

Forms of Grant and Maximum Reimbursement Rates for Projects Funded Through the Cooperation Work Programme

Forms of Grant

The FP7 'Rules for Participation' propose three potential forms of grant for the Community financial contribution: reimbursement of eligible costs, flat rate financing including scale of unit costs, and lump sum financing. In this work programme, for all funding schemes, the reimbursement of eligible costs (including the different options for flat rates on indirect costs as established in Article 32 of the Rules for Participation) will be the only form of grant used.

Two exceptions to this will apply. Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules for Participation, participants from international cooperation partner countries (see Annex 1) may choose to opt for lump sum financing.

In addition, the Community financial contribution to ERA-NET PLUS actions may combine the reimbursement of eligible costs with flat rates, in accordance with Annex 4 point 2.2.2. Further information on this is given in the ERA-NET Guides for Applicants.

Maximum Reimbursement Rates

The upper limits foreseen in the Rules for Participation (Article 33) for the Community financial contribution are summarised in the following table.

	Non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs	All other organisations
Research and technological development activities	75%	50% ¹
Demonstration activities	50%	50%
Coordination and support actions	100% ²	100% ²
Management, audit certificates and other activities ³	100%	100%

¹ For security related research and technological development activities, (Chapter 10 of this work programme) the Community financial contribution may reach a maximum of 75% in the case of the development of capabilities in domains with very limited market size and a risk of 'market failure' and for accelerated equipment development in response to new threats. Further information is given in Chapter 10.

² For ERA-NET PLUS actions the specific conditions as set out above apply.

³ Including, inter alia training in actions that do not fall under the funding schemes for training and career development of researchers, coordination, networking and dissemination (as set out in Article 33(4) of the Rules for Participation).