written off in accordance with the international accounting standards and the usual accounting practices of the beneficiary. The costs of rental or lease of equipment or other assets are also eligible, provided that these costs do not exceed the depreciation costs of similar equipment or assets and are exclusive of any finance fee. In the case of equipment purchase, rental or lease only the amount corresponding to the share of time of the use of the equipment for the project can be claimed.
- (c) Supporting documents:
- Sub-contracting: invoices of the actual costs incurred, specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, and the date of the invoice.
  - Financial guarantee: proof of the cost the financial guarantee issued by the body providing the guarantee to the beneficiary, specifying the name and address of the body issuing the financial guarantee, the amount and currency of the cost of the guarantee, and providing the date and signature of the legal representative of the body issuing the guarantee.
  - Depreciations costs: proof of the purchase, rental or lease of the equipment, as recorded in the beneficiary's accounting statements, justifying that these costs correspond to the period set out in Article I.2.2 and the rate of actual use for the purposes of the Project may be taken into account;
  - In the case of the costs for travel for participants travelling from/to outermost regions and OCTs, proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, and the date of the invoice.]

### **III. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- a) The beneficiaries must ensure that the activities of the project for which grant support was awarded are eligible in accordance with the rules set out in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for each Key Action and each field.
- b) Activities undertaken that are not compliant with the rules set out in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide as complemented by the rules set out in this Annex must be declared ineligible by the NA and the grant amounts corresponding to the activities concerned must be reimbursed in full. The reimbursement must cover all budget categories for which a grant was awarded in relation to the activity that is declared ineligible.
- c) The eligible minimum duration of mobility activities specified in the Programme Guide is the minimum duration of the activity excluding time for travel.

### **IV. RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR GRANT REDUCTION FOR POOR, PARTIAL OR LATE IMPLEMENTATION**

- Poor, partial or late implementation of the Project may be established by the NA on the basis of:
  - The final report submitted by the coordinator;
  - The products and outputs produced by the project;
- The NA may consider also information received from any other relevant source, proving that the Project is not implemented in accordance with the contractual provisions. Other sources of information may include monitoring visits, desk checks or on the spot checks undertaken by the NA.
- The final report will be evaluated on the basis of quality criteria and scored on a total of maximum 100 points. If the final report scores below 50 points in total, the NA may reduce the final grant amount on the basis of poor, partial or late implementation of the Project even if all activities reported were eligible and actually took place.
- In the case of accredited organisations, if the NA considers that the implementation of the Project does not respect the quality commitment undertaken by the beneficiaries, the NA may in addition or alternatively impose the implementation of an action plan to ensure respect of the applicable quality and compliance requirements by the beneficiaries concerned within a given timeframe. If the beneficiaries do not implement the action plan satisfactorily by the due date, the NA may withdraw the accreditation of the beneficiaries concerned.
- The final report, products and outputs will be assessed by the NA, using a common set of quality criteria focusing on:
  - The extent to which the project was implemented in line with the approved grant application
  - The quality of activities undertaken and their consistency with the project objectives
  - The quality of the products and outputs produced
  - The learning outcomes and impact on participants
  - The extent to which the project proved to be innovative/complementary to other initiatives
  - The extent to which the project proved to add value at EU level
  - The extent to which the project implemented effective quality measures as well as



- measures for evaluating the project's outcomes
  - The impact on the participating organisations
  - In case of learning, teaching and training activities: the quality of the practical arrangements provided in support of the mobility, in terms of preparation, monitoring and support to participants during their mobility activity, the quality arrangements for the recognition/validation of the learning outcomes of participants
  - The quality and scope of the dissemination activities undertaken
  - The potential wider impact of the project on individuals and organisations beyond the beneficiaries
- A grant reduction based on poor, partial or late implementation may be applied to the total final amount of eligible expenses and may be of:
    - 25% if the final report scores at least 40 points and below 50 points;
    - 50% if the final report scores at least 25 points and below 40 points;
    - 75% if the final report scores below 25 points.

## **V. CHECKS OF GRANT BENEFICIARIES AND PROVISION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

In accordance with Article II.27 of Annex I of the Agreement, the beneficiaries may be subject to checks and audits in relation to the Agreement. Checks and audits aim at verifying whether the beneficiaries managed the grant in respect of the rules set out in the Agreement, in order to establish the final grant amount to which the beneficiaries are entitled.

A final report check must be performed for all projects. In addition, the project may be subject to a further desk check or on-the-spot check if the project Agreement is included in the NA sample required by the European Commission or if the NA selected the Agreement for a targeted check based on its risk assessment.

For final report check and desk check, the coordinator must supply to the NA copies of supporting documents specified in the section I.2 (including supporting documents from the other beneficiaries) to the NA, unless the NA makes a request for originals to be delivered. The NA must return original supporting documents to the beneficiary upon its analysis thereof. If the beneficiary is legally not authorised to send original documents for final report or desk checks, the beneficiary concerned may send a copy of the supporting documents instead.

The beneficiaries must note that for any type of check the NA may additionally request supporting documents or evidence that are typically specified for another type of check. The different checks must include the following:

### **a) FINAL REPORT CHECK**

The final report check is undertaken at final report stage at the NA premises in order to establish the final grant amount to which the beneficiaries are entitled.

The coordinator must submit to the National Agency a final report through Mobility Tool+ which will include the following information on grant expenditure:

- Unit contributions consumed for budget categories:
  - Project management and implementation
  - Transnational project meetings

- Intellectual outputs
  - Multiplier events
  - Travel
  - Individual support
  - Linguistic support
- Actual costs incurred for budget category:
    - Special needs support
  - Actual contributions incurred and supporting documents specified in Section II of this Annex for budget category:
    - Exceptional costs
  - Project results, by uploading them in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform as provided in Article I.9.2.

**b) DESK CHECK**

The desk check is an in-depth check of supporting documents at the NA premises that may be conducted at or after the final report stage.

Upon request, the coordinator must submit to the National Agency the supporting documents for all budget categories.

**c) ON-THE-SPOT CHECKS**

On-the-spot checks are performed by the NA at the premises of the beneficiaries or at any other relevant premise for the execution of the Project. During on-the-spot checks, the beneficiaries must make available for review by the National Agency original supporting documentation as specified for final report and desk checks.

There are two types of possible on-the-spot checks:

- ***ON-THE-SPOT CHECK DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION***

This check is undertaken during the implementation of the Project in order for the National Agency to verify directly the reality and eligibility of all project activities and participants.

- ***ON-THE-SPOT CHECK AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT***

This check is undertaken after the end of the Project and usually after the final report check.

In addition to providing all supporting documentation, the beneficiaries must enable the National Agency access to the recording of project expenses in the beneficiaries accounts.