

#### 5th Call:

## «Grant scheme for supporting SMEs to grow and expand beyond local markets»

# SAMIS presentation for First Level Controllers (5<sup>th</sup> Call projects ONLY)

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#### **SAMIS - ACCOUNTS**

- Requests to obtain access to SAMIS are sent via email from the NA to the JS (JS Coordinator & <u>cpapageorgopoulou@mou.gr</u>).
- The name, the email and the role (i.e. FLCer) of the user should be declared in the request. Different roles can access different actions with different rights in SAMIS.
- Login credentials are sent directly to the applicant-user, to the email address declared in the request (check also junk folder for an email received by <a href="mailto:info@ependyseis.gr">info@ependyseis.gr</a>)
- Save email with credentials → username does not change



#### **SAMIS - ACCOUNTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> time log in: you will be asked to change your password.
   Make sure you save/remember the new password.
- After three (3) wrong login attempts → account gets
   blocked → send email to JS (cpapageorgopoulou@mou.gr)
   with username & email address declared in SAMIS to unblock
   your account.
- Forgot your password? → Password Reset → you need your username & email address declared in SAMIS
- For SAMIS technical problems all HELPDESKS are submitted to the JS (email to <u>cpapageorgopoulou@mou.gr</u>).



## SAMIS: Login <u>link</u>

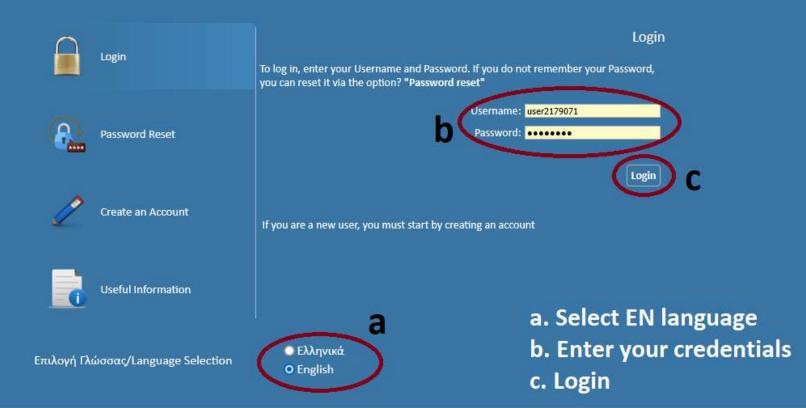






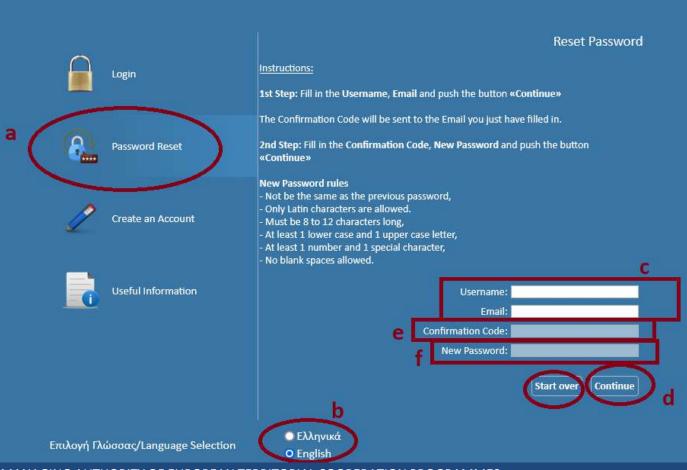








#### **SAMIS: Password Reset**



- a. Menu < Password Reset
- b. Select EN language
- c. Enter Username & email
- d. Click "Continue" → a
   confirmation code will
   be sent to your email
- e. Enter the confirmation code in SAMIS
- f. Enter the NEW
  password: 8-12 Latin
  characters long, have
  at least 1 uppercase
  letter, 1 number & 1
  special character, NO
  blank spaces; DO NOT
  use of old password
  (READ instructions
  that appear)
- g. "Start over" if the procedure failed.



#### 5TH CALL

#### **GUIDELINES - CALL DOCUMENT**

Direct Assistance Guidelines final 06 05 (NEW 20.05.2022 with track changes)

#### SAMIS MANUALS

- SAMIS Particularities & procedures (for JS) (NEW 20.12.2021)
- SEMINAR PRESENTATION SAMIS FOR FLCs (for FLC)
- <u>SEMINAR PRESENTATION\_SAMIS\_FOR PBs</u> (for PBs)
- SEMINAR\_PRESENTATIONS FOR BG-PBs (for BG-PBs)

#### MODIFICATIONS

- Request for Modification MANUAL (for PBs)
- Evaluation of Modification MANUAL (for JS)

#### ADVANCE PAYMENT

- Advance Payment Claim\_MANUAL\_v1 (for PBs)
- Evaluation of Advance Payment Claim\_MANUAL\_v1 (for FLC)
- Disbursement of Advance Payment\_MANUAL\_v1 (for JS)

#### VERIFICATIONS

- Request for verification MANUAL v1 (for PBs)
- Verification Report MANUAL v2 (for FLC) \_NEW 17.2.2020
- Validated Verification Report MANUAL v1 (for JS Coordinator)
- Payment amount Disbursement MANUAL v1 (for JS Coordinator)
- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (for verification & payments)
  - Declaration for Advance & Interim Payment (for PBs)
  - Declarations for Final Payment (for PBs)
  - Request for Verification Annex 8.3 b T1 GR BENEFICIARIES (for GR PBs)
  - Procedure/request for verification BG BENEFICIARIES (for BG-PBs) new link added for

technical problems contact the Bulgarian NA na-gr-bg@mrrb.government.bg

#### FINAL VERIFICATION

- Final Verification Request v1 (for PB)
- Final Verification Report\_v1 (for FLC)

#### PROGRESS REPORT

5th Call Progress report Guidelines.04.2021 final (for PB)

Progress Report 5th Call revised 2 (for PB) (NEW 27.10.2021)

# 5<sup>th</sup> CALL MANUALS

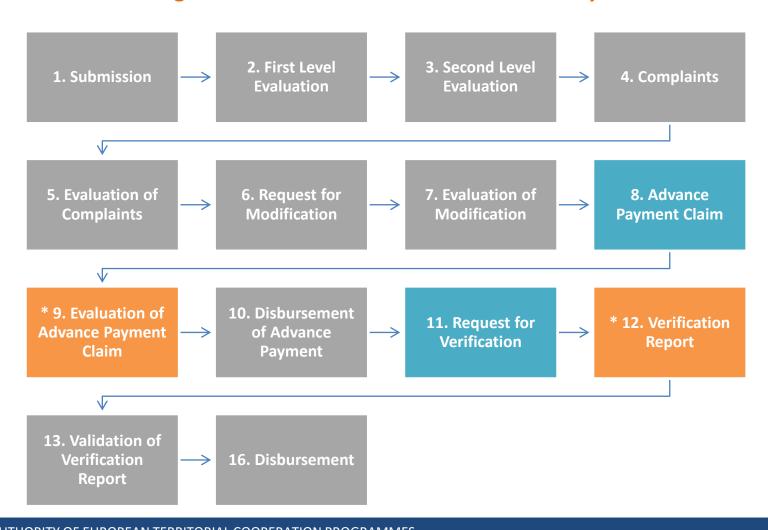
#### **Programme website:**

 http://www.greecebulgaria.eu/com/17 Docum ents-for-projectimplementation



#### **SAMIS: Modules or Actions**

\* In orange colour the activities to be carried out by the FLCs





#### **Advance Payment**

1

 Advance Payment Claim (by the LB/PB)

2

- Evaluation of Advance Payment Claim (by the First Level Controller)
- Read SAMIS MANUAL EVALUATION OF ADVANCE PAYMENT CLAIM HERE

3

 Disbursement of Advance Payment (BG-Certifying Authority & GR-Regional Development Fund)



## **Advance Payment – Call info**

- § 13.3.1 of the Direct Assistance Guidelines (check for latest version)
- up to 40% of the public assistance (grant) for each PB
- ☐ letter of guarantee for an equivalent amount <u>OR</u> a promissory note (for BG enterprises) from a credit institution recognized for that purpose
  - No template provided by the JS/MA
  - Issued to: Greek Ministry of Development and Investments/Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes
  - > term of validity of an indefinite or a fixed expiration date (<u>past</u> the closing date for the investment's completion)\*

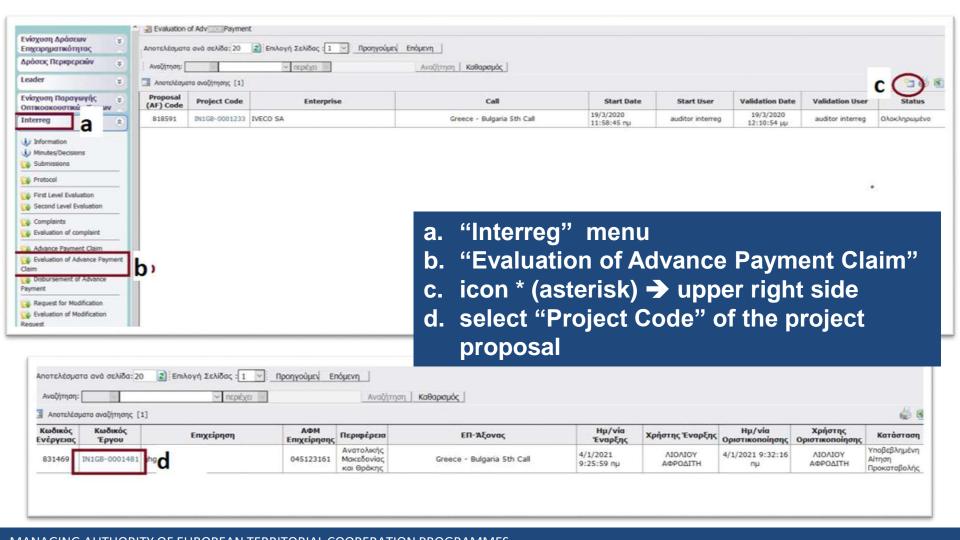
\* If the fixed-term guarantee expires before the completion of the investment (e.g. project extension) then the beneficiary is obligated to immediately replace it with another letter of guarantee of appropriate term.



## **Advance Payment – Call Info**

- Advance Payment Claim submitted <u>after</u> the signing of the grant contract and <u>before</u> the 1st request for verification
- Advance payment is balanced out in the <u>first payment</u> the PB receives, whether this is an interim or a final payment.
- Required supporting documentation Annex X "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ADVANCE-INTERIM VERIFICATION REQUESTS AND FOR THE LAST PAYMENT" of the Call document → uploaded on SAMIS by the PB (action: Advance Payment Claim)
- ☐ The advance shall be covered by the costs paid by PB in connection with the project implementation; may be justified by paid invoices or accounting documents of equivalent probative value within 3 years from the date of the advance payment, and no later than 31 December, 2023.



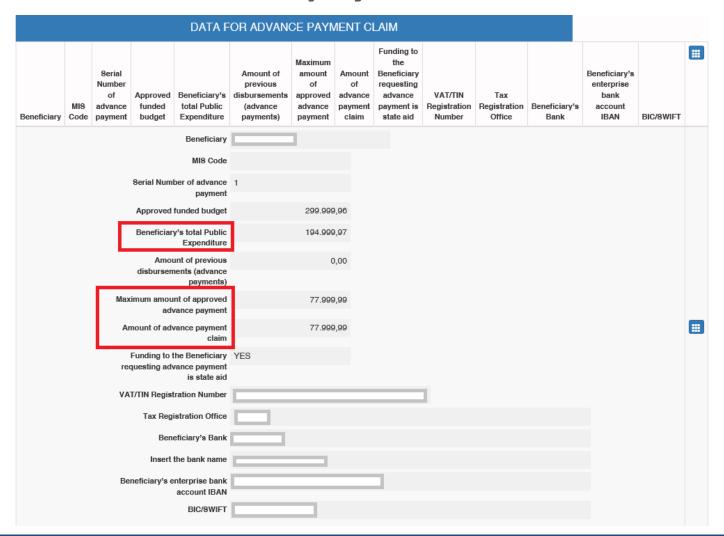




- Evaluation of an advance payment claim consists of seven (7) tabs/steps and each one has a number of subtabs.
- **Tab No.1** informative (PB & legal representatives info)
- Tab No.2
  - No.2.1 informative (Project's total budget and grant)
  - No.2.2 & No.2.3 = main content of "advance payment claim", already filled in by the PB, <u>FLC has edit rights</u> if corrections are needed. (advance payment claim data & guarantee/promissory note data)



## 2.2 - Advance payment claim data



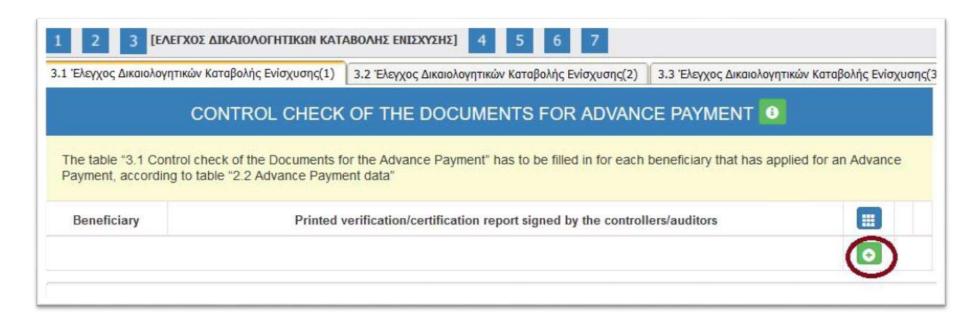


## 2.3 - Letter of guarantee/promissory note data

LETTER OF GUARANTEE/ PROMISSORY NOTE DATA 3									
- If the beneficiary's guarantee/promissory note is open-term, then in the field "expiry date", add the expiry date of the programming period.  - If the beneficiary's guarantee/promissory note is fixed-term, then in the field "expiry date", add the expiry date of the guarantee/promissory note.									
Beneficiary	Number	Issuer	guar	To whom the rantee/promissory note is issued?	Is it an open-term guarantee/promissory note?	Issue Date	Expiry Date	Guarantee's Equivalent Amount (€)	
Beneficiary									
Number									
Issuer			Issuer						
To whom the guarantee/promissory note is issued?			note is						
Is it an open-term				NO					<b>=</b>
			17/09/2021						
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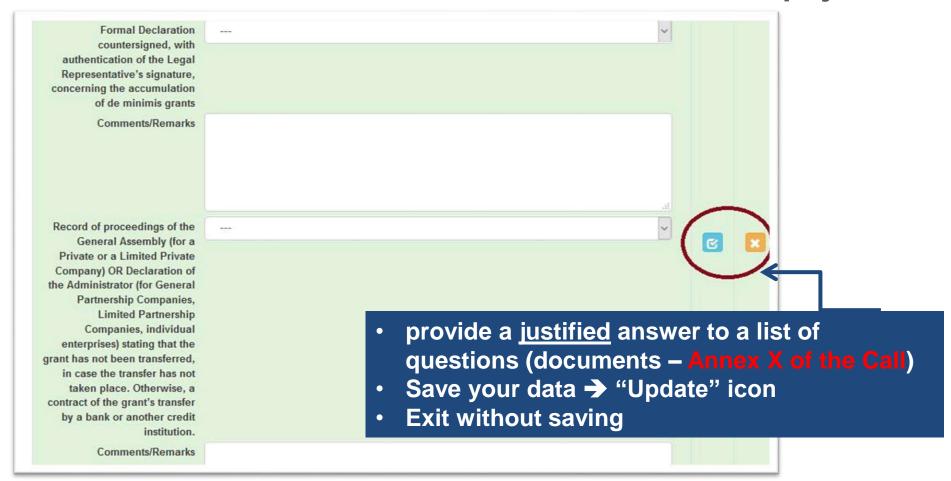


 Tab No.3 – only No.3.1 "Control check of the documents for advance payment" is applicable





#### 3.1 "Control check of the documents for advance payment"



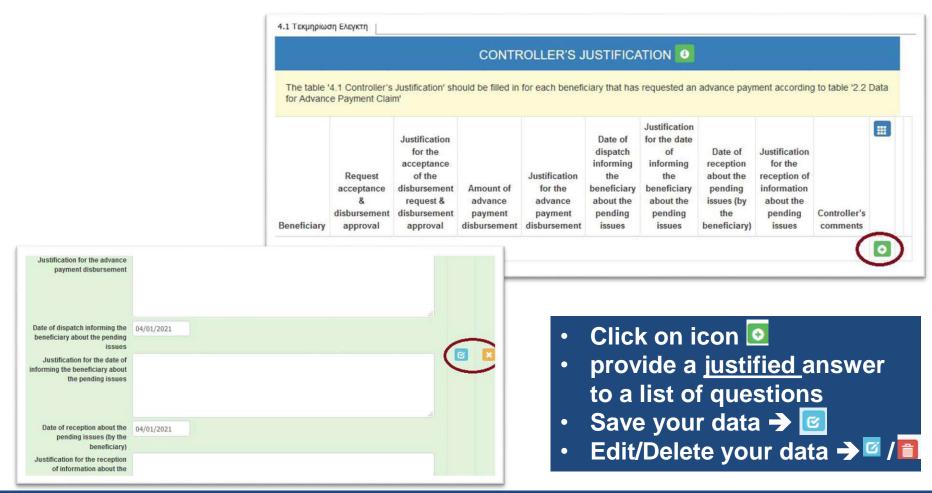


#### 3.1 "Control check of the documents for advance payment"

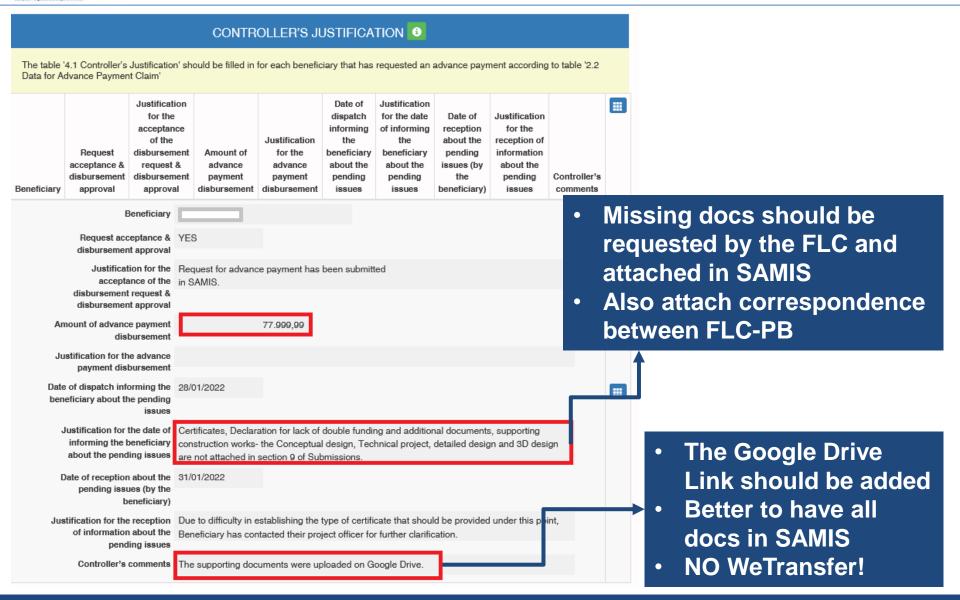




#### Tab 4.1 "Controller's justification"





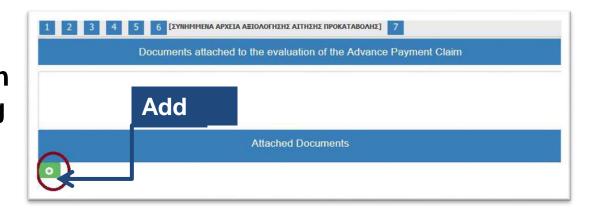




Tab No.5 - "Attached Documents" → PB's supporting documents for advance payment – Annex X of Call doc.

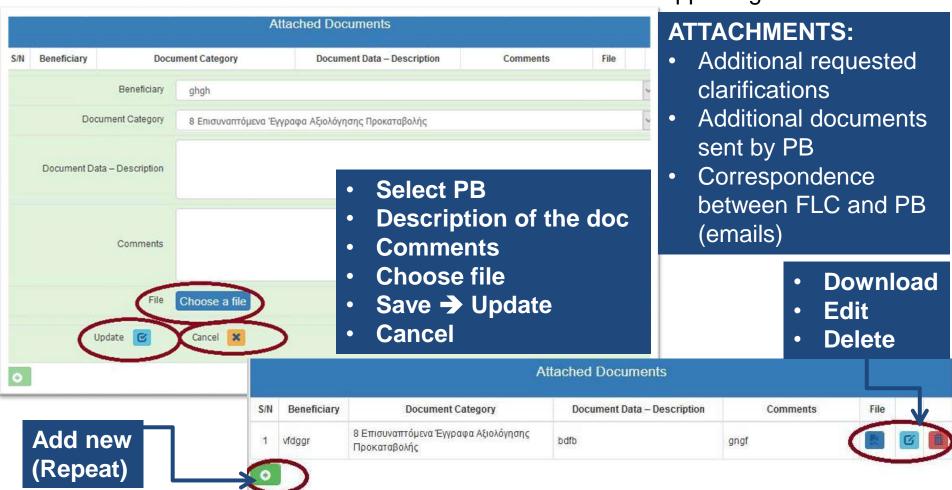


Tab No.6 - "Attached Documents" → FLC's supporting documents / correspondence with PB in case clarifications/missing docs were requested and any additional supporting document sent by the PB



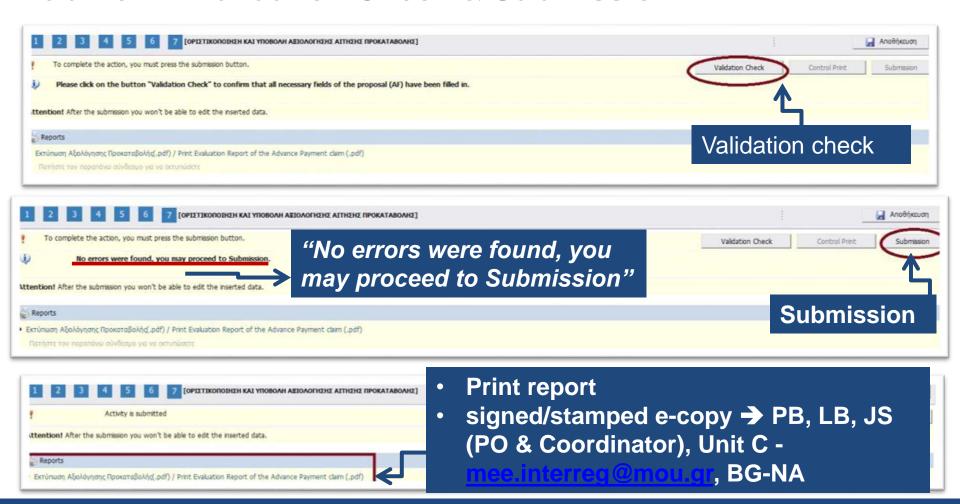


Tab No.6 - "Attached Documents" → FLC's supporting documents





#### Tab No. 7 - Validation Check & Submission





## **SAMIS: Advance Payment**

- Requests for advance payment <u>cannot</u> be submitted later than the first request for verification.
- The FLC will receive from the PB a notification email with the report "Advance Payment Claim" generated by SAMIS attached (signed/stamped)
- The FLC has to evaluate the PB's request in SAMIS. Annex X documents must be attached in SAMIS (PB). Declarations: templates provided by the Programme / Declaration for Advance & Interim Payment (for PBs)
- If additional clarifications are required, the FLC may request them from the PB by email. The correspondence as well as any additional documents sent by the PB, should be attached to SAMIS by the FLC (Tab No.6).
- An e-copy of the evaluation report generated by the system has to be sent signed/stamped to the PB, LB, JS (Coordinator & PO; Unit C-mee.interreg@mou.gr, BG-NA for BG-PBs).
- Read SAMIS MANUAL EVALUATION OF ADVANCE PAYMENT CLAIM
  <a href="http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/gallery/Files/Calls%20for%20Proposals/Call%205/2\_-FLC\_Evaluation-of-Advance-Payment-Claim MANUAL v1.pdf">http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/gallery/Files/Calls%20for%20Proposals/Call%205/2\_-FLC\_Evaluation-of-Advance-Payment-Claim MANUAL v1.pdf</a>



#### **Module: Verification**

1

 Request for Verification (by the PB)

9

- Verification Report (by the First Level Controller)
- Read SAMIS MANUAL VERIFICATION REPORT (HERE)

3

• Validation of the Verification (by the MA/JS)

6

Disbursement
 (by the Certifying Authority for BG-PBs & by the RDF for the GR-PBs)



#### **Verification – Call info**

- §13 of the <u>Direct Assistance Guidelines</u>
- § 13.3.2 Each PB may submit:
  - Min (1) request for verification/payment, at the closure of the project implementation to verify all his paid out expenditures, OR
  - Max (4) requests for verification/payment according to the following cases:

In case the PB requests for an advance payment:

- 1. advance payment ≤ (up to) 40% of PBs public assistance (grant)
- interim verification ≥ (at least) 50% of PBs public assistance
- interim verification ≥ (at least) 75% of PBs public assistance
- 4. final verification at the closure of the project.



#### **Verification – Call info**

In case the Project Beneficiary does not request for an advance payment

- interim verification ≥ (at least) 30% and (up to) ≤ 50% of PBs public assistance (grant)
- 2. interim verification ≥ (at least) 50% of PBs public assistance
- 3. interim verification ≥ (at least) 75% of PBs public assistance
- **4. final** verification **at the closure** of the project.
- NOTE: the system does NOT perform control checks for these limits!!! The FLCs should check if the PB respects them.
- The above percentages are calculated at PB level
- Public assistance = grant = 65% of PB's total budget



## **Example (1/2)**

PB with total budget 100.000€ → grant (public assistance) = 65.000€

A. The calculation for verifications according to the public assistance (65.000€)

	4 verifications	3 verifications	2 verifications	1 verifications
≥30% & ≤ 50%	19.500,00			
≥ 50%	13.000,00	32.500,00		
≥ 75%	16.250,00	16.250,00	32.500,00	
at closure	16.250,00	16.250,00	32.500,00	65.000,00
TOTAL	65.000,00	65.000,00	65.000,00	65.000,00



## **Example (2/2)**

B. The calculation for verifications according to the total budget (100.000€)

	4 verifications	3 verifications	2 verifications	1 verifications
≥30% & ≤ 50%	30.000,00			
≥ 50%	20.000,00	50.000,00		
≥ 75%	25.000,00	25.000,00	50.000,00	
at closure	25.000,00	25.000,00	50.000,00	100.000,00
TOTAL	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00

If the PB submits a request without respecting the above limits, the FLC has to reject the request for verification.



#### **Verification - Call info**

<u>In case of advance payment:</u> After the first payment (Interim or final), the advance letter of guarantee is returned to the beneficiary.

#### Please note that

- For technical reasons in SAMIS all requests for verifications submitted by both project beneficiaries are considered "interim".
   The last request for verification submitted in SAMIS at project level is the final one.
- Each request for verification must be concluded in SAMIS, including reimbursement of the payment amount, for the next one to start
- FLCs should perform verification <u>only</u> to the projects assigned to them (NA list project / FLCer)



#### **Verification – Call info**

- All originals must be **stamped** with the following statement: «Cooperation Programme Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020 / (project code and acronym of the project)».
- All project's supporting documentation must be kept for a period of <u>at least ten (10) years</u> after the last payment of the public grant has been received, and no less than the limitation period of the State's claim for repayment of sums unduly paid.
- Supporting documents for the payment of a grant installment: Annex X "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ADVANCE-INTERIM VERIFICATION REQUESTS AND FOR THE LAST PAYMENT"
- Declarations: templates provided by the Programme
  - <u>Declaration for Advance & Interim Payment</u> (for PBs)
  - <u>Declarations for Final Payment</u> (for PBs)

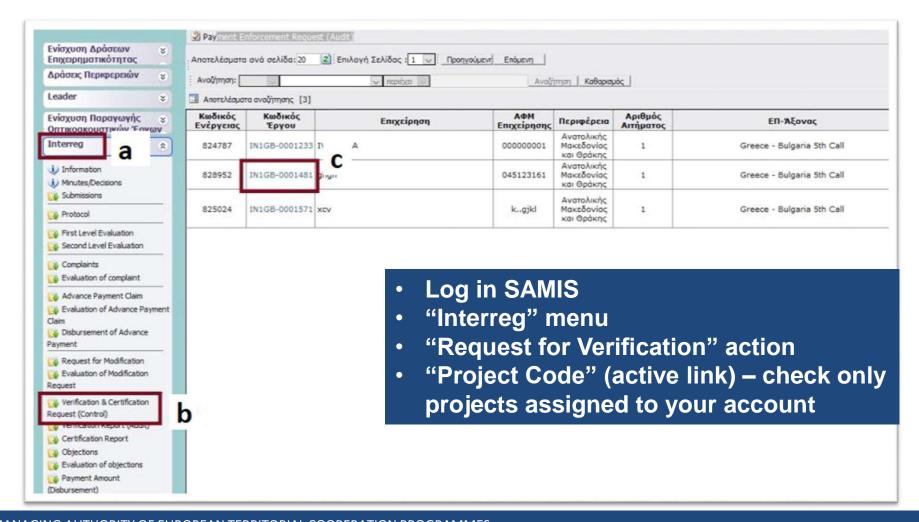


#### **Verification – Call info**

- □ The final payment is made to the aid recipient after (a) an on-site verification of the completion of the investment, and
  - (b) issuance of a Certificate of Completion of the investment.
- In cases where an **advance payment** has been made, in order not to exceed the aid intensity, grant payments and eligible expenses are valued (calculated) at the time the aid was granted (based on the official discount rate in force at the time the aid was granted). This calculation is made **before** the final installment -payment.

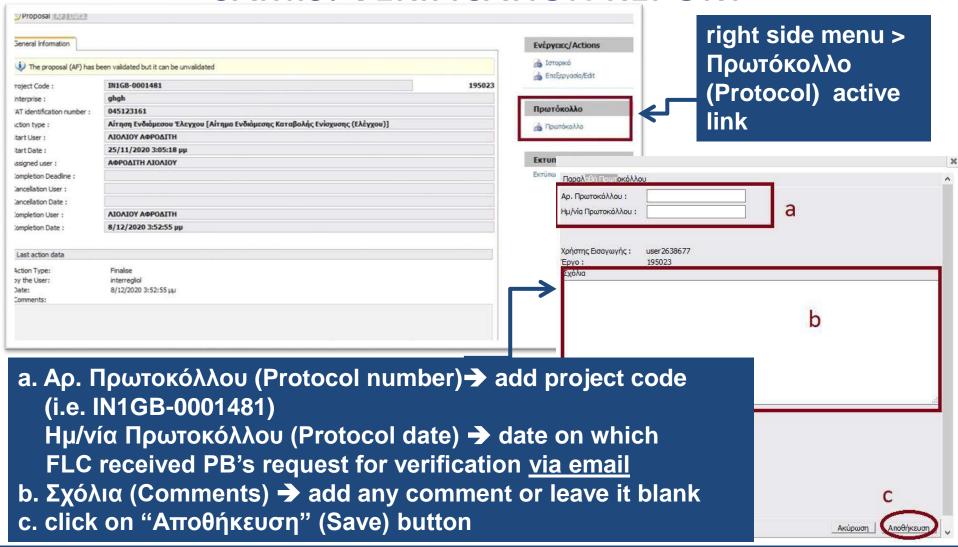


#### **SAMIS: VERIFICATION REPORT**



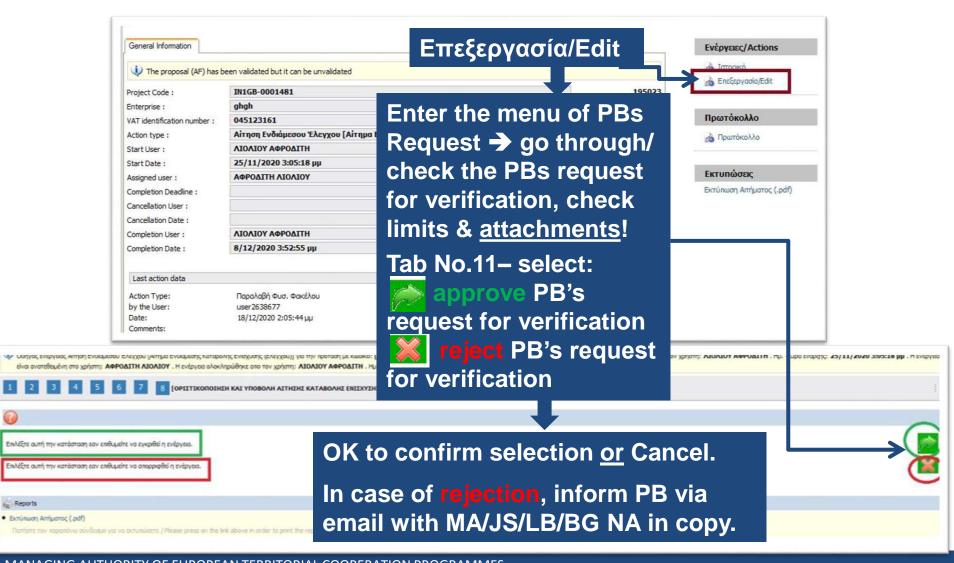


#### **SAMIS: VERIFICATION REPORT**

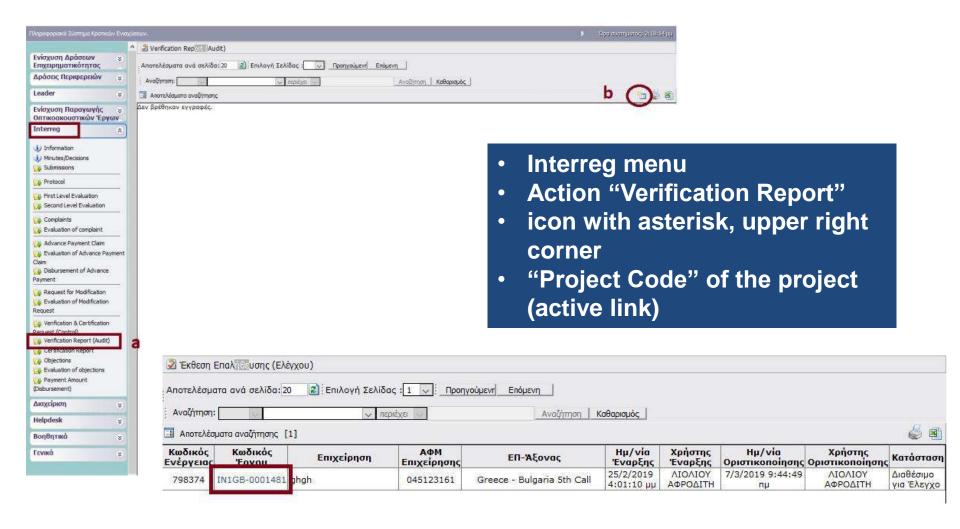




#### **SAMIS: VERIFICATION REPORT**









- Verification report menu consists of 13 tabs steps, each one has a number of subtabs
- Tabs 1-9 → checked before approving PBs request, but with edit rights in case corrections are needed (justification required)
- Tab No.1 → 8 subtabs <u>without edit rights</u>, apart from 1.8 "Indicators" → modify/correct value of achieved indicator if required → target value achieved at the closure of the project!
- Tab No.2 not applicable.
- Tab No.3 → 3.1 "Investment's Implementation Modifications"
   & 3.2 "Investment's Implementation Physical Object",
   applicable & filled in by PB → FLC has edit rights for corrections, if needed (justification required)



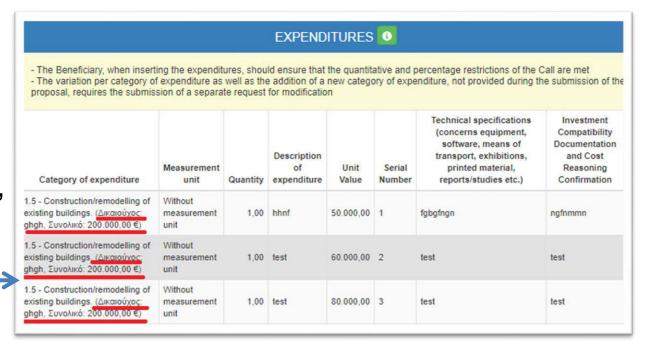
- Tab No.4 not applicable
- Tabs No.5 No.7 filled in by PB requesting for a verification (screens of verification request)
  - Tab 5 → Expenditures declared
  - Tab 6 → Invoices (linked to expenditures)
  - Tab 7 → Payments (linked to invoices)
- FLC has <u>edit rights</u> in these screens in case corrections are needed (<u>justification</u> mandatory)
- For more information on these screens → Request for verification MANUAL v1 (for PBs)



#### **ATTENTION:**

The FLC should check/edit **ONLY** the data that concern the PB whose request is under examination.

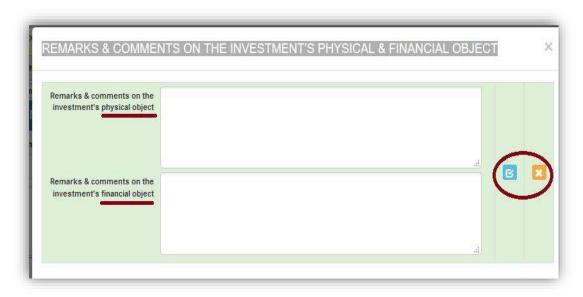
PBs name & the total amount of each expenditure are declared in the first column "Category of expenditure" of the table in tab 5.2.





#### **Tabs No.8** consists of 3 subtabs:

- No.8.1 not applicable
- No.8.2 informative



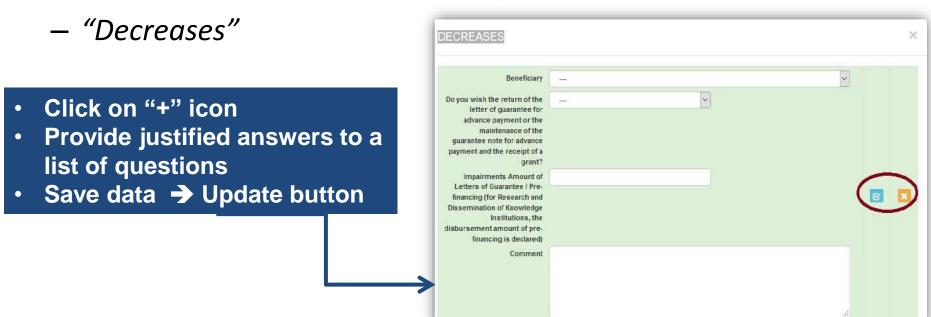
No.8.3 - "Remarks & comments on the investment's physical & financial object"

→ FLC has to add comments/remarks concerning the implementation of the project's *physical* & *financial* object, based on data declared by PB & FLCs judgment/verification



#### **Tab No.9** consists of 4 subtabs

- No.9.1 → 2 tables filled in only in case the PB requesting for a verification has received an advance payment
  - "Guarantee/promissory notes information" → informative

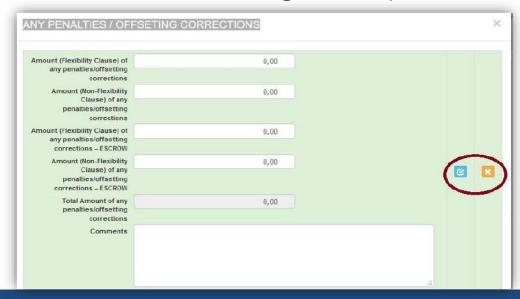




No.9.2 - "Any Penalties / Offseting Corrections" → to be filled in by the FLC, it concerns any financial corrections imposed that affect the final amount that the PB will receive (e.g. penalties according to the rules of the Call, corrections due to ineligible expenses that were found during the current verification or after the disbursement of previous payments that should be returned to the Programme)

- Click on "+" icon
- Insert amount of financial corrections [field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections]
- Justify the correction performed (field: Comments)
- Save data 

  Update button





No.9.3 - "Aid / Grant Calculation" → informative

**No.9.4** - "Grant calculation by beneficiary" → informative

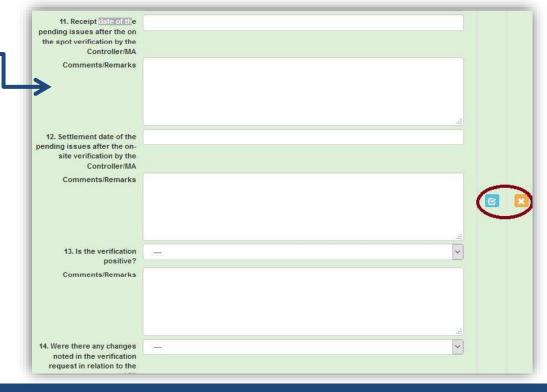
**Tab No.10** - "Summary of interim verification" → main part of

the verification report

Click on the "+" icon

 Provide a justified answer to a list of questions NOTE: If the verification is administrative → leave blank and do not activate questions concerning "on the spot" verification (DO NOT click in their fields)

Save data -> Update icon

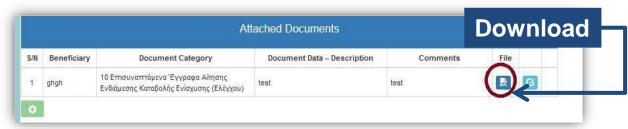




**Tab No.11 - "Attached documents"** → supporting

documents submitted by the PB - Annex X list of docs

& Declarations (given templates)

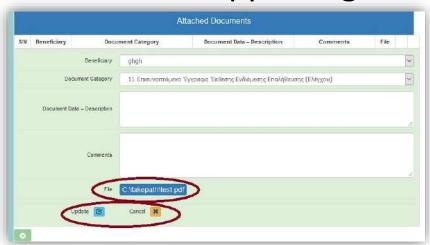


Tab No.12 - "Attached documents" → FLC's supporting

documents

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

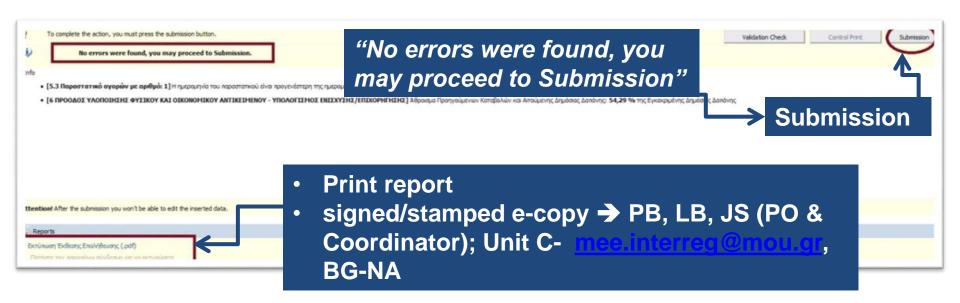
- Correspondence (emails) with PB requesting for clarifications
- additional documents /clarifications sent by the PB





#### Tab No.13 – Validation Check & Submission \* ATTENTION







#### \* ATTENTION:

Before submitting the verification report on SAMIS, the FLC must send via email the draft report generated by the system, signed, to: PB, LB, JS (PO & Coordinator), Unit C-MA mee.interreg@mou.gr or BG-NA (for BG-BPs) na-gr-bg@mrrb.government.bg, informing the PB that he has the right to submit an objection/appeal to the result of the verification within the deadline defined by each PBs National Management & Control System (MCS) – 5 working days



- 2. PB has to submit his **objection/appeal** along with all **supporting documents** justifying his request, within the set deadline (5working days), via <u>email</u> to the controller & BG-NA (<u>e-mrrb@mrrb.government.bg</u>) for BG-PBs <u>OR</u> Unit C MA (<u>mee.interreg@mou.gr</u>) for GR-PBs. The supporting documents of the objection may be in the PBs national language.
- **3. GR-PBs:** The controller, after receiving the PB's objection, has to evaluate it, perform any correction needed in SAMIS system, **attach** (in Tab 12) the *correspondence* with the PB and *any additional document* **BEFORE** submitting the verification report.



**BG-PBs:** The controller finalises/submits the verification report in SAMIS with any (provisional) financial corrections applied due to identified irregularities; prints/signs/ stamps the submitted verification report, as it is generated by the system, and sends it via email to: PB, LB, JS (PO & Coordinator), BG-NA (na-gr-bg@mrrb.government.bg).

In case of appeal by the PB: NA examines the appeal together with the irregularity signal and the supporting documentation; within the set deadlines according to the national procedures [stipulated in Annex 8.1 –"Description of the First Level Control System in Greece and Bulgaria" (max 3 months)].



The current verification procedure is considered as finalized and the existence of an appeal to the proposed financial correction does not block the next requests for verifications in SAMIS.

In case the appeal is <u>partially or totally approved</u>, the affected amount will be balanced (returned to the PB or the Programme) in the <u>next verification report</u> of the PB, as long as the BG-PB has the right to request for another verification in SAMIS; meaning that if the PB has more expenditures to submit for verification in the system and has not reached four (4) which is the maximum number of verification requests set by the Call.



In case the BG-PB <u>does not</u> have any more expenditures to submit for verification and has reached his maximum (4) requests for verification in SAMIS, <u>there is no possibility to insert in the system</u> the result of any pending appeal.

For this reason, for the BG-PBs, any appeal must be examined by the NA and concluded while the last – final for the BG-PB verification report is still "open" in SAMIS.

In that case, the FLC has to wait (max 3 months) for the NA's decision on any appeal submitted by the BG-PB, **before** submitting his final verification report.



Since the time period for finalising the examination of an appeal for the **BG-PBs** is much longer (max 3 months) than the examination of an objection for the **GR-PBs** (max 10 days = 5 for submission of objection by the PB and 5 for final verification report by the FLC), it is advised, on a per case basis according to each project's status and pending appeals for the BG-PB, to let the BG-PBs submit the final – last verification report at project level.

Read SAMIS MANUAL -Verification Report: <a href="http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/gallery/Files/Library/Documents%20for%20Project%20implementation/Verification-Report MANUAL 01 03 2022.pdf">http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/gallery/Files/Library/Documents%20for%20Project%20implementation/Verification-Report MANUAL 01 03 2022.pdf</a>



#### **FINAL VERIFICATION**

- In SAMIS, only **one** request for final verification can be submitted **at project level**, final request made for both PBs; all other prior requests submitted in SAMIS should be declared as interim.
- PB that finishes his verifications first, enters his request as interim and attaches filled in/signed/ stamped the word document <u>Final Verification Request v1</u> (for PB), along with all extra required documents for the closure of his verifications according to ANNEX X of the Call. (templates for closure declarations:- <u>Declarations for Final Payment</u> (for PBs)



#### FINAL VERIFICATION

- Respectively, the FLC that will examine and verify this request (last request of the first PB that completes his payments in the project) will also have to fill in/ sign/stamp the word document Final Verification
   Report v1 (for FLC) and attach it to SAMIS when submitting his last verification report (as interim).
- This verification report will have to also be uploaded in SAMIS by the FLC that will verify the LAST VERIFICATION at project level, in order for the project to be completed.



#### **FINAL VERIFICATION**

- final verification of the project → same procedure as for an interim with some additional tabs to be filled in:
- Tab No.3 → additional sub-tabs No.3.3 and No.3.4 → already filled in by the PB. FLC has edit rights in case corrections are needed (justification required)
- Tab No.10 → additional sub-tab No.10.2 "Final judgment on completion", to be filled in by the FLC → provide a justified answer to a list of questions concerning the project's completion
- NOTE: The FLC that performs the last verification of the project, has to attach in Tab No.12 the final report of the FLC that made the last verification for the other PB.



#### **DOCUMENTS – ANNEX X**

- Check/ensure that all required documents of ANNEX X are attached in SAMIS by the PB when requesting for a payment (SAMIS action: Request for verification)
- If some documents are missing, request them from the PB and attach them in SAMIS as clarifications (SAMIS action: Verification Report); also attach the correspondence with the PBs
- If the documents are sent using online tools, add the link
  - NOT RECOMMENDED, the documents MUST exist in the system (SAMIS)
  - DO NOT use WeTransfer links expire too soon (use GoogleDrive, OneDrive and in general cloud platforms with no expiration date)
- Check the <u>dates</u> of the documents' issuance.



#### **DOCUMENTS – ANNEX X**

#### NOTE 1:

**ANNEX X:** REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ADVANCE-INTERIM VERIFICATION REQUESTS AND FOR THE LAST PAYMENT

- A. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR <u>ADVANCE AND INTERIM</u>
   VERIFICATION REQUESTS
- B. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE LAST PAYMENT FOR EACH PB (in addition to A. → A+B)

#### NOTE 2:

- Templates for declarations for Advance & Interim Payment
  - <u>Declaration for Advance & Interim Payment</u> (for PBs)
- Templates for declarations for Final Payment
  - <u>Declarations for Final Payment</u> (for PBs)



#### **COMPLIANCE WITH I&P RULES**

- the <u>Programme's I&P guide</u> applies for ALL projects, including 5<sup>th</sup> Call projects.
- minimum requirement: <u>info sign</u> with the project (or programme) logo installed at the PBs facilities. <u>Template</u> provided on the Programme website: <u>Billboard/Info sign template</u>. Send it to the JS for check/approval <u>before</u> producing/installing it. <u>Min. Dimensions</u>: A3 (297 x 420 mm); <u>Material</u>: durable, weatherproof & waterproof; <u>NOT PAPER</u>
- Vehicles/equipment: marked with <u>durable stickers</u> of the project (or programme) logo; appropriate size compared to the size of the marking object. If installed in one (same) location (office, site) → install an info sign instead of marking every single equipment with a sticker.

  Vehicles: stickers covering at least 30% of clear surface (sides & back)
- **Websites**: accessible to people with disabilities and other Programme requirements mentioned in the Guide.



## **Example: FINANCIAL CORRECTIONS IN SAMIS**

PB - 1st request for verification – total amount to be verified = 10.000€ (public = 6.500€)

- FLC 1st verification report deducts 2.000€ (public grant) as financial corrections
  - Submits the verification report in SAMIS, deducting the amount of 2.000€ (public grant) in tab 9.2 ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS → Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections
  - The FLC sends the report (signed/stamped) to the PB, NA, JS informing them about the financial corrections applied. <u>Thus the PB will receive 6.500-2.000=4.500€</u>
  - The NA informs the PB that s/he can appeal. The results of the appeal will be inserted in SAMIS during the 2nd verification report.
- <u>1st case:</u> The appeal is **rejected**, thus the amount is deducted and there is **no action** needed to correct the 1st verification report.
- <u>2nd case:</u> The appeal is **rejected** and **further financial corrections are applied**, thus apart from the 2.000€, 1.000€ (<u>public grant</u>) more should be deducted. This will be done with the 2nd verification report.
- 3nd case: The appeal is approved and the deducted amount of 2.000€ (or part of it public grant) should be returned to the PB. This will be done with the 2nd verification report.



#### PB – 2<sup>nd</sup> request for verification – total amount to be verified = 12.000€ (public = 7.800€)

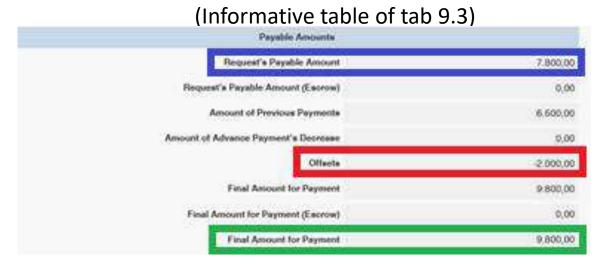
- FLC 2<sup>nd</sup> verification report no findings, verifies the whole amount 7.800€ (public grant) and... (from 1<sup>st</sup> verification per case)
- <u>1<sup>st</sup> case:</u> The verification report is carried out normally and submitted in SAMIS. <u>The PB</u> <u>will receive the whole amount 7.800€ (public grant)</u>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> case: 1.000€ (public grant) must be returned to the Programme due to the appeal result (1<sup>st</sup> verification). In tab 9.2 ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS → Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections, the FLC adds the amount 1.000€ (public grant). Thus the PB will receive 7.800-1.000=6.800€.

(Informative table of tab 9.3)





• 3nd case: 2.000€ (public grant) must be returned to the PB due to the appeal result (1st verification). In tab 9.2 - ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS → Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections, the FLC adds the amount -2.000€ (public grant). Thus the PB will receive 7.800+2.000=9.800€.



The FLC explains any financial deduction performed (budget line, invoice number, amount to be deducted and reason why) in the following fields:

- 8.3 REMARKS & COMMENTS ON THE INVESTMENT'S PHYSICAL & FINANCIAL OBJECT > Field: Remarks & comments on the investment's financial object
- 9.2 ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS > Field: Comments

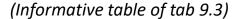
Also, the FLC attaches in tab 13 any needed document (i.e. PB clarifications, NA appeal decision) justifying the financial corrections applied after the examination of the appeal.



#### In case during the 2<sup>nd</sup> verification the FLC applies corrections

PB – 2<sup>nd</sup> request for verification – total amount to be verified = 12.000€ (public = 7.800€)

- FLC 2<sup>nd</sup> verification report deducts 1.000€ (public grant) as financial corrections
- <u>1<sup>st</sup> case:</u> Submits the verification report in SAMIS, deducting the amount of 1.000€ (public grant) in tab 9.2 ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS > Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections. <u>The PB will receive 7.800-1.000=6.800</u>€







• <u>2<sup>nd</sup> case</u>: 1.000€ (public grant) must be returned to the Programme due to the appeal result (1<sup>st</sup> verification) & 1.000€ (public grant) must be deducted due to current 2<sup>nd</sup> verification; in total 2.000€ must be deducted. In tab 9.2 - ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS → Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties/offsetting corrections, the FLC adds the amount 2.000€ (public grant). Thus the PB will receive 7.800-2.000=5.800€.

Payable Amounts Request's Psysble Amount 7.800.00 Request's Payable Amount (Escrow) 0.00 Amount of Previous Payments 6,500,00 Amount of Advance Payment's Decrease 0.00 Offsets -2.000,00 Final Amount for Payment. 5.800.00 Final Amount for Payment (Escrow) 0.00 Final Amount for Payment 6,900,00

(Informative table of tab 9.3)



• <u>3<sup>nd</sup> case</u>: 2.000€ (public grant) must be returned to the PB due to the appeal result (1<sup>st</sup> verification) & 1.000€ (public grant) must be deducted due to current verification; in total -2.000+1.000=-1.000€ will be returned to the PB. In tab 9.2 - ANY PENALTIES / OFFSETING CORRECTIONS → Field: Amount (Non-Flexibility Clause) of any penalties / offsetting corrections, the FLC adds the amount -1.000€ (public grant). Thus the PB will receive 7.800+1.000=8.800€.



(Informative table of tab 9.3)

#### Remember that:

- when we <u>return money to the PB</u> we insert a <u>negative</u> amount in tab.9.2
- when we <u>return money to the Programme and/or deduct ineligible amount</u>, we insert a positive amount in tab.9.2



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