



5th Call:

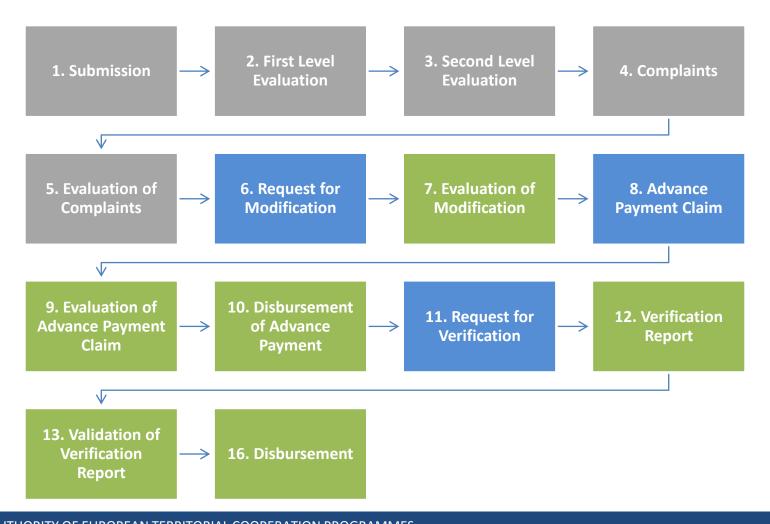
«Grant scheme for supporting SMEs to grow and expand beyond local markets»

SAMIS presentation

March 2021

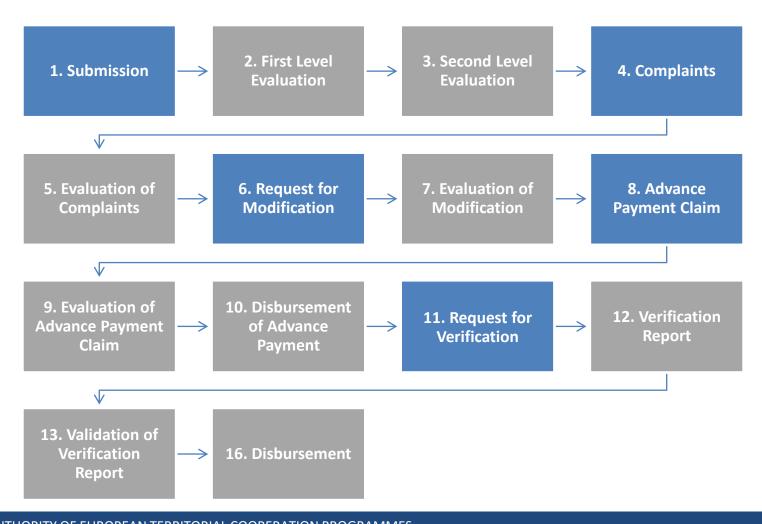


SAMIS: Modules or Actions





What PBs can see / edit on SAMIS?





Prerequisites

- Creation of the Application Form in the MIS (ops.gr)
 → ongoing process
- Under establishment enterprises: Acquisition of Tax Identification Number (TIN) → insert in SAMIS through the module request for modification



Module: Modifications

1

 Request for modification (by the LB with PBs consent)

2

 Evaluation of modification request (by the JS/MA/MC)



- Nature & objectives of the investment plan <u>are not</u> altered, terms & conditions of the Call remain intact
- Requests for modifications may be submitted <u>after</u> the first 6 months from the start date of the investment plan → <u>Exception</u>: force majeure
- Prior approval is needed to proceed with the implementation & payment of modified actions
- §14 of the <u>Direct Assistance Guidelines</u>



Modifications (affecting the Grant Contract)

Do the proposed changes affect the project's evaluation & scoring?

NO

MA examines the request & proposes to the MC the issuance of an approval or rejection decision of the modification request.

YES

MA re-evaluates the investment plan & suggests to the MC the issuance of an approval or rejection decision.



Beneficiary Withdrawal

Before Grant Contract

Proposal's rejection

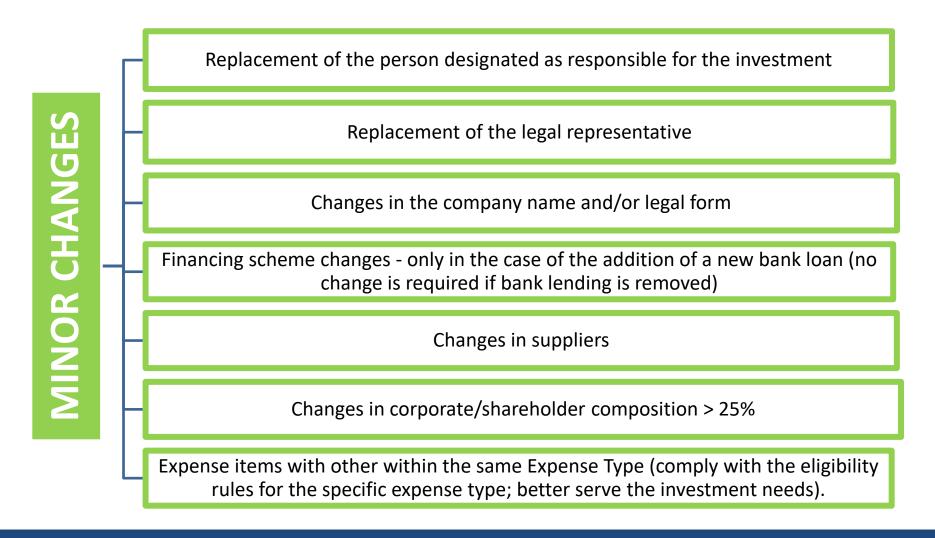
After Grant Contract

Justified reason = **force majeure circumstance** (bankruptcy or proven impossibility to implement)

Resubmission of the proposal (amended or not) with new partner – **only once**

Re-evaluation
scoring ≥ initial → funded







CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE MA

Expenditure/deliverables **NOT** affecting nature & objectives of investment plan and Call's terms & conditions

Budget modifications ≤ 30% in any given type of expense, without violating the budget breakdown limits (§9.4)

Addition of new type of expense ≤ 5% of project's total budget

Extension of the completion deadline of the investment plan

Change of investment's location **NOT** affecting investment plan / Call's terms &conditions, necessary supporting documents



NOT ALLOWED
AODIFICATIONS

Start date of the grant & eligibility date of the expenses

Increase of the grant (public assistance)

Physical elements of project, affecting its nature & objectives and call's terms & conditions

Budget modification > 30% per expense type and/or exceeding the limits of §9.4 (Budget Breakdown)

Addition of new category of expenditure > 5% of project's total budget

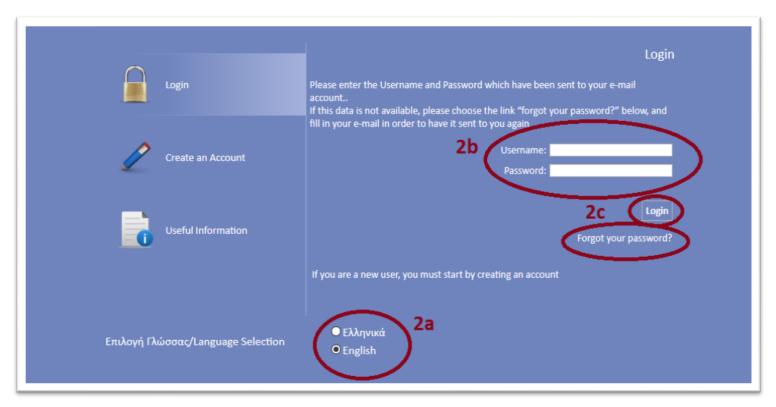


SAMIS: Modifications

- A request for modification may include minor & major changes together
- Modifications are not permitted for disbursed expenditures
- There is no possibility of deleting an expenditure in SAMIS, only adding the value zero to it is possible
- Quantitative and percentage controls are performed by the system (minmax budget, max declared expenditure in AF in force, etc.)
- Quantitative and percentage checks are <u>NOT</u> performed by the system, such as modifications per category of expenditure > 30% of the total budget, addition of a new category of expenditure > 5% of the total budget, which was not foreseen when submitting the proposal
- ☐ The evaluation of the request may lead to a re-evaluation of the investment plan

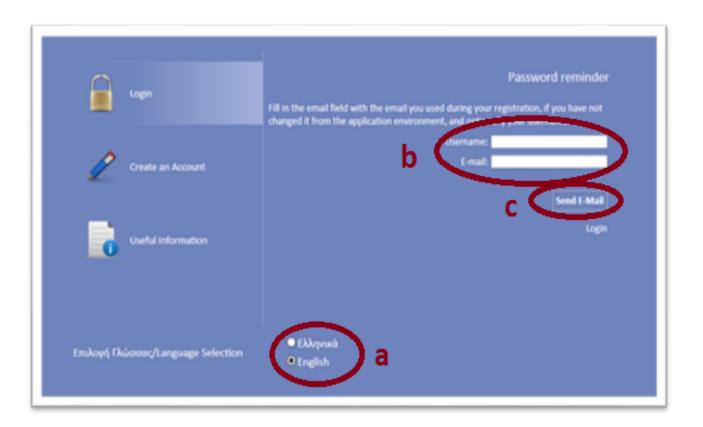


> Login to the <u>system</u> using your credentials



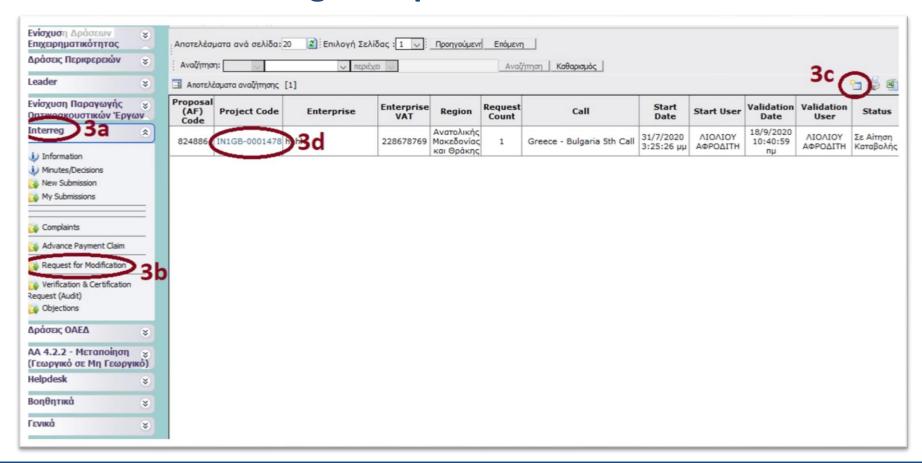


> Password reminder

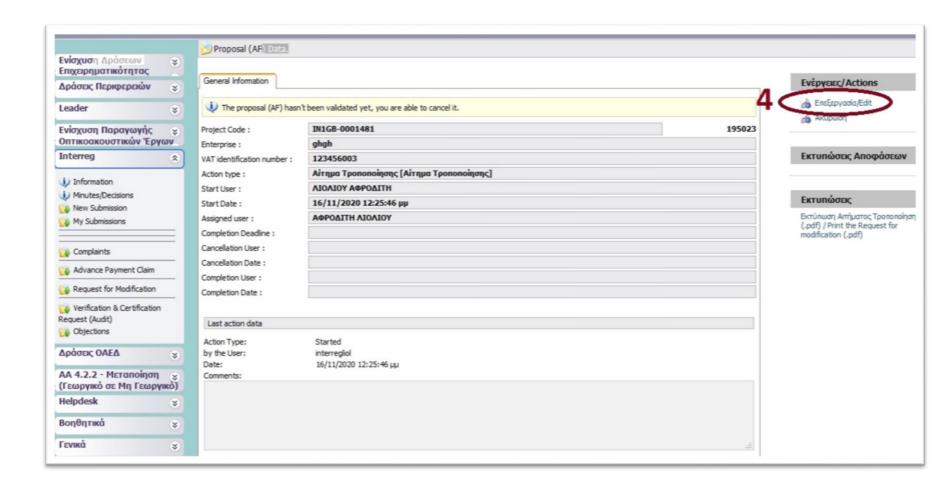




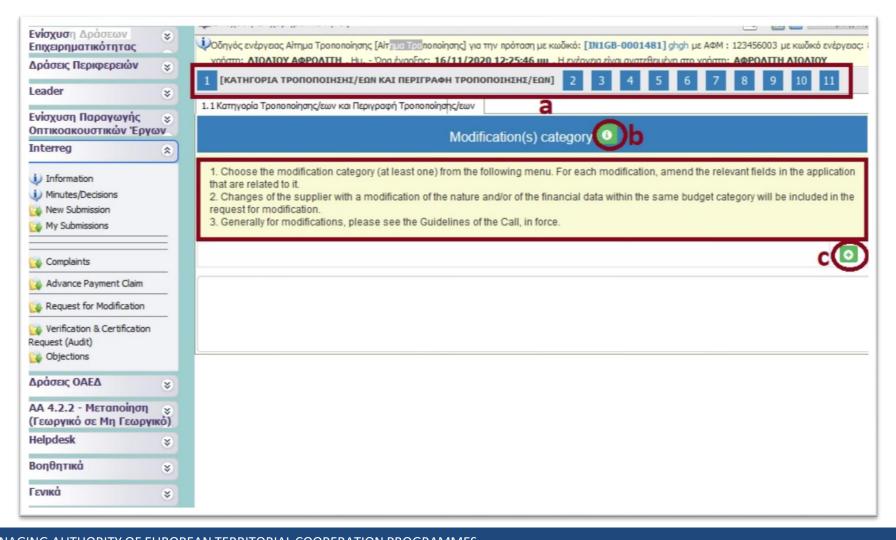
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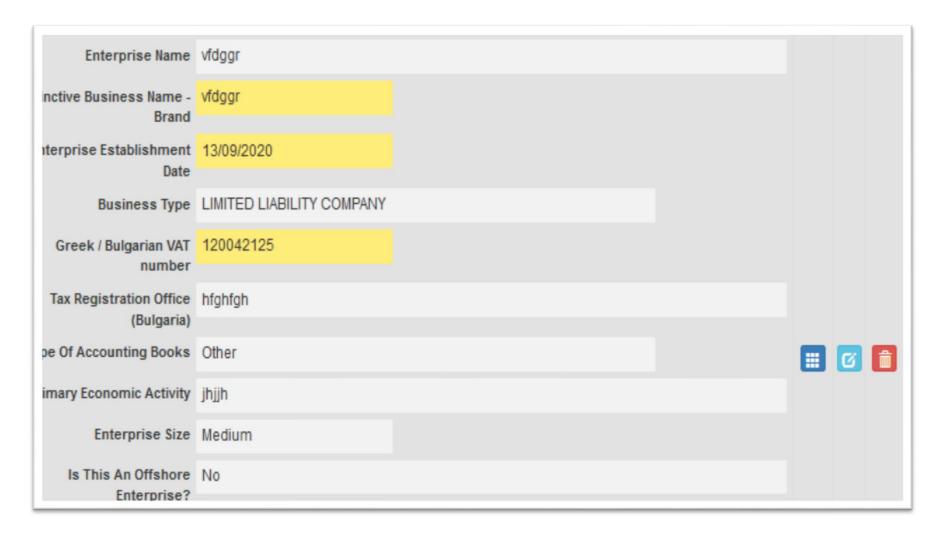




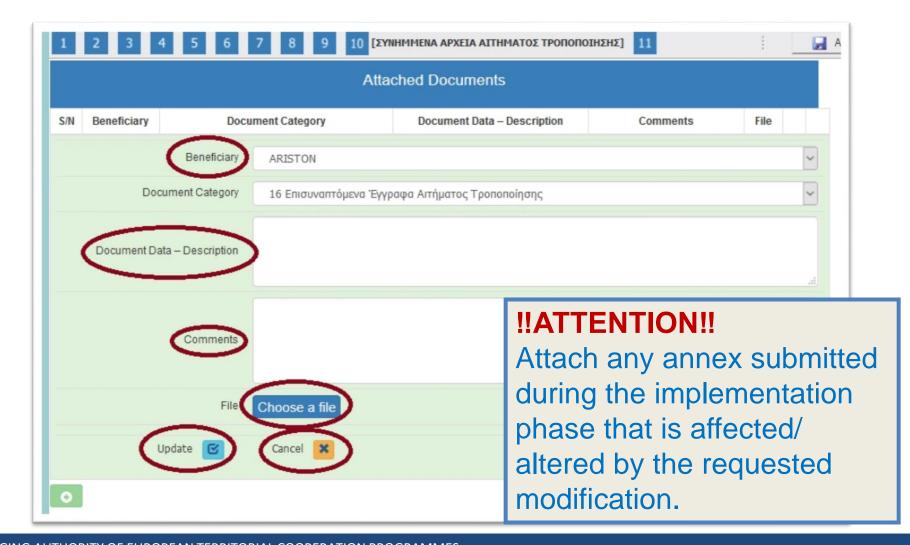


EXTENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD OF THE INVESTMENT PLAN	
MODIFICATION OF THE NATURE AND FINANCIAL DATA	
MODIFICATION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OR CORPORATE COMPOSITION	
MODIFICATION OF THE LEGAL FORM AND/OR THE NAME OF THE ENTERPRISE WITH OR WITHOUT CHANGING THE VAT/TIN	
CHANGE/ADDITION OF INVESTMENT'S NACE CODE	
CHANGE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	□ a
CHANGE OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT/COORDINATOR	
CHANGE OF THE FINANCING SCHEME	
CHANGE OF THE BENEFICIARY'S HEADQUARTERS	
CHANGE/ADDITION OF THE LOCATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION/INSTALLATION OF THE INVESTMENT	
CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY OF THE CO-OPERATIVE SCHEME	
CHANGE OF THE SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE PROVISION OF RESEARCH SERVICES	
OTHER REASONS (to be described)	
Brief description of the modification request (Goal, target, description, expected results,)	h

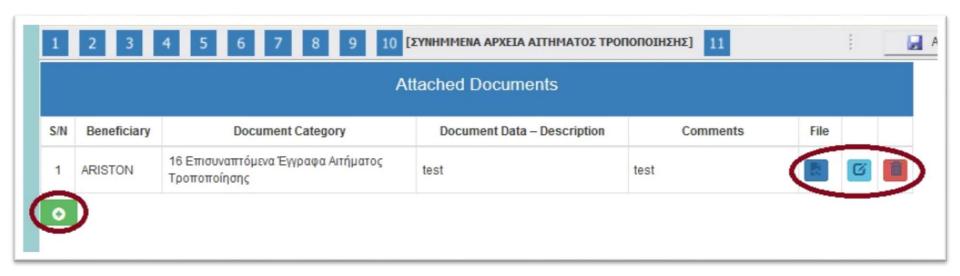




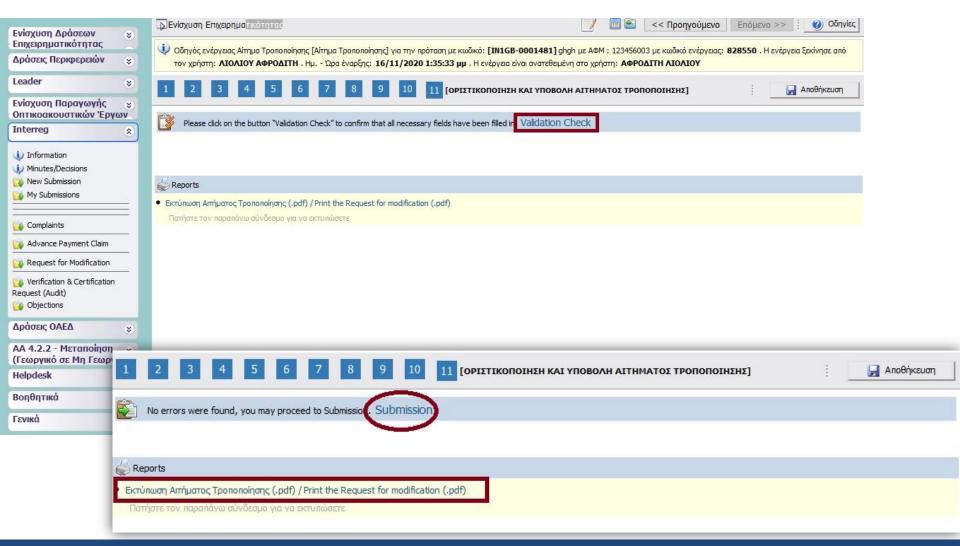














- The request for modification is submitted by the LB to the JS and the written consent of both PBs is required.
- Request for modification to update the AF data of <u>under establishment</u> <u>companies</u> → insert their data: TIN number, location etc.
- All annexes & legal forms of the investment plan that are altered by the requested modifications, should also be also updated & attached to the request.
- Print/sign/stamp the report generated by SAMIS and send it to the JS (e-copy). The JS/PO will inform you on the result of the evaluation of your request by the JS/MA/MC and will send you the new version of the AF.
- ❖ Read SAMIS MANUAL REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION



Module: Advance Payment

1

 Advance Payment Claim (by the LB/PB)

7

 Evaluation of Advance Payment Claim (by the First Level Controller)

3

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



Advance Payment

- § 13.3.1 of the <u>Direct Assistance Guidelines</u>
- up to 40% of the public assistance (grant)
- letter of guarantee for an equivalent amount or 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 (past the closing date for the investment's completion)*

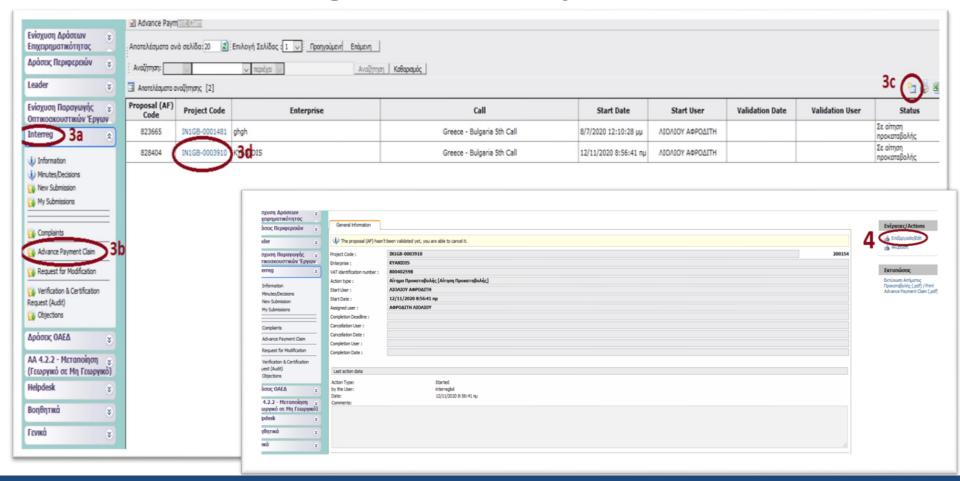


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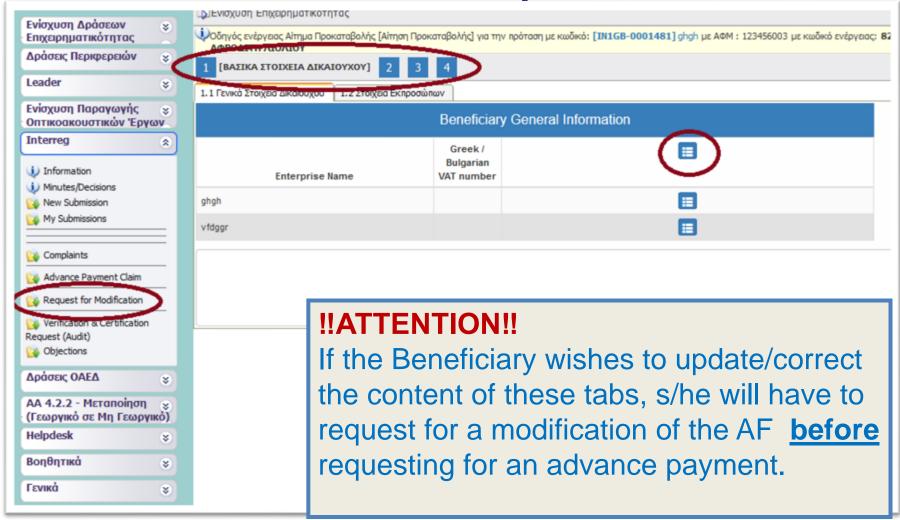
- Advance Payment Claim submitted <u>before</u> the 1st request for verification
- Advance payment is balanced out in the interim payment or the final payment of the project, if there is no interim payment.
- Submit on paper the required supporting documentation -Annex IX "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT PAYMENTS" of the Call document
- □ The advance shall be covered by the costs paid by PB in connection with the project implementation; justified by paid invoices or accounting documents of equivalent probative value within 3 years from the date of payment of the advance, and no later than 31 December, 2023.



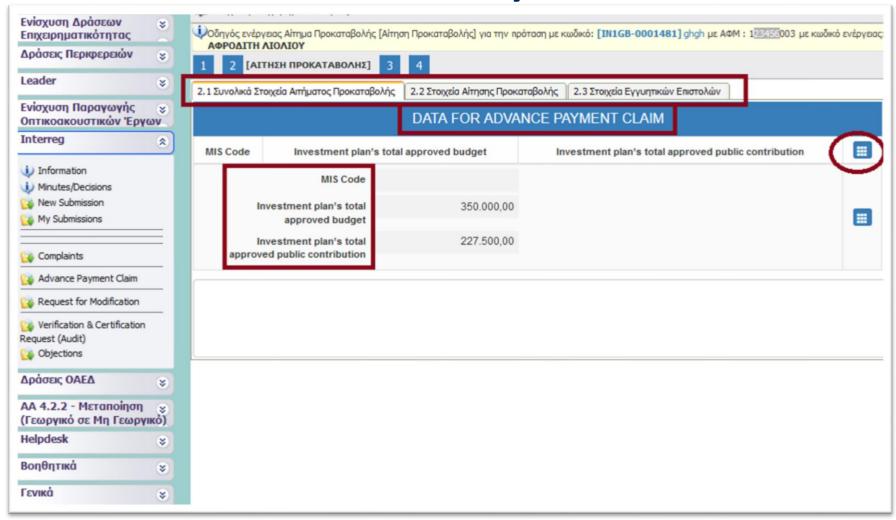
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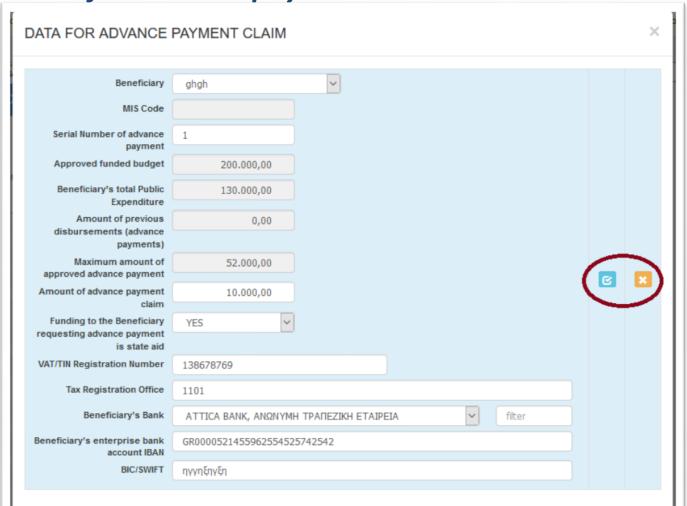








> 2.2 - Data for advance payment claim





SAMIS: Advance Payment Claim

> 2.3 - Letter of guarantee/ promissory note data

		NOTE!
Beneficiary		To whom the guarantee/promissory note is
Number		issued?: Greek Ministry of Development and
Issuer		Investments/ Managing Authority of European
To whom the		Territorial Cooperation Programmes
guarantee/promissory note is issued?		 Expiry Date: open-term: expiry date of the programming period (31.12.2023) fixed-term: expiry date of the guarantee/ promissory note*
Is it an open-term guarantee/promissory note?		
Issue Date		
Expiry Date		
Guarantee's Equivalent Amount (€)		* If it expires before the investment 's completion, PB is obligated to immediately replace it with another
		letter of guarantee of appropriate term.

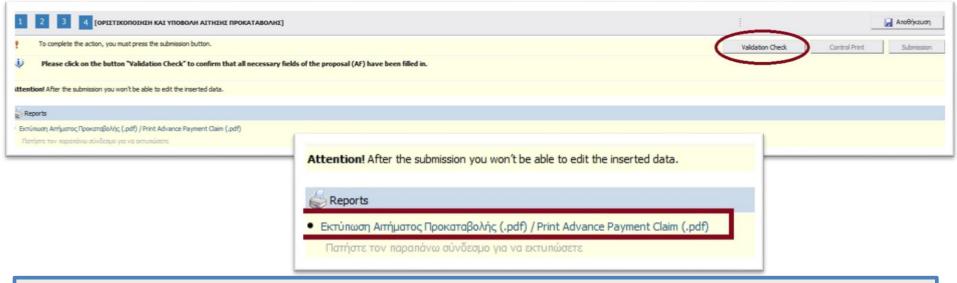


3 - Documents attached to the Advance Payment Claim





4 – Validation/Submission

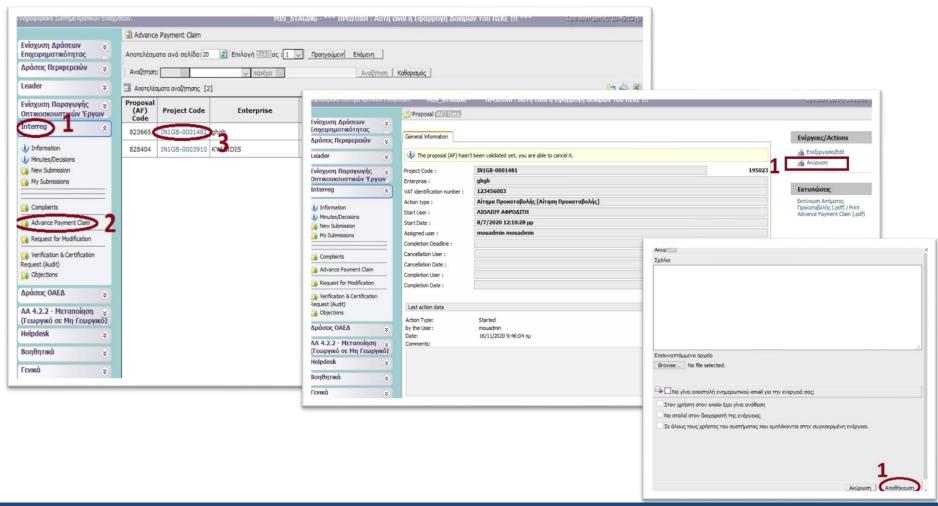


NOTE!

- After the submission you won't be able to edit the inserted data.
- In case the mistakes of the validation check concern tabs in which the user does not have edit rights, the user has to **cancel** the advance payment claim and request for a modification of the project's AF, in order to correct/modify accordingly these fields, prior to submitting a request for an advance payment.



Cancel action





- Requests for advance payment <u>cannot</u> be submitted later than the first request for verification.
- An advance payment for one PB must be <u>completed</u> before the second beneficiary of the co-operative scheme applies for his/hers request for an advance payment.
- Print/sign/stamp the report generated by SAMIS and send an e-copy to the LB; the Joint Secretariat (Project Officer and JS Coordinator); the controller (FLC) and mee.interreg@mou.gr (Unit C of the MA)
- The request will be evaluated by the FLC via SAMIS. An e-copy of the evaluation report will be sent signed/stamped to the PB, LB, JS; mee.interreg@mou.gr
- The CA/RDF will make the payment. The JS will insert the data in SAMIS (Disbursement of Advance Payment) and inform the PB.
- Read SAMIS MANUAL ADVANCE PAYMENT CLAIM



Module: Verification

1

 Request for Verification (by the PB)

7

- Verification Report (by the First Level Controller)
 - Objections (by the PB)
 - Evaluation of Objections (by the First Level Controller)

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)



- §13 of the <u>Direct Assistance Guidelines</u>
- Interim payment may be paid after (a) submission of a Verification Request via SAMIS and (b) certification of the physical & financial content of the investment, which ultimately specifies the amount of total eligible investment expenses up to the time of the Request and the corresponding public assistance (grant).
- An interim payment can amount <u>up to 50%</u> of the approved public assistance (grant) at PB level. After the interim payment, the advance letter of guarantee is returned to the PB.
- Expenditure documentation always accompanied by paid-for invoices or accounting documents according to national laws.



- 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.
- Payment of the assistance is made in installments. Each installment corresponds to a specific percentage of the total approved grant.



- The final installment is paid after the completion and final approval of all investment items.
- Installment payments are made by the Certifying Authority directly to each BG-PBs and by the RDF to each GR-PBs via an <u>interest-free project dedicated bank account</u>, declared in SAMIS and depending on the availability of funds
- Supporting documents for the payment of a grant installment : Annex IX "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT PAYMENTS"



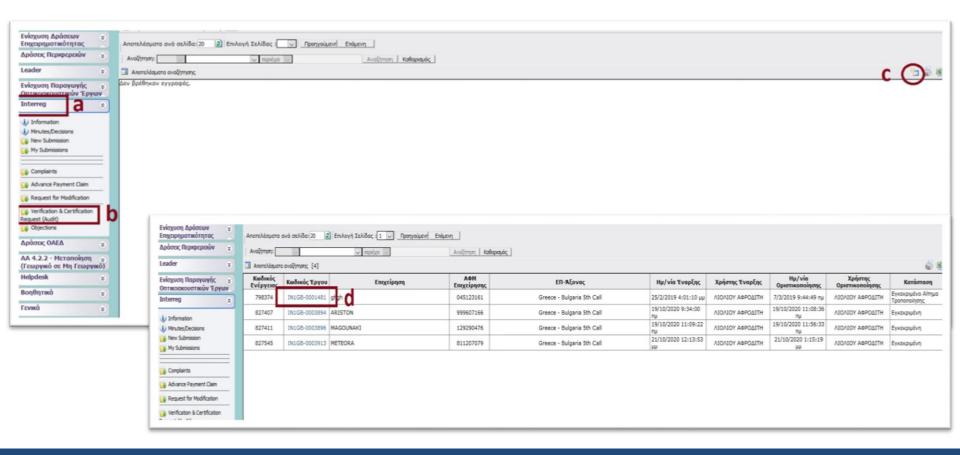
- The final payment is made to the aid recipient after (a) an on-site verification of the completion of the investment, and (b) issuance of a Certificate of Completion of the investment.
- In cases where an **advance payment** has been made, in order not to exceed the aid intensity, grant payments and 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.



- Requests for verification are submitted separately per PB and they cannot be submitted simultaneously by both PBs participating in the project. The action must be <u>completed</u> for one PB of the co-operative scheme before the second one submits his/hers request for verification and grant payment.
- When entering the costs, PBs should ensure that the quantitative and percentage restrictions of the Call are met.
- Budget increase/decrease per category of expenditures, as well as the addition of a new category of expenditure, not foreseen during the submission of the proposal, require the submission of a request for modification

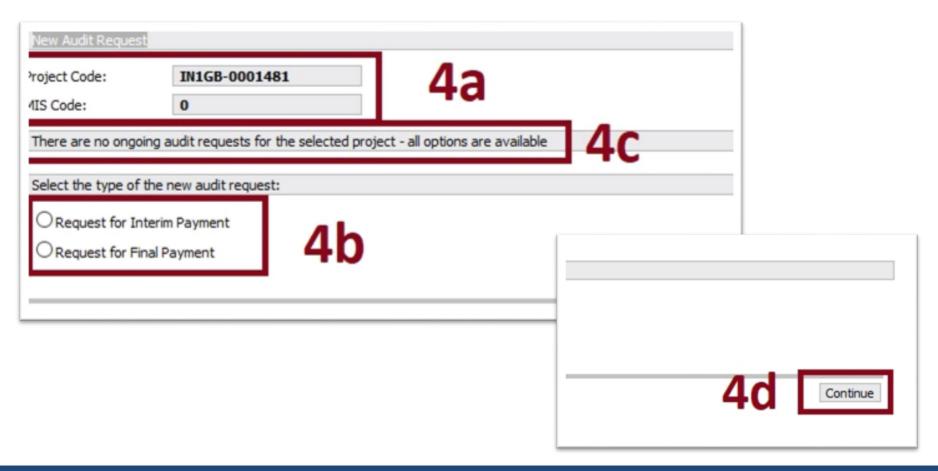


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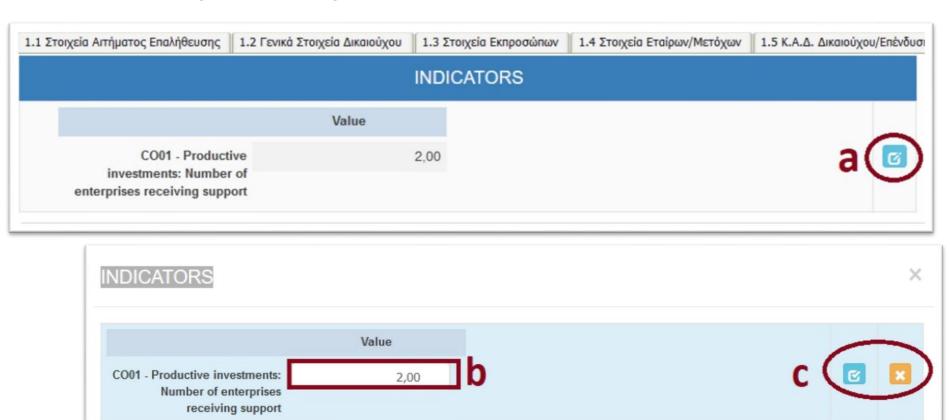


Request for Interim OR Final Payment





Interim Payment Request / 1.8 - Indicators





➤ Tabs 1.1 – 1.7

NOTE!

The user **does not** have any edit right in tabs No.1.1 – No.1.7

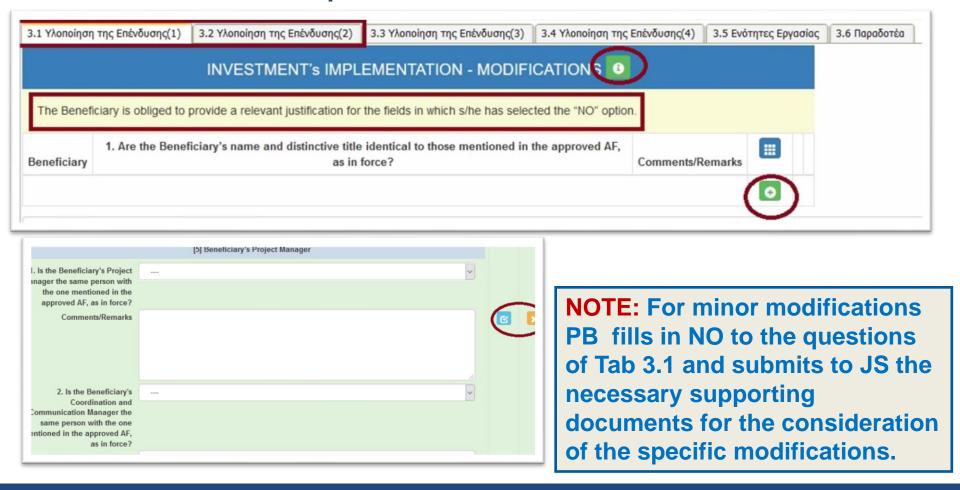
If s/he wants to correct/modify their content, s/he has to **cancel** the current action and request for a <u>modification of the AF</u>.

(the steps of this action are described in slide 34)

!! NO ACTION IS REQUIRED in tab No.2, move on to tab No.3!!

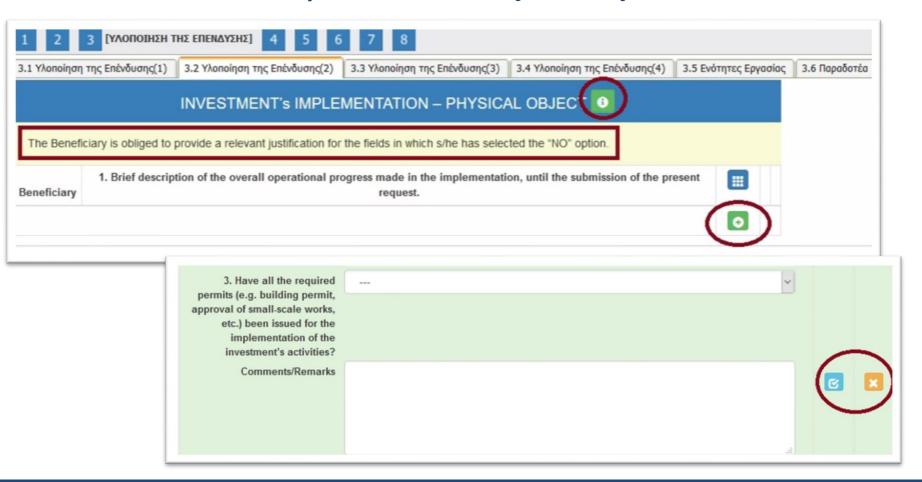


> 3.1- Investment's Implementation - Modifications





> 3.2 - Investment's Implementation – Physical Object

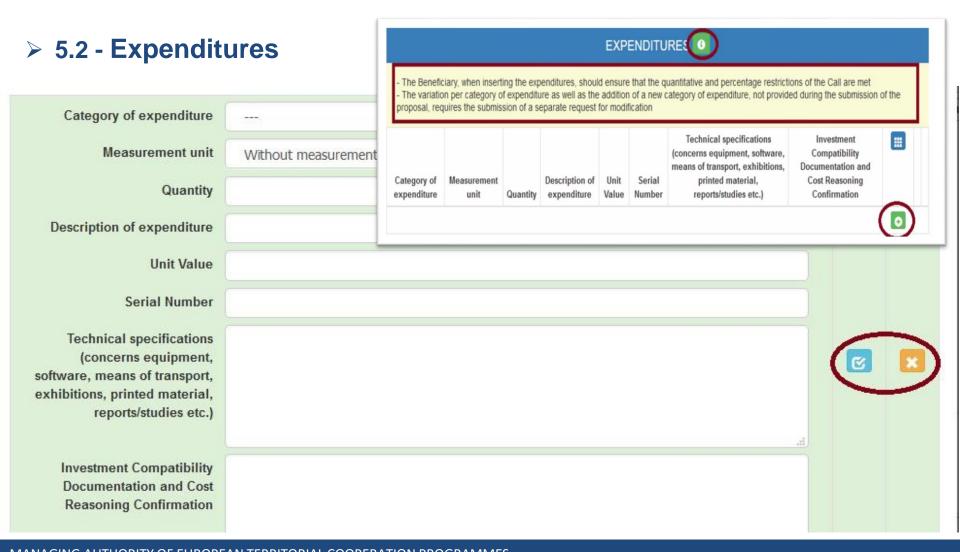




- ➤ Tab 4 → Not applicable
- > 5.1 Analysis of the Investment Plan (Project) by Category of Eligible Expenditure According to the AF in Force → informative









Edit / Delete an entry

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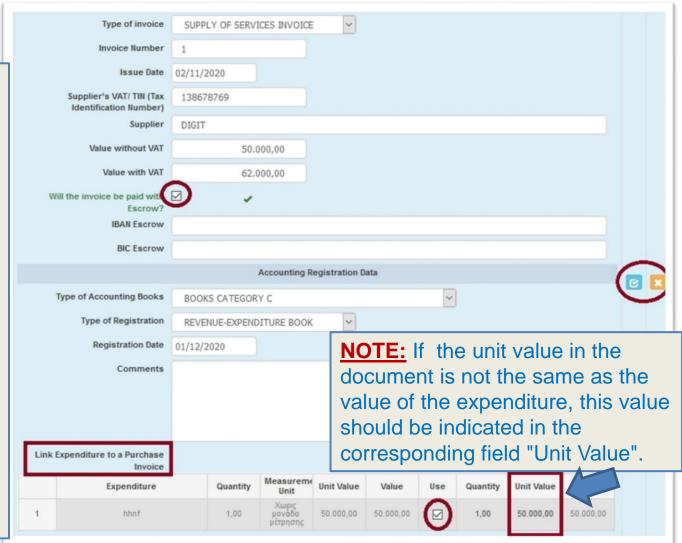
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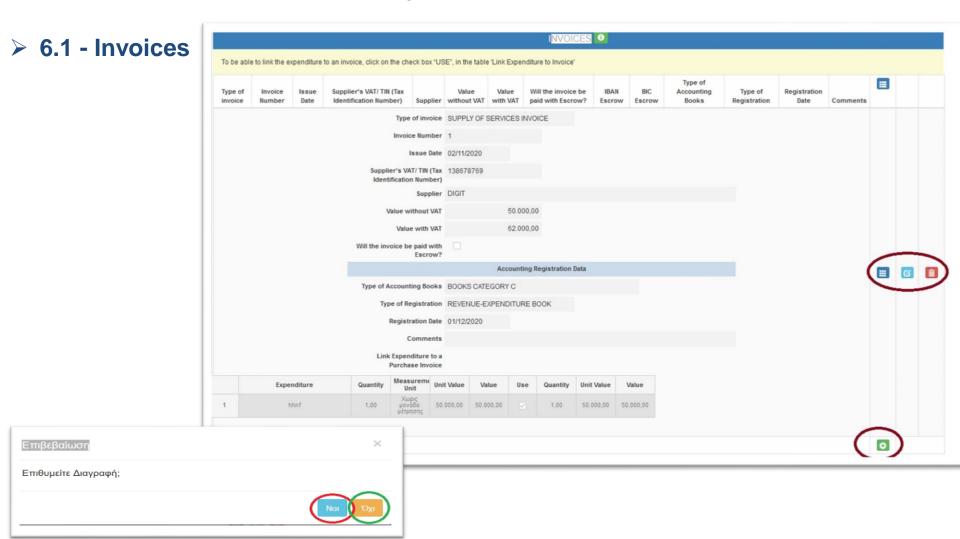


> 6.1 - Invoices

NOTE: If the inserted invoice is linked to more than one expenditure, select from the list all the expenditures to which the invoice is linked. Respectively, if an expenditure is paid with more than one invoice, in the system this expenditure should be linked to all invoices with which it is paid. However, each invoice should be inserted only once in the system!

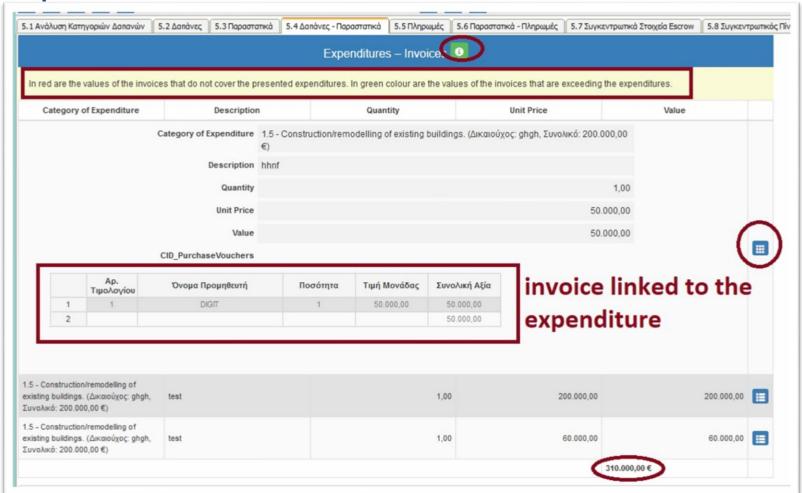




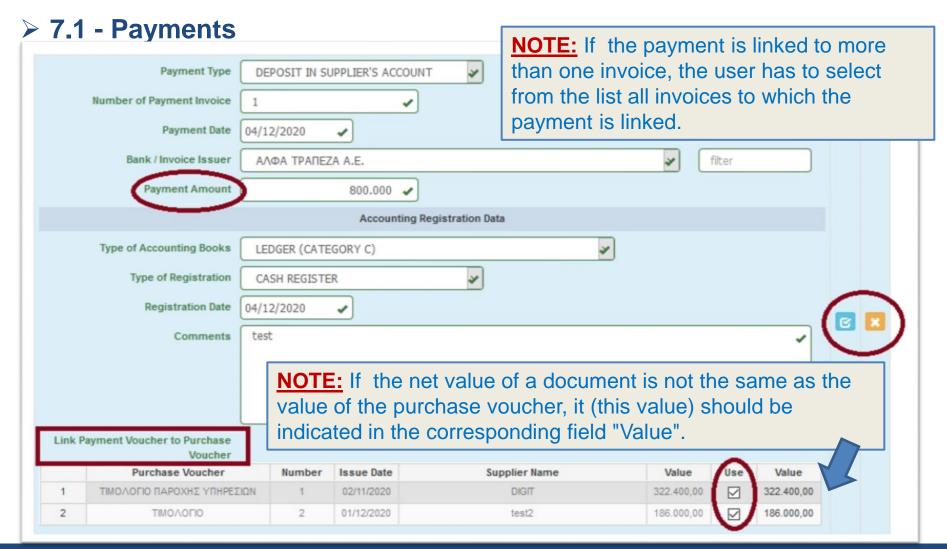




▶ 6.2 - Expenditures - Invoices - informative

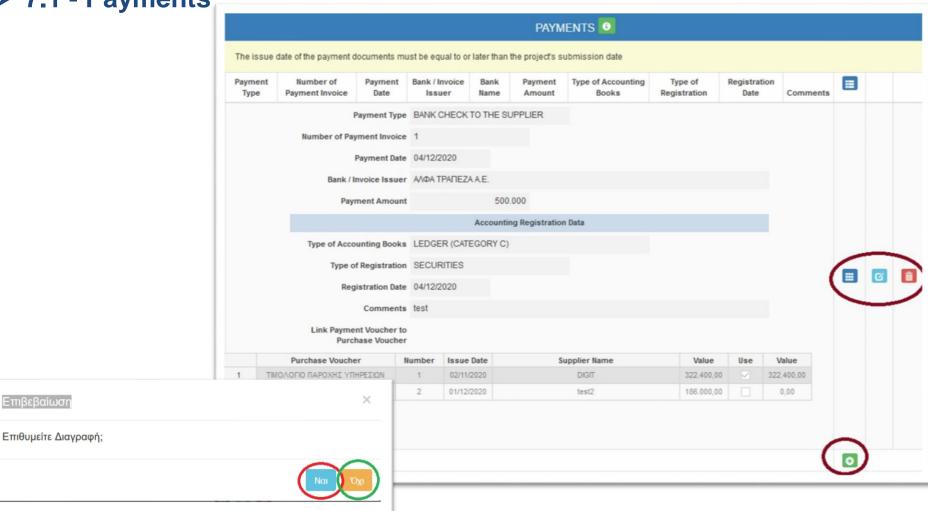






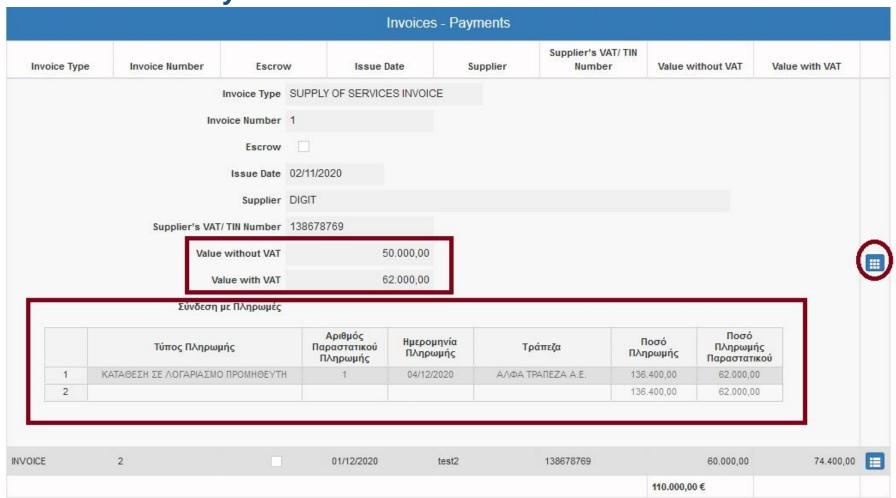


> 7.1 - Payments





> 7.2- *Invoices* – *Payments*→ informative



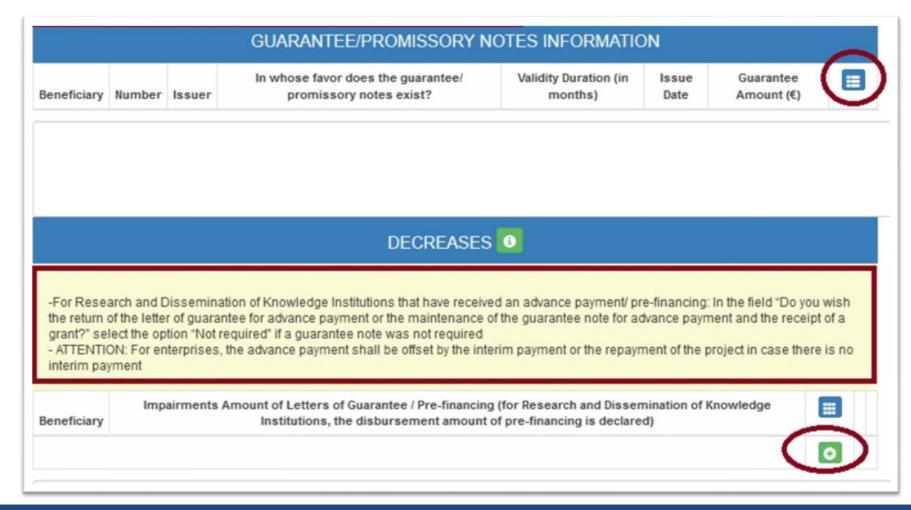


- **>** 8.1 − Not applicable
- **>** 8.2 → informative

		Check of ex	penditures according	to the AF in force				
	2		Κατηγορίες Ενεργε	ιών				
	Προϋπολογισμός Βάσει Ένταξης				Προϋπολογισμός Βάσει Παραστατικών			
Category of Expenditure	Total amount (€)	Eligible amount (€)	Percentage of Public Expenditure (%)	Public Expenditure (€)	Total amount (€)	Eligible amount (€)	Percentage of Public Expenditure (%)	Public Expenditure (€)
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1.5 - Construction/remodelling of existing buildings.	200.000,00	200.000,00	65,00	130.000,00	110.000,00	110.000,00	65,00	71.500,00
	vfdggr							
2.5 - Transport vehicles and equipment (e.g. transport dollies, pallet jacks, fork lifts, non-floor damaging rollers, protective equipment for the transport staff, fire extinguishers, equipment necessary for the transport of dangerous materials, etc).	150.000,00	150.000,00	65,00	97.500,00	0,00	0,00	65,00	0,00
	Συνολικός Προϋπολογισμός							
	350.000,00€	350.000,00€		227.500,00€	110.000,00€	110.000,00€		71.500,00€

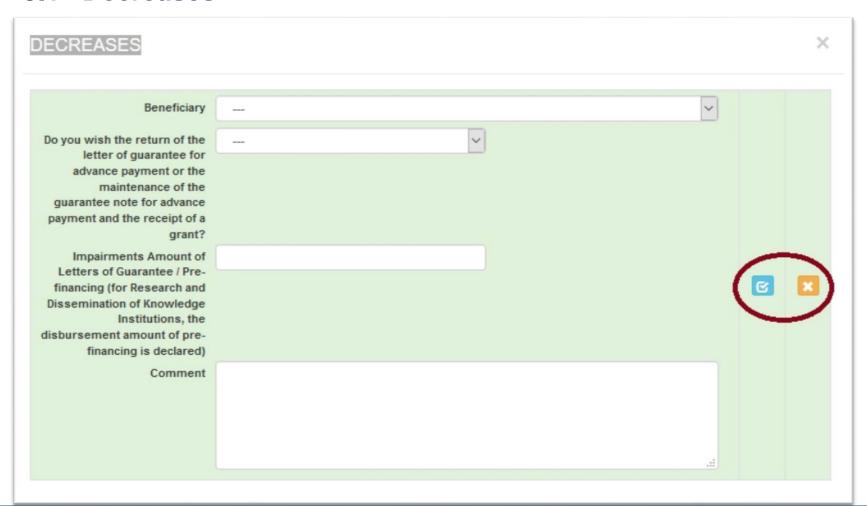


➤ 9.1- Decreases





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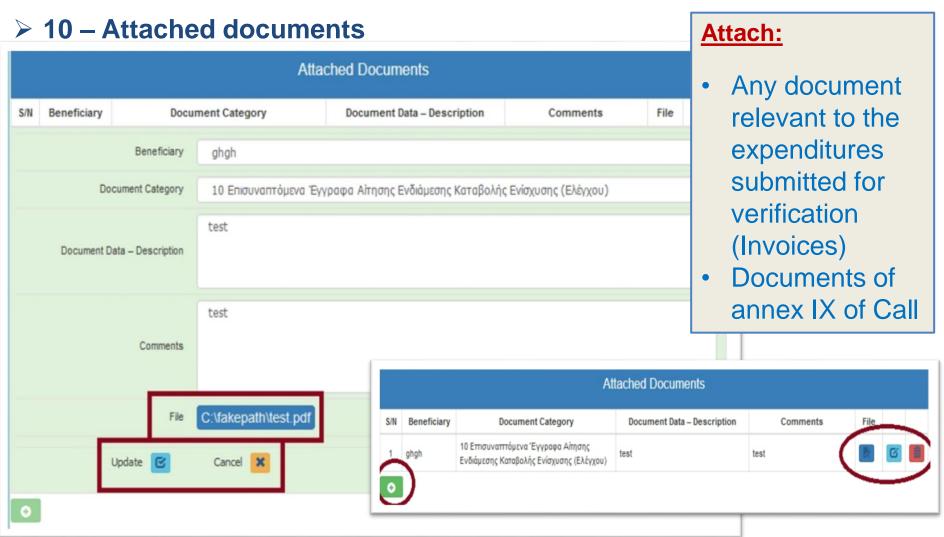




- > 9.2 Any Penalties / Offsetting Corrections → NO ACTION IS REQUIRED, move on to tab 6.3!!
- > 9.3 Aid / Grant Calculation → informative
- ➤ 9.4 Not applicable



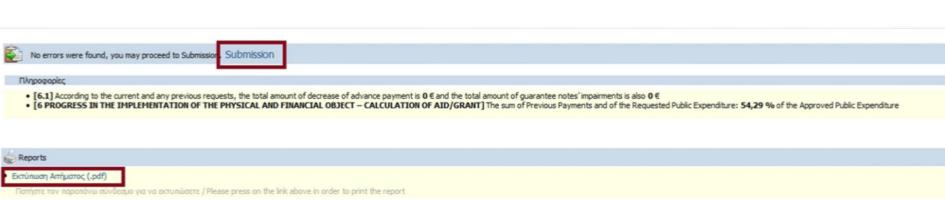






> 11 - Validation Check / Submission







Final Payment Request



NOTE:

Select the option final payment request when this is the final request made for both PBs.

Final at project level.





- A beneficiary's verification request must be <u>completed</u> before the second beneficiary of the co-operative scheme applies for his/hers request for verification.
- Print/sign/stamp the report generated by SAMIS and send an e-copy to the LB, the FLC, the JS (PO & JS coordinator) & Unit C of the MA (mee.interreg@mou.gr)
- The request will be evaluated by the controller (FLC) via SAMIS. The <u>temporary</u> verification report will be sent (e-copy signed/stamped) to the PB & LB.
- Read SAMIS MANUAL Request for Verification



SAMIS: Objections (on the verification)

- The PB has the right to submit an objection to the results of the FLC's temporary verification report, within the deadline defined by each PBs National Management & Control System (MCS).
- The objection and any supporting document are submitted via email to the FLC in the PBs national language.
- The objection will be evaluated by the FLC and the final verification report as is generated by the SAMIS will be sent to the PB, LB, JS (PO & Coordinator) & Unit C of the MA (mee.interreg@mou.gr)





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