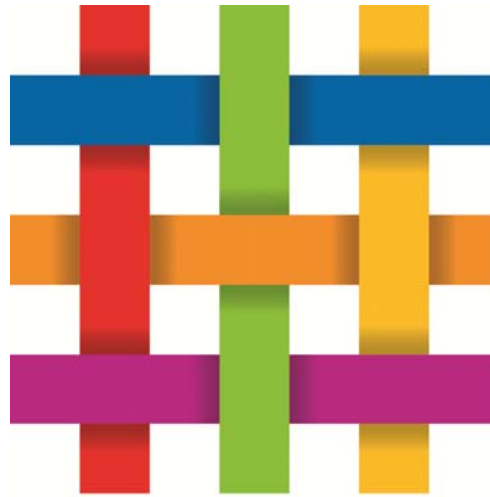


WELCOME TO THE DESCA 2020 LAUNCH!



DESCA
Horizon 2020 Model
Consortium Agreement
www.DESCA-2020.eu

Brussels, March 24th, 2014

Agenda



- 15:00 Welcome**
- Rainer Steffens, Director, Representation of the State of North Rhine- Westphalia to the European Union
 - DESCA Core Group, short summary of DESCA 2020 work
- 15:30 Presentation of main features of DESCA 2020 and Q&A**
- General Issues, Liability and Procurement
 - Governance
 - Finance
 - Intellectual Property rights
- 17:00 Reception opening by DESCA, followed by key note speakers**
- Muriel Attané, EARTO
 - Kurt Deketelaere, LERU
- 18:30 End of event**

What is DESCA?



DEvelopment of a SImplified Consortium Agreement

- Entirely self-financed by the organisations involved
- Independent initiative

DESCA – the Core Group



ANRT, EARTO, Eurochambres, LERU, VTT, KoWi, ZENIT,
co-ordinators: Fraunhofer, Helmholtz Association



DESCA – the Consultation group



ca. 160 Experts from all over Europe & beyond (Israel, USA..)

Contributions in the H2020 update from:

Aalto University, AIT, BAK AK Recht, CEA, CERN, Chalmers University of Technology, CNRS, Copenhagen University, CSIC, DLR, Digital Europe, EADS, ETHZ, Edinburgh University, Harvard University, IFPEN, IMEC, Imperial College London, INRA, INRIA, Myer Morron, NTNU, Karolinska institutet, Luleå University of Technology, Linköping University, Lund University, Milano University/APRE, Stockholm University, Stuart Campbell, Technology Centre ASCR CZ, Thales, TNO, TU Eindhoven, TuTech, Umeå University, Unitecra (Universities of Basel, Bern and Zürich), University of Gothenburg, University of Utrecht, Volkswagen, Wageningen UR, Weizmann Institute of Science, WIPO

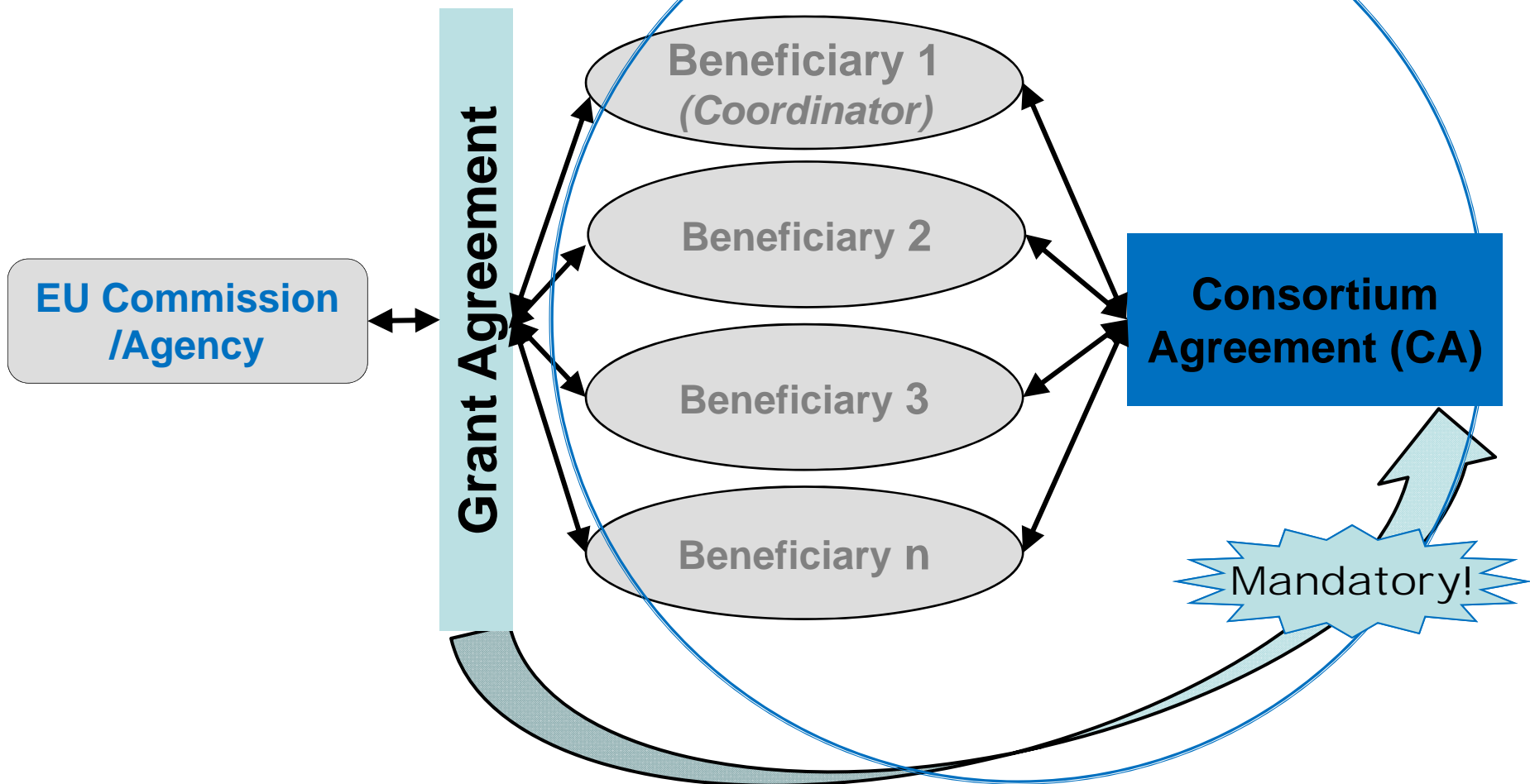
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A first impression of the organisations endorsing
DESCA and which have sent us their logo
for the website:



The Consortium Agreement – one of the 2 main contracts in a H2020 project



DESCA's Origins



FP 6: Many CA models:

- ANRT
- EARTO-UNITE
- EICTA
- EU-CAR
- French Research Organisations
- German CA-Team
- IMG4

FP 6 -> FP7

- DESCA initiative by some of the FP 6 CA models
- Aim: create one single model for FP7

FP7:

- DESCA not the only model, but the most widely used
- 2 updates to keep track of changes to the Model Contract and experiences of stakeholders
- 1 mid term review in 2010

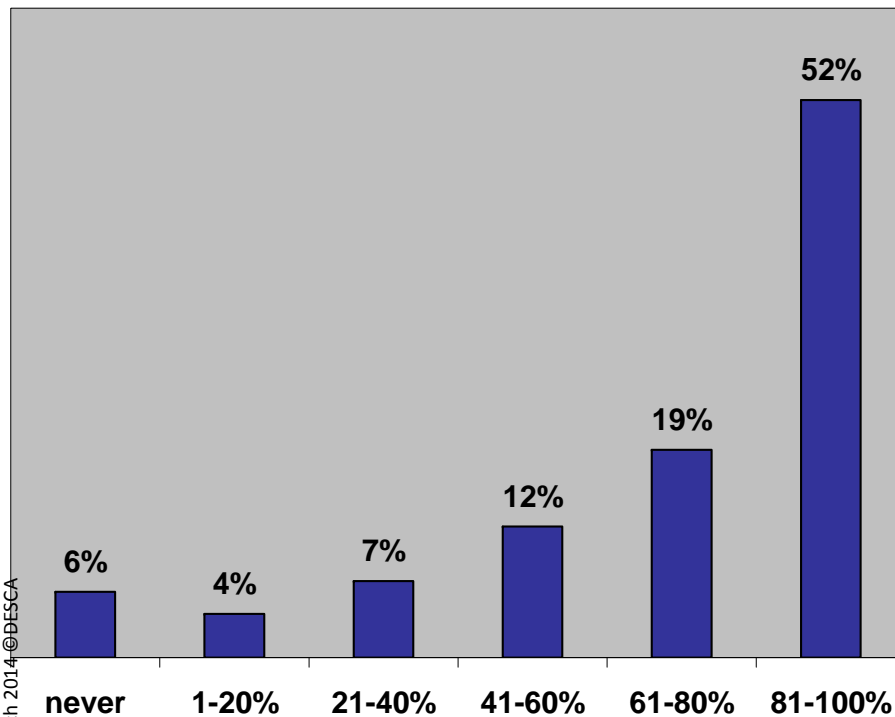
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Use and benefits of the DESCA model



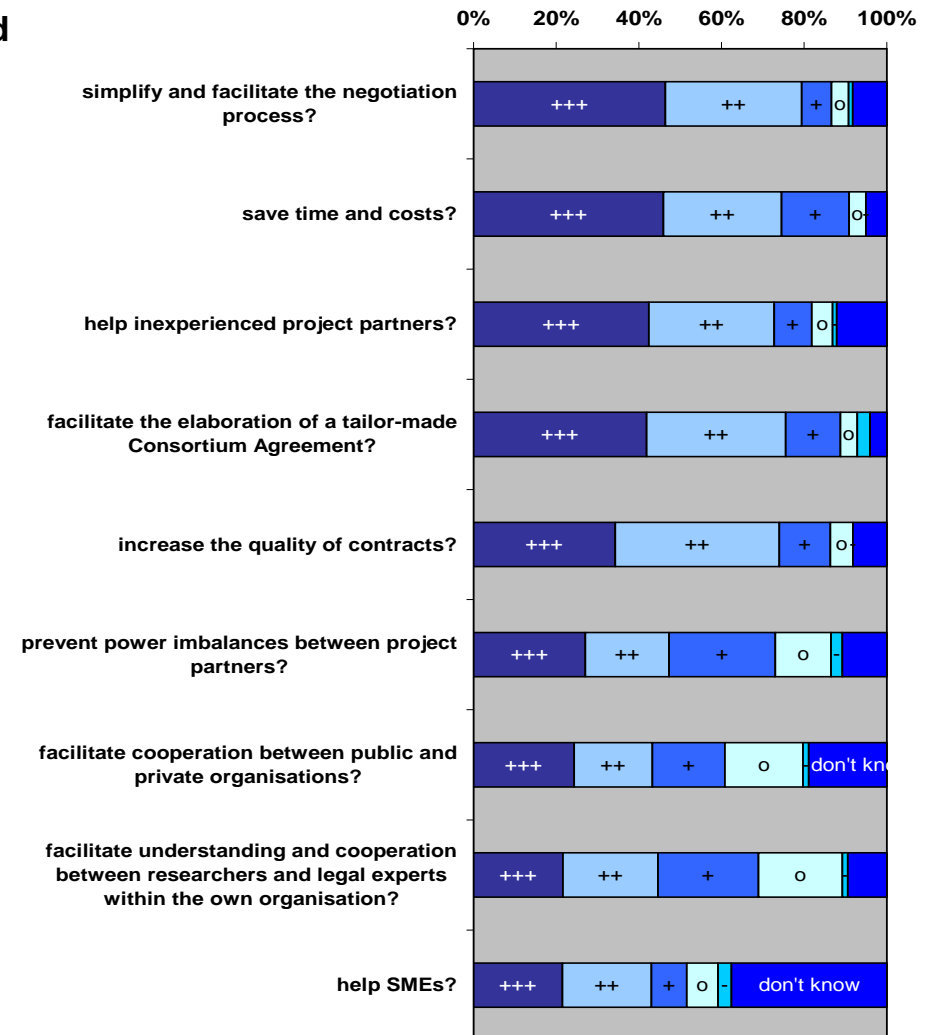
"Did the DESCA model when used ..."

"In how many of the collaborative projects you participated in did you use the DESCA model?"
Give an approximate percentage.



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H2020 DESCA revamp – consultation process



- large consent of stakeholders that value of DESCA is that it is known – so **only change where necessary**
- many very interesting suggestions and ideas – but not so many areas where there was a clear consensus by the consultation group on a better solution
- First drafts by subgroups of core group, consensus in core group, consolidate text, ask consultation group for comments, discuss all modification suggestions first in subgroups of the core group, then core group, consolidate new text, give result to Consultation group for comments, ...

150 Pages of comments



Article	Suggested wording modification	Reasons	Suggested by
General Comments	DESCA is a very valuable template and has greatly improved the CA negotiation process in FP7, but it is very often used to justify itself – as in “this is what it says in DESCA therefore it must be right” – which isn’t a good way to finalise an agreement. Can we make it very clear that this is not obligatory language, but rather suggested language. Is there a danger in making the language too “reader-friendly” – this is a legally binding contract.		Edinburgh
	the issues discussed at Sections 5.2, 7.1.4 and 8.1 are the provisions which usually cause problems. Although stakeholders wish as little change as possible, that should not deter change where it will improve/lead to quicker CA conclusion.		Edinburgh
	this CA has ‘Sections’, but throughout refers to [its own] Articles.		Edinburgh
	Article 8.1 + Article 8.2.4 + Article 8.3.1.1 respectively: ‘...at least 45 calendar days...’; ‘...the full 45 calendar days...’ ‘... at least 45 calendar days before the publication...within 30 calendar days after...’ As other parts of the DESCA clearly differentiate between “calendar” and “working” days, it is necessary to make these insertions for consistency purposes.		Luleå Tekniska Universitet
Definition	No introduction of sideground in the definition and for access rights	CNRS is not in favour of definition and access rights on sideground. If access right is needed, it could be negotitate between parties but there should not be imposed access rights on sideground.	CNRS
	In response to some suggestions, we would like to reiterate our opposition to the introduction of sideground in the definition and for access rights	We agree with CNRS’ comments on this issue.	CEA
PREAMBLE	Delete “adopted on....” and replace with reference to the actual GA.	Ref to the Grant Agreement as being adopted.... is not appropriate. The CA will be based on the specific GA particular to the Project, not to the MGA. (In fact even less so in H2020 than in FP7.)	Edinburgh

DESCA revamp - Facts & Figures



- DESCA provided analysis and expert input to the H2020 rules of participation – thank you for the excellent cooperation with some MEPs!
- numerous core group meetings since March 2012 and incountable telcos and webmeetings,
- 2 workshops with consultation group
- 1 meeting with other CA model groupings
- 2 rounds of comments producing 150 pages of assembled comments
- 1044 DESCA-Emails in Annika's and Kathrin's inbox just in 2014
- 112 Registrations for today

DESCA 2020

the concept remains the same



- Simplified: Reduced to the necessary minimum, limit „legalese“
- Balanced: Respects the interest of research and industry, big and small - www.responsible-partnering.org
- Single: One balanced core text where possible
- Modular: Options where necessary
 - alternative modules for large and small projects
 - optional module for projects with a software focus
 - optional clauses in the IPR section
- Transparent: Explanatory texts to illustrate and explain clauses and options, examples for different project types
- *Continuously adapted and further developed*

DESCA 2020 – what is new?



- Terminology & logic adapted to H2020
- References to new H2020 concepts as PCP/PPI
- Other aspects of H2020 will be revised for first update once practical experiences are sufficient; no need for changes to the CA seen at the moment as regards e.g. participant portal or Open Access
- The website: www.desca-2020.eu – have a look!
New download system allowing better link with users (providing email address for word version)

And now for the details..

