FP7 & CIP New ways of interacting

Coordinators Day 28/11/2011





Ways of interacting - Topics

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 - Participant Portal tools
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 - Periodic Reporting and Cost Claims NEF via the PP
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Part 1

The Research Participant Portal



The Research Participant Portal

• Offers external stakeholders (participants, LEARs, coordinators,...) a **unique entry point** in handling grant-related actions, based on a



single sign-on (ECAS)
 role-based authorization

 (Identity and Access Management – IAM)

Result: personalised services on the Portal

• Access to legal entity registration, negotiation, amendments, financial and scientific reporting

•Remember: Each person logging in the Portal must create an ECAS account!

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http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal ••• 4

Participant Portal - ECAS

To access the functionalities of the Portal, you need an ECAS (European Commission Authentication Service) Login/password

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Services after ECAS login



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- Call publication (FP7)
- Participant registration, managing data of legal entities
- Grant negotiation,
- Amendments NEF
- Periodic Reporting NEF (INFSO)
- Periodic Reporting FORCE, SESAM (RTD)
- FP7 documentation
- Proposal submission (pilot from 2012)
- Expert services (2012)



Roles on the Portal – until Jan 2012



Major changes of the new version (1/2)

The major objective of the new version is to <u>simplify</u> <u>the role management and make it more flexible</u>.

In that perspective, the following changes are made:

- 1. The uniqueness of the Coordinator and Participant Contacts disappear:
- one Primary Coordinator Contact as the main contact for the European Commission;
- more Coordinator Contacts can be nominated per project;
- more Participant Contacts can be nominated per organisation in a project.

Major changes of the new version

- 2. Task Managers and Team Members are **no longer restricted to specific scope(s)**.
- 3. The roles of Named Representatives are redistributed:

→ Former Financial and Scientific Named Representatives, and Authorised Representatives automatically become Participant Contacts (Coordinator Contacts for the Coordinating Participant).

→ Former Administrative/Legal Named Representatives automatically become Task Managers.

→ Former Authorised Signatories automatically become Participant Contacts as well.

4. Those using the new URF version to register an organisation for a PIC, will have a **self-registrant role**.





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'My Organisations' tab



My tasks as a Coordinator Contact

- Coordinator Contact details are taken from the proposal and are shown in the Negotiation Facility (NEF) under 'Coordinator Contact for the Portal'.
- Check the data of the Participant Contacts for the project – add/change them, if necessary on the Portal.
- Add your colleagues within your organisation with different roles: (named representatives)/task managers/team members.
- Revoke Participant Contact roles within the consortium, if necessary.

My tasks as a Participant Contact

- Participant contacts are provisioned from the proposal – any changes on the Portal can be asked from the Coordinator Contact.
- Participant Contacts can add a role for the colleagues of the project within the entity: (named representatives)/task managers/team members.
- Review roles regularly, revoke roles if necessary, eg. if a colleague has left the organisation.

My tasks as a LEAR on the Portal

- Check the data under the 'My Organisations' tab. Update data, if necessary on the Portal; upload supporting documents.
- Possibility: appoint Account Administrator for further help in managing the organisation data.
- Can check roles within the organisation note the LEAR cannot directly revoke roles in the project.
- General task description is given with the LEAR appointment: see http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/pp lear_en.html

Legal Entity Management

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The validation service will process new requests with a priority:

- 1) Following a change done by the LEAR
- 2) Following the addition of a partner in NEF



- The validation of a participant is unique and valid throughout the entire FP7 programme.
- During the validation of a legal entity, the validation services verify the (i) legal existence and (ii) FP7 status of an applicant.
- These verifications are based on supporting documents.
- Documents can be uploaded directly on the URF or send via e-mail to the validation mailbox: <u>REA-URF-</u> <u>Validation@ec.europa.eu</u>;
- When sending an e-mail, always quote your PIC number and proposal number (when applicable) in the subject title

How To Get Help on the Portal ?

Where can the participants get support?

- A Frequently Asked Questions section is available on the Participant Portal.
- For issues related to the registration and login using the European Commission's Authentication Service (ECAS), participants can visit this website https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ecas/help.jsp or send an e-mail to DIGIT-USER-ACCESS@ec.europa.eu.
- For technical help, ask the eFP7 Help Desk at: DIGIT-EFP7-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu.
- Or use the form : http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/a ppmanager/participants/portal?_nfpb=true&_pagel abel=contactus.
- For questions related to the Framework and similar RDG Programmes, the participants are invited to contact the FP7 Help Desk by sending an e-mail to EC-FP7-IT-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu.



Part 2

NEF Negotiation Amendments CostClaim & Periodic Reporting





Online tool: NEF Purposes

- Single front-office tool to interact with consortia in DG INFSO for:
 - Negotiations
 - Amendments
 - Periodic reporting and payments
- The tool is:
 - Session based
 - Used to store electronic documents
 - Is integrated with URF facility
 - Is integrated with Participant Portal



Access Nego/AMD/Periodic Reporting

• The Coordinator contact receives the first e-mail from the COM to start to negotiate the grant/amendment/Periodic reports with a list of Participant contacts.

• The **Coordinator contact** has by default full editing access to NEF - own data and data of all participants - via the Participant Portal with the e-mail provided in the proposal.

• **Participant contacts** have edit-access to their data and read-only access to the data of other participants and to the general project info.

• Only the coordinator can <u>submit</u> a NEF session to the Commission.

Online tool: NEF Generic behavior



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Good to know...

- In AMD there is <u>no</u> automatic refresh of URF data (legal data, FP7 account, ICM) in NEF. Automatic refresh is only in NEGO.
 - The PO can chose to manually update the data for a participant
- In AMD, you cannot remove a participant only terminate.
 - Also in the case of an UTRO
- New partners
 - will not access NEF until they have a PIC
 - Validation by the CVT will be triggered as soon as they are added in NEF.



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Coordinator's main page NEGO/AMD

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Periodic Report



Periodic Reporting



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- Project management
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Periodic Reporting FP7

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Periodic Reporting- Good to know

- Attention, it is not possible to have an AMD and a PR session in NEF at the same time!
 - Example, you need to submit a PR while and AMD is ongoing. The AMD is not affecting the PR -> Ask the PO to :
 - Close the NEF AMD Ex.
 - Start a new PR Ex.
 - At the end of the PR, restart the AMD Ex.
- NEF is opened by the commission at the end of the reporting period – not opened at all times !
 - You can start preparing the reports before NEF opens.
- No decimals.



On-Line Support

• iKnow contains the NEF on-line documentation

http://212.68.215.215/display/iKnowextern/NEF+Documentation







Social Networks

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