



## **Delivery of the HMG Guarantee for Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, and Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms**

### **Guidance**

This document provides the most up to date information about the delivery of the HMG Guarantee for the Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens and Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms programmes. It provides information for businesses and citizens about what they would need to do if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, so that they can make informed plans and preparations.

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the Government's top priority. We encourage organisations to continue to bid into Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, and Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms on this basis.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU with a deal in place, the UK will continue to take part in all EU programmes for the rest of the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework and UK organisations can continue to bid for EU programme funding until December 2020.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, it is our clear preference that UK organisations would still be able to continue to participate in projects for their lifetime. In order for this to happen, we may need to reach agreement with the EU to enable the continued participation of UK organisations in EU-funded projects after exit day.

### **How to register your project if you receive funding under a Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, or Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms grant.**

- if you currently receive funding from the EU under one of these programmes, and have not yet provided DCMS with details of your grant, we ask that you register each project with us as soon as possible by:
- sending us a copy of the original application you made to the EU and grant agreement to the address [EUguarantee@culture.gov.uk](mailto:EUguarantee@culture.gov.uk)
- [submitting project information to the online registration form found here: https://goo.gl/forms/kIX6RancYCIlg9h53](https://goo.gl/forms/kIX6RancYCIlg9h53)
- this address will remain open after the UK leaves the EU so that UK applicants can continue to register their projects with DCMS.

### **How the information you provide DCMS will be used to help administer the Guarantee.**

- DCMS has asked any UK beneficiaries awarded EU funding for Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, or Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms to register its project with us by contacting [EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk](mailto:EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk).
- this information will be used to ensure that, if needed, we can provide you with targeted information about the Government Guarantee and prepare its delivery. If necessary, we will also use this information to ask you for further details about your projects to ensure that the necessary arrangements can be put in place for delivering the Guarantee. If you would like a further copy of the privacy notice you were provided with when you submitted your data, please email us at [EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk](mailto:EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk).
- any personal data you provide will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. For anyone that has submitted to us already and would like a copy of the information provided, you can request this at the same address [EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk](mailto:EUGuarantee@culture.gov.uk).
- detail regarding how the UK will process/monitor/administer payments under the Guarantee will be published in due course.
- your personal data may be shared with other government departments as part of the grant management process.
- if your organisation is based in Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland, we may share the data with the relevant devolved administration.
- for organisations based in Scotland, the guarantee **only** in relation to Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens projects will be delivered by the Scottish Government. DCMS will pass your information to the Scottish Government in order to facilitate delivery and the Scottish Government is likely to contact you separately.
- we may share the information you provide with a third party appointed by DCMS to provide administration services in connection with the delivery of the guarantee.
- we do not intend to share your personal data with any other third parties than a delivery partner as mentioned above, unless we are required to do so by law - for example by court order, or to prevent fraud or other crime.

### **Why DCMS is requesting beneficiaries' grant and cooperation agreements.**

- DCMS is asking for this information in order to ensure we have a complete picture and evidence of UK organisations receiving EU funding and so we can put in place the measures required to implement the guarantee.

## **How the guarantee will affect beneficiaries that receive funding under a Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, or Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms grant and are part of a consortium.**

- the government has guaranteed to cover the payment of awards where UK organisations successfully bid directly to the Commission on a competitive basis while we remain in the EU (e.g. before Exit day), for the lifetime of the project, along with the payment of awards where UK organisations successfully bid directly to the European Commission on a competitive basis to participate as a 3rd country after Exit, and until the end of 2020, for the lifetime of the project.
- the continued participation of UK organisations in Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, or Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms after Exit day is likely to require the agreement of the EU.
- successful bids are those that are approved directly by the European Commission, or the relevant EU agency acting on its behalf.
- the Guarantee does not cover funding committed to partners and participants in other Member States and other participating countries. This includes projects where a UK organisation is the lead member of a consortium. Any funding it distributes to non-UK associated beneficiaries is not covered by the guarantee.
- leaving the EU with a deal remains the Government's top priority. This has not changed, and we encourage organisations to continue to bid into Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, and Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms on this basis. At the same time, organisations should take note of the scenarios outlined in the [Technical Notice](#) (and this guidance) as part of their business planning and UK organisations may wish to consider any existing arrangements, within the scope of their fund's guidelines and with partner organisations, that would enable their projects to continue to deliver on its agreed outputs and objectives.

## **The next steps in regard to the delivery of the Guarantee.**

- if prior to or following EU exit you have been awarded a Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, or Connecting Europe Facility in Telecoms grant by the EU we ask that you register each project with us by:
  - sending us a copy of the original application you made to the EU and grant agreement to the address [EUguarantee@culture.gov.uk](mailto:EUguarantee@culture.gov.uk).
  - submitting project information to the online registration form found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/kIX6RancYCIIg9h53>

- this address will remain open after the UK leaves the EU so that UK applicants can continue to register their projects with DCMS.
- we will continue to be in contact with beneficiaries to further update them on the delivery of the Guarantee if necessary.

**The government's position on the Commission's proposal for continued participation in the EU programmes in a no deal scenario.**

- as part of a 'final set' of no deal contingency measures published on 30th January, the Commission proposed a draft regulation that would allow the UK to continue participating in EU programmes, in return for continuing to contribute to the 2019 budget as if a Member State.
- whatever the outcome, this guarantee will stand. This ensures that UK organisations, such as charities, businesses and universities, will continue to receive funding over a project's lifetime if the EU funding programme rules allow them to successfully bid into EU-funded programmes before the end of 2020, even in the event of a no-deal.