



Consortium Agreement for HE - Experience report

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Net4Society – Background

International network of National Contact Points for Societal Challenge 6 in Horizon 2020 & Cluster 2 in Horizon Europe

- Established in February 2008
- Duration until December 2028
- Consortium consists of 22 partners
 - 20 Beneficiaries
 - 2 Associated partners



Use of DESCAs

- Use of DESCAs for Horizon Europe projects is very convenient
- The model offers a lot of continuity – most parts are comparable to the Horizon 2020 model
- Builds a solid foundation on which you can configure the Consortium Agreement suitable for your project
- One aspect which needs to be adjusted – Associated Partners

Exception – Associated Partners in DESCA

1. Differentiation between *Beneficiaries* and *Associated Partners* already in the list of participating parties
2. Hence, distinction in the following agreement between sections which are relevant for *all parties (Beneficiaries and Associated Partners)* and those only relevant for *beneficiaries*

Example

7 Financial provisions

7.1 General Principles

7.1.1 Distribution of Financial Contribution

The financial contribution of the Granting Authority to the Project shall be distributed by the Coordinator **to the other Beneficiaries** according to:

Article 11.8 - Settlement of disputes

- Recommendation: Add details on how to settle disputes also on operational level

„ If a dispute arises on a matter regarding one particular Work Package, the Work Package leader shall mediate between the Parties concerned. In case that the Work Package leader is involved in the dispute, the Parties contributing to the Work Package shall select a mediator from their midst who is uninvolved in the dispute.“

- Learning: Some institutions, such as ministries, are by national law not allowed to go to arbitration which is foreseen in case a dispute has not been settled pursuant to a mediation.

Thank you for your attention!