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Programme area

- ✓ Denmark
- ✓ Estonia
- ✓ Finland
- ✓ Germany
- ✓ Latvia
- ✓ Lithuania
- ✓ Poland
- ✓ Sweden
- ✓ Norway



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Interreg Baltic Sea Region is a source of EU funding for those with smart ideas of how to shape the region.

Our focus

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Supporting transition

Towards greener and more resilient societies and economies

Supporting public authorities

In meeting needs of communities and companies etc.

Creating practical solutions

To challenges in the Baltic Sea region



Three NOs of expected solutions

**No pure
research on
potential
solutions**

**No
purely
technological
solutions**

**No
solutions
without
users**





Topics for cooperation

Thematic framework.

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Innovative societies

PRIORITY 1

Programme objective: 1.1
Resilient economies and communities

Programme objective: 1.2
Responsive public services



Water-smart societies

PRIORITY 2

Programme objective: 2.1
Sustainable waters

Programme objective: 2.2
Blue economy



Climate-neutral societies

PRIORITY 3

Programme objective: 3.1
Circular economy

Programme objective: 3.2
Energy transition

Programme objective: 3.3
Smart green mobility



Cooperation governance

PRIORITY 4

Programme objective: 4.1
Project platforms

Programme objective: 4.2
Macro-regional governance



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Innovative societies

Programme objective 1.1 Resilient economies and communities

Programme objective 1.2 Responsive public services

Note: The Programme priorities and objectives are subject to approval by the Programme countries & the European Commission





1.1

Resilient economies and communities

Building **sustainable, fair, innovative** and **resilient economies and communities** across the Baltic Sea region.

1.1 Resilient economies and communities

Resilience is understood as the **ability to respond to external disturbances** such as severe recessions and financial crises, downturns of particular industries or major health crises.

The Programme encourages actions that **help to avoid unwanted external impacts, withstand them or recover** quickly from them.

- strengthen European identity based on common values, culture and heritage
- increase innovativeness of the region
- adapt smart specialisation approaches
- adjust innovation ecosystems
- untap digitalisation
- consider uneven territorial development





1.2

Responsive public services

Experimenting with **new ways of delivering public services** using innovative, data-driven and participatory methods to improve the lives of citizens.

1.2 Responsive public services

In relation to a growing complexity of societal challenges, the Programme supports actions that improve organisational set-ups and processes to **respond to public needs** and to deliver **less bureaucratic** and **more cost-efficient public services**.

- deliver tailor-made, needs-based and cost efficient services
- harmonise systems and standards
- develop solutions responsive to change
- apply emerging digital technologies
- trigger interactions between service providers and the community
- develop public responses across sectors and borders





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Water-smart societies

Programme objective 2.1 Sustainable waters

Programme objective 2.2 Blue economy

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2.1

Sustainable waters

Intensifying **implementation of good practices** by public authorities, industries and local communities to make the Baltic Sea and **regional water resources cleaner and adapted to the impacts of climate change.**

2.1 Sustainable waters

The Programme supports actions that **improve the state of water** in the region and make its **management more sustainable**.

These waters include the Baltic Sea, coastal waters and inland waters like rivers, lakes and groundwater.

- adapt existing solutions, develop and implement new solutions in order to prevent and reduce water pollution
- adapt water management practices to the changing climate
- implement cross-sectoral actions





2.2

Blue economy

Strengthening **blue economy** and mitigating potential conflicts among users of the sea space to enable **sustainable use of water** and **marine resources** adapting to the changing climate.

2.2 Blue economy

The Programme supports actions on **sustainable use of fresh and sea waters** as well as **marine resources** in **innovative business development** in the whole region in emerging and established sectors.

These include aquaculture, blue biotechnology, shipping, fishery, and coastal and maritime tourism.

- facilitate joint use of sea space and help mitigate potential conflicts
- encourages actions for blue businesses
- strengthen resilience of blue businesses
- mitigate impact of blue businesses on climate change



Climate-neutral societies

Programme objective 3.1 Circular economy

Programme objective 3.2 Energy transition

Programme objective 3.3 Smart green mobility

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3.1

Circular economy

Moving towards **circular economy** through strengthening the **role of the cities and regions** and re-thinking **contribution of business**.

3.1 Circular economy

The Programme supports actions **that facilitate the shift from linear to circular** resource use. This implies **keeping products and materials in use** for as long as possible without increasing pressure on the environment.

The **holistic** approach shall go beyond waste management to **connect with water, energy, transport and land use**.

- create and promote circular environments
- redefine smart specialisation approaches
- create business opportunities for environmental and societal benefits
- untap digitalisation
- mind uneven territorial effect and disadvantaged by transition processes





3.2

Energy transition

Moving towards **decarbonisation of energy systems** through increasing **energy efficiency** and investing in **renewable energy** in urban and rural areas.

3.3 Energy transition

The Programme supports actions for the **decarbonisation of energy systems** in the region in order to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**.

The solutions shall increase **energy efficiency in industrial production** processes as well as in public and private building stock.

The Programme also encourages actions to **increase renewable energy production** from **locally available resources**.

- increase distribution of renewable energy across sectors
- adapt and update policies
- coordinate plans and share solutions across borders
- mobilise industry and citizens to apply energy solutions





3.3

Smart green mobility

Moving towards **more efficient, intelligent and low-carbon transport and mobility** systems.

3.3 Smart green mobility

A **green and well-functioning cross-border mobility system** is vital for the development of the region.

The Programme supports the **smooth movement** of people and goods in and across urban and rural areas while **saving resources** by increasing efficiency, **integrating different transport modes** and **accelerating digitalisation**.

- harmonise mobility systems across borders
- mobilise transport companies and citizens to use smart green solutions
- support public authorities in introducing smart green solutions and reducing air pollution in cities





Project types & funding

Core projects

Core changes for the region.

Develop a solution to a challenge,
and bring it to the people in the
Baltic Sea region.



Core projects

Core visions for the region.

FOCUS

- / practical & durable **outputs**
- / **solutions** to challenges
- / focus on **piloting**
- / at the “core” of the Programme

DURATION

Up to **36 months**

PARTNERS

at least **three organisations**
from **three** Programme area **countries**

BUDGET

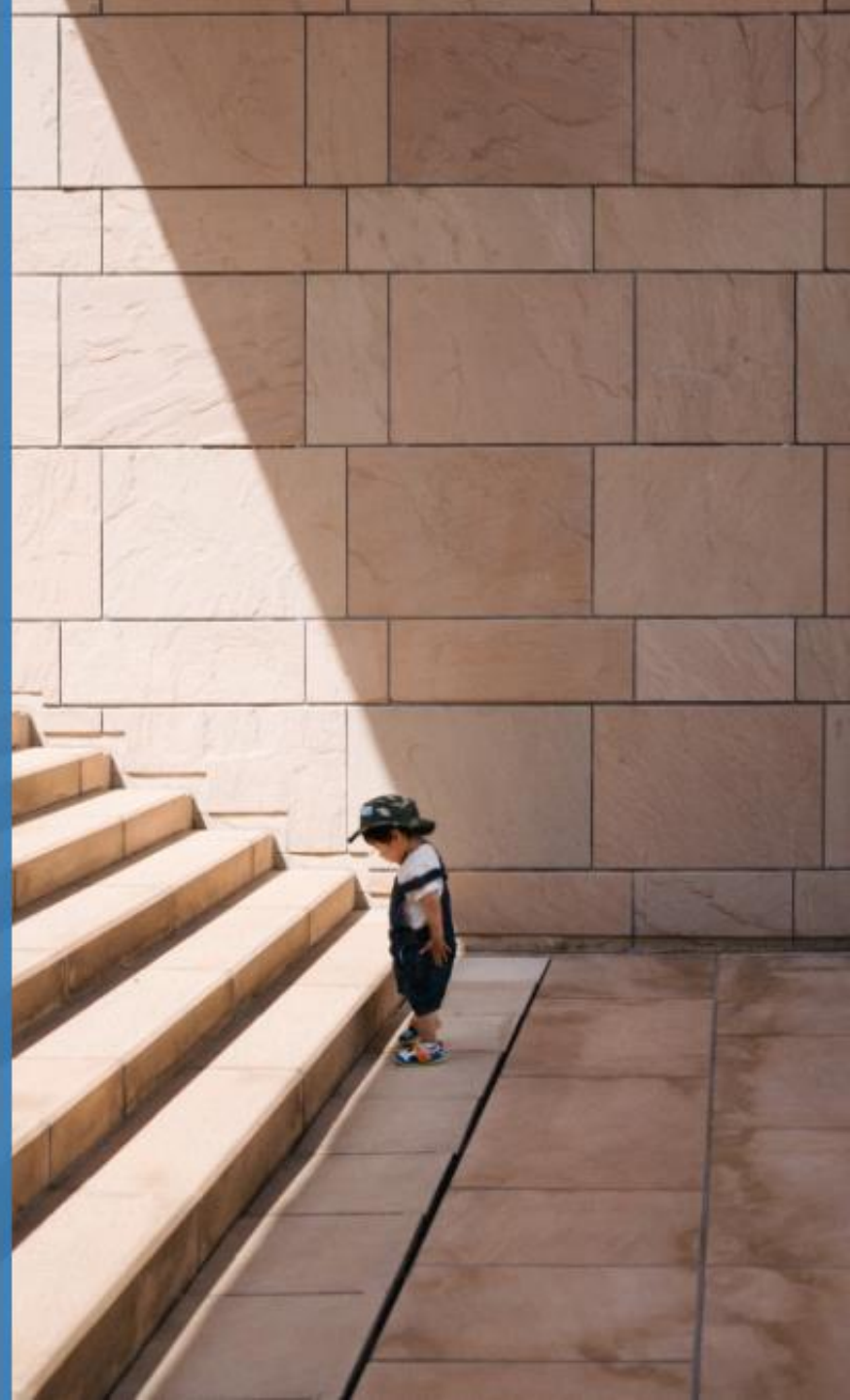
no limitation (proportionate to activities)

Small projects

Small steps for a big change.

Easier accessible funding.

A testing ground to learn Interreg,
working across borders with
partners from different countries.



Small projects

Small steps for a big change.

FOCUS

easier access
/ building trust
/ keeping networks
/ staying closer to citizens
/ responding to unpredictable challenges

DURATION

Up to 24 months

PARTNERS

at least three organisations
from three Programme area countries

BUDGET

up to EUR 500,000

Number of projects

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Timeline & further info

Main stops

Small
projects

Submit
Project Idea Form

5 JAN

Submit
application
26 JAN

Core
projects

14 FEB

Submit
Project Idea
Form

14 MAR

Submit
application

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Gateway for applicants:
the place to go

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Consultations

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Video tutorial: 1.1 Resilient economies and communities

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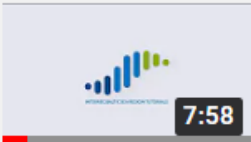
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Video tutorial: 1.2 Responsive public services

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Video tutorial: 2.1 Sustainable waters

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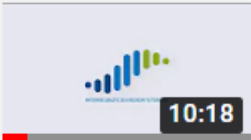
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Video tutorial: 2.2 Blue economy

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Video tutorial: 3.1 Circular economy

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Video tutorial: 3.2 Energy transition

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Video tutorial: 3.3 Smart green mobility



Video tutorials

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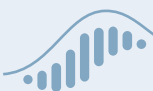
- 8 November Funding to build a greener and more resilient Baltic Sea region
- 15 November Small projects - small steps for a big change
- 23 November Core projects - core changes for the region





General principles of eligibility

Duration of projects



Basic principles of reimbursement

- Reimbursement of costs
- Partner budget = Programme co-financing + own partner contribution

EU
partners

- 80% of ERDF co-financing
- 20% own contribution

Norwegian
partners

- 50% of Norwegian national co-financing
- 50% own contribution

- Reporting of costs and payment of Programme funds – in **EUR**



General principles of eligibility for core projects



Project budget

- No specific size limits
- Seven cost categories (incl. preparation costs)



Project partner budget

- Each partner has its own budget
- Can be used only by given partner
- No combination with other EU funds
- Public procurement



No service/supply/work contract

- ... with own employees
- ... with partner itself (e.g. internal invoices)
- ... with other project partners



Further points for budget planning

- Varying VAT eligibility
- No gifts and awards
- No cost-sharing
- No double funding



General principles of eligibility for small projects



Project budget

- Max. EUR 500,000
- Three cost categories (incl. preparation costs)



Project partner budget

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- Can be used only by given partner
- No combination with other EU funds
- Public procurement



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Management verification

Core projects

Simplified cost options – by MA/JS
no budget to be planned!

Real costs – by national controllers

Small projects

Simplified cost options – by MA/JS
no budget to be planned!



Assessment

- **Risk-based approach:** No specific State aid declaration to be provided
- Partners with medium State aid risk can require and justify a **plausibility check**
- **No elimination of State aid** through specific criteria
- The **entire Programme co-financing** to a partner is either **State aid** or not



Details are shown in the **State aid section of BAMOS+**

- Non-financial support through project partners' activities
- Examples:
 - Consultancy, product development or other subsidised services provided to companies
 - Access to research facilities for companies
 - Project output (e.g. digital service platform) transferred to a company
- Measure: General Block Exemption Regulation, Article 20a
 - **EUR 20,000 per the third party, per project**
 - Project partner has to calculate
 - Elimination of the aid elements if the value is beyond EUR 20,000





Budget

- Cost categories
- Simplified cost options

Forms of support



Core projects



Small projects



What can be planned? – CORE PROJECTS



What can be planned? – **SMALL PROJECTS**



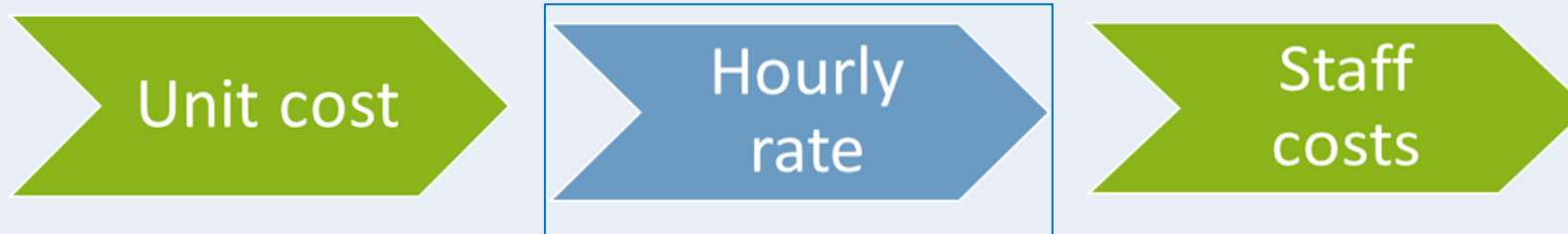
Preconditions for reimbursement:

- Possibility **stated in the announcement note**
- **Project applied** in the application
- **Project did not receive other EU funds** for the development of this project application

CORE PROJECTS - Lump sum 24,000 EUR – **19,200 EUR** Programme co-financing

SMALL PROJECTS - Lump sum 10,000 EUR ~ **8,000 EUR** Programme co-financing





Conditions:

- employment contract or equivalent
- 1,720 hours per full-time employee per calendar year
- productive hours only

Hourly rate



Calculation

FOR STAFF COSTS
PLANNING

**1720
rule**

Full-time
100% for project

1720
hrs/year

Part-time (50%)
100% for project

50% x 1720
hrs/year

Part-time (X%)
Y% for project

$X\% \times Y\% \times 1720$
hrs/year





Calculation of the budget **CORE PROJECTS**

Calculation

STAFF COSTS

Part-time (50%) scientist
20% for project, 1 year

$$1720 \times 50\% \times 20\% \times 1 = 172$$

$$172 \times 24 = \underline{4,128}$$

Full time project assistant
50% for project, 3 years

$$1720 \times 50\% \times 3 = 2580$$

$$2580 \times 24 = \underline{61,920}$$

Full-time project manager
100% for project, 3 years

$$1720 \times 3 = 5160$$

$$5160 \times 24 = \underline{123,840}$$

YOUR BUDGET FOR STAFF COSTS – EUR 189,888

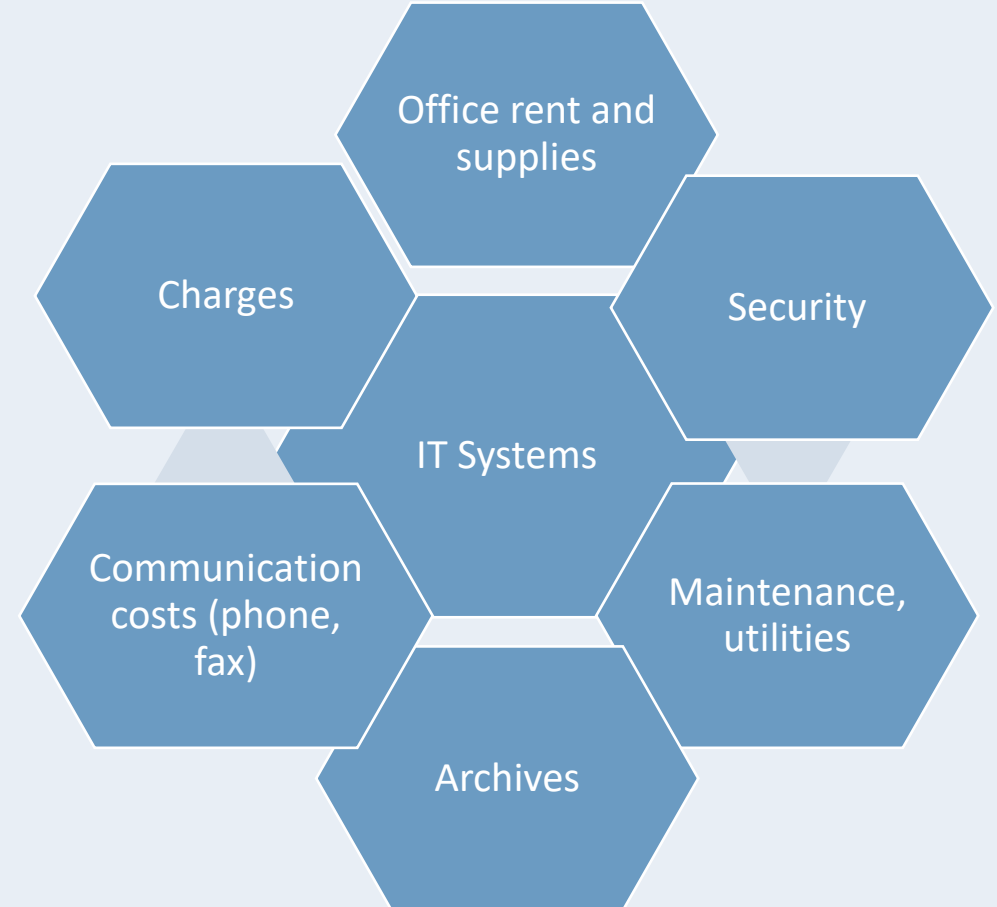


Flat rate – 15 % of eligible staff costs

Automatic calculation

No supporting documents

Over or under-compensation possible



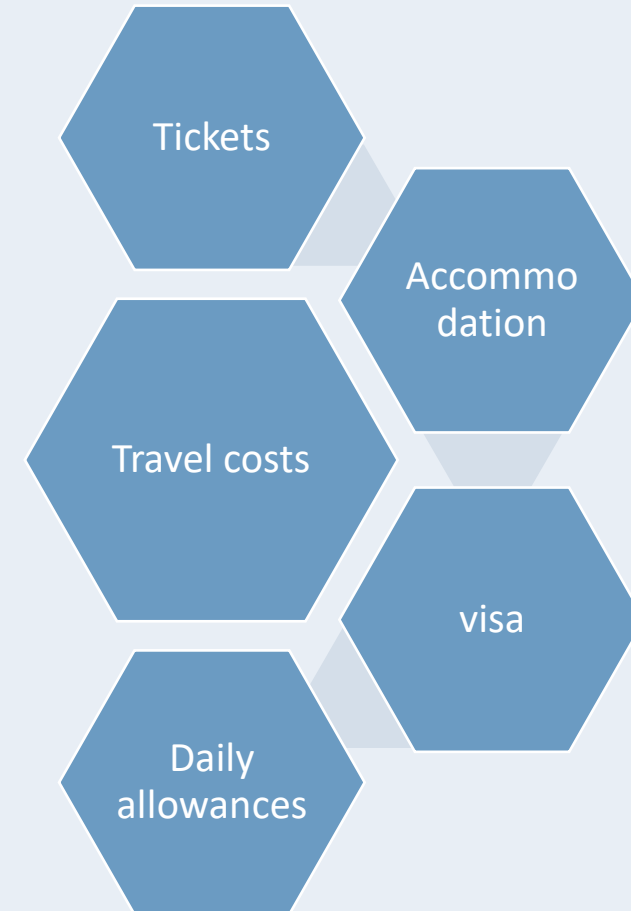
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Project partner's own employees only

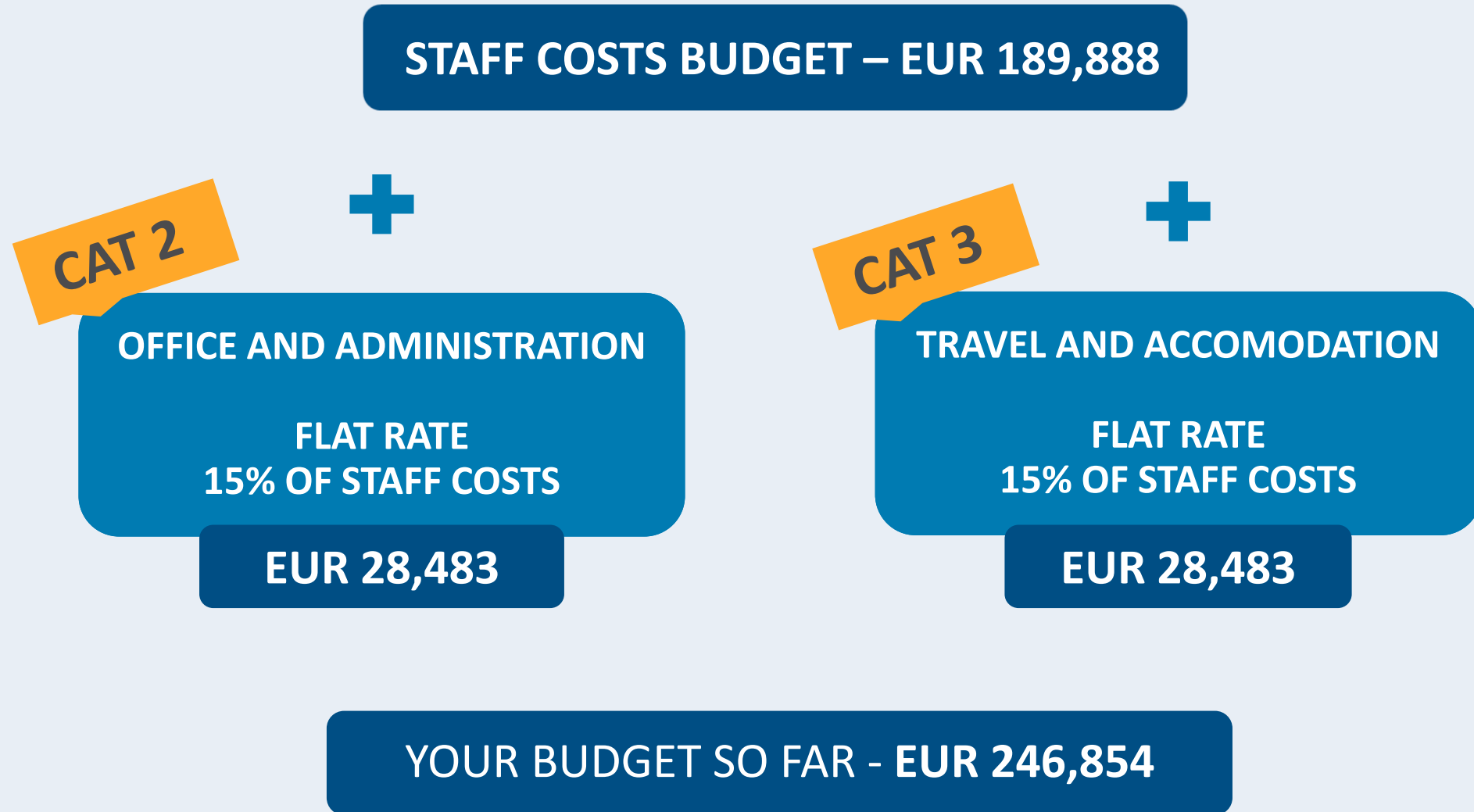
Automatic calculation

No supporting documents

Over or under-compensation possible



Calculation of CAT2 and CAT3



Documentation:

- procurement documentation
- invoices
- proof of delivery of services
- payment proof



CAT 4 Calculation

YOUR BUDGET SO FAR - EUR 246,854



Expert support – EUR 20,000

Organisation of event– EUR 8,000

Travel of external experts – EUR 5,000

Promotional campaign – EUR 10,000

EXTERNAL SERVICE

EUR 43,000

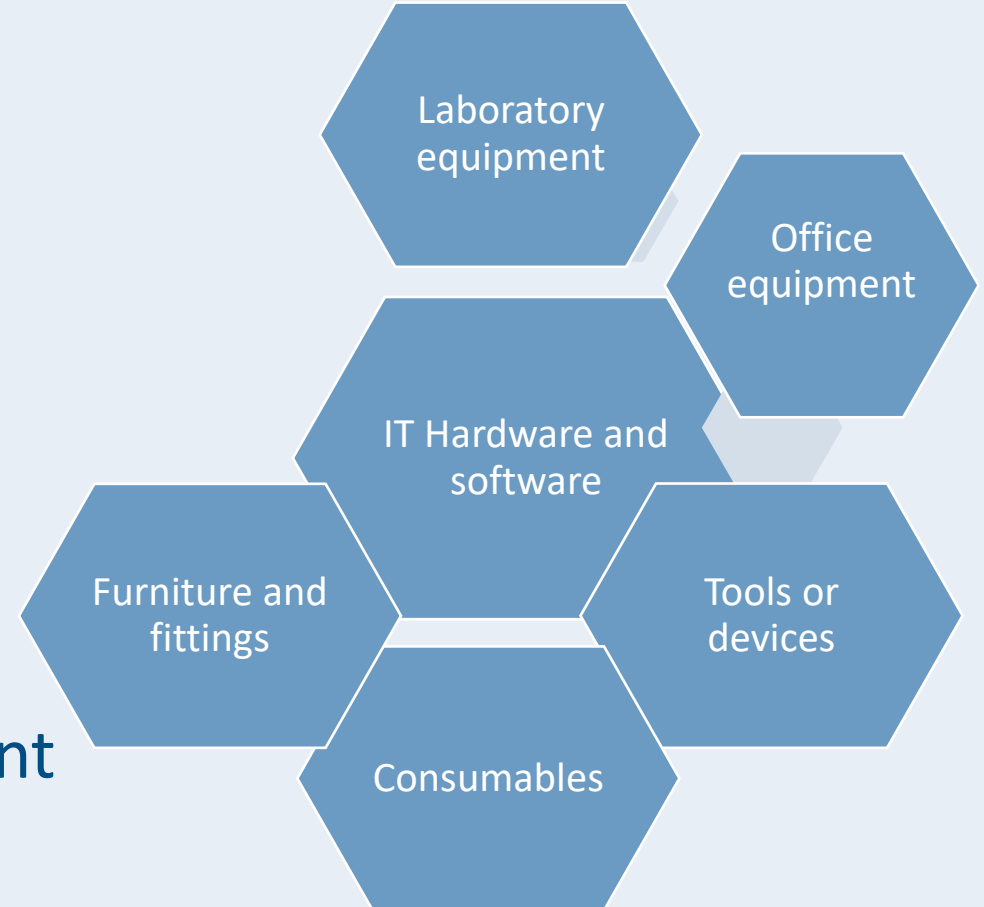
YOUR BUDGET SO FAR - EUR 289,854



Full costs depreciation/rental/lease
Second-hand equipment possible



Equipment which is a productive investment



CAT 5 Calculation

YOUR BUDGET SO FAR - EUR 289,854



Laptop (full) – EUR 1,500

Laboratory consumables (full) – EUR 6,000

Slurry tank (2 months renting) – EUR 6,000

EQUIPMENT

EUR 13,500

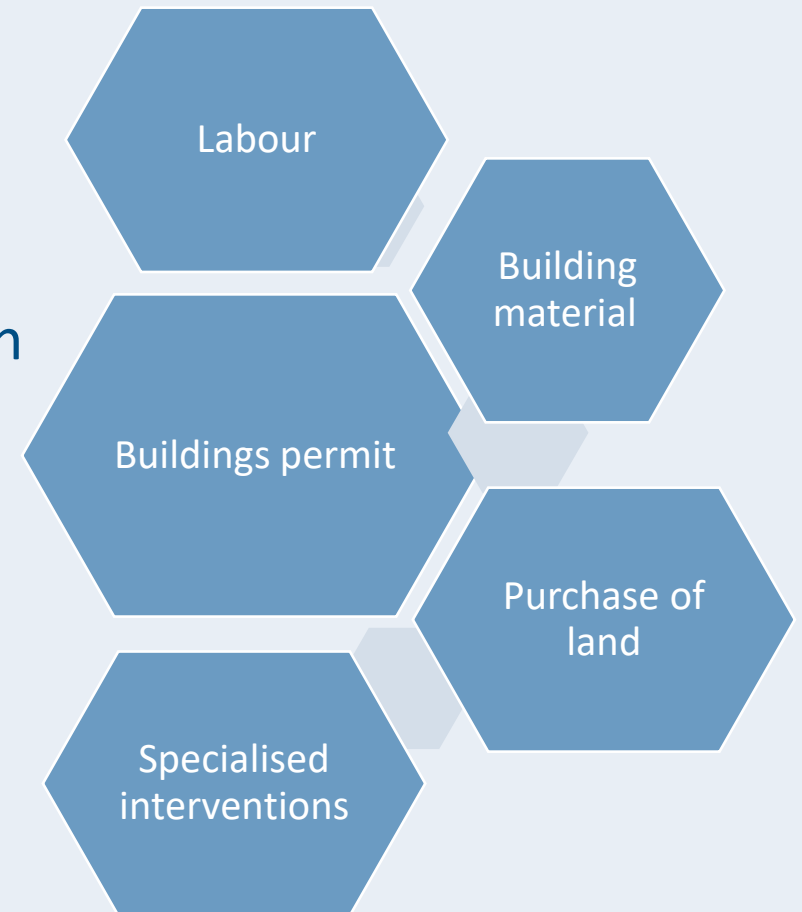
YOUR BUDGET SO FAR – 303,354 EUR



Design and realisation of infrastructure and works
Site preparation, delivery, handling, installation, renovation



Documents specifying the ownership of land or buildings
Durability



CAT 6 Calculation

YOUR BUDGET SO FAR – EUR 303,354



Revitalisation of peatland EUR 25,000

Construction of mobility point EUR 30,000

**INFRASTRUCTURE
AND WORKS**

EUR 55,000

YOUR TOTAL BUDGET - EUR 358,354



Total project budget





Calculation of the budget **SMALL PROJECTS**

STAFF COSTS

Part-time (50%) assistant
20% for project, 2 year

$$1720 \times 50\% \times 20\% \times 2 = 344$$

$$344 \times 24 = \underline{8,256}$$

Full-time project manager
100% for project, 2 years

$$1720 \times 2 = 3440$$

$$3440 \times 24 = 82,560$$

YOUR BUDGET FOR STAFF COSTS – EUR 90,816

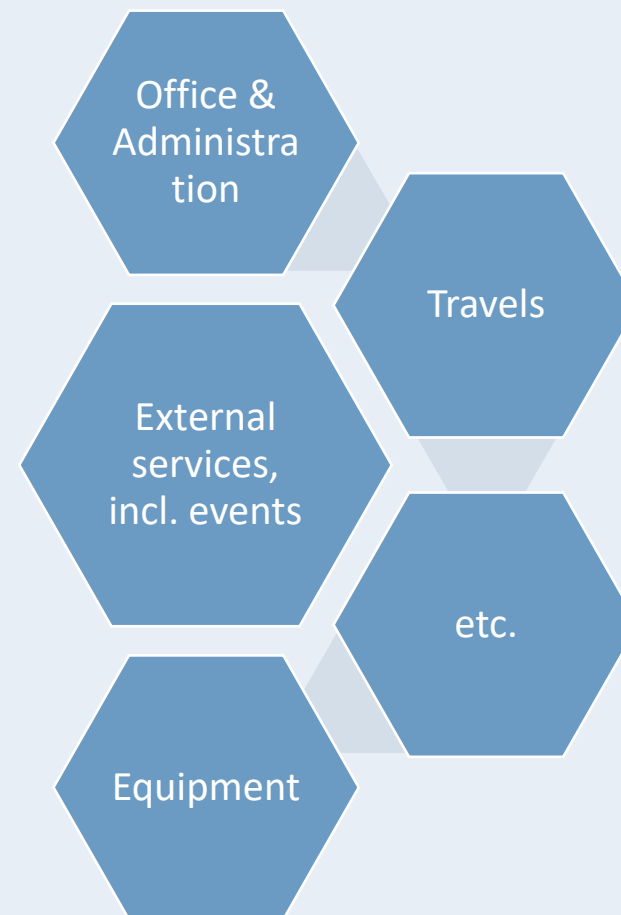


Flat rate – 40 % of eligible staff costs

Automatic calculation

No supporting documents

Over or under-compensation possible



STAFF COSTS BUDGET - EUR 90,816



CAT 7

**OTHER COSTS
FLAT RATE
40% OF STAFF COSTS**

EUR 127,142

YOUR TOTAL BUDGET - EUR 127,142



Total project budget



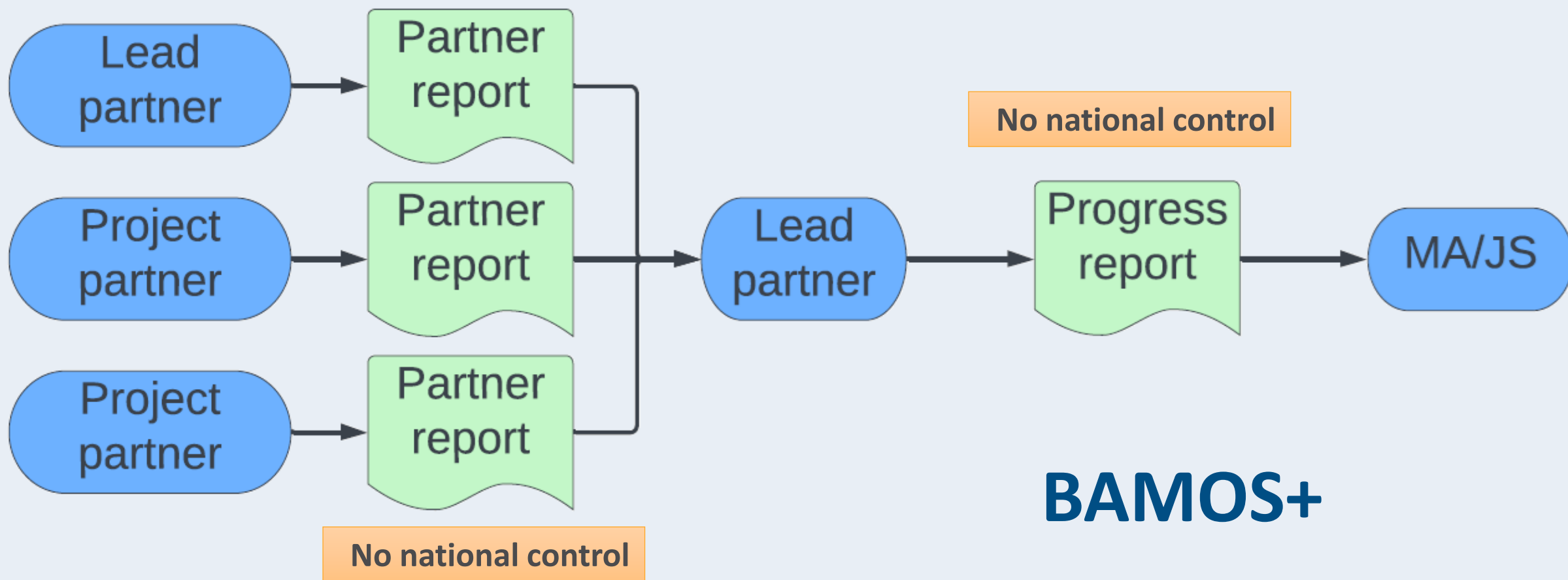
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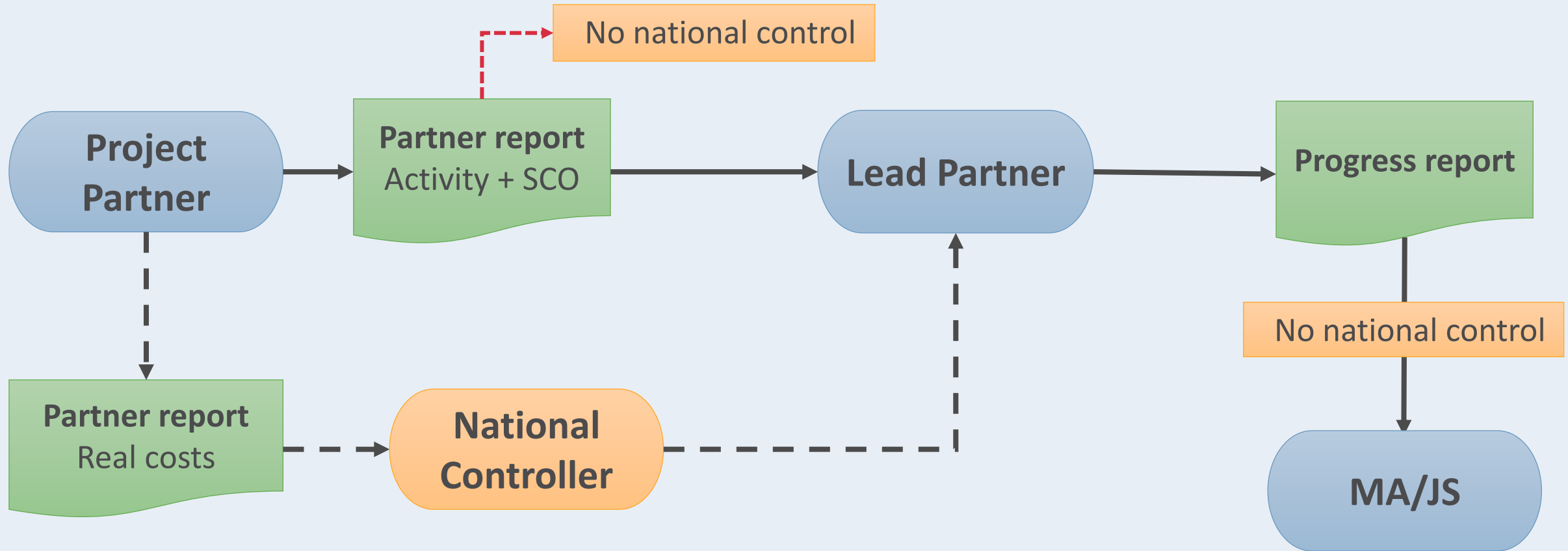


Basic principles of reporting

Reporting process – small projects



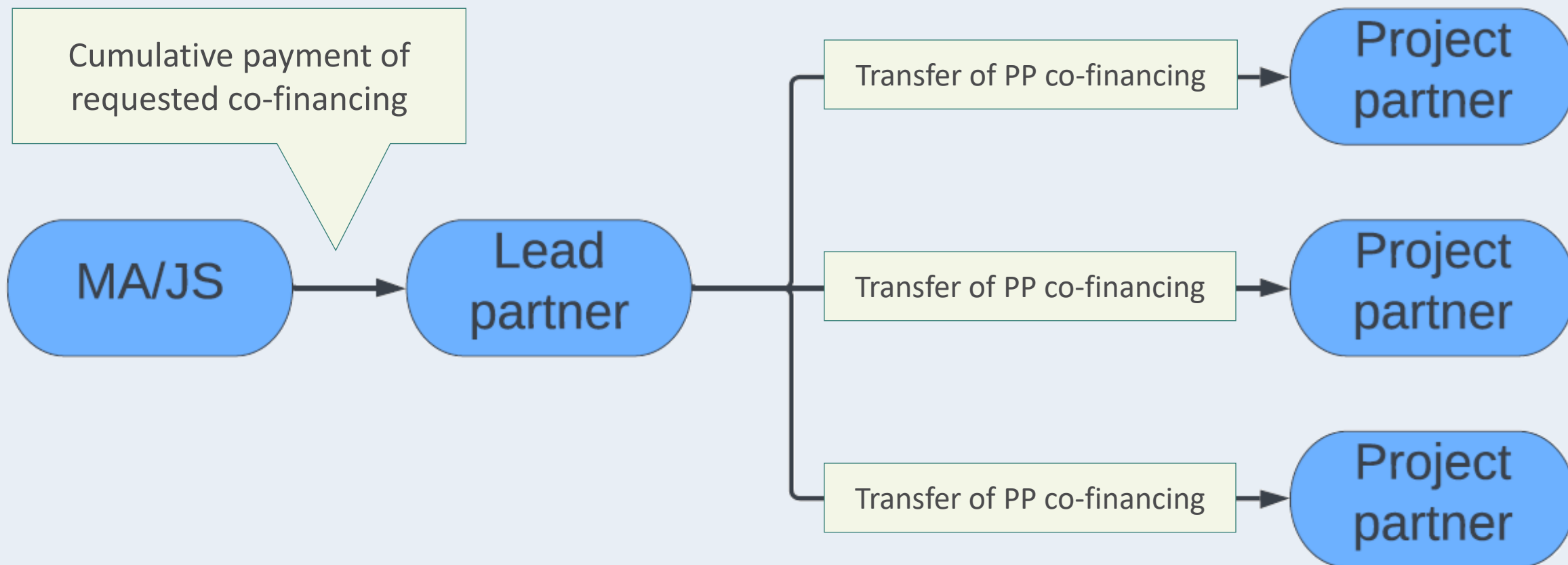
Reporting process – core projects



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Payment process





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