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2 Introduction

The Beneficiary Module (BM) is the online system for the mandatory administration of Erasmus+ projects. In the Beneficiary Module, information and progress of your project must be kept up to date. The information filled in in the Beneficiary Module serves as the basis for any interim reports (if applicable), for your final report and for the final financial assessment of the project. The National Agency Erasmus+ (the NA) has access to your project in the Beneficiary Module.

This manual describes how the Beneficiary Module should be used. **This manual is intended for KA220-projects** (Cooperation partnerships).

Can't find the answer to your question in this manual? Search the Search the official BM Beneficiary Guide for the answer. Can't find answers there? Then contact us at according to your field of education:

ka2ho@erasmusplus.nl mbo-sector@erasmusplus.nl povoka2@erasmusplus.nl ve@erasmusplus.nl

In all communications with the National Agency, always include your project number.

You can also ask questions during our monthly open consultation hour (online).

The Beneficiary Module uses terms that are commonly used within the Erasmus+ Programme.

Explanation of these terms can be found in the Glossary (chapter 11).

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The screenshots in this manual are used for illustrative purposes, and may not reflect the latest version of the Beneficiary Module.





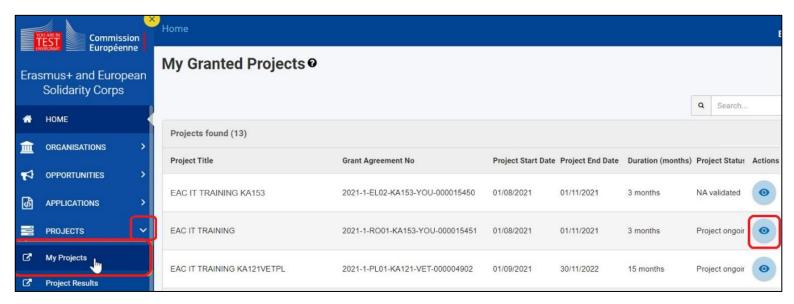
3 Access to the BM for primary contact person

Only after the grant agreement has been signed, beneficiaries will be able to see their project in the BM. The primary contact person of the project will automatically be granted access.

The Beneficiary Module can be accessed through this link: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/beneficiary-module/project/#/project-list

An EU-login account is needed to work in the de Beneficiary Module (BM). Don't have an EU-login yet? Click <u>here</u> to create one.

When contact persons access the BM, they should first log in with their EU login. **Their projects** can then be viewed via Projects > My Projects. Click the blue eye icon to open a project in the BM.



Is your project not visible under 'My Projects', even though you are the project's primary contactperson? Please contact us according to your field of education at:

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For **granting BM access to other people** involved in the project, see chapter 7 of this manual ('Contacts').



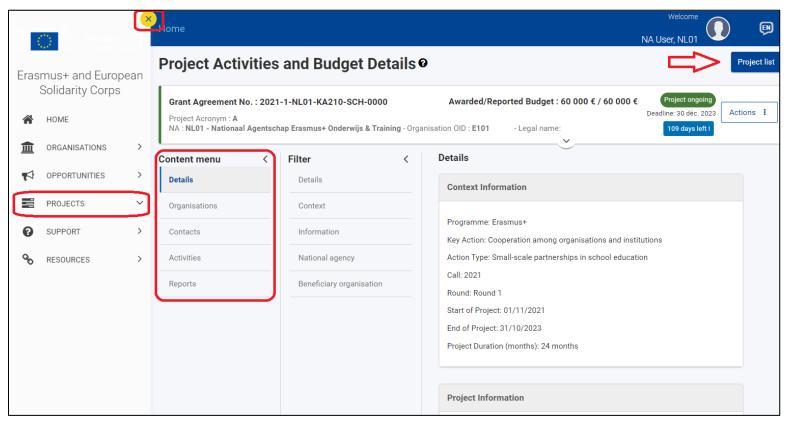


4 General tips and navigation

Drop-down menus are used in the Beneficiary Module. The very left of the screen shows the menu to access different EU Login-services. Once you are in the BM (via Projects > My Projects), this menu can be closed using the yellow X-icon in the top left corner. The menu can also be opened again, using the same yellow icon.

Upon opening a project in the BM, the 'Details' section of the project will show. From there you can navigate to the other sections (Organisations, Contacts, Activities, etc.) using the **Content Menu**.

Clicking one of the other sections in the Content Menu will open the section.



Some sections of the BM can be hidden or displayed by using the (>) and (v) icons to the right side of the screen:



Have you opened one of your projects in the BM, but want to **go back to your list of projects?** Use the 'Project List' button in the top-right corner.

The BM uses buttons with icons:

- 1. The red recycle bin means: delete
- 2. The blue eye means: view
- 3. The green pencil means: edit
- 4. The blue button '+ Create' means: create new









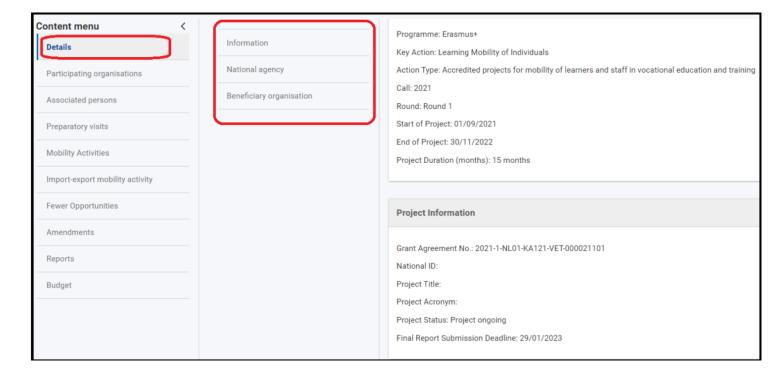
Always use the 'Save' button after making changes in the BM. This saves the changes you have made.





5 'Details' Section – for information only

A project in BM always opens in the 'Details' section. Here you can find the basic details of your project, e.g. project number, start- and end date, and the deadline for the final report.



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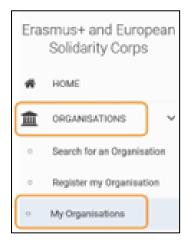
Always refer to your project number when doing so.





6 'Organisations' Section – details of participating organisations

Under the 'Organisations' section, the basic details about the coordinating organisation and partner organisations can be found, e.g. organisation names, OIDs and addresses.



You cannot change your organisation's information in the BM.

This must be done in the Organisation Registration System (ORS). Click Organisations > My Organisations in the left-side menu (Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps).

The official manual for the Organisation Registration System can be found <u>here</u>. It describes how to adjust data, upload documents under your OID, or give others admin-access to your OID.





7 'Contacts' Section - grant BM access to others

In the 'Contacts' section you can **see who has access to the project in the BM**, and whether they can only view information or also make changes. It also shows who can make changes on the Project Results Platform (see chapter 10).

By default, the project organisations' Legal Representatives and Primary Contacts are listed in the Contacts list. They are able to view and edit information. **If you want to change a primary contact person or a Legal Representative, please contact the National Agency**. You cannot make these changes yourself.

Besides the beneficiary organisations' primary contact person and their Legal Representative, other persons can also be given access to the BM. Beneficiaries can do this themselves.

This is done by going to the 'Contacts' section and pressing the blue button 'Create'. A screen will open in which details and rights of the new person can be filled in. Fields with * are mandatory.



A 'Contact' has 3 possible roles in the BM:

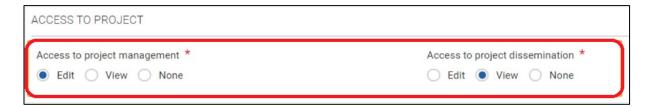
- 1. Legal Representative: the Legal Representative of an organisation, legally authorised to act on behalf of the organisation (e.g. sign contracts).
- 2. Primary Contact: all project-related communication from the BM and the NA is sent to this contact person.
- 3. OLS administrator: the project's administrator for the Online Language Support system. For now, OLS is not available for projects in the school education sector, vocational education and training sector.





A 'Contact' can have different rights in the BM. They can have access to 'project management' (meaning: access to the Beneficiary Module), and access to 'project dissemination' (meaning: access to the Project Results Platform). In both of these, there are 3 options:

- 1. Edit (can view, add and edit information)
- 2. View (can view information but cannot add or edit)
- 3. None (cannot view nor edit information)



After filling in the details for the new person, click 'Save'. The new person has now been added as a 'contact' in the BM. They can now log in with their EU-login account (see chapter 3) and use the BM.

To change details / rights of an already existing contact in the BM, go to 'Contacts' and click the green pencil-icon ('Edit') next to the contact concerned.

The address of a contact can be manually changed, but only if the 'Same as organisation' box is unchecked.





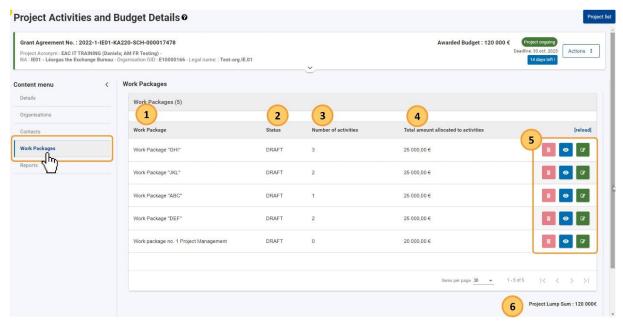


8 'Work Packages' Section - filling in work packages

The Work Packages Section in BM will automatically contain activities. All Work Packages approved by the National Agency in the project management system will be displayed in this list. Work Packages and related activities already approved by the National Agency in their project management system will be available in your project, initially in status **Draft**, and can be viewed and edited.

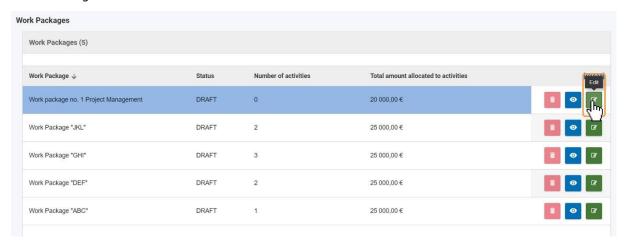
The description of the work packages cannot be modified in the BM, but questions about their implementation <u>should</u> be answered. This can be done by editing the work packages in the BM (see chapter 8.2).

Work Packages can be managed under the 'Work packages' section:



8.1 Managing "Work Package nr. 1 Project Management"

Work Package nr. 1 is initially in status draft and must be updated. Click on the edit icon to open Work Package details.



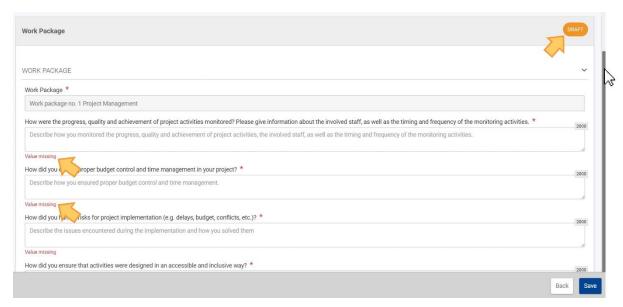
The Work Package screen opens with the draft status clearly displayed.



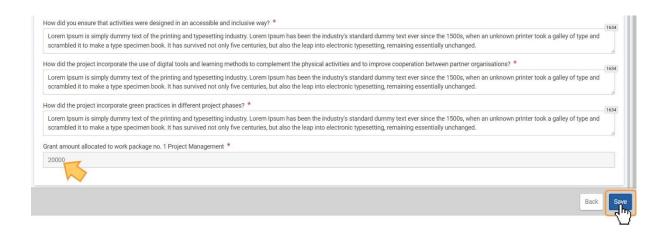


Provide the required information in the available fields. You may have to use the scrollbar in your browser to access all information.

All mandatory fields are marked with the red Value missing label and are marked with a red asterisk *



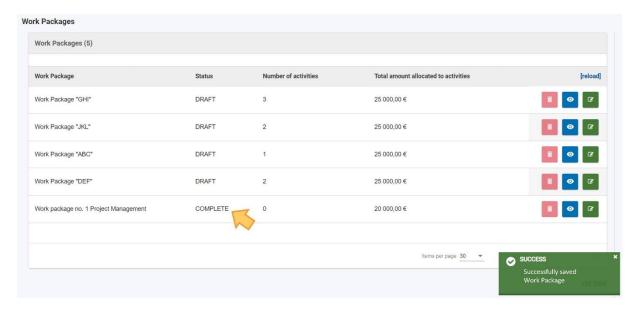
When all mandatory fields are completed, click on the **Save** button to save your changes. As the grant amount allocated to Work Package nr. 1 Project Management is fixed in the signed grant agreement, the field that displays the amount is read-only. You cannot make changes to this amount.





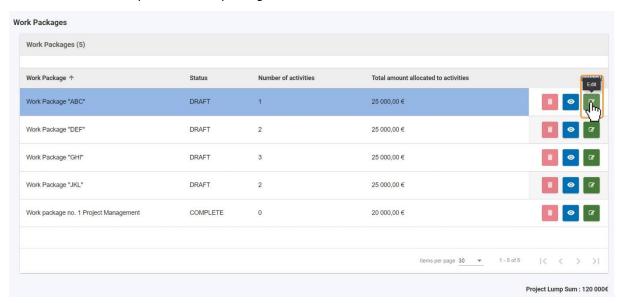


After clicking Save, a success message displays and the list of all Work Packages opens again. The status of Work Package nr. 1 is now updated to Complete.



8.2 Managing other available Work Packages

You can manage other work packages in the Beneficiary Module. To edit a work package you click on the 'edit' icon to open the work package details.

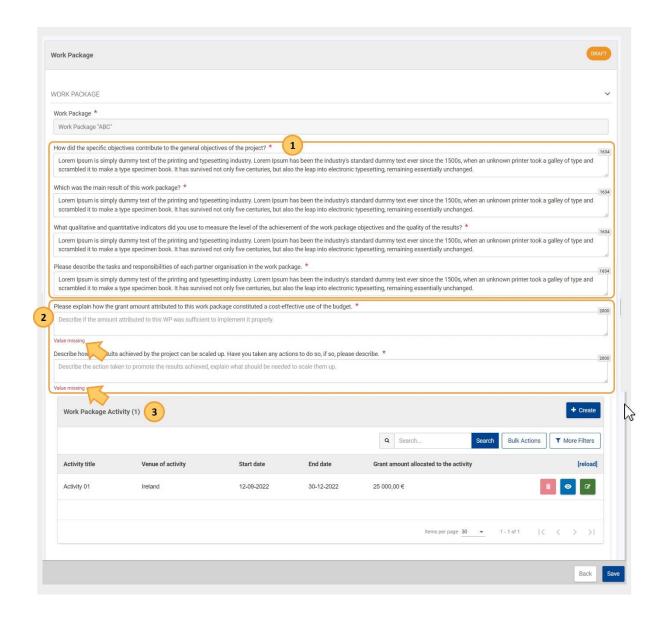


The work package will open with a draft status displayed. In this screen the following options are available:

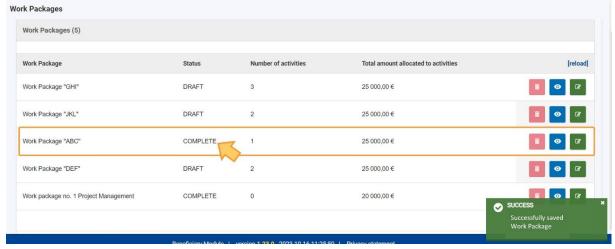
- 1. Work Package information as was detailed in the application. The information here is editable but it is displayed as per signed grant agreement.
- 2. Comment fields to be completed that are clearly indicated with 'value missing'.
- 3. List of Activities linked to the Work Package, if applicable.







Fill in the required information in the available text fields. You may have to use the scrollbar in your browser to access all information. Already filled-in information can be updated. All mandatory fields are marked with a red asterisk *. Once all mandatory information is provided, click on the **Save** button. This will update the status to **Complete**.







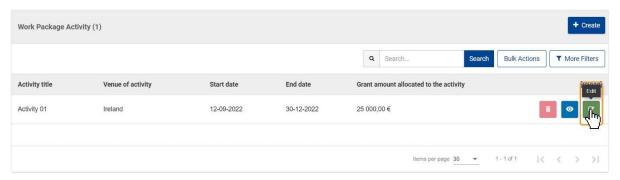
8.3 Managing activities in a Work Package

To manage activities related to a Work Package you must open the Work Package details in **Edit** mode. For this guide we use an example of a Work package with one activity with a total of € 25.000 allocated to the Work Package.



Activities linked to the Work Package as per grant agreement are displayed in the Work Package Activity list. Each activity initially listed can be Edited and Viewed. It is not possible to delete an activity that has been predefined in the grant agreement.

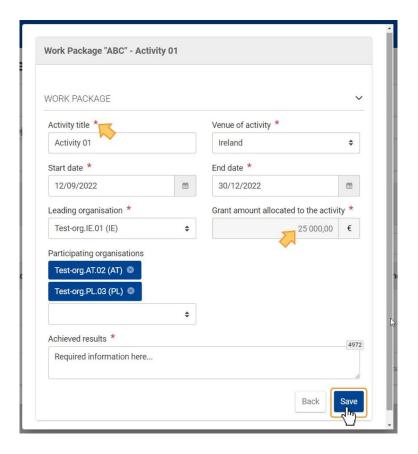
Click on the **Edit** icon to open the activity details.



A pop-up window containing the activity details opens. You can update all information except the Grant amount allocated to the activity, which is read only. Click on the **Save** button to save any changes you made to the activity. A success message will display once the activity has been successfully updated.





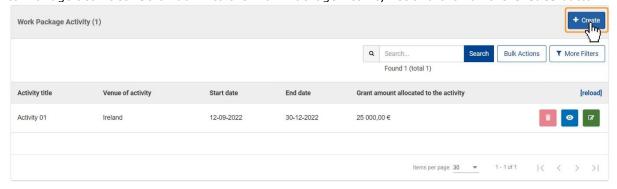


8.4 Adding an activity in a Work Package

Activities can be added to all available work packages in your project, except for Work package no.

1 Project Management. Please contact the National Agency first, to verify whether this new activity is allowed and whether an amendment needs to be drafted.

To add an activity to a Work Package click on the Edit button of the work package where you want to manage activities. Scroll down to the Work Package Activity list and click on the **Create** button.

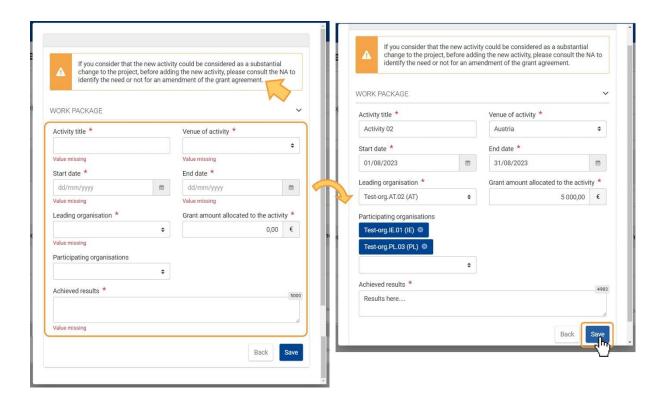


A pop-up window will open, containing all fields to be completed for the new activity, such as **Activity title**, **Venue of activity**, **Start and End date**, the **Grant amount allocated to the activity** and more. Also take note of the Warning message regarding activities displayed on top of the pop-up before you continue.

All fields displayed are mandatory. When all information is filled in, click on the **Save** button to save the activity.

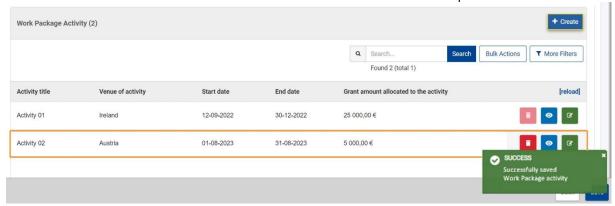






A success message will display and the activity is added to the Work Package. Once items are added to the list, the following icons become available:

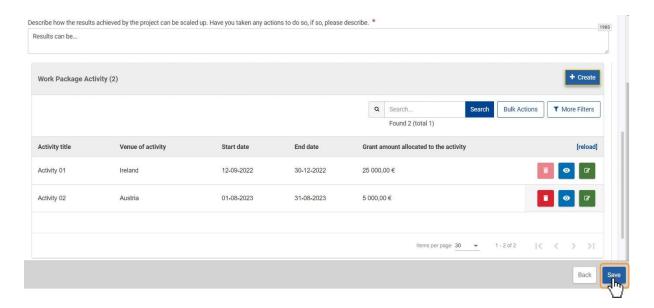
- 1. **Delete** click on this icon in line with the item you wish to delete, and follow the onscreen instructions.
- 2. **View** click on this icon to open the details of the selected item in read-only mode. All fields are greyed out and you will not be able to change any details.
- 3. **Edit** open the details of the selected item in edit mode. Make the desired changes, then click on the **Save** button at the bottom of the screen to save the updated information.



Do not forget to Save the Work Package in its entirety in order to finalise the update of the activity. If not, the new activity will be lost.







When returning to the list of Work Packages in the project, the columns **Number of activities** and **Total amount allocated to the activities** will now display the updated values as applicable.







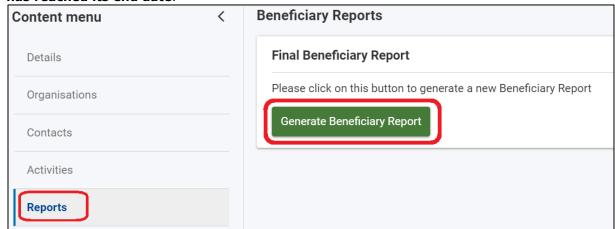
9 'Reports' section - the Final Report

Filling in and submitting a final report in the BM is mandatory. The final report must be submitted after the end date of the project. After the end date, projects have 60 days to complete and submit the final report.

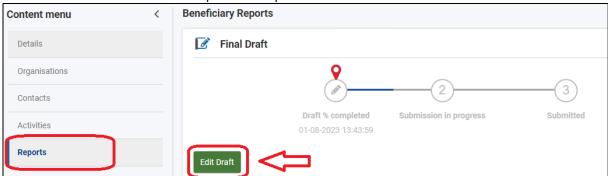
It is also mandatory to upload and submit the project results on the Project Results Platform (PRP). This must be done <u>before submitting</u> the Final Report in the BM. See chapter 10 for more information on the PRP.

9.1 Creating and opening the final report

The final report must be filled in and submitted under the 'Reports' section in the BM. Click the 'Generate Beneficiary Report' button to generate the report. Feel free to generate and edit the report at any stage of your project. However, **do not submit the final report until your project has reached its end date**.



Once the report has been generated, it can be edited. This can be done under the 'Reports' section, with the 'Edit Draft' button: this opens the report.



Any changes made to the final report will be saved automatically by the BM.

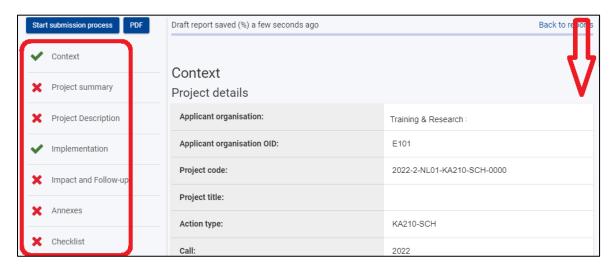




9.2 General tips about the Final Report

The final report may be written in Dutch or English.

The final report has different sections. These sections become visible by scrolling downwards, or by clicking the different sections (Context, Project Summary, etc.) in the left-side menu:

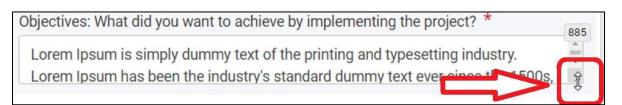


Icons are shown in front of the different sections.

- **X** indicates that the section has not been filled in completely.
- ✓ indicates that all obligatory fields in the section have been filled in.

A PDF of your Final Report can be downloaded, by clicking the 'PDF' button in the top left corner of the screen. This is useful for your own administration, but also in case of technical problems in the BM.

The textboxes in the Final Report may contain a maximum number of characters. The upper right corner of each box shows the remaining number of characters. For easier reading, the textboxes can be made larger by clicking the lower right corner of the box, and dragging it downwards.







9.3 Filling in the Final Report

Your final report is used to inform the National Agency about the implementation and results of your project. Please, read the reports questions carefully and provide complete, clear and concise answers.

PLEASE NOTE: the BM takes information filled in under the 'Work Packages' section, and automatically copies it into the 'Final Report' section. Because of this, make sure that you have filled in the 'Work Packages' section completely and correctly (see chapter 8).

Some questions in the final report require a little clarification:

Project Summary: this section of the final report will be made public by the European Commission. For this reason, this section should not include confidential information, and should be written in English (even if the rest of the report is written in Dutch).

Implementation: this section is filled in automatically by the BM, and cannot be edited in the final report. The BM copies information from 2 sources:

- 1. the original application
- 2. the BM section 'Work Packages' (see chapter 8)

Want to change information in the Implementation-section of the final report? This can only be done by going to the 'Work Packages' section of the BM, and editing information there (see chapter 8).

European Language Label: here, you can select whether you wish to nominate your project for the <u>European Language Label</u>. This is a European award to encourage innovative projects about language learning- and teaching. Select 'YES' if your project might fit this theme. If you select 'YES', you should also describe why your project should be considered for the award.

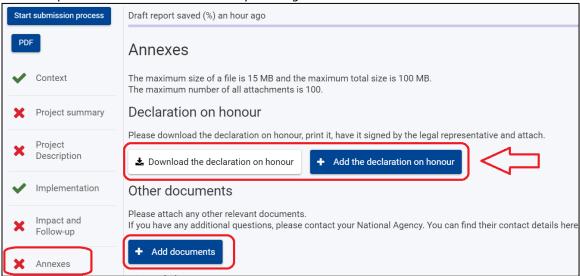




9.4 Submitting the Final Report

The Final Report should only be submitted <u>after</u> the project's end date, and <u>after</u> the **Project Results have been submitted** (see chapter 10). To submit the Final Report, complete the following steps:

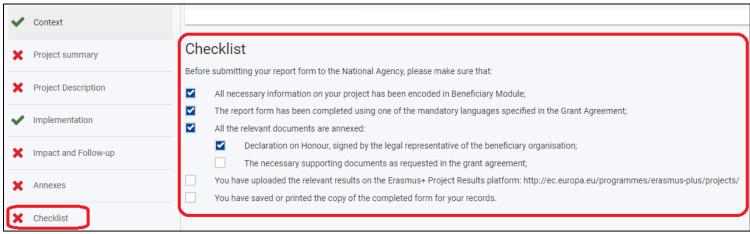
- 1. Under the 'Annexes' section, upload the signed Declaration on Honour (DoH).
 - Download the DoH under 'Annexes', by clicking 'Download Declaration on Honour'.
 - Print the document
 - Have the Legal Representative of your organisation sign the document with a pen (not digitally)
 - Scan the signed document
 - Upload the scanned document by clicking 'Add the Declaration on Honour'.



2. Add any other relevant documents. This can be done under 'Annexes' > Other Documents, by clicking 'Add Documents'.

Please note: project results should be uploaded on the Project Results Platform (see chapter 10). They should not be added as annexes to the Final Report in the BM. Financial documentation, such as receipts etc. don't need to be added to the Final Report either.

3. Verify that you have completed all necessary steps, and tick the 'Checklist' boxes:



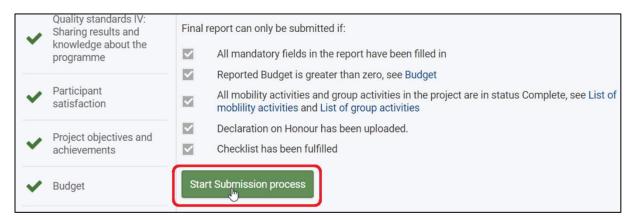




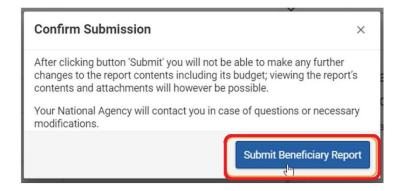
4. Verify whether all *Conditions for the Final report submission* have been met. These boxes cannot be ticked manually: the BM automatically checks whether all obligatory fields have been filled in. If some boxes remain unticked, this means that some mandatory actions for the Final Report have not yet been completed.



5. Click 'Start Submission Process'.



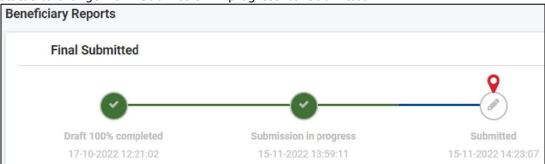
6. Click 'Submit Beneficiary Report' in the pop-up menu. **Clicking this button submits the Final Report. After submission, the report can no longer be edited.**







The submission progress will show on the report 'timeline'. It may take a few hours for the report status to change from 'Submission in progress' to 'Submitted'.



After submission of the Final Report, the NA will e-mail the contact person of the project with an acknowledgement of receipt. Generally, Final Reports are assessed within 60 days. Once the qualitative and financial assessment of the Report is complete, the NA will e-mail the contact person and the Legal Representative about the final score and (financial) finalisation of the project.





10 Submitting results on Project Results Platform

It is mandatory to upload the project's results onto the **Erasmus+ Project Results Platform (PRP)**. On this platform, the outputs (e.g. manuals, articles, video's, presentations, etc.) of Erasmus+ projects are shared publicly, so that anyone can benefit from them. Each project has its own page on the PRP, where the general public can view and download the results of the project.

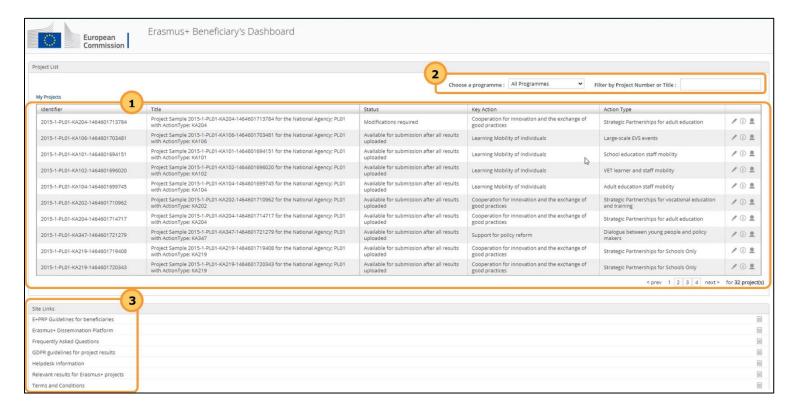
Projects should upload their results on the PRP, even if these have already been uploaded elsewhere (e.g. on the project website). This ensures continued availability of the results, even if project websites go offline in future.

Please make sure you upload and submit your project results on the PRP, before you submit your Final Report in the BM. If no results are submitted on the PRP, the Final Report will be rejected.

10.1 Accessing the Project Results Platform

The contact person with Edit access to 'Project Dissemination' (see chapter 7) has access to the PRP. The PRP can be accessed through the following link: : https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/manage. Here, they should log in with the same EU-login account as the one they use to access the BM.

- After logging in, the PRP will show a list of the contact person's projects (1)
- At the top of the screen, projects can be filtered by project title or number (2)
- The bottom left of the screen shows useful links related to the PRP (3).







10.2 Managing who can contact you via Results Platform

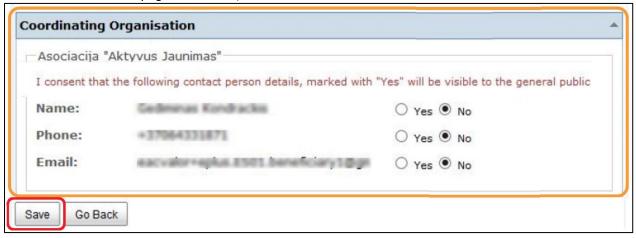
By default, contact details of your organisation are hidden on the PRP. However, it is advisable to make at least one contact detail visible to the general public. To do this, click the icon • next to the project number.

You can then choose which contact details you would like to make visible.



Once the changes are made, click **Save**.

To return to the first page of the PRP, click **Go Back**.





Project Details

No records found.

Add Result

Title



10.3 Uploading results on the PRP

To upload results, click the pencil-icon next to the project number.

The Project Information page will open (1).

Here, you can insert the link to the project website and / or upload the project logo (2).

To add the results of your project, click the 'Results' tab (3).

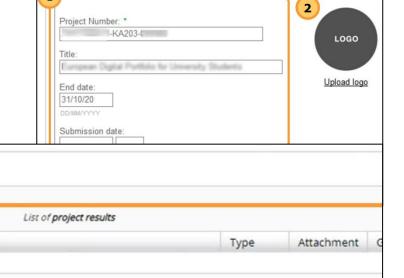
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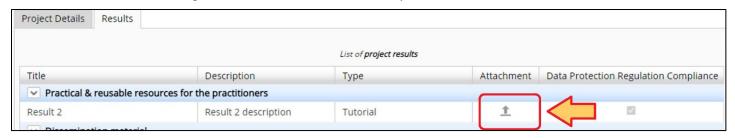


Adding a result is done in 2 steps:

1. First, click 'Add Result', and fill in the details about the result (title, brief description, etc.). Click 'Save'. The result will now show in the result list.

Description

- Tip: a box 'don't publish' can be ticked when filling in result details. This makes the
 result visible for the NA only; this result will then not be published externally. This
 option can be used if a result contains privacy-sensitive information.
- 2. To add an attachment to the result (e.g. a document, a PowerPoint, photographs, etc.), click the 'upload' icon . Select the uttachment and click Save. Please note: links or any other references to Google Drive's are not allowed to be uploaded here.



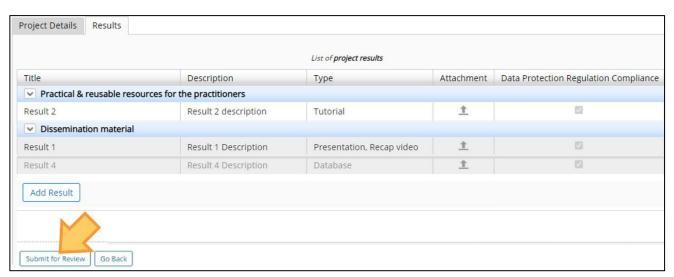




10.4 Submitting results for review

Once your project has reached its end date, and all results have been added to the PRP, you can submit the results for review. The 'Submit for Review' button will become active after the end date of the project.

<u>Don't forget to click the 'Submit for Review' button</u> once all results have been uploaded. After clicking this button, changes can no longer be made to the Results Platform. The project will disappear from your PRP Dashboard and the results will be sent to the NA for review.



If you have questions or problems while uploading results, please consult the European Commission's please consult the European Commission's <u>online manual for the PRP</u>. If that manual offers no solution, contact us according to your field of education at:

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11 List of terms / Glossary

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Beneficiary: When a project is approved for an Erasmus+ grant, the applicant organisation becomes a beneficiary by signing a Grant Agreement with the National Agency. If the application was made on behalf of other participating organisations, the partners may become co-beneficiaries.

Beneficiary Module (BM): the online system for the mandatory administration of Erasmus+ projects from Call 2021 onwards. The BM must be used for: registering the most important data on your project, monitoring the progress of your project, and the submission of the project's final report.

Beneficiary Report: the report that must be submitted by the organisation which implements the Erasmus+ project. This can be an interim report or a final report.

Declaration on Honour: a declaration signed by the Legal Representative (also see: Legal Representative) of an organisation. The declaration states, among other things, that an application or report has been filled in truthfully. The signed Declaration on Honour must be attached to applications and (final) reports.

EU-login: a personal online account, necessary to make use of the online services of the European Commission (e.g. for the online application form and the Beneficiary Module).

Force Majeure: An unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the participant's control and not attributable to error or negligence on his/her part.

Legal Representative: the legal representative of an organisation. This person must be the one signing the Grant Agreement. Since Grant Agreements can only be signed by legally authorised persons, the Legal Representative must always be someone who is authorized to act independently on behalf of the organization. The jurisdiction of this person must be laid down in, for example, articles of association and/or at the Chamber of Commerce.

OID: The Organisation ID (OID) uniquely identifies an organisation among all organisations participating in Erasmus+. You can use your organisation's OID when applying for a grant under the Erasmus+ programme. An OID is a code of 9 characters: letter E followed by 8 digits, e.g. E00112233.

Project Results Platform: Online platform of the European Commission. Products, deliverables and outputs which are the result of the projects funded must be uploaded on this platform by the beneficiary organisation.