







# The Budget and the Financial Plan



















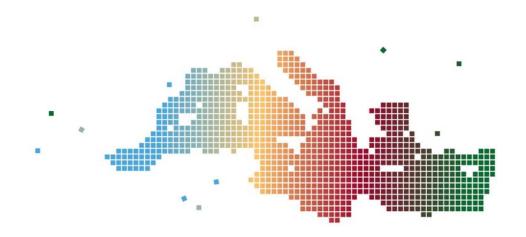
# Part 1: Eligible costs and specific budget rules











# ELIGIBLE COSTS (see GfA par. 4.5 and info note on eligible costs)

**DIRECT COSTS** (Budget Part 1): to be incurred by each organization involved in the partnership. They must be supported by original expenditure documents as well as the occurred payment documents

#### **Cost Categories**

- 0. Preparatory costs
- 1. Human resources
- 2. Travel / subsistence
- 3. Infrastructures
- 4. Equipment and supplies
- 5. Subcontracted Services
- 6. Other costs

INDIRECT COSTS (Budget Part 2):

Contingency reserve

Administrative costs









### Specific rules concerning cost categories

- ✓ Preparatory costs cannot exceed 10.000€
- Human Resources cannot exceed 40% of the Total Direct Costs New!
- No max/min allocation for the other cost categories
- ✓ Subgrants cannot exceed 30% of the total direct costs and a single subgrant cannot exceed 60.000€
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 7%
- Contingency reserve cannot exceed 3% of the total direct costs.









# Specific financial rules and distribution among partners

WP1 is not limited to 20% any more. **New!** No threshold concerning WPs

Co-financing min. 10%

Min ENI contribution € 500.000 and max. € 1.000.000

Maximum total cost of the project € 1.111.111

Min. 50% total direct costs for activities implemented in MPCs

Max. 20% of the budget for partners located in adjoining regions

Max 35% total direct costs can be allocated to a single organization









### ELIGIBLE COSTS: 0. Preparatory costs

- a) They are incurred after the publication of the call and before the deadline for submission;
- b) They cannot exceed 10.000 euro at project level;
- c) Travel and subsistence costs only for staff employed by the Applicant and/or PPs according to its rules or to EC rates in force at the time of the mission;
- d) To be proven by supporting documents;
- e) To be reported in the first interim report.









#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS: 1. HUMAN RESOURCES**

- a) related to the actual time worked for the project.
- b) shall correspond to **actual gross salaries** including social security charges and other components (in national legislation);
- c) Overtime only for full time staff;
- d) Bonus and extra payments are not eligible;
- e) Staff costs from non-partner organizations are not eligible.
- f) This CC will **not exceed 40%** of the Total Direct Costs **New!**









# ELIGIBLE COSTS: 2. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

#### **Eligibility conditions:**

a)related to staff and other persons involved in the Project (speakers or participants), and associated partners.

b) they cannot exceed those normally borne by the organization according to its internal rules **nor** the EC rates published at the time of the mission if reimbursed on the basis of flat rate allowances.









#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS: 3. INFRASTRUCTURES**

- a) Basic facilities, and installations providing services needed for project implementation (including also Public works for restoring/adapting existing infrastructures).
- b) No feasibility studies since these are considered as external services.
- c) They must be purchased **following specific procurement procedures** (see Project Implementation Manual)









# ELIGIBLE COSTS: 4. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- a) Purchasing or leasing costs for equipment and durables (new or used) exclusively devoted for the purpose of the project (including installation and transportation costs);
- b) Supplies are purchased following specific procurement procedures (see PIM);
- c) Equipment and vehicles whose cost is **more than EUR 5.000** per item, must be transferred by the end of the project to the MPCs beneficiaries.









# ELIGIBLE COSTS: 5. SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES

- a) Support technical and financial project management, information and dissemination activities, evaluations, translation, etc.
- b) It is recommended that External Expenditures Verification costs **are between 2% and 3%** of Total Direct Costs **New!**
- c) Services are purchased following specific procurement procedures (see PIM);
- d) It is **not possible to subcontract the bulk of the project** to any third parties including in-house organisations.









#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS: 6. OTHER COSTS**

- a) Any cost not falling in the scope of the previous budget lines.
- b) **Sub-grants**: financial support to third parties (also physical persons) to be involved in the implementation of some project activities proposal (for example the need for involving Start-up companies to carry out a pilot project etc.).
- c) Max. 60.000 euro per sub-grantee located in the countries involved in the partnership. These costs shall be reported to the organization which granted the amount according to the same eligibility rules of the cost category.









#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS: 6. OTHER COSTS**

For more information on Sub-grants:

Check the **Handbook for Sub-grants Management** published on the Programme Website:

http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/support-to-implementation









#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS: Procurement rules**

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- General procurement procedures according to art. 52, 54 and to 56 of the ENI IR 897/2014 and the rule of nationality (see art. 8-9 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014);
- Private Organizations: chap. 7 (PIM) and annex on Procurements for Private Organizations (EU and Non EU);
- Procurement rules for Public organizations from MPCs: section National Information TESIM Factsheets.

















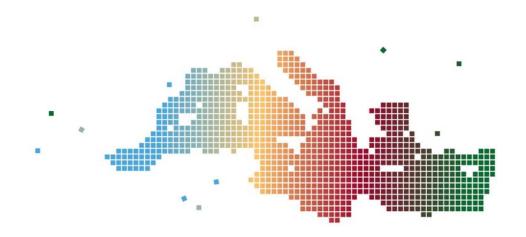
# Part 2: How to fill in the Budget in the Online Application Form











#### General remarks

- The budget has to filled in only after the Logical Framework section is completed
- The budget is completed under the section Work Packages
- Costs that are not indicated in the budget will not be eligible
- Estimated figures for budget items must be realistic and reasonable

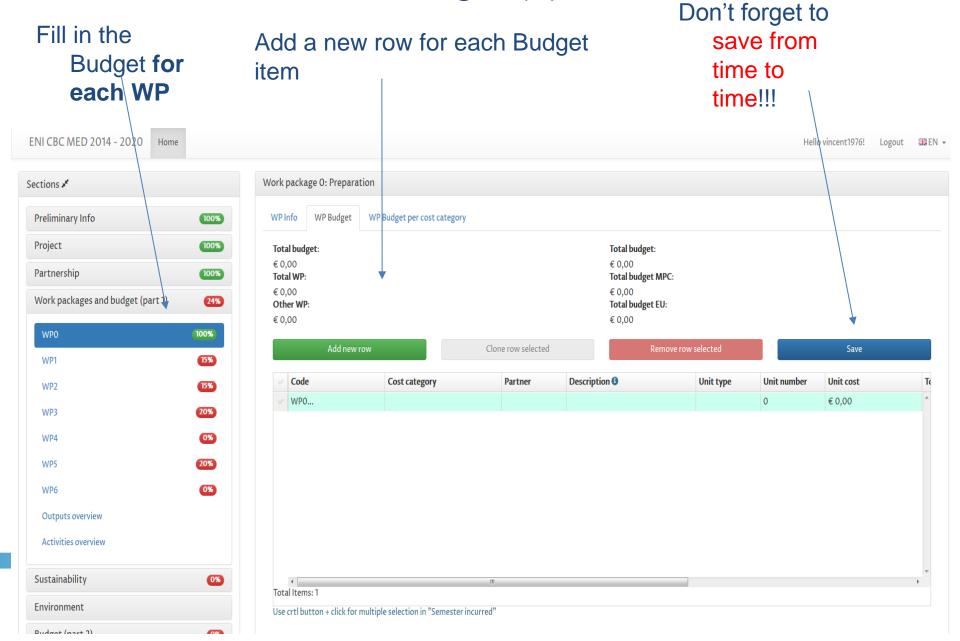








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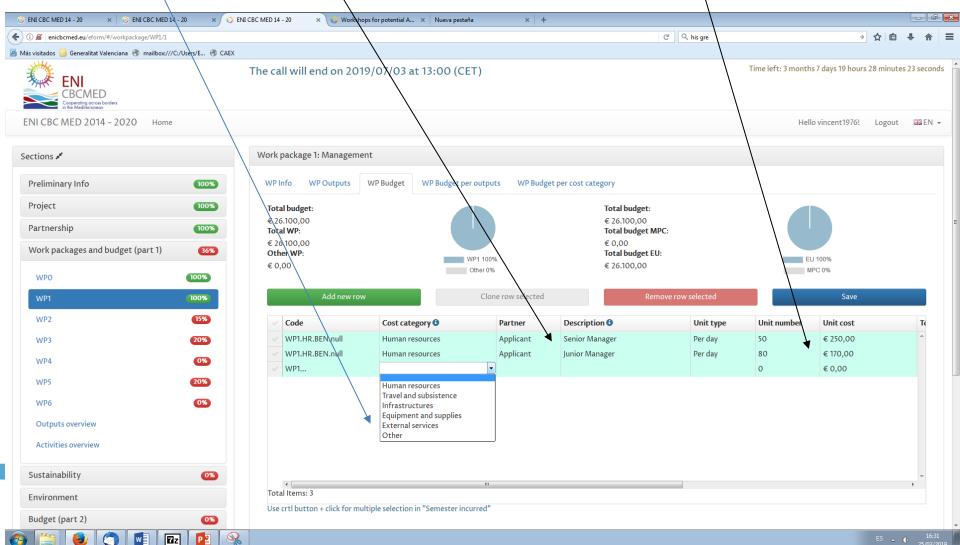


# BUDGET: Fill in the Budget (2)

Choose a Cost Category

For **Human Resources**, distinguish only between Senior and Junior Manager

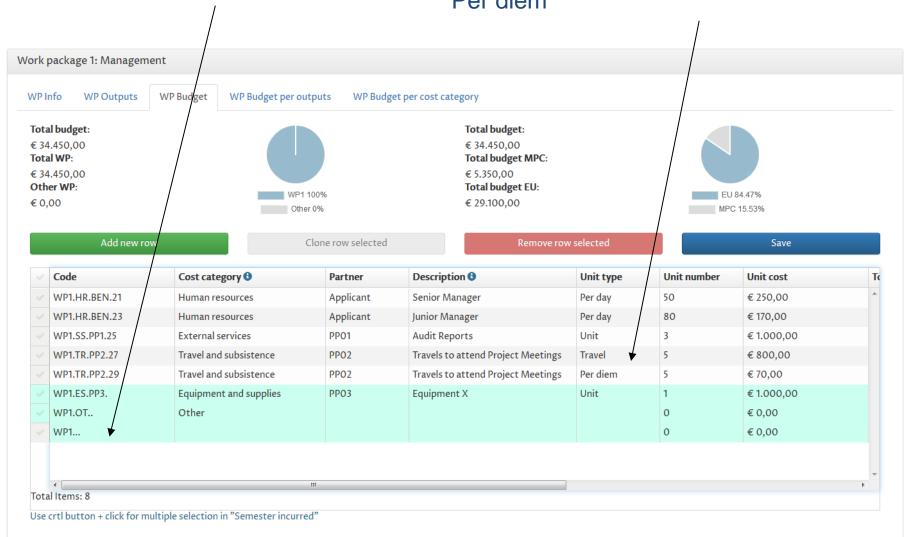
Indicate the gross
daily cost and the
approximated number
of days under units



# BUDGET: Fill in the Budget (3)

Add as many Budget items as needed for each WP

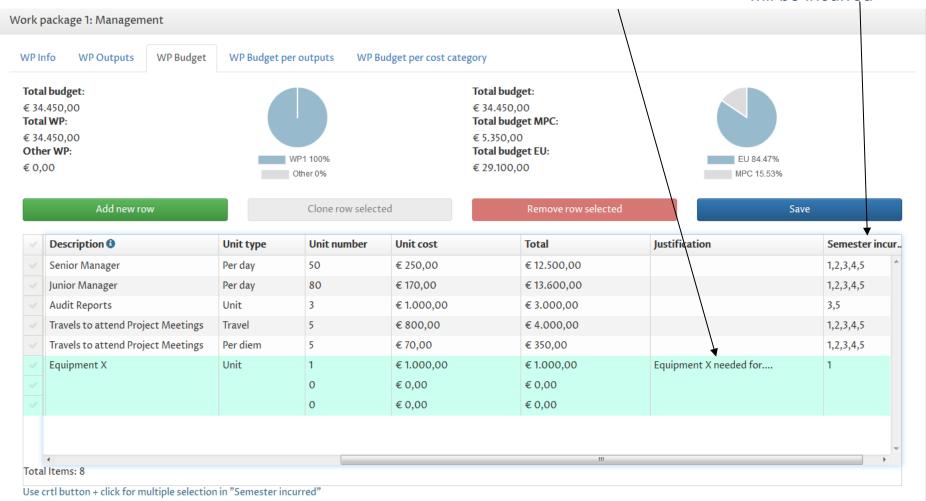
For **Travels**, distinguish between Travel (flights and hotel) and Per diem



# BUDGET: Fill in the Budget (4)

For Equipment and Infrastructure, indicate a justification of the need of the Budget item

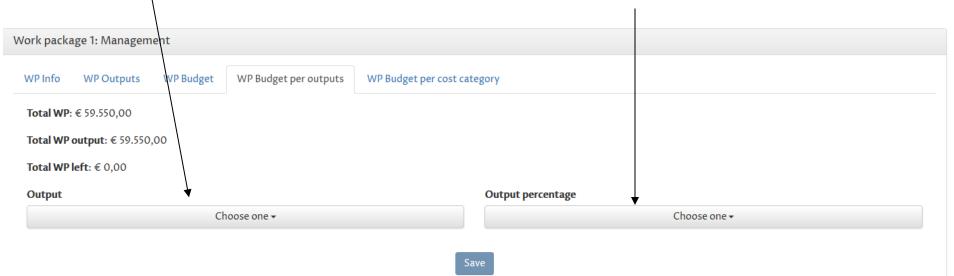
For each Budget
Item, please
select one or
several
semesters
where the cost
will be incurred



### BUDGET: Estimating the cost of the outputs

Choose among the ouptuts previously uploaded

Select an approximated % for the cost of each Output with a specific WP



Output	Output percentage	Total	
OUTPUT WP1	70 %	€ 41.685,00	Remove - Edit
OUTPUT WP1-2	30 %	€ 17.865,00	Remove - Edit

















## Part 3: The Financial Plan











### Why is the Financial Plan important?

- Project expenditures distribution throughout project duration has to be balanced
- Applicants and PPs should consider when the ENI prefinancing is going to be received
- Partnership must be able to advance cash when payments overweight pre-financing (check financial capacity)!
  - Financial Plan helps LAs check if payments (outflows) match ENI contribution (inflows)

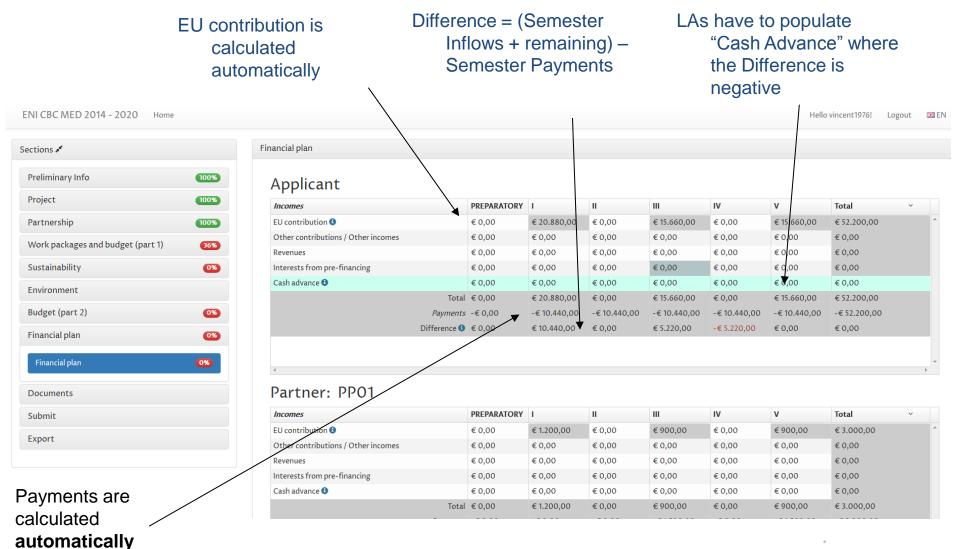








#### The Financial Plan: much easier than it seems







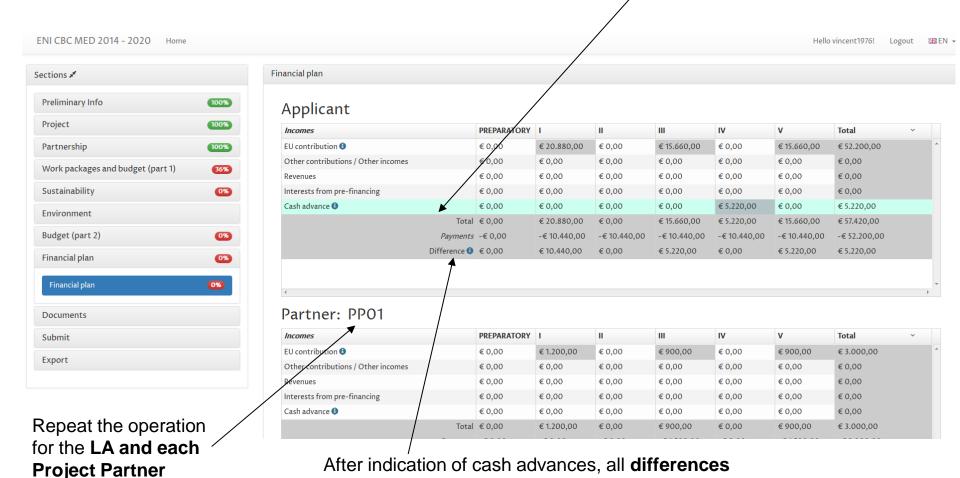




#### The Financial Plan

#### **Cash Advance:**

populate so that the difference is



should be 0 or a positive amount









### Final considerations on the budget

- Budgets tend to be overestimated
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- A balanced (among partners, through duration) budget improves the score and the implementation!
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