Combination of funds
DEP + RRF / ERDF

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1. Combination of funding – DIGITAL + ERDF

- **Common principles** (Common Provisions Regulation and directly managed programmes)

  - **Prohibit double funding** of the same costs and **prohibit funding beyond 100% of eligible costs**

  - **Promote** cumulative / complementary funding to **develop synergies** with other funds / programmes

- **CPR** additional **constraint** (Article 63 (9) Eligibility):

  - **Expenditure declared** in a payment application for one of the Funds **shall not be declared for support from another Fund or Union instrument**

RRF + DEP: 3 different situations

- RRF funding is used for co-financing the EDIH selected through DIGITAL (combination of funding)

- RRF funding is used for financing a hub that received the Seal of Excellence from DIGITAL

- RRF funding is used for financing another Digital Innovation Hubs

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2. Combination of funding – DIGITAL + RRF

- Reform and investment projects may receive support from other Union programmes, except to cover mandatory national co-financing under these other programmes and **on the condition that the same costs are not covered twice**.

- Digital Europe Programme regulation enables the combination of funds, "including for the joint funding of actions". **Funding of the same action from the RRF and Digital Europe is possible provided**:

  1. **It is justified** in light of the relevant provisions applying to both programmes, **and**

  2. **avoidance of double funding is ensured**. Appropriate coordination is needed.

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Digital and RRF - overview

Digital grant EU - EDIH

- Estimated costs in grant agreement, to specify maximum EC contribution.
- After delivery of results, payment will be based on actual eligible costs.

RRF non-repayable support EU - MS

- A package of work will be agreed with estimated costs, milestones and targets.
- Payment of agreed estimated costs will happen when target and milestones are met.

National grants MS - EDIHs

- A package of work will be agreed between the MS and each EDIH, using national grant schemes.
- Payments will be done upon conditions agreed between the two parties.

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Principles

- Ex-ante coordination is necessary to encourage synergies between programmes. Cost eligibility is aligned as far as possible. The funding rate needs to be coordinated to ensure that the limit of covering 100% of estimated eligible costs is not breached.

- The relevant provisions of the respective legal bases need to be complied with.

- ***For shared management programmes only:*** For directly managed grants, once the beneficiary has submitted a copy of the declaration of costs to the MA, they would need to comply with the technical requirements in order to receive a payment from the directly managed programme, including the encoding of required data on implementation of the action.

- Selection under one programme cannot imply any obligation under another programme. Selection rules for all funds/programmes must be complied with in the normal way. No fund or programme can be obliged by the choice of another granting authority.

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Commission tasks:

1. Provide for the possibility of an action being a synergy grant in the call document (DIGITAL) or the work programme (HE)

2. Coordinate with the other granting authorities the funding rate and to the largest extent possible the eligibility period, project duration, reporting periods and deadlines for approvals (at the latest before we sign the grant agreement).

3. Include the synergy grant provision in the MGA during grant agreement preparations in case the applicants declares the proposal a synergy grant. An assessment that the grants fulfil the synergy grant conditions is needed.

4. Sent a dedicated communication and guidance to the beneficiaries of synergy grants on the particularities for reporting, once we have signed the grant agreement (i.e. they must firstly declare the expenditure to the managing authority and would provide a copy of this declaration to seek also payment under the grant agreement signed with the Commission).

5. Check the costs according to their applicable rule, and if costs are accepted, arrange for a payment in the normal way (via eGrants systems).

Main tasks for applicants for synergy grants

1. Apply for funding in the different funding programmes for an activity according to the rules and requirements of each programme.

2. Declare in the proposal of the directly managed fund the use of other EU funds for the action, explain and justify.

3. Sign the grants including the synergy grant provision.

4. Follow the rules for reporting for each funding programme and additionally *(for shared management programmes only)* that they must firstly declare the expenditure to the managing authority.

5. Insert the costs into the system for directly managed funds in the usual way.

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