

<p>Decision n° 7 of the Head of Administration and Finance</p> <p>Subject: Consultancy companies in Clean Aviation projects</p>	
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Reference: Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MGA)

[general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

The purpose of this note is to make clarifications on the approach taken by the CAJU with regard to the participation of consultancy companies as Beneficiary in Horizon Europe projects of CAJU.

In some Call 1 projects under grant preparation, several consultancy companies have been assigned the beneficiary role to support tasks to the coordination activities and/or action tasks as Work Package/s Leaders for instance on Dissemination, Communication & Exploitation.

Considering that:

- the Coordination tasks mentioned in Article 7 of the HE MGA cannot be delegated to another beneficiary.
- each beneficiary is fully responsible for implementing the action tasks mentioned in the grant agreement and for complying with all its obligations (Article 7 of the MGA).
- an entity cannot participate in an action both as beneficiary and subcontractor.
- the objective of the Clean Aviation projects is to support research & innovation within the aeronautical sector under Horizon Europe and only selected entities with technical resources and capabilities can participate as beneficiary being fully responsible for implementing the action under their own responsibility.

For the entire duration of the Clean Aviation programme, the CAJU decides the following:

- A. Consultancy companies that are assigned to support the coordination activities **cannot participate as Beneficiary** to the action but, if they are to participate in the action, they **shall be mentioned as subcontractor in the Annex 1**, as well as the tasks that they will carry out for the relevant beneficiary (the Coordinator) and their link to the relevant action tasks specified in the Annex.

Responsibility towards the CAJU for the subcontracted coordination support work lies fully with the Coordinator.

All eligibility conditions related to subcontracting are fully met, in particular the best value for money and the absence of conflict of interest (see art. 6, 9 and 12 of the HE MGA).

- B. Consultancy companies that have been assigned to action tasks such as Dissemination, Communication & Exploitation **may participate only as beneficiaries**, provided that they fulfil all the grant agreement obligations of beneficiaries.
- C. Consultancy companies that are assigned support coordination activities **and** core action tasks such as D&E must
 - either abandon their role in support coordination activities and remain beneficiaries to perform only core action tasks; or
 - only perform support to coordination activities as Subcontractor.

Done in Brussels, on 18th November 2022

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