

Financial webinar



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Welcome to the financial webinar

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Agenda

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- **Warming-up** 13:00 – 13:15
- **Finances in small projects** 13:15 – 14:15
- Questions & BREAK 14:15 – 14:35
- Answers to your questions 14:35 – 14:55
- **Final words** 14:55 – 15:00



Finances in small projects

- General rules for small projects
- Budget in small projects





General rules for small projects

Dana Hennings/Finance Officer

Duration of small projects



General principles of eligibility for small projects



Project budget

- Max. EUR 500,000
- Three cost categories (incl. preparation costs)



Project partner budget

- Each partner has its own budget
- Can be used only by given partner
- No combination with other EU funds
- Public procurement



No service/supply/work contract

- ... with own employees
- ... with partner itself (e.g. internal invoices)
- ... with other project partners



Further points for budget planning

- VAT eligible
- No gifts and awards
- No cost-sharing
- No double funding



Basic principles of reimbursement

- Reimbursement of costs
- Partner budget = Programme co-financing + own partner contribution

EU
partners

- 80% of ERDF co-financing
- 20% own contribution

Norwegian
partners

- 50% of Norwegian national co-financing
- 50% own contribution

- Reporting of costs and payment of Programme funds – in **EUR**



Management verification in small projects

- Simplified cost options
 - verified by MA/JS
 - **partners do not have to pay for control**



Assessment

- A partner's **entire Programme co-financing** is either **State aid** or not
- **Programme's assessment:** You do not have to provide State aid declarations
- Preliminary assessment result in **State aid section of BAMOS+**
- **Universities and sectoral agencies** are State aid relevant, but can require and justify a **plausibility check**
- **Final assessment result** is part of the Assessment Sheet and thus of the **selection decision of the Monitoring Committee**



Compliance measures

- **Main and best one:** General Block Exemption Regulation, Article 20
 - Up to EUR 2 million per partner, per project
 - Can be used **for all types of partners and project activities**
 - **Equal co-financing rates and eligibility rules**

- **Exceptionally and with limitations:** De minimis aid
 - EUR 200,000 for the current and the previous two fiscal years (EUR 100,000 for road transport for hire and reward)
 - **Not available for primary agricultural production, fishery and aquaculture**



- **Non-financial support** through project partners' activities
- **Examples:**
 - Consultancy, product development or other subsidised services provided to companies
 - Access to research facilities for companies
 - Project output (e.g. digital service platform) transferred to a company
- Measure: General Block Exemption Regulation, Article 20a
 - **EUR 20,000 per third party, per project**
 - Project partner has to calculate
 - Elimination of the aid elements if the value is beyond EUR 20,000

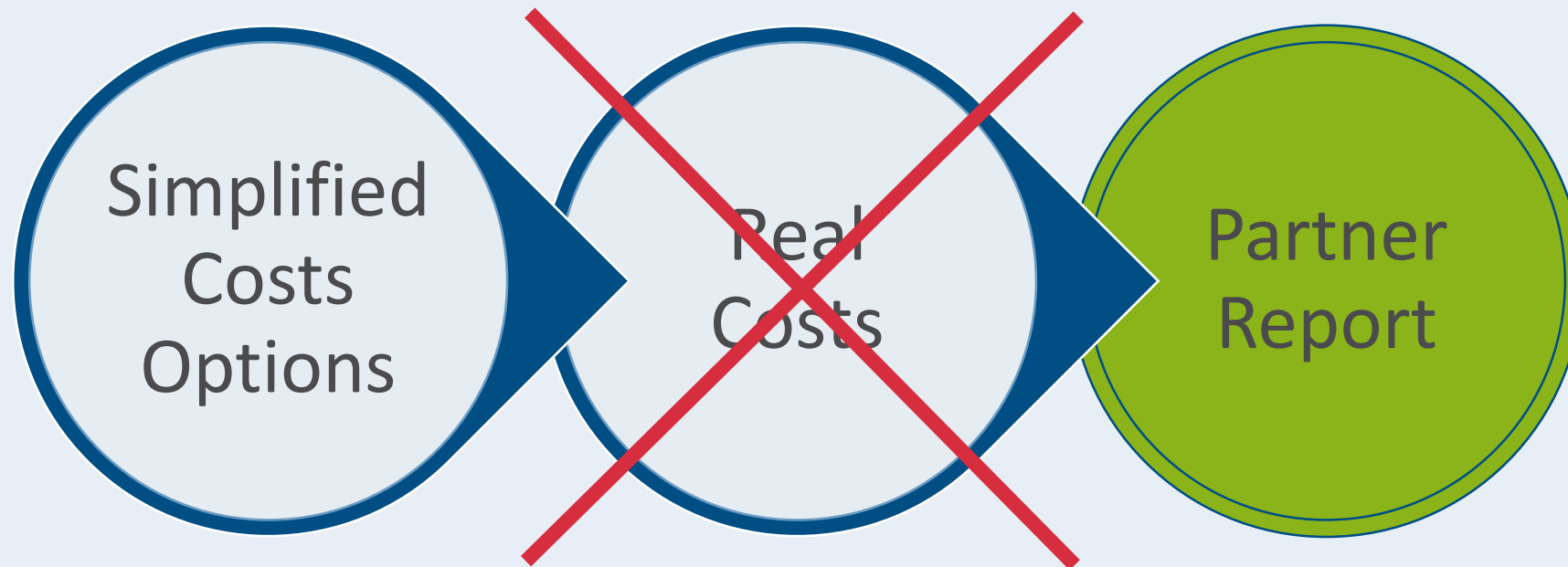


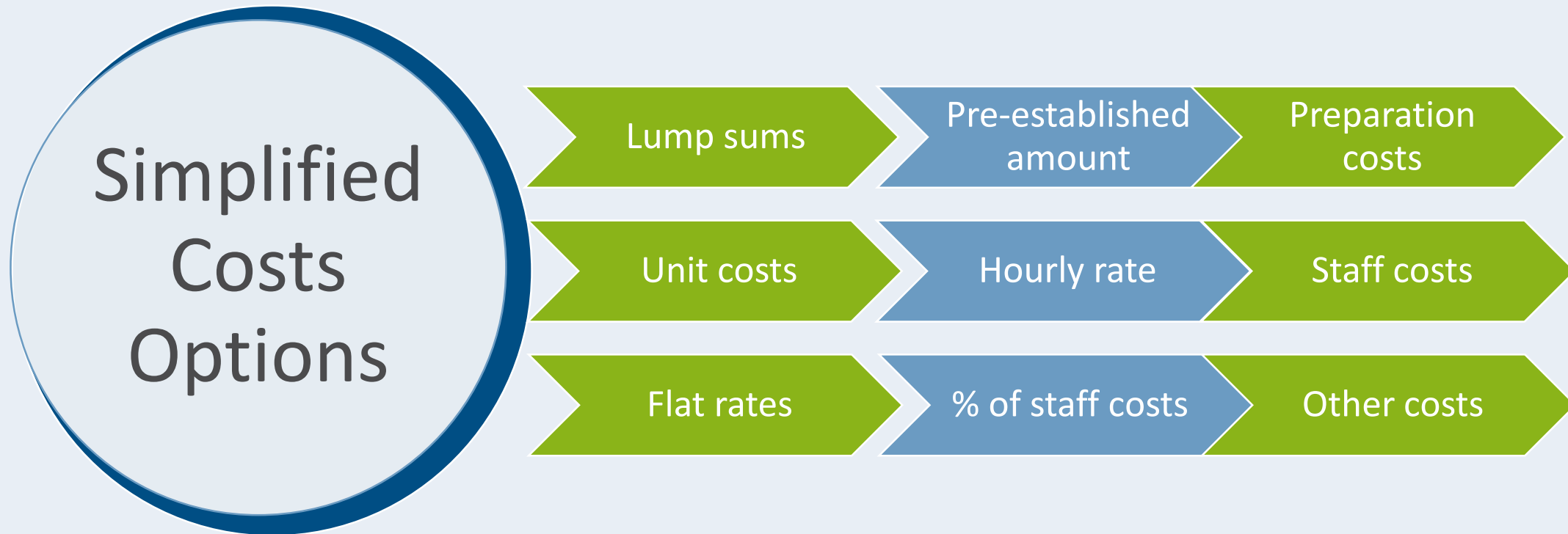


Budget in small projects

Václav Kaplan/Senior Finance Officer

Forms of support





What can be planned?



CAT = Cost category

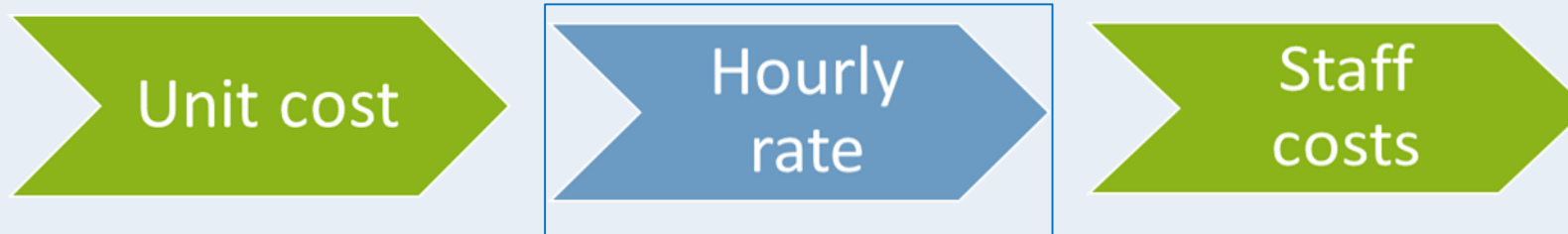


Preconditions for reimbursement of preparation cost:

- For **approved** projects only
- Possibility **stated in the announcement note**
- **Project applied** in the application
- **Project did not receive other EU funds** for the development of this project application



SMALL PROJECTS - Lump sum EUR 10,000 ~ **EUR 8,000** Programme co-financing



Conditions:

- employment contract or equivalent with a project partner
- 1,720 hours per full-time employee per calendar year
- productive hours only

Hourly rate

Pre-defined hourly rate

Per country

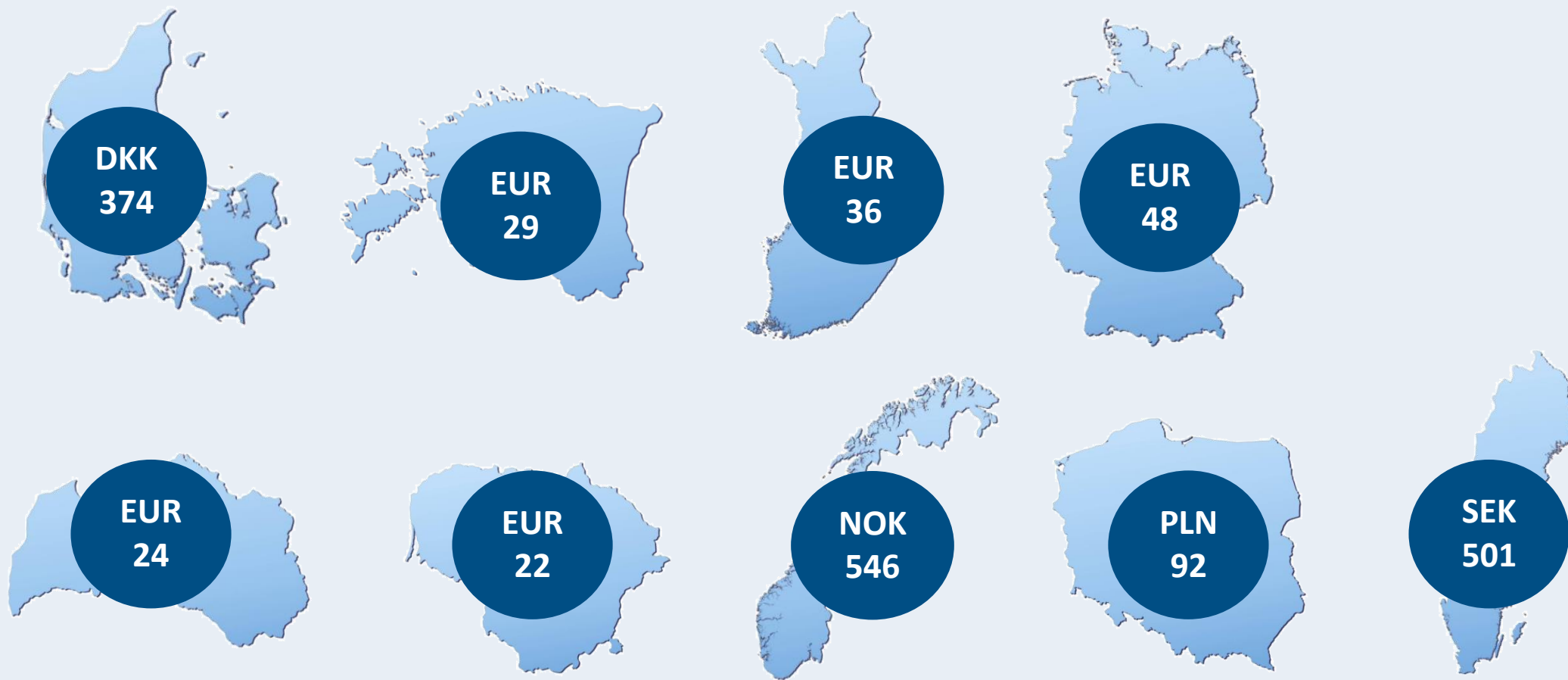
The same for each employee

Per productive working hour

**STAFF
COSTS**



Hourly rate



Calculation

FOR STAFF COSTS
PLANNING

1720
rule

Full-time
100% for project

1720
hrs/year

Part-time (50%)
100% for project

50% x 1720
hrs/year

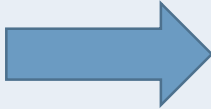
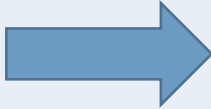
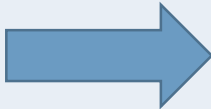
Part-time (X%)
Y% for project

$X\% \times Y\% \times 1720$
hrs/year



CAT1 – Unpaid voluntary work

Specific case for small projects

- In small projects only  in other project types not allowed
- No indication in the application  limits to be considered in planning
- Max. amount of own contribution  **only in addition to regular employees**

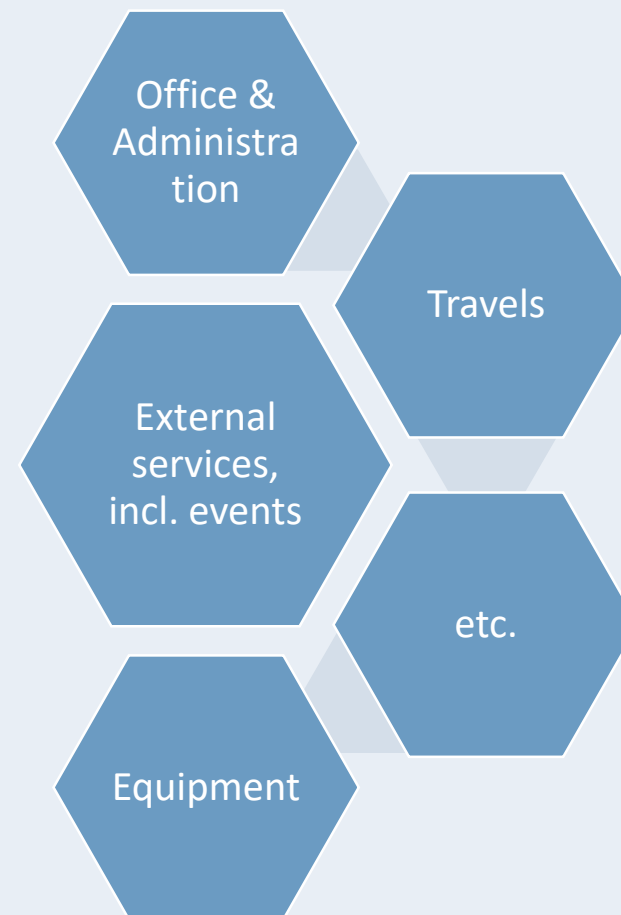


Flat rate – 40 % of eligible staff costs

Automatic calculation

No supporting documents

Over or under-compensation possible



Budget planning

Example budget
project partner from **Finland**
project duration: **2 years**



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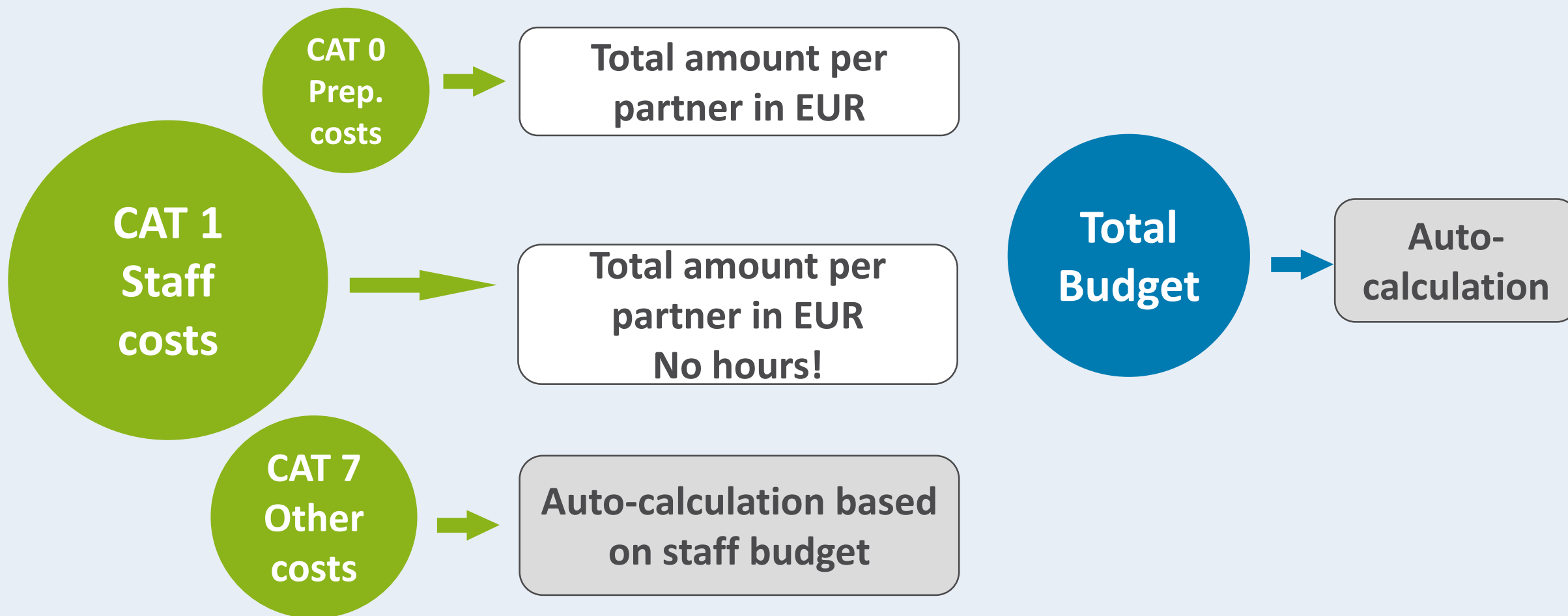


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Budget planning

Application form – BAMOS+



Total project budget



BAMOS+

**TOTAL
PROJECT
BUDGET**

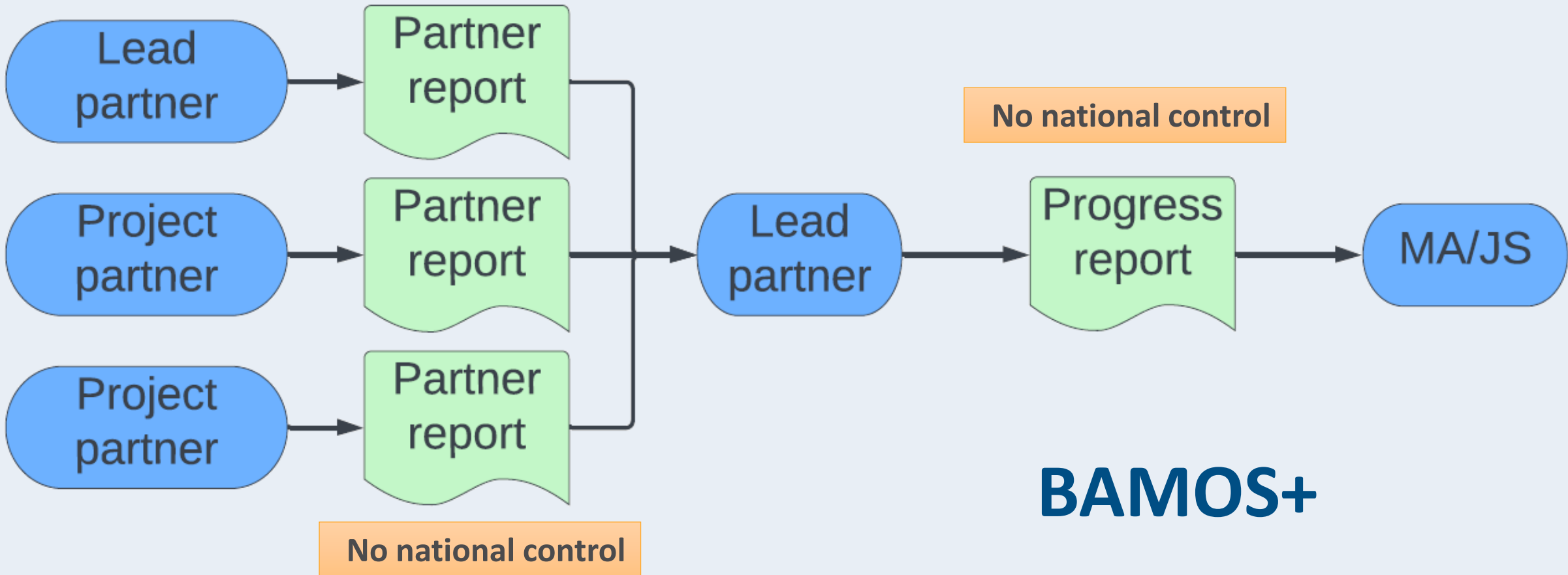
**Max. EUR 500,000
(CAT 0 + CAT 1+ CAT 7)**



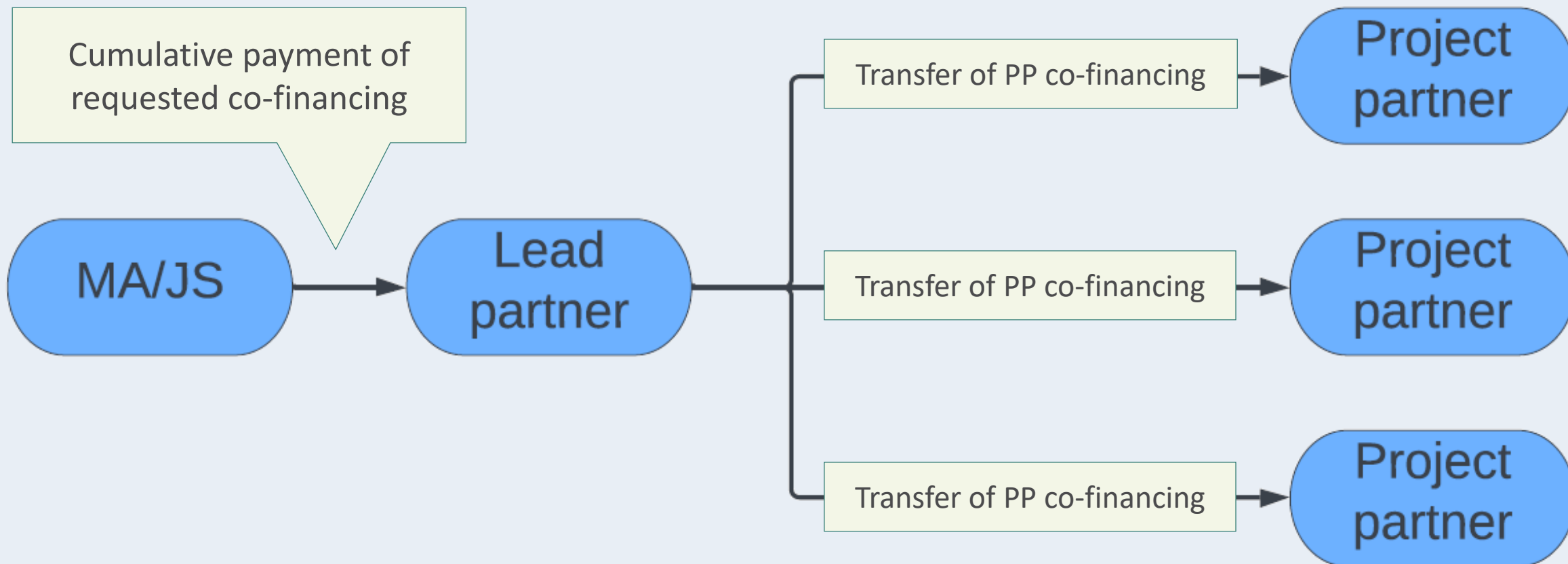


Basic principles of reporting

Reporting process – small projects



Payment process



Final words





Gateway for applicants

interreg-baltic.eu/gateway

- Details about **open calls**
- **Programme manual**
- Information material: **stay tuned**
- **Video tutorials:** check available and stay tuned for more!



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