

PROMAS

Programme Management System

Technical user manual for project management

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1. Introduction

PROMAS (Programme Management System), is a tailored web based application software published at https://www.promascbc.fi. It is developed for planning and submitting applications, payment requests, change requests and project reports. The majority of requests for additional information are also processed by using the system. The Managing Authority and its Branch Office use the system to perform checks and evaluation on applications and to monitor funded projects. Other stakeholders, like the members of the committees, experts and auditors use the system for quality assessments, as a source of information for selecting funded projects and for the verifications of the programme and project implementation.

Key principles for using the PROMAS

- Registration to the system as a user for the South-East Finland Russia CBC
 Programme is possible from 30 January 2017 onwards until the MA announces the closure of the Programme's application period.
- Registration is done by providing an email address that is used for submitting automatically generated username (KS + four digits) and initial password.
- Username is application-specific and, in case the proposal is awarded a grant, the username shall apply as the project's PROMAS id.
- The lead partner is responsible for the content of the information presented in the application and reports.
- The lead partner can create and manage partner rights by maintaining read or read/write rights.
- All the forms in the system may be filled in during several sessions.
- All information must be filled in in English (the name of the lead partner is also required in the original language of the organization).
- Pay attention to the Annexes section, where all mandatory annexes must be downloaded before the submission of any report or payment request.

1.1 Privacy Policy

The purpose of the GDPR is to protect the privacy and personal information.

Data security and confidential processing of any personal data has already been a built-in feature in all of our data systems, registers, archives and the ways of working. The published Privacy Policy is to clarify how, where, by whom and according to which agreements and regulations the registers, which are composed during the programme period, are gathered, processed and archived.

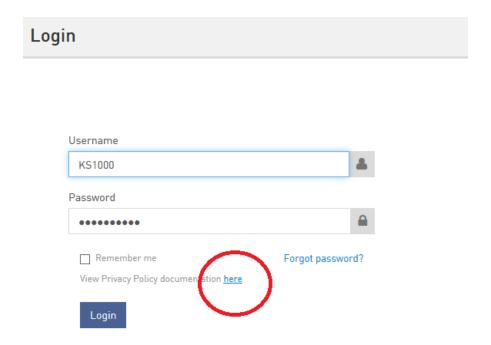
Privacy Policy complying with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR 2016/679) is published and available

on the programme website:

https://www.sefrcbc.fi/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/02/PROMAS-Privacy-Policy.pdf

in the PROMAS system:

https://www.promascbc.fi/ProgrammeList/PrivacyPolicy/0

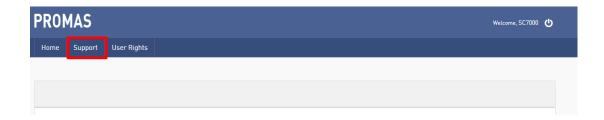


First level user support

First level user-support for all target groups is Managing Authority according to contacts via official@sefrcbc.fi or by telephone +358 40 667 3958 / IT & Project Analyst during the office hours. MA's administrator user shall analyse all contacts and solve the problems as first level solutions, or forward issues for more technical troubleshooting to the system provider.

2. Support

When entering to the Project Home-page, main navigation bar is visible. By selecting **Support**, following information will be available with the direct links to Programmes' websites: *Programme-specific instructions for using PROMAS as well as guidelines for Calls for Proposals and Programme Manuals are available at the Programmes' websites*.



3. User rights

To create and manage user rights select **User rights** in the main navigation bar.



The lead partner can create and manage other partner rights by giving following information:

- Name of the partner
- Email of the partner Access rights:
 - o Read: partner has only reading rights
 - Write and read: partner has the same access rights as the lead partner

After successful creation following information is shown:

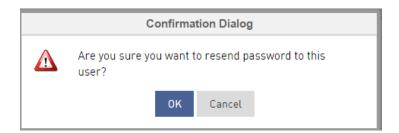


Following information and functionalities are available in the manage user rights page:

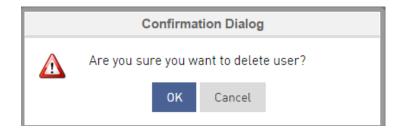
- Add New partner
- Delete selected users
- Name of the partner
- Username
- Email

Forgotten password?

In case partner forgets the password, the lead partner can resend the password via this functionality. System will ask to confirm the resending. New password must be given when resent has been done.



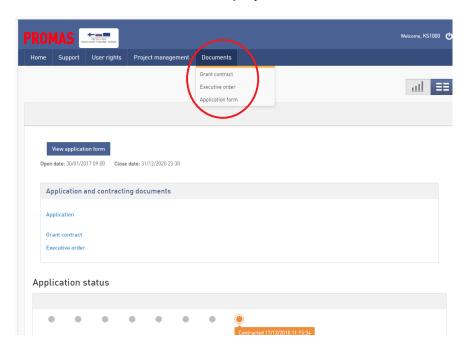
- Edit partner name or access rights (write & read or read)
- Delete partner. System will ask to confirm user deletion.



4. Project Home-page

In the Project Home-page following functions are available:

- Direct link to application
- Links to project documents
- On the right, a switch button to change the homepage view to see direct links to the current actions of the project

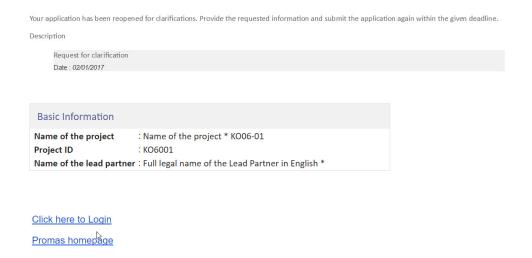


5. Grant Contract

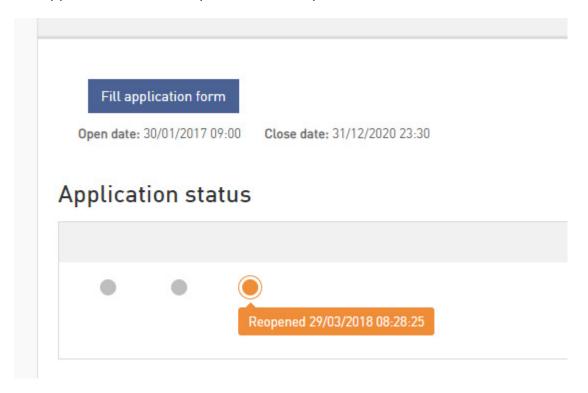
Different statuses related to the Grant Contract negotiation process are:

Reopened (negotiation)	•The project is approved for funding and MA has re- opened the application form for further clarification.
Negotiation concluded	All conditions for the grant are met and the project is forwarded to the contracting.
Cancelled	Conditions for the grant has not been met and the grant is cancelled.
Contracted	•The application is contracted and the features for the project implementation are available at the PROMAS.

An e-mail notification is send to lead partner, when the further clarifications are requested to proceed with the Grant Contract negotiations:

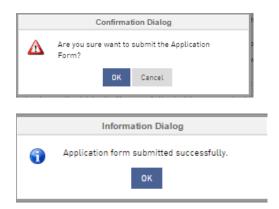


The application status is reopened for the requested modifications.



Modify your application and annexes as instructed in **Promas manual for applicants** available on the programme web-site https://www.sefrcbc.fi/projects/

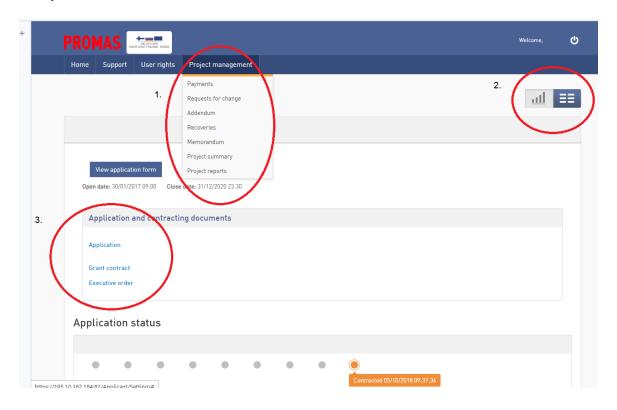
Re-Submit the application and the status changes back to Submitted.



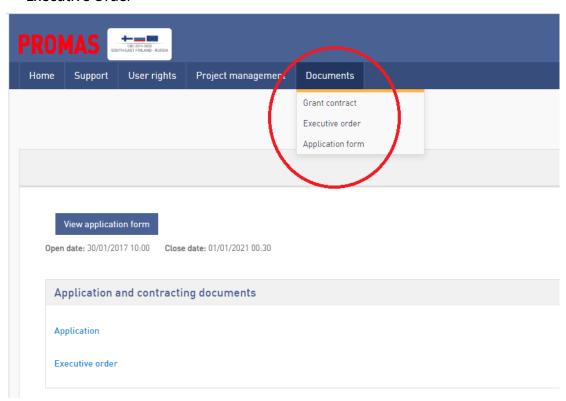
Grant Contract negotiation process ends when the Managing Authority receive the signed copies of the contract, and record it in the system. The application status change to Contracted and contract becomes visible also for the lead partner in the PROMAS Project Home-page.

6. Document library

The lead partner may view and download central documents in connection to applying for funding and implementing a project, after they have been recorded in the system.



- 1. Project Management contains links to the further project management functionalities:
 - Payments, Requests for change, Addendum, Recoveries, Memorandum, Project summary and Project reports. These functionalities are described in this manual in their own chapters.
- 2. Selection to change home page view from Application details view to Project Management Dashboard.
- 3. Link to documents. This section contains following links:
 - Grant Contract
 - Application
 - Executive Order



7. Payments

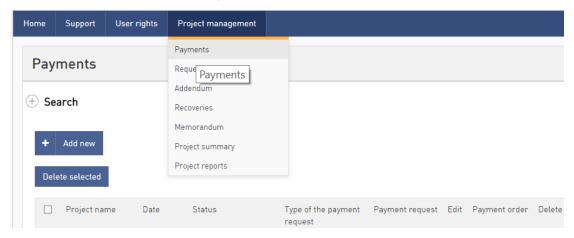
7.1 Payment request

During the project life cycle, the lead partner may request following payments in PROMAS:

- First pre-financing payment
- Interim payment
- Final payment

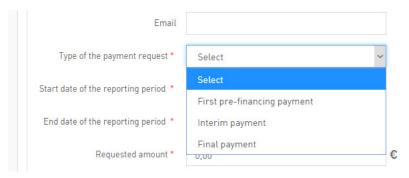
Lead Partner must supplement the payment request with corresponding reports that are specified in the Programme Manual.

Choose Project management > Payments. Choose Add new on the left.



Add payment request page contains following information and input fields for the lead partner to be filled for the payment request.

Fill in the requested information and select the type of the payment



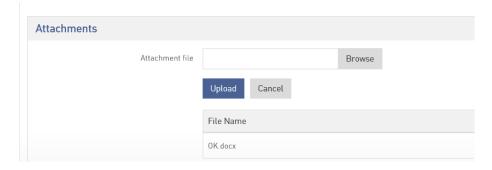
- Type of the payment request {First pre- financing payment, Interim payment,
 Final payment} Mandatory
- Start date of the reporting period. Calendar selection. Mandatory Not available with First pre-financing payment
- End date of the reporting period. Calendar selection. Mandatory Not available with First pre-financing payment
- Requested amount.
- Verified expenditure. The amount of project expenditure verified by auditor(s)
 Not available with First pre-financing payment

Provide and fill in all the details requested in the payment request form:

Payment request

- Contact persons and their contact info for the account and action
- IBAN number
- Account number (non IBAN)
- BIC/SWIFT code
- Additional information input field

Fill in the signature information and Upload required annexes.



To upload annexes, save first the payment request with "Save & Stay".

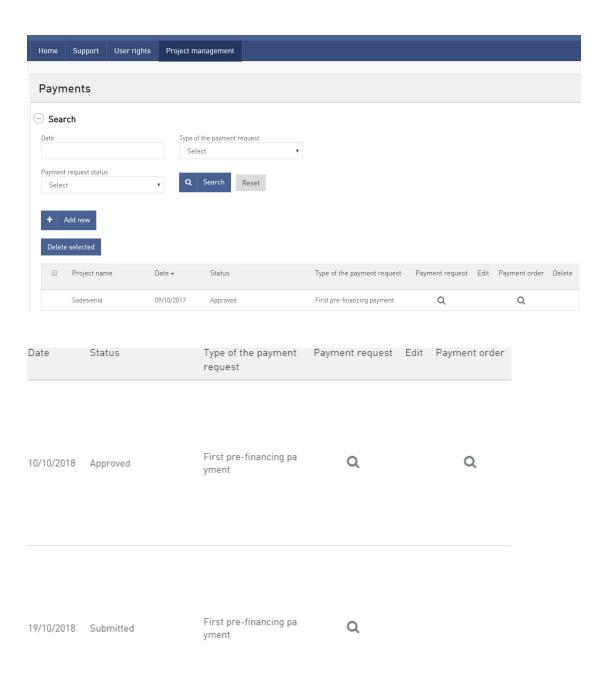
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Proceed by selecting **Submit** to send the payment request to the Managing Authority.



System confirms successful save of information > press OK

To review the payment requests, select Project management > Payments and select View icon.



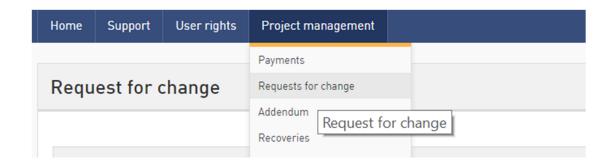
7.2 Payment order

Payment orders are available in the same menu, after being processed by the Managing Authority. The Payment orders are also delivered to the lead partner in paper copies.

8. Request for change

8.1 Change requests

From the menu bar select Project Management > Requests for change. (In case there is no previous requests for change done, result view is empty.)



In the Requests for change result view, the details are displayed as follows:

- Project ID
- Submission date
- Change request status (Draft, Submitted, Rejected, Approved)
- Edit with status Draft
- Delete with status Draft
- View (with status: Draft, Submitted, Approved, Rejected)

Requests for change

that Add new

Delete selected

Project ID Date Request for change status Edit/Add File Delete View

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Page size : 20 Records 1 to 1 of (1)

Click Add new button to create a new Request for change with following view

Basic information

- Name of the lead partner
- Name of the project
- Project ID
- Priority
- Implementation period of the project

Following information to specify the change(s) in question

- Date
- Change; Activities, Budget, Implementation Period, Others, Partners
- Proposed change
- Grounds for the change
- Budget impacts
- Organization
- Name
- Position

NOTE: The text input fields have a limit of 4000 characters; description field has a limit of 12000 characters

Upload relevant attachments to the request for change and Submit by pressing OK.

After the Managing Authority has recorded the decision for the Request for change, it is also visible for the lead partner with the following information:

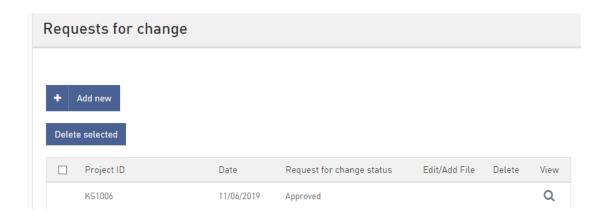
- Decision made by
- Decision: Approved or Rejected
- Grounds
- Contract addendum to be made: Yes or No (*)
- Date

Attach attachments to the request for change.

Submit the change request for Managing Authority to review and approve.

Decision of the authority for the request for change can be seen from the change request status.

Click View icon for the request that you want to view.



Decision of the authority is visible from the Decision section:

- Decision made by
- Decision: Approved or Rejected
- Grounds
- Contract addendum to be made: Yes or No
- Date

8.2 Partner change requests

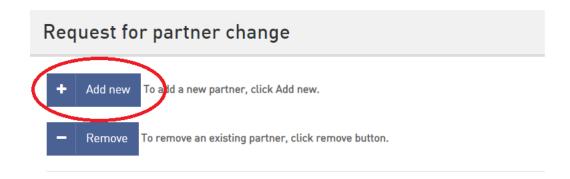
In Partner management functionality you can make requests for adding new partner or inactivating existing partner. Before using this transaction, always consult your project coordinator beforehand.

Choose Project management – Request for partner change

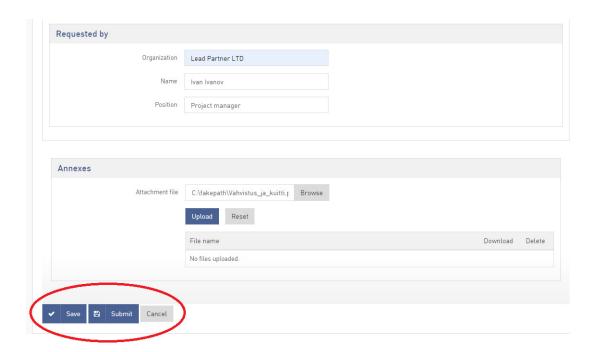


A request for partner change page is opened. In case there are no previous requests for change, the result view is empty

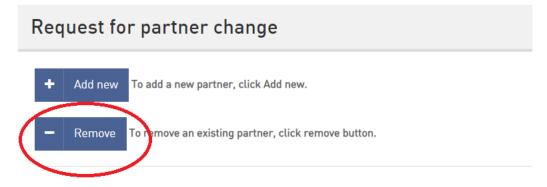
To Add a new partner select + Add new and fill in the required information and upload the necessary annexes



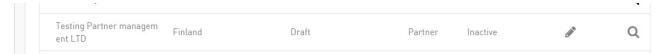
To save or submit the change request, navigate to the bottom of the page. Pressing save, saves the form, but you can still come back to edit the form. Pressing submit, the change request is sent to Managing Authority for approval.



To Remove an existing partner, select - Remove and fill in the required details and upload the necessary annexes.



When a change request is saved, it remains editable in Request for partner change list. Request status "draft" and partner status "inactive"



After submitting the change request for approval, the status changes from "draft" to "submitted". Partner status stays "inactive" while waiting for MA to approve the change.



After the change request is processed by the MA the status of the Partner change request changes either approved or rejected, and partner status changes active when the change is approved.



When approved the status of the new partner changes to "active" and you are able to maintain partner info in project summary, and add activities and roles to the partner in the workplan of the project reports.

When a request to remove an existing partner is approved, partner info is not deleted, all the inactive partners data stays in the system. The partner status changes to inactive and no any new activities to the inactive partner can be added.

In the project summary inactive, removed partners are shown grey, and the new and active partners normally, with editable contact details.

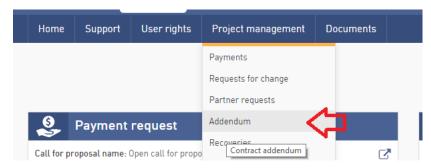


8.3 Contract Addendum

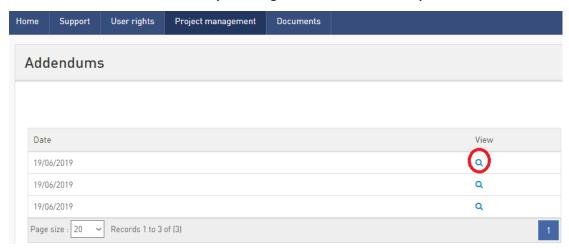
(*) According to handling of Request for change, the Managing Authority will evaluate the need for Addendum for the Grant Contract. In cases where required,

the lead partner is informed accordingly, and the procedure following the principles of signing the Grant Contract is instructed.

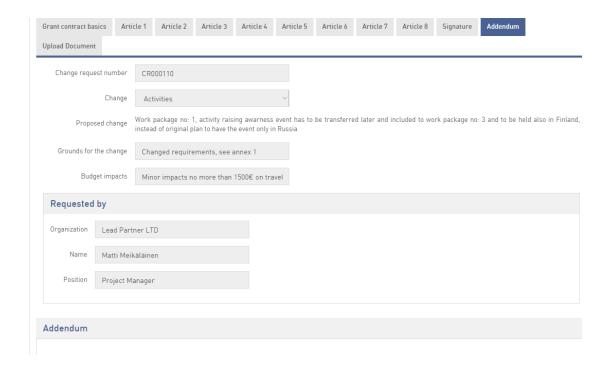
Go to Project management -> Addendums



Select the addendum to view by clicking the view functionality icon.



View opens the grant contract view, navigate to the addendum page on the right and click addendum tab to view the contents of the addendum.



8.4 Recovery (to be available later)

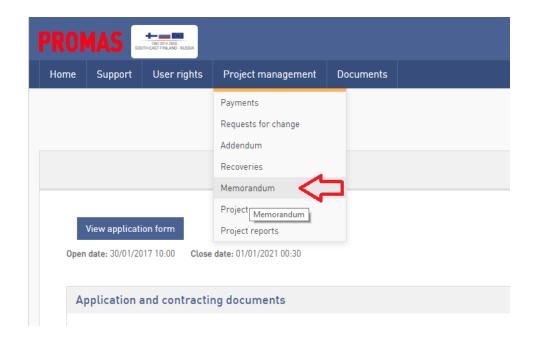
According to handling of Final report, the Managing Authority will evaluate the need for Recoveries of the payments. When apply, the lead partner is informed accordingly, and the procedure is instructed.

Further details available in May 2020.

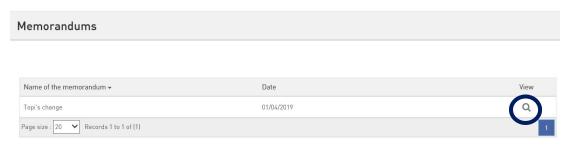
8.5 Memorandum

Memorandum function is available for recording any relevant information relating to the project implementation and agreed between the lead partner and the Managing Authority. Documents uploaded by the Managing Authority are also visible for the lead partner.

Go to Project management -> Memorandum



Select the memorandum to view by clicking the icon



Following information is displayed.

Project Basic Information:

- Name of the lead partner
- Name of the project
- Project ID and Priority
- Implementation period of the project

Memorandum details:

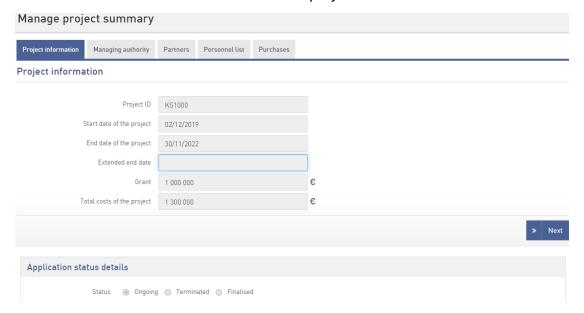
- Issue
- Description
- · Name of the authority
- Date

Press Close pushbutton to get back to Memorandum main page.

9. Project summary

In the Manage project summary, the project information may be viewed:

- Project ID
- Start and end dates of the project
- Extended end date (in case the project duration is prolonged)
- Grant amount and the total costs of the project

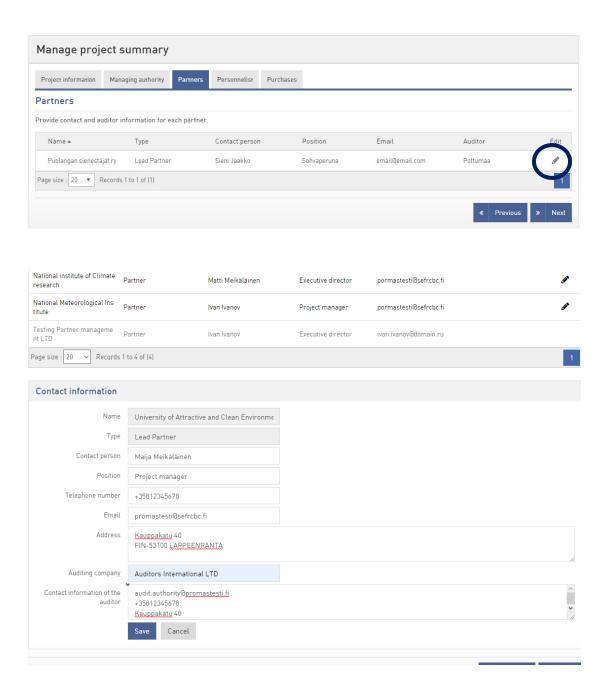


and may be maintained:

- Contact info for the project partners and their auditors
- Project personnel list
- Purchases information

9.1 Partner and auditor information

In Partners view, the lead partner maintain partners contact and auditor information. Click Edit sign in the view. Contact information view is opened in partners tab.



Press Save button to save the done changes and updates. System informs that information has been updated succesfully. Press OK.

9.2 Personnel list

Employees working for the project must be listed in the Personnel list.

Press Add new and provide required information.



Provide the following information:

- Name
- Organization
- Position
- Tasks in the project
- Start date in the project
- End date in the project
- Allocation: select Full-time or Part –time

Press Add pushbutton.

9.3 Purchases list

Purchases of the project must be listed in the Purchases.

Press Add new purchase and provide required information.

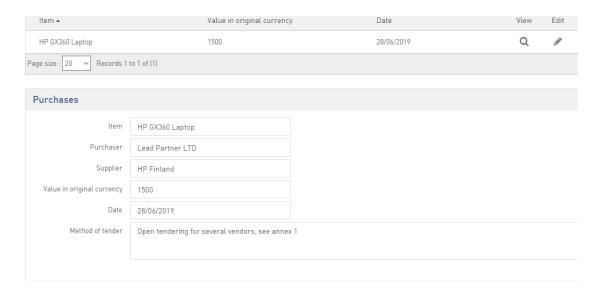


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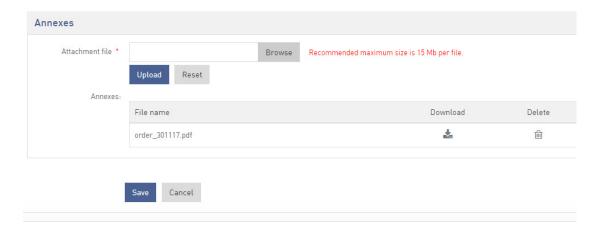
- Item
- Purchaser
- Supplier
- Value in original currency
- Date
- Method of tender

Press Add pushbutton.

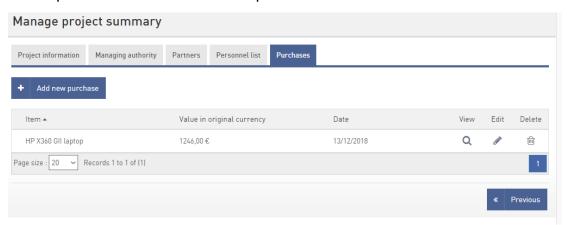
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Upload necessary attachments in Annexes functionality.



Added purchase item is visible in the purchase list:



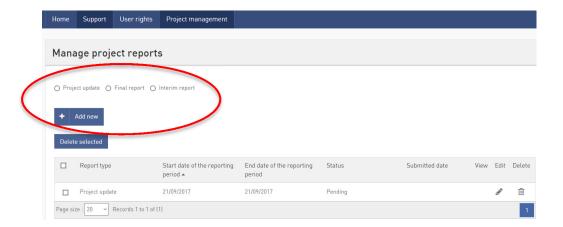
10. Project reports

During the project life cycle, lead partner is required to provide following reports via PROMAS to the Managing Authority:

- Project update
- Interim report
- Final report

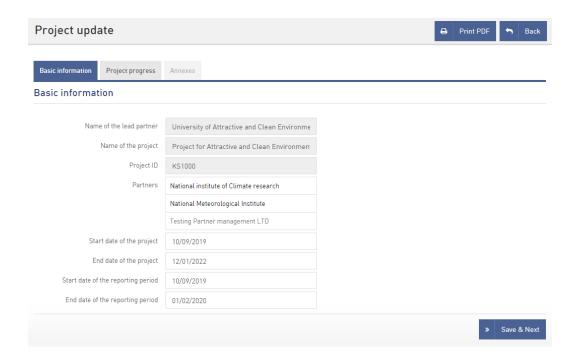
Choose Project management - Project reports. Manage project reports page is opened and it contains following information

- Report type (Project update, Interim report, Final report)
- Start date of the reporting period
- End date of the reporting period
- Status (Draft, Submitted, Reopened, Approved)
- Submitted date
- Support function buttons (View with statuses, Submitted & Approved, Edit with statuses Draft & Reopened, Delete with statuses Draft & Reopened)



10.1 Project update report

Select Project update from the manage project reports view and press Add new.



Project update is divided into three tabs:

- Basic Information
- Project progress
- Annexes

In the Basic information view, partner and project details are reviewed as the default from the Grant Contract. Check the correctness of the information and provide the following information:

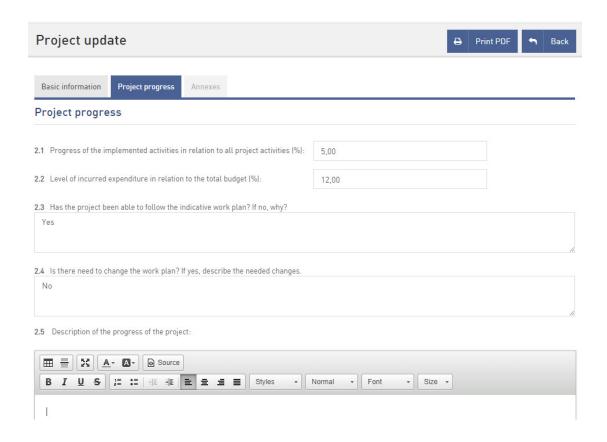
- Start date of the project
- End date of the project
- Start and end dates of the reporting period

Save the updates and move to the next tab by pressing Save & Next pushbutton.

In Project progress view, provide the following information:

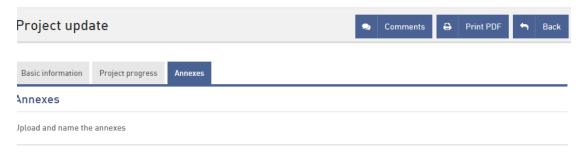
- Progress of the implemented activities in relation to all project activities (%):
- Level of incurred expenditure in relation to the total budget (%):
- Has the project been able to follow the indicative work plan? If no, explain why?
- Is there need to change the work plan? If yes, describe the needed changes.
- Description of the progress of the project

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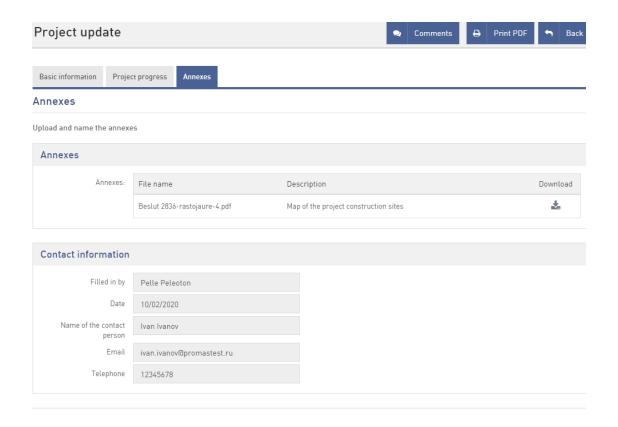


Save the updates and move to the next tab by pressing Save & Next pushbutton.

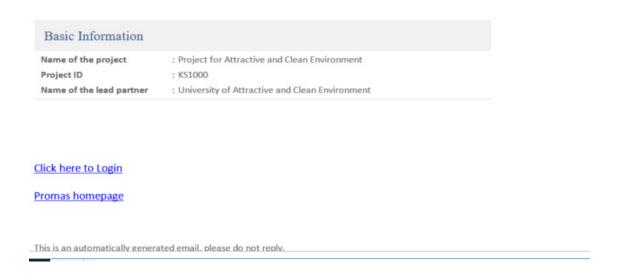
Upload the needed annexes and Save as a draft to continue editing later or submit when completed.



System confirms successful save of information > press OK



The Managing Authority may require further clarification and/or additional information to the Project update report by re-opening the report and informing the lead partner of the required modifications. The system sends an e-mail notification of the change of status.



In the Manage project reports, status of the Project update has changed to reopened and it is editable for the lead partner.



After providing the requested information and clarifications re-submit the Project update report.

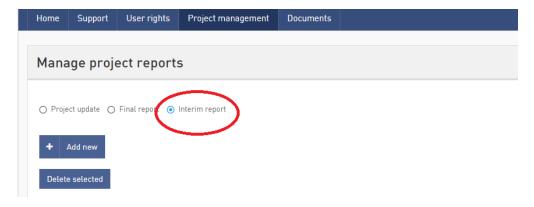
System ask confirmation of successful save of information > press OK

When Project update report is approved by the Managing Authority the report is shown in status Approved in the project reports list.

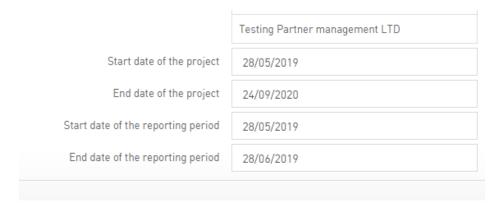


10.2 Interim report

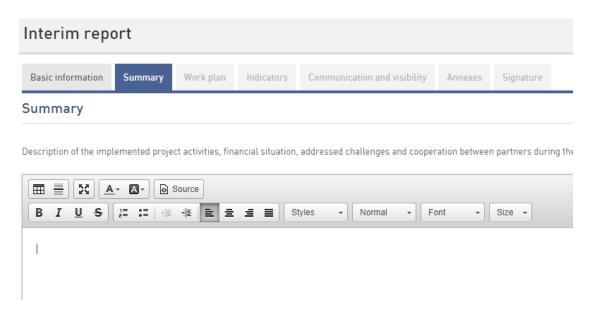
Select Interim report from the Project management reports view and press the Add New pushbutton



Fill the dates in the bottom of the basic information page



Navigate through all the pages with Save & Next pushbutton and fill in the required info.



10.2.1 Summary

 Description of the implemented project activities, financial situation, addressed challenges and cooperation between partners during the reporting period. The Summary text input field has a limit of 12000 characters

10.2.2 Work Plan

- Interim report work plan template is generated from the application work plan.
- Describe implementation and possible changes of the activities, completed outputs, if any, and the locations where activities took place.

- The text input fields have a limit of 4000 characters
- Click an activity in work plan section to open and edit the activity info

10.2.3 Indicators

- Provide cumulative information of realized indicators.

10.2.4 Communication and visibility

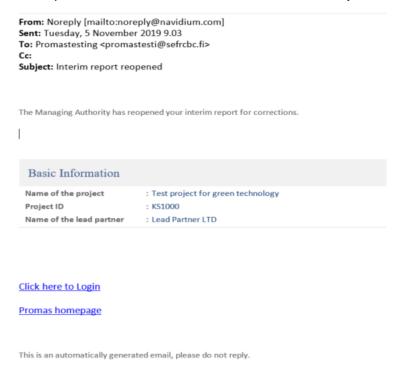
- Describe implementation of the communication and visibility activities, reached target groups and completed outputs and results, if any. List published material and links to project related sources.
- The text input field has a limit of 12000 characters

10.2.5 Upload necessary annexes

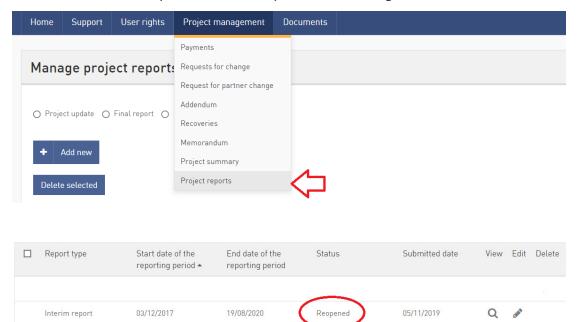
10.2.6 Signature

- Fill in the Signature info, Submit the Interim report, Print the report and send a signed paper copy to Managing authority

In case the Managing Authority require further clarifications or more information to the report, an e-mail notification is sent from the system:



In Project management – Project reports view the status of the report has changed from submitted to reopened and the report is editable again.



After providing the requested clarifications and additional information, submit the report and if required, print out and send the signed paper copy to Managing authority.

Approved

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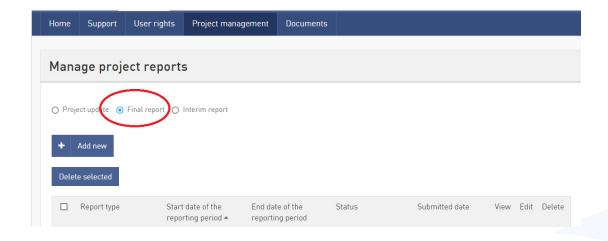
When Managing authority has processed the report and approved, the status of the project in Project management – Project report view changes to approved.

10.3 Final report

Project update

01/11/2018

Select Final report from the Project management reports view and press the Add New pushbutton.



Fill the dates in the bottom of the basic information page

Start date of the project	20/01/2019
End date of the project	19/01/2022

Navigate through all the pages with Save & Next pushbutton and report the following:

10.3.1 Activities

- Describe the status of the activities at the end of project.
- Describe the changes made to the work plan, and reasons to the changes, during the implementation of the project.
- Assess the functionality of the original work plan (activities, schedule and responsibilities) in reaching the objectives of the project

10.3.2 Indicators

- Report the realized Thematic and project specific indicators at the end of the project

10.3.3 Results

- Describe the results of the project
- Were the objectives described in the logical framework met? If not, why?
- Were the objectives relevant? If not, why?
- How did the project contribute to the cross-cutting issues of the programme?

10.3.4 Impact

- How and by whom will the project's main outputs be further utilized once the project has been finalized?
- How will the sustainability of the expected results be maintained financially and operationally?
- Describe the expected impact of the project within next five years.

10.3.5 Monitoring and evaluation

 Describe the monitoring and evaluation arrangements; how the project implementation and achieving of the results were monitored and evaluated?

10.3.6 Environmental impact

- Does the project have any negative or positive environmental impact? Analyze the environmental impact, if any.

10.3.7 Communication and visibility

- Describe the communication and visibility channels, tactics and tools that were used in the project.
- Describe the impact of the communication and visibility activities.
- Summary of the project including objectives, main activities and achievements of the project. The summary will be published by the Managing Authority.

10.3.8 Assessment of project administration

- Assess the project management (reporting, internal communication, division of the tasks).
- Assess the financial management of the project.
- Assess the cooperation between the partners.
- Lessons learnt

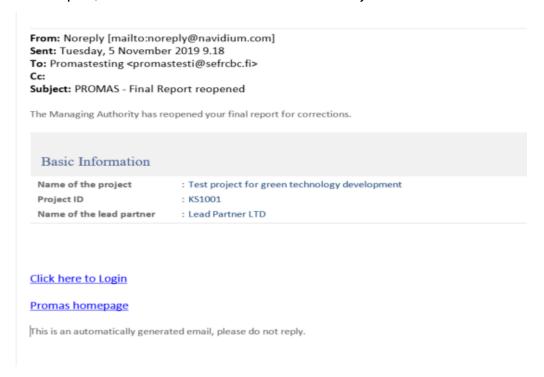
10.3.9 Assessment of the programme

- Assess the CBC programme as a financing instrument
- Assess the cooperation with the Managing Authority and Branch Office
- Suggestions for improvements

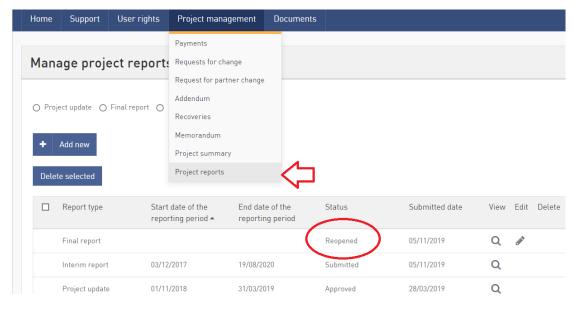
10.3.10 Annexes

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