

Horizon 2020 Basic Legal & Financial Documents

The Most Important Rules and Guidelines in a Nutshell

➤ **General Model Grant Agreement (MGA)**

The general GA specifies all the rights and obligations of the partners in the majority of project types. In Horizon 2020 we distinguish between the [actual legal text](#) and the [annotated version \(AMGA\)](#), which explains and illustrates the legal text. The AMGA is the Horizon 2020 equivalent of the FP7 Guide to Financial Issues.

Certain programmes or types of actions, in particular the European Research Council (ERC) and the Marie Curie Skłodowska Actions (MSCA) have their own MGAs, which can be found on the [reference page of the Participant Portal](#) (click on the title “Model Grant Agreement” to see the full list.)

➤ **[Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation](#)**

The Rules for Participation form the legal basis of all the Model Grant Agreements and govern any legal aspects of Horizon 2020 that are not explicitly mentioned in the MGAs.

➤ **Consortium Agreement (CA)**

The CA determines the relationships among the project partners within a consortium, in particular with regard to governance, liability and intellectual property rights (IPR). It must not conflict with the GA.

The [DESCA model](#) is the most common CA template for collaborative projects, but other versions exist (to be found e.g. at the [IPR Helpdesk](#)).

For additional guidelines and templates, please check out the list of [Reference Documents](#) on the Participant Portal.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above documents, please do not hesitate to contact the [Euresearch Regional Office](#) near you.

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