

DIRECT ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES_ VERSION 5.0_ MODIFICATIONS_ 13.06.2019

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Paragraph 13.3 PAYMENT OF GRANT – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Rephrasing: Installment payments are made by the Certifying Authority directly to each Project Beneficiary (PB) via an interest-free project dedicated bank account, which is declared by the concerned Beneficiary in the State Aid Information System and depending on the availability of funds.

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Paragraph 14.1 MODIFICATION PROCESS

Clarification added:

More specifically, if one aid recipient of the scheme withdraws with a justified reason after signing of the Grant Contract, the investment proposal is rejected unless, the remaining partner resubmits the proposal, amended or not, with a new partner, only for one more time and in exceptional cases. The reasons for withdrawal may be force majeure circumstances such as bankruptcy of one of the partners or proven impossibility to implement the project.

In this case, the new investment proposal (including two aid recipients) is going to be re-evaluated. Its scoring of the selection criteria should be at least equal, if not better, to the scoring of the assessment of the initial proposal, in order for the new scheme to be funded.

In the case where one aid recipient of the scheme withdraws before signing the Grant Contract, no cooperation scheme exists and the investment proposal is automatically rejected.