



About

On the Financial Transparency (FTS) website (<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/fts>) you can find the names of the **beneficiaries** of funds awarded (in budgetary terms: "committed") by the Commission every year.

The Financial Transparency System publishes only the beneficiaries of the following **sources** of funding:

- **EU budget** directly administered by the Commission's departments, its staff in the EU delegations, or through executive agencies
- **European Development Fund**

Please note that important changes had to be implemented in the Financial Transparency System (FTS) following the entry into force of the EU new Financial Regulation and its rules of application. These have an impact on the publication of financial year 2012 data onwards. The main changes are as follows.

- **No information on public procurement contracts lower than EUR 15 000 will be published.** In practice the number of items may decrease substantially. It may happen that information on a given beneficiary was provided through FST in 2011, but it is not provided for 2012 even though the sums contracted by the same beneficiary were similar in volume on both occasions.
- **There will be no more confidential names of beneficiaries, where the text "confidential" or "natural person" appeared instead of the beneficiary's name.** The publication shall be waived if the disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of individuals concerned as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union or harm the commercial interests of the beneficiary. There are several other newly introduced minor alterations. You will find additional information on the FTS in the FAQ and Help sections of this web site.

Search fields

Year

The year in which the amount awarded to the beneficiary is booked in the budget (in the form of a committed amount). The commitment comes after the awarding decision and implies booking in the Commission budget accounts the total amount awarded, which is then paid out on the basis of a legal agreement, usually in different instalments (for more details on commitments and payments, see our FAQ page).

Country

Countries/territories are split between "EU" countries and "Other". The latter includes some territories which are part of the EU (mainly France or the UK), but are classified under "other" because of the international (SWIFT) code used for financial transfers to relevant beneficiaries. SWIFT codes are linked to addresses and so differ from the EU country they are a part of (e.g. Martinique and France).

Name of beneficiary

The name given by the beneficiary in documents submitted to the Commission. Since this is a legal name it may differ from the name known to the general public. Moreover, certain organisations are registered in different countries (for example in the case of cooperation with national subsidiaries), possibly with variations in their name, each of which is a different beneficiary in the eyes of the Commission. Searches based only on the usual name of a beneficiary may therefore yield only partial results, so please test different variations of the usual name. In addition, there should be no information published for beneficiaries of public procurement contracts lower than EUR 15 000.

Coordinator

Highlighted in blue in your search result. In some cases the beneficiary is not the sole end-receiver of EU funds, but may be a project coordinator responsible for redistributing funds among participants. This is typical for research grants which are redistributed by a coordinating scientific institution to scientists and research centres working together on the same project.

Subject of a grant or procurement

General information on the nature and purpose of the expenditure, when available.

Responsible Department

Grants and procurements are administered by Commission departments ("Directorates General"/ DGs) in charge of implementing policies & EU-funded programmes. The name of the DG can help you identify a policy area. However,

grants and procurements in certain areas are managed by more than one DG (for example "research" grants, managed not only by DG Research but also by DG Connect (formerly Information Society), DG Enterprise, etc.) and that one DG may manage funds in more than one area. The names of departments may also change over time, as a result of internal reorganisation.

Geographical Zone

For development aid grants paid by EuropeAid, this is the location of the action financed by the grant.

Expense Type

Choose between operational expenditure and administrative expenditure. Please note that administrative expenditure is only published as of 2009.

Co-financing rate

The new Financial Regulation no longer requires publication of the co-financing, so this data will no longer be published as of 2012. The information on co-financing rate will remain available for previous years.

For information prior to 2012, four codes are used depending on the type of co-financing:

- **Percentage reimbursed by the EU**, i.e. the amount of the grant quoted in FTS represents x% of the total aid received by the beneficiary
- **"Lump sum/Flat rate"** the amount of the grant quoted in FTS is a lump sum or a flat rate financed by the EU
- **"Mixed financing"** the amount is a combination of the above: "reimbursement + lump sum" or "reimbursement + flat rate" or "reimbursement + lump sum + flat rate"
- **"N/A"** "not applicable" - for commitments where co-financing does not apply

An empty field means information is not available.

Action type

The bulk of funding provided by the European Commission is done through programmes (such as 7th Research Framework Programme, Galileo, Life+, etc.). These programmes correspond to the Multiannual Financial Framework 2007-2013. Other forms of funding include grants to European agencies, pilot projects, preparatory actions, etc.

Budget line name or number

The EU budget is structured around titles (two digits: TT), chapters (four digits: TT.CC), articles (six digits: TT.CC.AA) and posts (eight digits: TT.CC.AA.PP). If you know the exact budget line number, you can search by entering the 2, 4, 6 or 8 digit code (don't forget the dots!). Example: If you enter the code 01.02.04, you will see a list with all beneficiaries under the article "Prince - Information about the Economic and Monetary Union, including the Euro".

Amount

The amount of the budgetary commitment in favour of the beneficiary: the maximum amount the beneficiary may receive based on costs incurred. The total amount actually paid out may therefore be smaller. For further information on commitments and payments see our FAQ page.

Source of funding

You may choose between the EU budget centrally administered by the Commission and the European Development Fund (10th EDF),. Please note that the EDF is only published as of 2010. Financial information on EU Trust Funds is currently not available.

Funding Type

Information was previously published in two categories: Grants and Public procurement including other expenditure. That last funding type, published as of the year 2011, has been replaced by Public procurement (including provisional commitments) and four others, allowing for a more detailed search.

VAT Number

This is the VAT number identifying the beneficiary. Please note that VAT number, if available, is only published as of 2011.

Postcode

The postcode given by the beneficiary in documents submitted to the Commission. This field is best used in conjunction with the "country" field (to eliminate postcodes from countries you are not interested in). You can look up a post code online.

Locality

If the recipient is a legal entity, his address will be displayed under "Locality". If the beneficiary is a natural person, only the NUTS 2 region will be shown, if available.