Annex 5

Rules of use of the electronic data exchange system

These provisions lay down the requirements of secure application of the electronic data exchange system.

1. General rules

The User - including all system users acting on behalf of or under the control of the LP and PPs within the electronic data exchange system - is obliged to learn the rules of the proper use of the system and to apply the system according to the Guideline for reporting.

The User is only allowed to complete tasks in line with his/her user role within the system and can access to data in line with his/her competency authorized by the LP.

The User is obliged to cooperate with the MA/JS in case any examination related to system events becomes necessary.

The LP is responsible for the data quality of the data entered by the User into the system and all the User actions within the system.

The LP is responsible for providing necessary information, infrastructure or other personal or technical assistance to the User in order to enable the User to comply with the provisions laid down in this contract.

2. Credibility of data and documents

The Parties agree to accept all data and documents in the electronic data exchange system as official and credible data and documents of the Parties. If similar documents or data in subject exists in hard copy version or in different electronic system (e.g. in email) Parties agree to accept the ones stored in the electronic data exchange system as primary ones.

The Parties accept the date and time values in the corresponding logs of the electronic data exchange system as official event dates of the activities (e.g. submission date and time of the submitted documents).

All decisions during the subsidy management procedures are drawn solely on the basis of the data stored in proper form in the electronic data exchange system. In case data can be set and stored in multiple form in the electronic data exchange system, the Parties agree to accept the data as credible which are set and stored in structured form. For the purposes of this Contract, data stored in structured form are data which are stored in a form directly available for automatic data-processing by the electronic data exchange system. For the consequences deriving from data-discrepancies the responsibility is attributed to the person (and the organization on behalf the person is acting) carrying out the data entry in structured form. With prejudice to the provisions in the previous paragraph, underlying documents not stored in the electronic data exchange system may be exceptionally used during the subsidy management procedures. For the consequences deriving from data-discrepancies, the responsibility is attributed to the person (and the organisation on behalf the person is acting) evaluating and/or processing the data stored in hard copy form.

The Parties agree to accept that calculations made in the electronic data exchange system may result different values based on the different rounding rules and decimals applied compared to other systems.

In case of obvious errors, the MA/JS can correct the data without notice. For the purposes of this Contract, obvious errors are data errors stemming from any incompletion, inconsistency, miscalculation or other kind of clerical errors which can be resolved from other data or documents attached undoubtedly.

For the purposes of the initiation of the electronic subsidy management procedures, MA/JS is entitled to pre-enter the data of the applications into the electronic data exchange system on behalf of applicants. The applicants shall examine the correctness of the data entry and should report any discrepancies found till the time of the data entry of the 1st progress report. In case such error report is not sent in due time, Parties agree to accept the pre-entered data as the correct and credible application data.

3. Security rules

It is prohibited to use any programmes, applications or devices that may affect the operation of the system.

The User is responsible for the secure use of the system.

In order to guarantee the safe operation of the system the User is obliged to use a client computer that is sufficiently protected: equipped with central or local firewall, regularly updated antivirus system and well-protected user accounts for the workstation.

The User is obliged to use a complex password that is kept confidential. The User has to select a password with a length of at least 8 characters, containing lower case letters, capital letters and digits as well. The password shall be changed regularly.

In case of any activity that endangers the safe operation of the system the access of the affected User will be suspended and IT security examination will be started.

4. Rules for suspicion of misuse

In case of unauthorised usage the owner of the user name has to take the responsibility.

In case of reasonable suspicion of unauthorized usage all the tasks accomplished by the User in the system can be examined during the security examination without preliminary notification.

In case of a suspicion that the password could be learned by another unauthorized person the User has to change it immediately and he/she has to inform the MA/JS about this event.

If the client computer used for accessing the system is infected by a virus the User is not allowed to log into the system until the infection is eliminated. The MA/JS shall be informed of the virus infection immediately in order to eliminate the virus infection of files uploaded.

It is prohibited to provide information on any system error or vulnerability to third persons; these issues shall be reported immediately to the MA/JS.

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