



5b. Summary of the changes in the Programme Manual

This document summarises the changes made to the first version of the Programme Manual. All relevant changes are marked in the Programme Manual as a track change.

1. The main reason for an update was a decision that the Russian Federation and Belarus are no longer part of the Programme and the Programme area. Considering that all information related to the participation of these countries as well as references to the NDICI funds was removed from the Programme Manual.
2. In the legal framework (**chapter B5**) the MA/JS included the General Data Protection Regulation in the list of the main legal acts.
3. According to the latest recommendation of the European Commission. Norway was renamed the third country instead of the partner country.
4. It has been made more precise that the preparation costs are part of the budget as a cost category 0. It was particularly important for a small project, which budget is limited to EUR 500,000 and the preparation costs are included in this limit. This change is visible in **chapter E.3.4**.
5. A reference to Horizon Europe's Mission on Restore our Ocean and Waters was added and the reference to BONUS/BANOS was removed, in line with the update of the Programme Document.
6. **Chapter G.4.4** – admissibility check. An additional requirement for Strategy Forum was added to table 16 – *a draft budget was submitted to the document centre*. The draft budget is an obligatory annex to the application form. Based on the assessment of the draft budget the MA/JS grants the lump sum for the Strategy Forum.
7. **Chapter H.2.3** - Closure phase. Additional sentence was added: *The MC may define a different period for the closure phase. Shall this be a case, this information will be included in the announcement note of each call*. It was added to give the MA/JS possibility to shorten the closure phase in particular in the case of the strategy governance projects.
8. **Chapter I.4** - Project contribution to Programme communication. The MA/JS specified the options for the required communication products and the timeframe for delivery of communication products for small projects to align them with core projects.
9. Various typos and grammar mistakes were corrected.

