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## Survey on Simplifying Applications and Reporting in EU Grants

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**Help us understand your application experience!**

Did you receive support by specialised, paid consultancy services during your application process?

Yes No

Overall, how would you describe the complexity of the application process?

Very low Low Medium High Very high



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How would you rate the burden resulting from the following processes in the application phase?

	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high	Not applicable
Finding a suitable call topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding the requirements for the application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing the content and implementation plan for the project idea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration and validation of your organisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forming a consortium with partners from several countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Defining a budget for the proposal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completion of the proposal submission forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you rate the potential of the following measures in reducing the burden of the application process?

	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Simplifying processes and documentation (e.g. simplifying the rules for participation, simplifying application forms or guidance documents, increasing use of plain language in documentation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing support services (e.g. enhanced helpdesk services, increased pre-application support services, automated matching of draft proposals with suitable open topics)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introducing new ways to give feedback and evaluate applications (e.g. integration of feedback mechanisms during the application process, introduction of video interviews during the evaluation stage)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Offering AI tools to support applicants (e.g. introduction of AI-based co-drafting tools, auto-completion of text fields, or AI-driven support agents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Can you think of other measures which would have simplified your application process?

Tell us about your grant management process!

Overall, how would you describe the complexity of the grant agreement preparation (GAP) process?

Very low

Low

Medium

High

Very high

Rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "The time passed between submitting my application and receiving my grant is acceptable."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly agree

How is the overall effort for your project distributed across the following activities? Please provide an estimate. ?

Project activity	Share of effort
Technical implementation of the project, including overall management (i.e. the core tasks related to project execution, as well as planning, decision making, and coordination)	% <div></div>
Financial management and financial reporting (i.e. preparing the periodic financial reports and related tasks such as timesheets, calculation of eligible costs, financial record keeping, procurement)	% <div></div>
Technical reporting (i.e. preparing the technical periodic reports and reports on deliverables)	% <div></div>

Management and reporting of non-financial obligations (e.g. obligations related to open science, ethics and integrity, intellectual property rights, gender equality, etc.)	% <input type="text"/>
Total	Must add up to 100 <input type="text"/>

Rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding the reporting process:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
The reporting requirements are clear and easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The amount of time required to complete periodic reports is reasonable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The reporting requirements on policy issues are clear and easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The IT tools offered by the Commission simplify my reporting tasks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Funding & Tenders Portal provides access to all the information I need to complete my reporting requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The use of Simplified Cost Options (such as lump sums and unit costs) reduces my financial reporting burden.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know who I can contact in case I have questions on a reporting requirement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please describe any specific pain points you have encountered during the reporting process:

How would you rate the potential value of the following simplification measures regarding the reporting process:

	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Using automatic web scraping to support or replace manual reporting (e.g. to identify project-related publications, Intellectual Property Rights or communication activities).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introducing more Artificial Intelligence-based clustering and classifying mechanisms into the reporting process (e.g. automatically determining which EU policy objectives or Sustainable Development Goals your project(s) contribute to).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementing pre-filled reporting templates based on previously submitted data to reduce repetitive manual entries.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding real-time collaboration features that allow multiple project partners (if applicable) to contribute to reports simultaneously.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offering interactive reporting guides and tutorials within the reporting platform to assist users throughout the process.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding automated compliance checks to flag any missing or inconsistent data before submission.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing mobile-friendly reporting options to allow users to submit or update reports on-the-go.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please provide any comments or concerns regarding the possible simplification measures mentioned above (e.g. the use of AI or web-scraping).

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the simplification of reporting processes in EU funding programmes?



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