



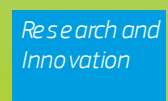
# HORIZON EUROPE

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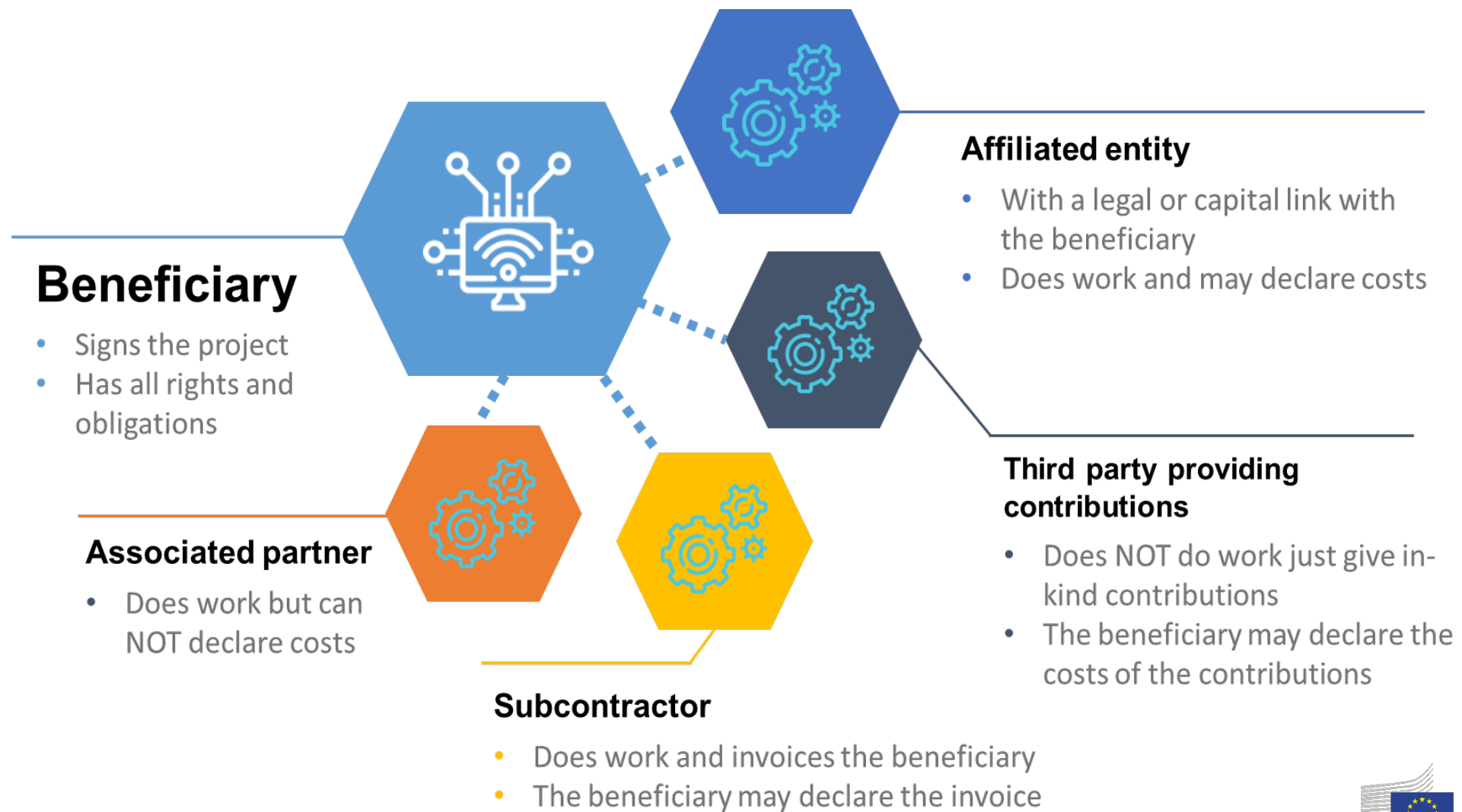


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# Participants under Horizon Europe



# Third parties carrying out work in the ction



**Beneficiary**

Third parties with a capital link

Affiliated entities

Third parties with a legal link

Subcontractors

Associated Partners



# Affiliated entities


Article 187 (1)(b) of the EU Financial Regulation:

Entities '*that have a link with the beneficiary, in particular a legal or capital link, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation*'.

## **Affiliated entities in Horizon Europe = Linked third parties in Horizon 2020:**

(alignment of labelling/definition in the corporate context)

- Must be identified in GA in Article 8, their tasks must be mentioned in Annex 1 and their budget in Annex 2
- Same cost eligibility criteria than for beneficiaries

 They are therefore de facto treated like beneficiaries (*have their own financial statement, must provide their own CFS, must contribute to the technical report, must submit deliverables, etc*).

- Granting authority may request them to accept joint and several liability for their EU contribution

# Subcontracting

- Ensure best value for money and avoid conflict of interests
- Subcontracting between beneficiaries is not allowed. Subcontracting to affiliates is generally not allowed either
- Estimated costs and tasks must be identified in the budget and in Annex 1
- Simplified approval procedure allowed (i.e. beneficiary flags the subcontracting at reporting stage)  
However, beneficiary bears the risk of rejection

*E.g.: Testing described in Annex 1 as action task*

 The beneficiaries are responsible for the proper implementation of the subcontracted action tasks by the subcontractors (*proper quality, timely delivery, etc*).

# Associated Partner (AP)

- Inherited and derived from the **'International partner'** status in H2020 MGA
- **Corporate terminology** and status with the following features:
  - AP does work but cannot declare costs
  - AP can be linked:
    - either to one or more beneficiaries
    - or with the whole consortium
- The beneficiaries must ensure that some of MGA obligations also applied to AP (*i.e. Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interests), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping)*)

# Other third parties



Beneficiary

Purchase costs

In-kind contributions

- May cover:
  - Travel, accommodation and subsistence (Article 6.2.C.1)
  - Equipment (Article 6.2.C.2)
  - Other goods, works or services, if necessary to implement the action (Article 6.2.C.3).

*E.g.: CFS, consumables and supplies, promotion, dissemination, protection of results, translations, publications, etc*
- must be declared as actual costs
- Ensure best value for money and avoid any conflict of interests



# In-kind contributions – both still eligible under HE



## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS AGAINST PAYMENT

- **No more special Article** (corporate approach):
- But **they can still be declared** as:
  - **Seconded persons** under **Personnel costs provisions**
  - **Or as renting costs for equipment** (if the in-kind contribution relates to an equipment provided by a third party against payment)
  - **Other types** as purchase of goods, works or services
- Indirect costs calculated on top via the 25% flat-rate



## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FREE OF CHARGE

- **Specific provisions (Art 6(1) & Art 9(2)) HE MGA** (stemming from Horizon Europe specific legal base)
- They must be declared under the relevant cost category (i.e. as if they were costs incurred by the beneficiary).
- Only **direct costs** must be reported
- Indirect costs calculated on top via the 25% flat-rate (with exceptions, like for internal invoicing)





# Thank you!

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