

- **This document is the basic template for mono-beneficiary grant agreements between the National Agency (NA) and the beneficiary of a grant for a project under European Solidarity Corps Programme, where the beneficiary of the grant is a single organisation. European Solidarity Corps activities to which this template applies are:**

**Volunteering Projects
Solidarity Projects**

- **The footnotes are internal instructions for NAs only and will be deleted in the actual grant agreements used.**
- **Options [*in italics in square brackets*] not used will be deleted by NAs.**
- **The template agreement date in the header must be kept across the document.**

GRANT AGREEMENT for a:

Project with one beneficiary under the EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS Programme¹

AGREEMENT NUMBER – [PMM Generated No.]

This Agreement ('the Agreement') is concluded between the following parties:

on the one part,

the **National Agency** (hereinafter referred to as "the NA")

[full official name of the NA]

[official legal form]

[official registration No]

[official address in full]

[VAT number],

duly represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by [function, forename and surname], and acting under delegation by the European Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission",

and

on the other part,

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/888 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) 2018/1475 and (EU) No 375/2014, OJ L 202, 8.6.2021, p. 32-54.

the **beneficiary**

[full official name of the beneficiary]
[official legal form] *[if applicable]*
[official registration No] *[if applicable]*

[official address in full]
[VAT number], *[if applicable]*

[OID number],

[**FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:**
Quality Label code [Quality Label reference number]]

duly represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by [function, forename and surname]

The parties referred to above

HAVE AGREED

to the Special Conditions (“the Special Conditions”) and the
following Annexes:

Annex I General Conditions

Annex II Description of the Project; Estimated budget of the project

Annex III Financial and contractual rules

Annex IV Applicable rates

Annex V Templates for agreements to be used between beneficiary and participants

which form an integral part of the Agreement.

The provisions in the Special Conditions of the Agreement take precedence over its Annexes.

The provisions in Annex I ‘General Conditions’ take precedence over those in other Annexes.

The provisions in Annex III take precedence over those in Annexes II, IV and V

Agreement number: [complete]

Standard grant agreement (**Mono beneficiary**)

Within Annex II, the part on the Estimated budget takes precedence over the part on the Description of the project.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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ARTICLE I.1- SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1.1 The NA has decided to award a grant, under the terms and conditions set out in the Special Conditions, the General Conditions and the other Annexes to the Agreement, for:

[For projects with a title: Project entitled: **[insert project title in bold]**]

[For projects without a title: Project: **[insert project code in bold]]** under the European Solidarity Corps Programme, [Volunteering Projects/Solidarity Projects], as described in Annex II.

1.1.2 By signing the Agreement, the beneficiary accepts the grant and agrees to implement the Project, acting on its own responsibility.

[NA to complete in case of beneficiaries with Quality Label for lead organisation][The beneficiary shall comply with the applicable quality standards and all other rules applying to their Quality Label].

ARTICLE I.2– ENTRY INTO FORCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT

1.2.1 The Agreement enters into force on the date on which the last party signs it.

1.2.2 Project runs for [insert number] [...] months, from [insert date] [...] to [insert date] [...].

ARTICLE I.3- MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND FORM OF THE GRANT

1.3.1 The maximum amount of the grant is EUR [insert amount] [...].

1.3.2 With regards to the estimated budget specified in Annex II and with the eligible costs and the financial rules specified in Annex III, the grant takes the form of [NA to keep all forms of grants in this article without any change in order to avoid cross-referencing problems]:

a) the reimbursement of the eligible costs of the action ('reimbursement of eligible costs') which are:

- (i) actually incurred
- (ii) declared on the basis of unit costs
- (iii) reimbursement of costs declared on the basis of lump sum: not applicable
- (iv) reimbursement of costs declared on the basis of flat-rate: not applicable
- (v) reimbursement of costs declared on the basis of the partner's usual cost accounting practices: not applicable

- b) unit contribution: not applicable
- c) lump sum contribution: not applicable
- d) flat-rate contribution: not applicable
- e) financing not linked to costs: not applicable

ARTICLE I.4– REPORTING AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The following reporting and payment provisions² shall apply:

I.4.1 Payments to be made

The NA must make the following payments to the beneficiary:

- a first pre-financing payment;
- *[NA to select if a further pre-financing payment is foreseen]* (a) further pre-financing payment(s), on the basis of the request for further pre-financing payment referred to in Article I.4.3;
- *[NA to select if interim payments are foreseen]* [one] [a first [and second]][and third]*[same for further]* interim payment[s], on the basis of the request[s] for interim payment[s] referred to in Article I.4.3;]
- one payment of the balance, on the basis of the request for payment of the balance referred to in Article I.4.4.

I.4.2 First pre-financing payment

The aim of the pre-financing is to provide the beneficiary with a float. The pre-financing remains the property of the NA until the payment of the balance.

[Option if the NA requires a pre-financing guarantee: The first pre-financing payment is done when the NA receives financial guarantee that fulfils the following conditions:

- (a) it is provided by a bank or an approved financial institution or, if requested by the beneficiary and accepted by the NA, by a third party;

² *[Information for the NA - to delete]* Normal payment schedule for grant agreements of **maximum two years included**: normally one pre-financing payment of 80% and a balance payment of 20%. However, in case of lack of sufficient payment appropriations, the NA may:

- a) reduce the first pre-financing to a percentage between 60 and 80% and apply a balance payment of 40-20% of the maximum grant amount, or
- b) split the first pre-financing into two payments without interim report, whereby the total of both payments amounts to 80% of the maximum grant amount and a balance payment of 20% of the maximum grant amount.

- (b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the NA to first have recourse against the principal debtor (i.e. the beneficiary); and
- (c) it explicitly remains in force until the pre-financing is cleared against payment of the balance by the NA. If the payment of the balance takes the form of a recovery, the financial guarantee must remain in force until three months after the debit note is notified to the beneficiary.

The NA must release the guarantee within the following month.]

[NA to choose between the following options:

Option 1: One pre-financing payment in one instalment, with or without a progress report.

The NA must make the pre-financing payment to the beneficiary within 30 calendar days following the entry into force of the Agreement [or, if applicable: from when the NA receives the financial guarantee of EUR [...] ³] corresponding to 80% of the maximum grant amount specified in Article I.3.1 except if Article II.24 applies.

Option 2: One pre-financing payment in two instalments, with or without a progress report.

The NA must pay the first pre-financing to the beneficiary in two instalments as follows:

- Within 30 calendar days following the entry into force of the Agreement [*or, if applicable:* from when the NA receives the financial guarantee of EUR [...] ⁴] a first payment of EUR [NA to insert amount] [...] corresponding to [NA to set a percentage between 40 and 60%] [40-60]% of the maximum grant amount specified in Article I.3.1, except if Article II.24 applies;
- By [NA to insert date] [...] a second payment of EUR [NA to insert amount] [...] corresponding to [NA to set a percentage between 40 and 20%, which if added up with the percentage set for the first payment should reach 80% of the amount in Article I.3.1] [40-20]% of the maximum grant amount specified in Article I.3.1, except if Article II.24 applies.

Option 3: Two pre-financing payments.

The NA must make a first pre-financing payment to the beneficiary within 30 calendar days following the entry into force of the Agreement [*or, if applicable:* from when the NA receives

³ [the amount equal to the pre-financing to be paid].

⁴ [the amount equal to the pre-financing to be paid].

the financial guarantee of EUR [NA to insert amount] [...] ⁵] corresponding to 40% of the maximum grant amount specified in Article I.3.1, except if Article II.24 applies.

The NA must make a second pre-financing payment to the beneficiary within 60 calendar days from when the NA receives the request for second pre-financing payment referred to in Article I.4.3 [or if applicable: from when it receives the financial guarantee of EUR [insert amount] [...]], except if Article II.24 applies.

Option 4: NA to include a special clause in case pre-financing is split in several instalments.

[Based on risk assessment and financial capacity checks]

By [NA to insert date] [...], the NA must pay to the beneficiary [NA to complete as necessary].]

I.4.3 Interim reports and further pre-financing payments

[NA to choose between the following five options:

Option 1: Two pre-financing payments with one or two interim reports.

Applicable for option 3 in I.4.2

By [NA to insert date] ⁶, the beneficiary must complete an interim report on the implementation of the Project covering the reporting period from the beginning of the implementation of the Project specified in Article I.2.2 to [date to be specified by NA].

In so far as the interim report demonstrates that the beneficiary has used at least 70% of the amount of first pre-financing payment, the interim report must be considered as a request for a further pre-financing payment and must specify the amount requested up to EUR [...] corresponding to [40 or 20]% of the total maximum amount specified in Article I.3.1.

Where the interim report shows that less than 70% of the previous pre-financing payment(s) paid has been used to cover costs of the Project, [NA to select and complete as appropriate:

either [the amount of the new pre-financing to be paid must be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used. The beneficiary must submit a further interim report including a request for payment for the remaining part of the pre-financing amounting to a total of maximum [80%] of the maximum grant amount

⁵ [the amount equal to the pre-financing to be paid].

⁶ [the beneficiary has to be given reasonable period of time in order to complete the interim report after the reporting period ends]

specified in Article I.3.1 [by [date to be specified by NA]]/[once at least 70 % of the amount of first pre-financing payment has been used.]

Or [the beneficiary must submit a further interim report [NA to select one of the two following options: [by [date to be specified by NA]]/[once at least 70 % of the amount of first pre-financing payment has been used], which must be considered as a request for a further pre-financing payment and must specify the amount requested up to EUR [...] corresponding to [40 or 20]% of the maximum amount specified in Article I.3.1.].

Without prejudice to Articles II.24.1 and II.24.2 and following approval of the report by the NA, the NA must pay to the beneficiary the further pre-financing payment within [[60] /or earlier if required by the rules applicable to the NA: [...]] calendar days on receipt of the interim report.

Where the [NA to specify: first/second] interim report shows that the beneficiary will not be able to use the maximum grant amount as specified in Article I.3.1 within the contractual period defined in Article I.2.2, the NA will issue an amendment reducing the maximum grant amount accordingly and, in case the reduced maximum grant amount is less than the amount of pre-financing transferred to the beneficiary until that date, recover the excess amount of pre-financing from the beneficiary in accordance with Article II.26.

Option 2: Two pre-financing payments with a progress report and one or two interim reports.

If Article I.4.2 option 3 is selected.

By [NA to insert date]⁷, the beneficiary must complete a progress report on the implementation of the Project, covering the reporting period from the beginning of the implementation of the Project specified in Article I.2.2 to [date to be specified by NA].

By [NA to insert date] or once at least 70% of the first pre-financing payment has been used to cover costs of the Project, the beneficiary must complete an interim report on the implementation of the Project, covering the reporting period from [NA to insert date of the interim report] to [date to be specified by NA].

In so far as the interim report demonstrates that the beneficiary has used at least 70% of the amount of first pre-financing payment, the interim report must be considered as a request for a further pre-financing payment and must specify the amount requested up to EUR [...] corresponding to [40%] of the total maximum amount specified in Article I.3.1.

Where the interim report shows that less than 70% of the first pre-financing payment paid has been used to cover costs of the Project, [NA to select and complete as appropriate:

⁷ [the beneficiary has to be given reasonable period of time in order to complete the interim report after the reporting period ends]

either [the amount of the new pre-financing to be paid must be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used. The beneficiary must submit a further interim report including a request for payment for the remaining part of the pre-financing amounting to a total of maximum [80%] of the maximum grant amount specified in Article I.3.1 [by [date to be specified by NA]]/[once at least 70 % of the amount of first pre-financing payment has been used.]

Or [the beneficiary must submit a further interim report [NA to select one of the two following options: [by [date to be specified by NA]]/[once at least 70 % of the amount of first pre-financing payment has been used], which must be considered as a request for a further pre-financing payment and must specify the amount requested up to EUR [...] corresponding to [40%] of the maximum amount specified in Article I.3.1.].

Without prejudice to Articles II.24.1 and II.24.2 and following approval of the report by the NA, the NA must pay to the beneficiary the further pre-financing payment within [[60] / [or earlier if required by the rules applicable to the NA: [...]]] calendar days on receipt of the interim report.

Option 3: No further pre-financing payment, no interim but a progress report is requested

If Article I.4.2 options 1 or 2 are selected.

By [NA to insert date], the beneficiary must complete a progress report on the implementation of the Project, covering the reporting period from the beginning of the implementation of the Project specified in Article I.2.2 to [date to be specified by NA].

Option 4: No further pre-financing payment, no interim and no progress report.

If Article I.4.2 options 1 or 2 are selected.

Not applicable.

Option 5: Precautionary measures

If Article I.4.2 option 4 is selected

By [NA to insert date], the beneficiary must [NA to complete as necessary].]

I.4.4 Final report and request for payment of the balance

Within [60] [for shorter period to be specified by the NA] calendar days after the end date of the Project specified in Article I.2.2, the beneficiary must complete a final report on the

implementation of the Project. This report must contain the information needed to justify the amount requested on the basis of unit contributions where the grant takes the form of the reimbursement of unit contributions or the eligible costs actually incurred in accordance with Annex III.

The final report is considered as the beneficiary's request for payment of the balance of the grant.

The beneficiary must certify that the information provided in the request for payment of the balance is full, reliable and true. It must also certify that the costs incurred can be considered eligible in accordance with the Agreement and that the request for payment is substantiated by adequate supporting documents that can be produced in the context of the checks or audits described in Article II.27.

I.4.5 Payment of the balance

The payment of the balance reimburses or covers the remaining part of the eligible costs incurred by the beneficiary for the implementation of the project.

The NA determines the amount due as the balance by deducting the total amount of pre-financing and interim payments (if any) already made from the final amount of the grant determined in accordance with Article II.25.

If the total amount of earlier payments is greater than the final amount of the grant determined in accordance with Article II.25, the payment of the balance takes the form of a recovery as provided for by Article II.26.

If the total amount of earlier payments is lower than the final amount of the grant determined in accordance with Article II.25, the NA must pay the balance within [60] *[or earlier if required by the rules applicable to the NA: [...]]* calendar days from when it receives the documents referred to in Article I.4.4, except if Article II.24.1 or II.24.2 apply.

Payment is subject to the approval of the request for payment of the balance and of the accompanying documents. Their approval does not imply recognition of the compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of their content.

The amount to be paid may, however, be offset, without the beneficiary's consent, against any other amount owed by the beneficiary to the NA, up to the maximum amount of the grant.

I.4.6 Notification of amounts due

The NA must send a *formal notification* to the beneficiary:

- (a) informing it of the amount due; and

- (b) specifying whether the notification concerns a further pre-financing payment or the payment of the balance.

For the payment of the balance, the NA must also specify the final amount of the grant determined in accordance with Article II.25.

I.4.7 Payments to the beneficiary and interest on late payment

The NA must make payments to the beneficiary.

If the NA does not pay within the time limits for payment, the beneficiary is entitled to late-payment interest at the rate applied by the European Central Bank for its main refinancing operations in euros ('the reference rate'), plus three and a half points. The reference rate is the rate in force on the first day of the month in which the time limit for payment expires, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Late-payment interest is not due if the beneficiary is a Member State of the Union (including regional and local government authorities and other public bodies acting in the name of and on behalf of the Member State for the purpose of the Agreement).

If the NA suspends the time limit for payment as provided for in Article II.24.2 or if it suspends an actual payment as provided for in Article II.24.1, these actions cannot be considered as cases of late payment.

Late-payment interest covers the period running from the day following the due date for payment, up to and including the date of actual payment as established in Article I.4.11. The NA does not consider payable interest when determining the final amount of grant within the meaning of Article II.25.

As an exception to the first subparagraph, if the calculated interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it must be paid to the beneficiary only if the beneficiary requests it within two months of receiving late payment.

I.4.8 Currency for payments

The NA must make payments in euros.

I.4.9 Currency for requests for payments and conversion into euro

Request for payment must be drafted in euros.

The beneficiary with general accounts in a currency other than the euro must convert costs incurred in another currency into euros at the average of the daily exchange rates published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union, determined over the corresponding

reporting period (available at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/exchange/eurofxref/html/index.en.html>).

If no daily euro exchange rate is published in the Official Journal of the European Union for the currency in question, conversion must be made at the average of the monthly accounting rates established by the Commission and published on its website (http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm), determined over the corresponding reporting period.

The beneficiary with general accounts in euros must convert costs incurred in another currency into euros in accordance with their usual accounting practices.

[If the NA prefers to apply an alternative conversion rate to that specified above or the national law establishes different obligations:

Any conversion into euro of costs incurred in other currencies must be made by the beneficiary at [the monthly exchange rate established by the Commission and published on its website]⁸[the daily exchange rates published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union]⁹ applicable on the day when the [request for payment is submitted]/ [cost was incurred]/ [bank account of the beneficiary is credited]/[agreement is signed by the last of the two parties]/.

[If NA chooses the above option "[bank account of the beneficiary is credited]" and more than one pre-financing payments is foreseen: If Article I.4.3 provides for a second or more pre-financing payments, the conversion rate must apply for all costs incurred in the period from the date of transfer of the related pre-financing payment until the date of transfer of the next pre-financing payment.]

I.4.10 Language of requests for payments and reports

All requests for payments and reports must be submitted in [NA to specify the language].

I.4.11 Date of payment

Payments by the NA are considered to have been carried out on the date when they are debited to its account unless the national law provides otherwise.

I.4.12 Costs of payment transfers

Costs of the payment transfers are borne as follows:

- (a) the NA bears the costs of transfer charged by its bank;
- (b) the beneficiary bears the costs of transfer charged by its bank;

⁸ http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm

⁹ <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/exchange/eurofxref/html/index.en.html>

(c) the party causing a repetition of a transfer bears all costs of repeated transfers.

ARTICLE I.5 – BANK ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENTS

All payments must be made to the beneficiary's bank account as indicated below:

Name of bank: [...]

Precise denomination of the account holder: [...]

Full account number (including bank codes): [...]

[IBAN code: [...]]¹⁰

ARTICLE I.6 - DATA CONTROLLER AND COMMUNICATION DETAILS OF THE PARTIES

I.6.1 Data controller

The entity acting as a data controller as provided for in Article II.7, the data controller is:

Head of Unit B4
Directorate B – Youth, Education & Erasmus+
Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels
Belgium

[Only applicable for grant agreements with non-EU/EEA beneficiaries: The localisation of and access to the personal data processed outside EU and EEA by the beneficiaries shall comply with the provisions laid down in Regulation 2018/1725].

I.6.2 Communication details of the NA¹³

Any communication addressed to the NA must be sent to the following address:

[Name of the NA]

[Post code, town and country]

E-mail address: [insert functional mailbox of the NA]

¹⁰ BIC or SWIFT code applies to for countries where the IBAN code does not apply.

¹³ Both options in this paragraph could be used at the same time if communications for different purposes (e.g. reporting, amendment requests, questions) are to be addressed either through the following address or through the electronic exchange system. In this case, please use the expression "for the purposes of" in both options. If only one of the options is used, please delete "for the purposes of".

[If applicable: Any communication addressed to the NA for the purposes of [NA to specify the purposes for which the system must apply] must be submitted through the [following] electronic exchange system set up by the NA: [...]. In this case, the second subparagraph of Article II.3.1 and the second subparagraph of Article II.3.2 must not apply.]

I.6.3 Communication details of the beneficiary¹¹

Any communication from the NA to the beneficiary must be sent to the following address:

[Full name]

[Function]

[Name of the entity]

[Full official address]

E-mail address: [complete]

[If applicable: Any communication from the NA to the beneficiary for the purposes of [NA to specify the purposes for which the system must apply] must be submitted through the [following] electronic exchange system set up by the NA: [...]. In this case, the second subparagraph of Article II.3.1 and the second subparagraph of Article II.3.2 must not apply.]

ARTICLE I.7 - ADDITIONAL PROVISION ON REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE WITH DATA PROTECTION OBLIGATIONS

The beneficiary shall report in the final report on the measures put in place for ensuring compliance of its data processing operations with the Regulation 2018/1725, in line with the obligations established in the Article II.7 at least on the following topics: security of processing, confidentiality of the processing, assistance to the data controller, data retention, contribution to audits, including inspections, establishment of personal data records of all categories of processing activities carried out on behalf of the controller.

ARTICLE I.8 - ADDITIONAL PROVISION ON INFORMING THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE PROCESSING OF THEIR PERSONAL DATA

The beneficiary shall provide the participants with the relevant privacy statement for the processing of their personal data before these are encoded in the electronic systems for managing the European Solidarity Corps mobilities.

ARTICLE I.9 - PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS

¹¹ Both options in this paragraph could be used at the same time if communications for different purposes (e.g. information on payment, questions) are to be addressed either through the following address or through the electronic exchange system. In this case, please use the expression "for the purposes of" in both options. If only one of the options is used, please delete "for the purposes of".

The beneficiary shall have in place effective procedures and arrangements to provide for the safety and protection of the participants in their Project.

[FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:

The beneficiary must ensure that each participant has adequate insurance coverage for the activities described in Annex II.

The beneficiary must ensure that each participant in a cross-border activity is covered by the insurance policy provided by the European Solidarity Corps for the entire period of the participant's stay abroad.]

ARTICLE I.10 – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON PRE-EXISTING RIGHTS AND THE USE OF THE RESULTS (INCLUDING INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS)

In addition to the provision of Article II.9.3, if the beneficiary produces educational materials under the scope of the Project, such materials must be made available through the Internet, free of charge and under open licenses¹².

If materials or documents are subject to moral rights or third party rights (including intellectual property rights or rights of natural persons on their image and voice), the beneficiaries must ensure that they comply with their obligations under Article II.9.2, in particular by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned.

The beneficiary must ensure that the website address used is valid and up to date. If the website hosting is discontinued the beneficiary must remove the website from Organisation Registration System to avoid the risk that the domain is taken over by another party and redirected to other websites.

ARTICLE I.11 – USE OF IT TOOLS

I.11.1 European Solidarity Corps reporting and management tool (Beneficiary Module)

The beneficiary must make use of the web-based reporting and management tool provided by the European Commission to record all information in relation to the activities undertaken under the Project (including activities that were not directly supported with a grant from EU funds) and to complete and submit the Progress Report, Interim report (if available in the European Solidarity Corps reporting and management tool and for the cases specified in Article I.4.3) and Final report.

¹² Open licence – a way by which the owner of a work grants permission to others to use the resource. A license is associated to each resource. There are different open licences according to the extent of the permissions granted or the limitations imposed and the beneficiary is free to choose the specific license to apply to their work. An open licence must be associated to each resource produced. An open licence is not a transfer of copyrights or Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

The beneficiary shall encode information regarding the participants and activities as soon as the participants are selected and no later than [...] weeks before the start of the participant's activity.

I.11.2 European Solidarity Corps Project Results Platform

The beneficiary may use the European Solidarity Corps Project Results Platform (<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects>) to disseminate project results, in accordance with the instructions provided therein.

[FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:]

I.11.3 European Solidarity Corps Portal

The beneficiary must select its participants from the European Solidarity Corps Portal by sending an offer through the "Placement Administration and Support System" (PASS).**I**

ARTICLE I.12 – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING

By way of derogation, the provisions set out in points (c) and (d) of Article II.11.1 are not applicable.

ARTICLE I.13 – ADDITIONAL PROVISION ON THE VISIBILITY OF UNION FUNDING

Without prejudice to Article II.8, the beneficiary shall acknowledge the support received under the European Solidarity Corps programme in all communication and promotional materials, including on websites and social media. The guidelines for the beneficiary and other third parties are available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/resources-partners/european-commission-visual-identity_en

ARTICLE I.14 – SUPPORT TO PARTICIPANTS

If, while implementing the Project, the beneficiary has to give support to participants, the beneficiary shall provide such support in accordance with the conditions specified in Annex II and Annex IV and V (if applicable).

The beneficiary must:

- Transfer the financial support for the budget category pocket money in full to the young participants, applying the rates for unit contributions as specified in Annex IV;

and

- Either transfer the financial support for the budget categories [NA to select the applicable budget categories depending on the action: travel and linguistic support] in full to the participants of project activities, applying the rates for unit contributions as specified in Annex IV;
- Or provide the support for the budget categories [NA to select the applicable budget categories depending on the action: travel and linguistic support] to participants of project activities in the form of provision of the required goods and services. In such case, the beneficiary must ensure that the provision of these goods and services will meet the necessary quality and safety standards.

The beneficiary may combine the two options set out in the previous paragraph in so far as they ensure fair and equal treatment of all participants. In such case, the conditions applicable to each option must be applied for the budget categories to which the respective option is applied.

ARTICLE I.15 – PROVISION OF INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

Not applicable.

ARTICLE I.XX – YOUTH PASS CERTIFICATE, CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

I.XX.1 The beneficiary must inform the participants involved in the Project about their right to be supported through the Youthpass process and receive a Youthpass certificate.

[FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:]

I.XX.2 The beneficiary should support the participants involved in the Project in an assessment of non-formal learning experiences acquired by them and has the obligation to provide a Youthpass certificate to each individual participant requiring it at the end of the activity.]

I.XX.3 Without prejudice to the provisions above, the beneficiary must issue each participant With the certificate of participation at the end of the activity.

ARTICLE I.16 – ONLINE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT (OLS)

[This Article applies only if cross-border activities of more than two months are foreseen, insofar as the main language of activity is Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish or Swedish (or additional languages once they become available in the Online Linguistic Support (OLS tool))]

Access to OLS language assessment will be allocated for all young people undertaking a cross-border activity of more than two months who will use one of the above languages as their main language during their activity (with the exception of native speakers). They must carry out an online assessment before the activity.

ARTICLE I.17 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON BUDGET TRANSFERS

The beneficiary is allowed to transfer funds between the different budget categories resulting in a change of the estimated budget and the related activities described in Annex II, without requesting an amendment of the Agreement as specified in Article II.13, under the condition that:

- the Project is implemented in accordance with the approved project application and overall objectives described in Annex II,
- and the following specific rules are respected:

[FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:

The beneficiary shall manage their grant with the goal of delivering the target activities defined in Annex II, and in full respect of the funding rules specified in Annex IV. All budget transfers from budget category exceptional costs to support the participation of young people with fewer opportunities to another budget category shall be done through an amendment.]

[FOR SOLIDARITY PROJECTS:

The beneficiary is allowed to transfer up to 15% of the funds allocated to budget category exceptional costs to any other budget category.]

ARTICLE I.18 – ADDITIONAL PROVISION ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION

[FOR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS:

The NA will monitor the implementation of the Quality Label for lead organisation in accordance with the rules established in the call for proposals that led to the award of the Quality Label for lead organisation.

In case the monitoring reveals weaknesses, the NA will issue recommendations and/or obligatory instructions to remedy the situation. In case of need, the NA may take further remedial measures, as defined in the call for proposals that led to the award of the Quality Label for lead organisation.]

[FOR SOLIDARITY PROJECTS: Not applicable.]

ARTICLE I.XX– BENEFICIARIES WHICH ARE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

*[to be included only if the beneficiary is an international organisation]*¹³

[NA to consult the Commission to check the arrangements in place for each type of international organisation in relation to EU funding]

ARTICLE I.XX– ANY ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL LAW

[The NA may include any additional compulsory legal provision required by the national law as long as they do not contradict the provisions of this grant agreement].

ARTICLE I.XX– SPECIFIC DEROGATIONS FROM ANNEX I GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, in Annex I General Conditions the term "the Commission" must be read as "the NA", the term "action" must be read as "project" and the term "unit cost" must be read as "unit contribution", except where otherwise provided.

For the purposes of this Agreement, in Annex I General Conditions the notion "financial statement" must be read as "the budgetary part of the report", except where otherwise provided.

¹³ International organisations are international public-sector organisations set up by intergovernmental agreements, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations or other non-profit organisations assimilated to international organisations by a Commission decision.

In Article II.4.1, Article II.8.2, Article II.27.1, Article II.27.3, the first paragraph of Article II.27.4, first paragraph of Article II.27.8 and in the Article II.27.9 the reference to "the Commission" must be read as reference to "the NA and the Commission".

In Article II.12 the term "financial support" must be read as "support" and the term "third parties" must be read as "participants".

2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the following clauses of Annex I General Conditions are not applicable: Article II.2.d (ii), Article II.12.2, Article II.13.4, Article II.18.3., point ii) of Article II.25.3(a) and Article II.27.7.
3. For the purpose of this Agreement, the terms "*affiliated entities*", "*interim payment*", "*lump sum*", "*flat rate*" do not apply when mentioned in the General Conditions.
4. In Article II.9.3, the title and letter (a) of the first paragraph must be read as follows:

"II.9.3 Rights of use of the results and of pre-existing rights by the NA and the Union

The beneficiary grants the NA and the Union the following rights to use the results of the project:

(a) for its own purposes and in particular to make available to persons working for the NA, Union institutions, agencies and bodies and to Member States' institutions, as well as to copy and reproduce in whole or in part and in an unlimited number of copies."

For the rest of this article, the references to the "Union" must be read as reference to "the NA and/or the Union".

5. The second paragraph of Article II.10.1 must be read as follows:

"The beneficiary must ensure that the NA, the Commission, the European Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) can exercise their rights under Article II.27 also towards the beneficiary' contractors."

6. Article II.18 must be read as follows:

"II.18.1 The Agreement is governed by [*insert the national law of the NA*].

II.18.2 The competent court determined in accordance with the applicable national law has sole jurisdiction to hear any dispute between the NA and any beneficiary concerning the interpretation, application or validity of the Agreement, if such dispute cannot be settled amicably.

[*For NAs that issue acts considered administrative acts according to the national law:*] An action may be brought against an act of the NA within [*specify deadline according to the*

[national law] before [insert reference to the competent national court] according to [insert reference to the relevant provisions of the national law]."

7. With regards to Article II.19.1: the conditions for the eligibility of costs are complemented by sections I.1 and II.1 of Annex III."
8. With regards to Article II.20: the conditions for identifiability and verifiability of the amounts declared are complemented by section I.2 and II.2 of Annex III."
9. The first paragraph of Article II.22 must be read as follows:

"The beneficiary is allowed to adjust the estimated budget set out in Annex II by transfers between the different budget categories, if the *project* is implemented as described in Annex II. This adjustment does not require an amendment of the Agreement as provided for in Article II.13, if the conditions provided for in Article I.17 are met."

10. Article II.23(b) must be read as follows:

"(b) still fails to submit such a request within further 30 calendar days following a written reminder sent by the NA."

11. The first paragraph of Article II.24.1.3 must be read as follows:

"During the period of suspension of payments the beneficiary is not entitled to submit any requests for payments and supporting documents referred to in Articles I.4.3 and I.4.4".

12. With regards to Article II.25.4: the conditions for reduction due to improper implementation, irregularities, fraud or breach of other obligations are complemented by section IV of Annex III.

13. The third paragraph of Article II.26.2 must be read as follows:

"If payment has not been made by the date specified in the debit note, the NA will recover the amount due:

- (a) [...]An action may be brought against such offsetting before the competent court determined in Article II.18.2;

[...]

- (c) by taking legal action as provided for in Article II.18.2 or in the Special Conditions."

14. Article II.27.2 must be read as follows:

"[...]The periods set out in the first and second subparagraphs are longer if a longer duration is required by national law, or if there are ongoing audits, appeals, litigation or pursuit of

claims concerning the grant, including in the cases referred to in Article II.27.7. In the latter cases, the beneficiary must keep the documents until such audits, appeals, litigation or pursuit of claims have been closed."

SIGNATURES

For the beneficiary

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For the NA

[forename/surname]

[signature]

Done at [place], [date]

[signature]

Done at [place], [date]