

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS ON GRANTS AND SUPPORT

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TITLE I — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Purpose and scope of application

1. Purpose.

These Regulations govern the call for applications, assessment, award, monitoring, accountability and publicisation of grants and support provided by EDP to its members and to players with hearing loss and/or other disabilities, in accordance with Article 4.3.c of the Articles of Association.

2. Scope.

It applies to all grants or support awarded from any source of funding: own resources, public funding, private funding, European programmes, sponsorships or earmarked donations.

3. Precedence of funding conditions.

Where the grant is financed wholly or partly from resources provided by a public or private body, the requirements, limits and obligations established by that body shall also apply and shall take precedence over the provisions of these Regulations in the event of any discrepancy.

4. Nature.

These Regulations constitute an internal policy of EDP. The legislation governing public grants is taken as a benchmark for good governance and applies only to the extent that the funding in question so requires.

Article 2. Structure of the system

1. Levels.

The system is organised into three successive levels:

- a) These Regulations, which set out the permanent safeguards.
- b) The call for applications, which sets out for each programme the purpose, the target group, the requirements, the procedures, the eligible items, the budget, the estimated number of grants, the assessment criteria and their weighting, the amounts or the method for determining them, the deadlines and the required documentation.
- c) The final decision, which sets out the grant awarded.

2. Limitation.

No call for applications may reduce the guarantees set out in these Regulations.

Article 3. Principles

1. Applicable principles.

The award of grants and support is governed by the principles of objectivity, transparency, equality and non-discrimination, accessibility, traceability and proportionality.

2. Non-discrimination.

No difference in treatment shall be permitted on the grounds of sex, origin, age, degree or type of disability, language or form of communication, sexual orientation, beliefs, nationality or territory. The call for applications may provide for positive action measures where the available data indicate an imbalance.

3. Proportionality.

The requirements and the documentation required shall be proportionate to the nature and amount of the grant.

Article 4. Methods of award

1. Standard procedures.

The call for applications shall expressly specify which of the following procedures applies:

- a) Competitive selection. Where resources are insufficient to meet all eligible applications, these shall be compared against one another and awarded in order of score in accordance with the published scoring criteria.
- b) Fulfilment of objective criteria. Where it is not necessary to rank applications against one another, all applications that meet the established conditions may be approved, subject to the availability of funds.

2. Insufficient resources.

Where resources prove insufficient under the procedure set out in point (b), the call for applications shall specify in advance the applicable mechanism: order of submission, pro rata allocation, lottery or any other objective criterion appropriate to the nature of the grant.

3. Exceptional grants.

Where the nature of the action or the conditions of the funding so warrant, support may be granted outside the scope of the above procedures. In such cases, the reasons, the criteria applied and the recipient shall be expressly stated, and the decision shall be recorded in the minutes.

TITLE II — IMPARTIALITY AND BODIES

Article 5. Impartiality and absence of favouritism

1. Absence of preference.

No person shall receive preferential treatment, an advantage or different treatment by virtue of being a member of EDP's governing bodies, collaborating with EDP, carrying out duties within its programmes, or having a personal or professional relationship with members of its governing bodies.

2. Duty to abstain.

Any person who has a personal interest in an application, or who has a relationship with the applicant based on kinship, close friendship, open enmity, or a professional or financial connection, shall abstain from participating in its assessment and in any decision affecting the applicant. Such abstention shall be recorded in the minutes.

3. Disclosure.

Any person may bring a conflict of interest to the attention of the Board of Directors, which shall resolve the matter by issuing a reasoned decision.

Article 6. Competent bodies

1. Competitive selection.

The assessment shall be carried out by an Assessment Committee appointed by the Board of Directors and comprising at least three members. The Committee shall submit a reasoned proposal to the Board of Directors, which shall be responsible for taking a decision. This separation of powers may not be waived in any call for applications.

2. Compliance with objective requirements.

Verification may be carried out by the Board of Directors or by persons appointed by it, with a written record being kept of the requirements verified and the outcome.

3. Application of Article 5.

The provisions of Article 5 apply to both categories.

TITLE III — PROCEDURE

Article 7. Call for applications

1. Approval and publication.

Each call for applications shall be approved by the Board of Directors, published on the EDP website in an accessible format and communicated through the organisation's usual channels.

2. Advance notice.

Calls for applications shall be published sufficiently in advance to allow applicants to familiarise themselves with the conditions and to submit their applications effectively. As a general rule, this shall be at least fifteen calendar days prior to the start of the application period. Where the conditions or deadlines for funding so require, a shorter period may be established, provided that reasons are given.

Article 8. Application and rectification of errors

1. Submission.

Applications must be submitted using the form provided with the call for applications, within the specified deadline and accompanied by supporting documentation verifying the claimed requirements and merits.

2. Rectification.

If the application contains rectifiable errors, a period as set out in the call for applications shall be granted, which shall generally be ten calendar days. The notification shall state that, if the errors are not rectified, the application cannot proceed to the next stage.

Article 9. Assessment criteria and amount

1. Criteria.

Each call for applications sets out its assessment criteria and the weighting of each. The criteria shall be objective and verifiable by means of documentation or EDP's records, and shall be directly related to the purpose of the grant. Criteria not published in the call for applications may not be applied.

2. Threshold and tie-breaking.

Where the award procedure so requires, the call for applications shall specify the minimum score required to qualify as a beneficiary and the tie-breaking rules.

3. Amount.

The call for applications specifies the amount of the grants or the method for calculating it. The score determines the order of priority; its conversion into the individual grant amount, where applicable, shall be expressly set out in the call for applications.

4. Limit.

Where the purpose of the grant is to finance or offset an expense, its amount may not exceed the cost actually incurred and substantiated, without prejudice to any systems for determining the amount or providing justification set out in the call for applications.

Article 10. Decision and acceptance

1. Content.

The decision shall specify the beneficiaries, the score obtained where applicable, and the amount or support allocated, and shall be adopted within the maximum time limit set out in the call for applications. It shall be

notified individually in an accessible format and published on the website to the extent compatible with data protection regulations.

2. Competitive selection.

Under this scheme, the Board of Directors shall adopt a provisional decision, which shall be notified to the applicants. Applicants shall have ten calendar days to submit representations. In the light of the representations submitted, the Board of Directors shall adopt the final decision, which shall set out the reasons in response to the representations received.

3. Fulfilment of objective requirements.

In this procedure, the decision shall be final. Applicants may lodge an appeal with the Board of Directors within ten calendar days of notification, and the Board shall issue a reasoned decision.

4. Acceptance.

Prior to payment or the provision of the grant, the beneficiary must confirm their acceptance and undertake the obligations set out in Article 11. Acceptance must be provided in writing or by the accessible means specified in the call for applications and shall be included in the file.

TITLE IV — IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

Article 11. Obligations of the beneficiary

The obligations of the beneficiary are as follows:

- a) To use the grant for the purpose for which it was awarded.
- b) To provide documentary evidence of the expenditure or the action taken within the time limit set out in the call for applications.
- c) To notify the authorities of any other grants received for the same purpose.
- d) To submit to any audits agreed by EDP or, where applicable, the funding body.
- e) To acknowledge the funding received in the manner specified.

Article 12. Compatibility and monitoring

1. Compatibility.

The grants are compatible with other grants for the same purpose provided that the total does not exceed the cost of the project. If it does exceed this amount, the EDP grant will be adjusted in accordance with the terms set out in the call for applications and in accordance with the funding conditions. No expenditure or project may be charged simultaneously to two sources of funding or to two EDP programmes.

2. Verification.

EDP shall verify, prior to payment and upon submission of supporting documents, that the grant is compatible with those previously notified by the beneficiary. The verification shall be documented in the file.

3. Indications of irregularity.

Where there are indications of irregularity, payment shall be suspended if it has not yet been made; the file shall be examined and the person concerned shall be given the opportunity to be heard within ten calendar days. The Board of Directors shall issue a reasoned decision to maintain, amend or revoke the grant, or to require its repayment.

Article 13. Amendment

1. Application.

Where unforeseen circumstances or justified grounds arise that alter the conditions taken into account for the award, the beneficiary may request an amendment to the decision before the end of the implementation period.

2. Limits.

The Board of Directors shall issue a reasoned decision. The amendment may not substantially alter the purpose of the grant, automatically increase its amount, or prejudice the rights of third parties.

Article 14. Non-compliance and repayment

1. Circumstances.

The grant shall be revoked or its repayment, in whole or in part, shall be demanded in the event of failure to comply with the purpose of the grant, failure to provide supporting documentation within the specified time limit, obtaining the grant by misrepresenting the required conditions, or exceeding the cost of the project.

2. Procedure.

Proceedings shall be initiated by resolution of the Board of Directors, following a hearing of the person concerned within a period of ten calendar days.

3. Public funds.

Where the grant has been financed from public funds, the applicable repayment regime in accordance with the funding conditions shall also apply.

Article 15. Traceability and record-keeping

1. File.

A complete file shall be kept for each call for applications, enabling the following sequence to be reconstructed: origin of the funds, call for applications, applications submitted, assessment, decision, beneficiaries, amounts, payments, supporting documentation and closure.

2. Retention period.

The documentation shall be retained for a minimum period of four years, or for any longer period required by the funding body.

Article 16. Publicity

1. Website section.

EDP shall maintain a permanent, freely accessible section on its website entitled 'Grants and Transparency', in which the following shall be published and retained:

- a) The current regulations, including their date of approval and a history of previous versions.
- b) Open and closed calls for applications, together with their criteria and scoring scales.
- c) Information on the outcome of each call for applications, to the extent compatible with the protection of personal data.
- d) A summary report for each call for applications, with content proportionate to its nature, scale and complexity, which will provide details of at least the resources allocated, the grants awarded and the extent to which they have been implemented. For calls of a certain scale, it will also include the applications received, those accepted and those rejected, the total amount awarded and the remaining balance.

2. Restrictions.

The published information shall not include health data, bank details, individual supporting documentation or the personal circumstances of beneficiaries. The complete file shall be retained internally.

Article 17. Data protection and accessibility

1. Processing.

The processing of personal data is carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Organic Law 3/2018, for the sole purpose of managing grants and fulfilling the obligations of verification and justification.

2. Accessibility.

Information on grants and the procedural steps will be provided in formats accessible to deaf people.

Article 18. Professional services

1. Documentation of the assignment.

Where the implementation of a programme requires professional services, the engagement shall be documented, including a prior definition of roles and working hours, evidence of the need for the service, invoicing and payment broken down by programme, and alignment with market rates. The provisions of Article 5 shall apply to the selection of such services.

2. Members of the Board of Directors.

Membership of the Board of Directors shall not prevent the provision of paid professional services to EDP where such services are distinct from the duties inherent in the position. In such cases, proof must be provided of the need for the service, the professional qualifications or suitability of the individual, the alignment of the remuneration with market rates, and the actual provision of the service.

3. Abstention.

The person concerned shall abstain from participating in the proposal, assessment, decision or approval of their own services and remuneration, and this shall be recorded in the minutes.

4. Provision in the Articles of Association.

The provisions of this article do not imply remuneration for the performance of duties on the Board of Directors, which is carried out on a voluntary basis in accordance with the Articles of Association, but exclusively, where applicable, the remuneration for services other than those inherent to that position.

FINAL PROVISIONS

First Final Provision. Publication

These Regulations shall be published in the 'Grants and Transparency' section of the EDP website, in an accessible format available for free download, indicating the date of approval and the current version, and shall be communicated to members.

Second Final Provision. Review

The Board of Directors shall review these Regulations whenever necessary due to regulatory changes, the conditions imposed by funding bodies, or experience gained from their application. Each version shall be identified by its number and date, and previous versions shall be retained.

Third Final Provision. Entry into force

These Regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication on the EDP website.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 21 August 2026