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- Programme structure and Types of Actions
- Who can participate
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Work Programme and Call document

Two key documents

Work Programme

Call document



Call document

- Complements the Work Programme
- Provides guidance on important aspects of the topics in a **call**
- For **each topic**:
 - Objectives
 - Scope
 - Outcome and Deliverables
 - KPIs
 - Targeted stakeholders
 - Type of action
 - Specific topic conditions
 - Budget



Call document - Support to proposers

- Details on admissibility and eligibility
- Information for applicants on financial and operational capacity
- Exclusion criteria
- Evaluation procedure
- Guarantees, obligatory milestones and deliverables, certificates and any many other description on legal conditions to participate in grants
- Financial support to third party schemes and conditions
- All the mandatory annexes needed for the call (e.g. ethic issues, security issues)
- Type of action description
- Other important legal and operational provisions
- Help for applicants and how to reach out to the commission



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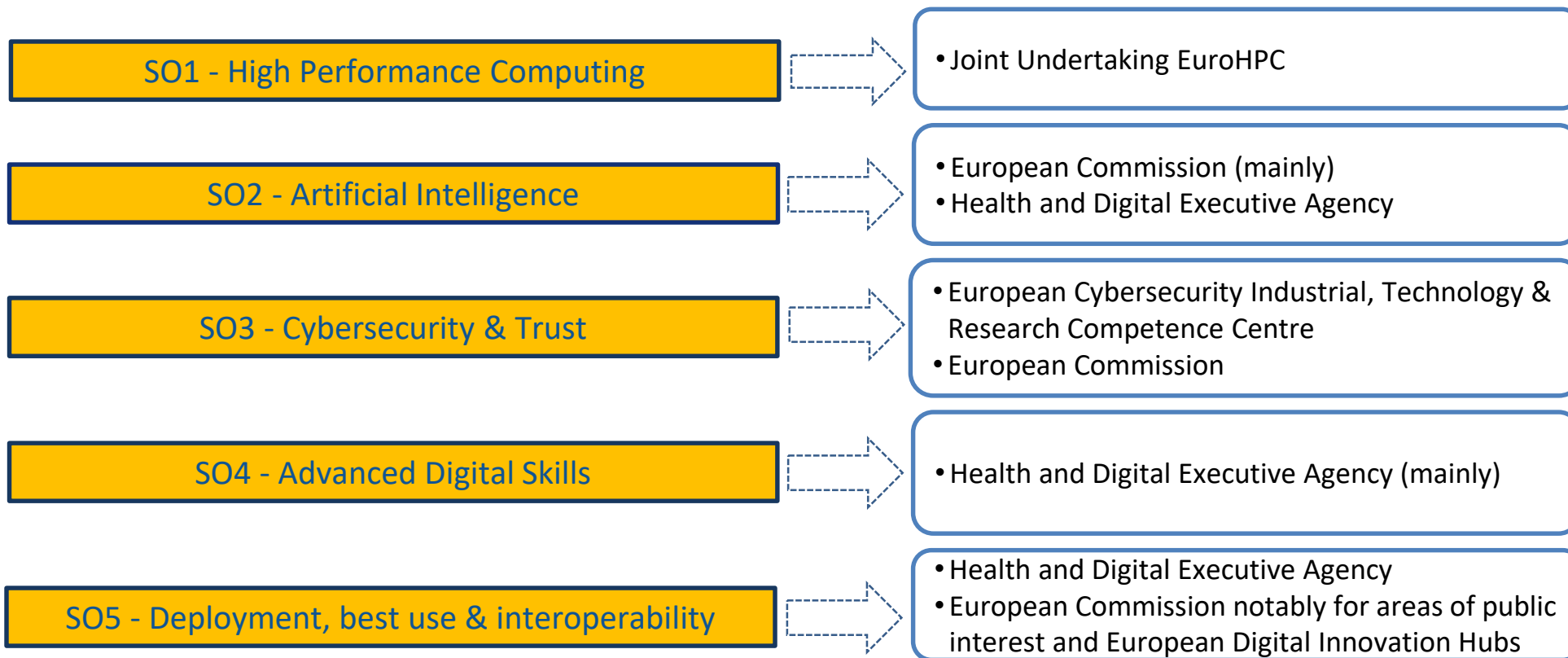
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Programme structure

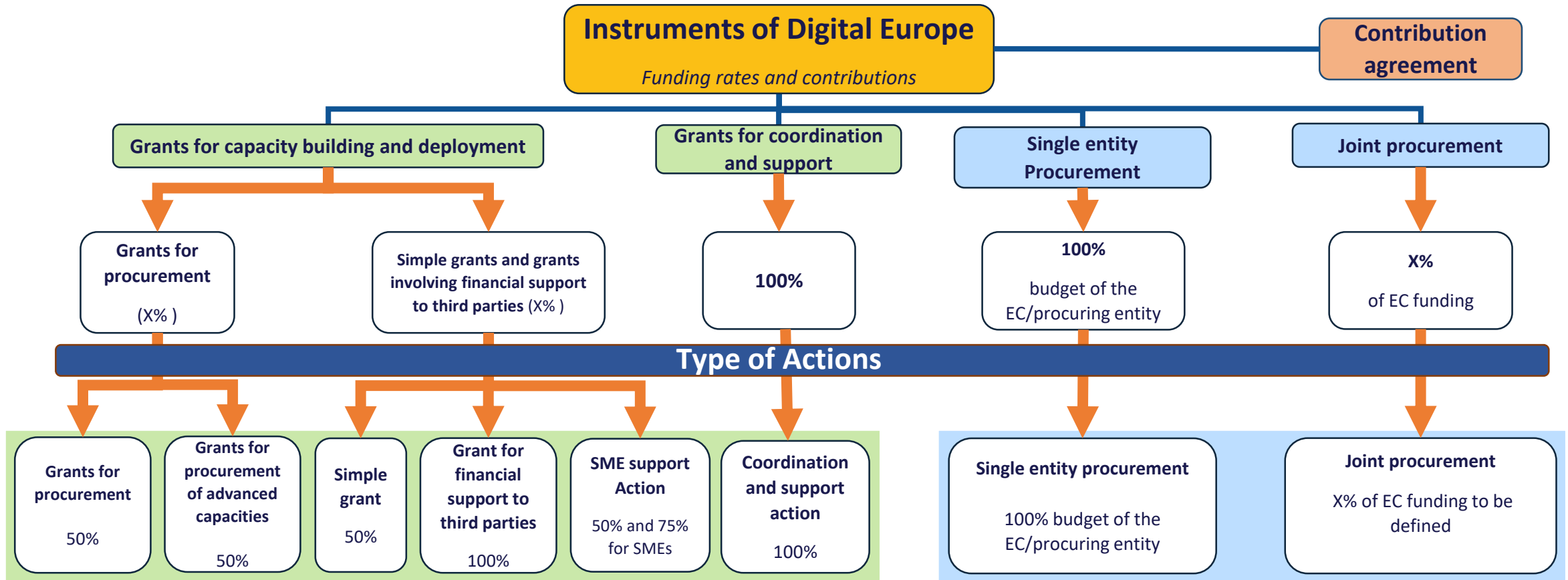
Specific Objectives

Implementing bodies





Instruments and types of actions





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Who can participate

In order to be **eligible**, participants **must be**



legal entities

public or private body

and

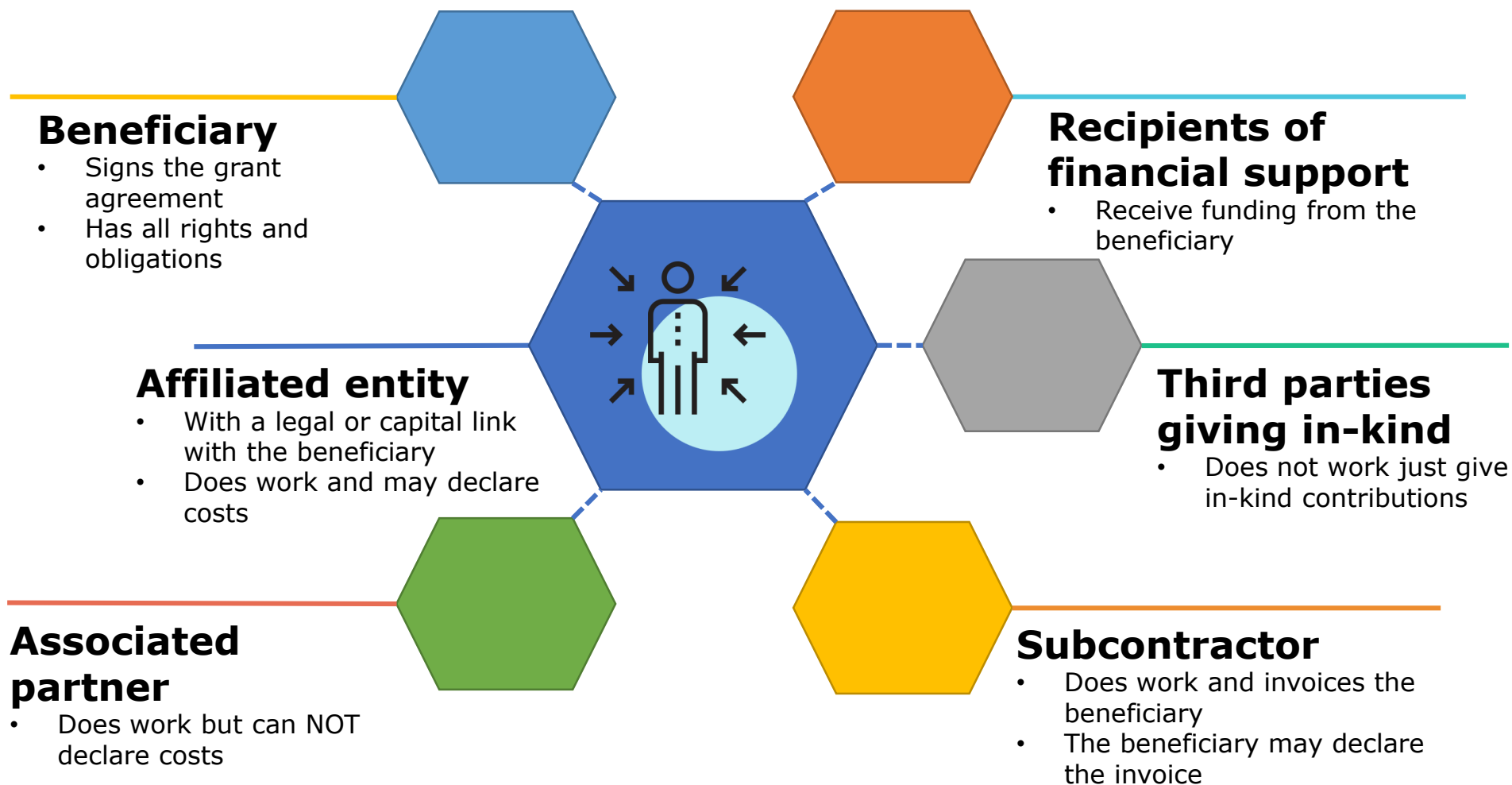


established in a **EU member state** (including overseas territories)
or an **eligible non-EU country**

Call documents will further specify and may add other eligibility conditions, for example in case of restrictions regarding security and strategic autonomy



Different ways to participate





Article 12.5/.6 DEP: restriction based on security

Some topics may **restrict the participation** to entities established in MS and controlled by MS or its legal entities

- **Non-eligible country controlled entities** cannot participate under 12.5, whereas 12.6 allows for their participation provided they comply with certain conditions established in the Work Programme
- The activation of these security restrictions requires a security **justification**



Article 12.5/.6: Restriction based on security

Article 12.5

- applicable to **Cybersecurity** (SO3) topics
- **no conditions** regarding entities participation unless specified otherwise in the Work Programme

Article 12.6

- applicable to **HPC** (SO1) and **AI** (SO2) topics
- legal entities established in the EU but controlled from third countries and legal entities established in Associated Countries **may participate if they comply with certain conditions** included in the Work Programme and certified by the MS/AC where they are established



Article 18.2: Third countries participation

- Legal entities from third countries **not associated** to the programme can participate in specific actions **ONLY** where their participation is necessary
- The participation of legal entities from third countries **will not receive funding, unless specified otherwise in the Work Programme**



Article 18.4: Restriction based on strategic autonomy

Some topics may **restrict the participation** to entities established in MS and Associated Countries

- **Legal entities established in third countries** cannot participate on topics under 18.4 (this includes e.g. subcontractors)
- **Article 18.2** will not apply in those cases



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Award criteria

1. RELEVANCE



2. IMPLEMENTATION



3. IMPACT





Award criteria: 1. Relevance



- Alignment with the objectives and activities
- Contribution to long-term policy and strategic objectives
- Reinforcement of the Union's digital technology supply chain*
- Resilience to financial obstacles*

* call document sets applicability



Award criteria: 2. Implementation



- Maturity of the proposed action
- Soundness and efficiency of the implementation plan
- Capacity of the applicants or consortium to carry out the proposed work



Award criteria: 3. Impact



- Achievement of the expected outcomes and deliverables, as well as communication and dissemination
- Competitiveness strengthen and contribution to society
- Environmental sustainability*

* call document sets applicability



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What is the Grant Agreement?

The Grant Agreement is the contractual document signed with a ‘granting authority’ (e.g. the EC or one of its executive agencies) defining



YOUR RIGHTS

- **To receive EU funding**, under the terms and conditions defined in the grant agreement, to help you to accomplish your project
- **To own the results** of the project that you have generated
- **To ask for amendments** of the grant agreement (if something needs to be changed)



YOUR OBLIGATIONS

- **To Implement the project** as planned in the description of the action (Annex 1 to the grant agreement)
- **Submit reports** at the time and for the periods defined in the grant agreement
- **Display the EU emblem and reference to DIGITAL funding** (e.g. information material, equipment funded by the grant, major results);



HOW MUCH MONEY YOU CAN GET

Overall, the granting authority can never pay:

- more than the maximum grant amount fixed in the grant agreement.
- But it may pay less; e.g. if the project costs at the end are less than budgeted



Model Grant Agreement (MGA)



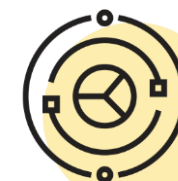
e-GRANT

The DIGITAL Grant Agreement and its management are **fully electronic**



CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Commission-wide model
'**Corporate**' Model Grant Agreement including corporate annexes



ANNEX 5 (NON-CORPORATE)

Important specifications for DIGITAL:

- **Confidentiality and security**
- **Ethics**
- **IPR**
- **Communication, Dissemination,**
- **Specific rules for carrying out the action**



Corporate structure of the MGA

Datasheet

Summary of the grant agreement

1. General Data
2. Participant
3. Grant
4. Reporting, payment and recoveries
5. Consequences of non-compliance, applicable law and dispute settlement forum
6. Specific rules Annex 5 & standard time-limits after project end

Articles

Grouped in six chapters

Chapter 1 – General (Articles 1-2)

Chapter 2 – Action (Articles 3-4)

Chapter 3 – Grant (Articles 5-6)

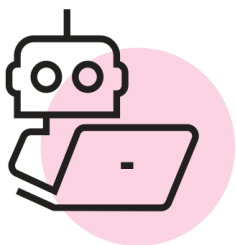
Chapter 4 – Grant Implementation (Articles 7-26)

Chapter 5 – Consequences of non-compliance (Articles 27-35)

Chapter 6 – Final provisions (Articles 36-44)



Eligible costs



A. PERSONNEL COSTS

- **A.1** Employees
- **A.2** Natural persons under direct contract
- **A.3** Seconded persons
- **A.4** SME owners and natural person beneficiaries



B. SUBCONTRACTING COSTS



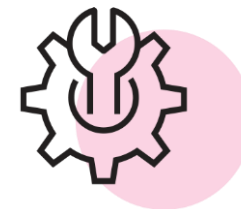
C. PURCHASE COSTS

- **C.1** Travel and subsistence
- **C.2** Equipment
- **C.3** Other goods, works and services



D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES

- **D.1** Financial support to third parties
- **D.2** Internally invoiced goods and services
- **[D.5 PAC procurement cost]**



E. INDIRECT COSTS



Project monitoring



During its **life cycle**, the project will be monitored regularly



The **reporting** and **payment** arrangements are fixed in the Grant Agreement



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Experts

- Experts are essential for project evaluation and monitoring
- Register in the Funding & tender portal and experience “how it all works”!



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Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDI)


English 

Register Login

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS ▾ HOW TO PARTICIPATE ▾ PROJECTS & RESULTS **WORK AS AN EXPERT** SUPPORT ▾

Find calls for proposals and tenders

ERA corona platform | Brexit info | Report fraud

Search calls for proposals and tenders by keywords, programmes...  Search

EU Programmes

Asylum, Migration and Border Management and Citizens, Equality, Rights Creative Europe (CREA) Digital Europe Europe Direct (ED)

News

16 Apr, 2021
OPSYS - Important note concerning the Management of Interventions (including their Logframes)

Dear Implementing Partners, Due to ongoing structural changes concerning Interventions, in terms of methodology and in the IT system, you are requested to stop ...

14 Apr, 2021
A new TV channel is ready for you! Welcome to the Horizon



Useful links

Digital Europe Programme website

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme>

Digital Europe Programme Regulation

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0694&qid=1621344635377>

Funding & tender opportunities portal

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/digital>