



REA Central Validation Service

Legal Validation & Financial Capacity Assessment

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Presentation Outline

REA Central
Validation Service

Registration of
participants

Legal validation and
Legal entity
appointed
representative
(LEAR)

Communication

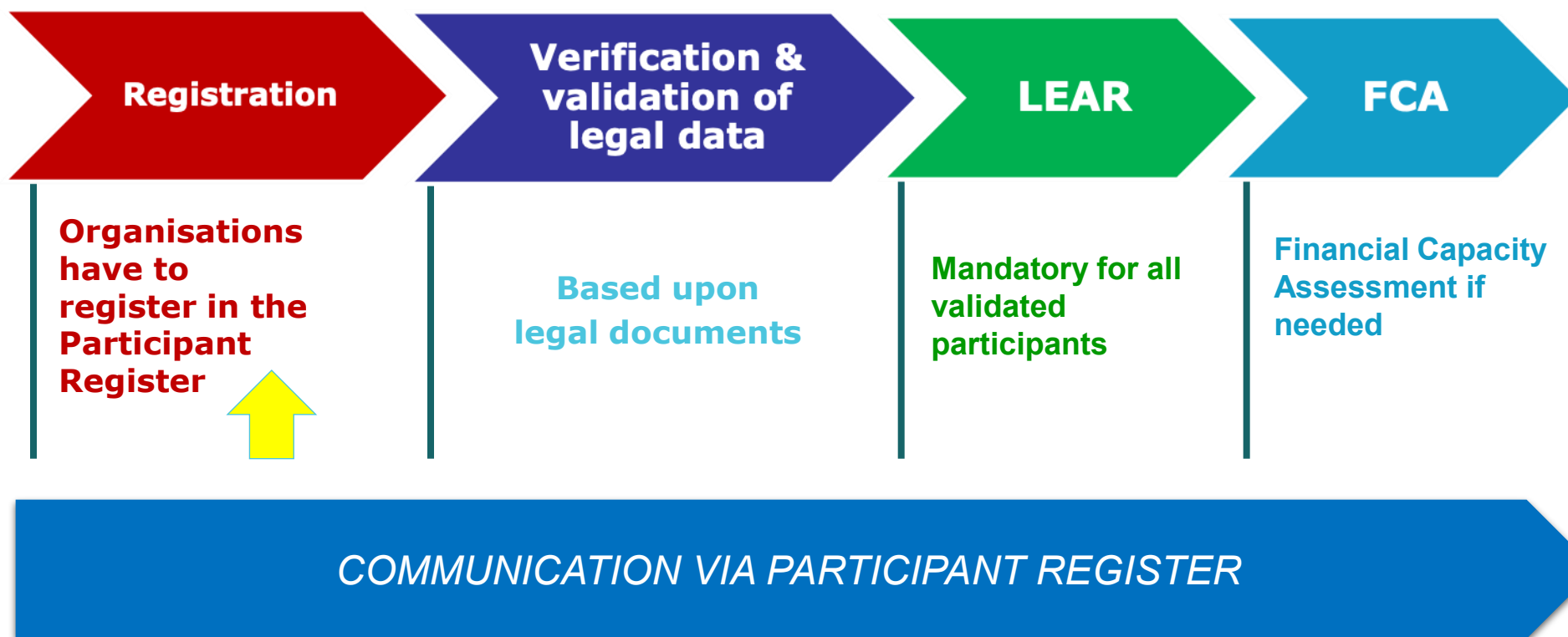
Financial capacity
assessment

Guidance
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REA Central Validation Service (REA CVS)

- Verifies **legal existence and legal statuses** of entities
- Validates the appointment of **Legal Entity Appointed Representatives (LEARs)**
- Validates **legal changes** of validated entities
- Assesses **universal takeovers (UTROs)** of validated entities
- Encoding **Bank Account requests**
- Prepares the **Financial Capacity Assessment**
- Performs **ownership control assessments** for specific programmes
- Performs ex-post status verifications (e.g. **SME & MID cap status checks**)

Validation Process Overview





Sign in

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Please check whether your organisation has already been registered. If so, no need to register it again.

 Find a registered organisation

To register your organisation or as a natural person, you need to login into the Portal or, if you are a new user, create your account.

Check what information you need to register in the Online Manual - and keep it to hand during the registration procedure. To start registration, click on the button below.

 Register your organisation

You can suspend the registration process at any time: the data entered can be saved as draft and you can continue your registration later. To return to your registration, please log in and get into My Organisation(s) in the My Area section. Incomplete, draft registrations are automatically deleted after one year.

Additionally, for actions where the SME status is an eligibility criterion (like, e.g. the EIC Accelerator) you must also carry out the SME self-assessment.

Should your project or tender be successfully evaluated, the registered data will be verified by the Central Validation Service team before the signature of the Grant Agreement or of the Framework Contract.

How to register in the Participant Register

Participant's Register [Need help?](#)

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Identification Organisation Data Legal Information Authorised Users Summary Success

Identification

Legal name * 240

Registration country * 50

Registration number 20

VAT number * 500 ☐ not applicable

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Identification

(e.g. Legal name, VAT number)



Organisation data



Legal information



Authorised users

(e.g. Name, e-mail address of the self-registrant and the back-up)

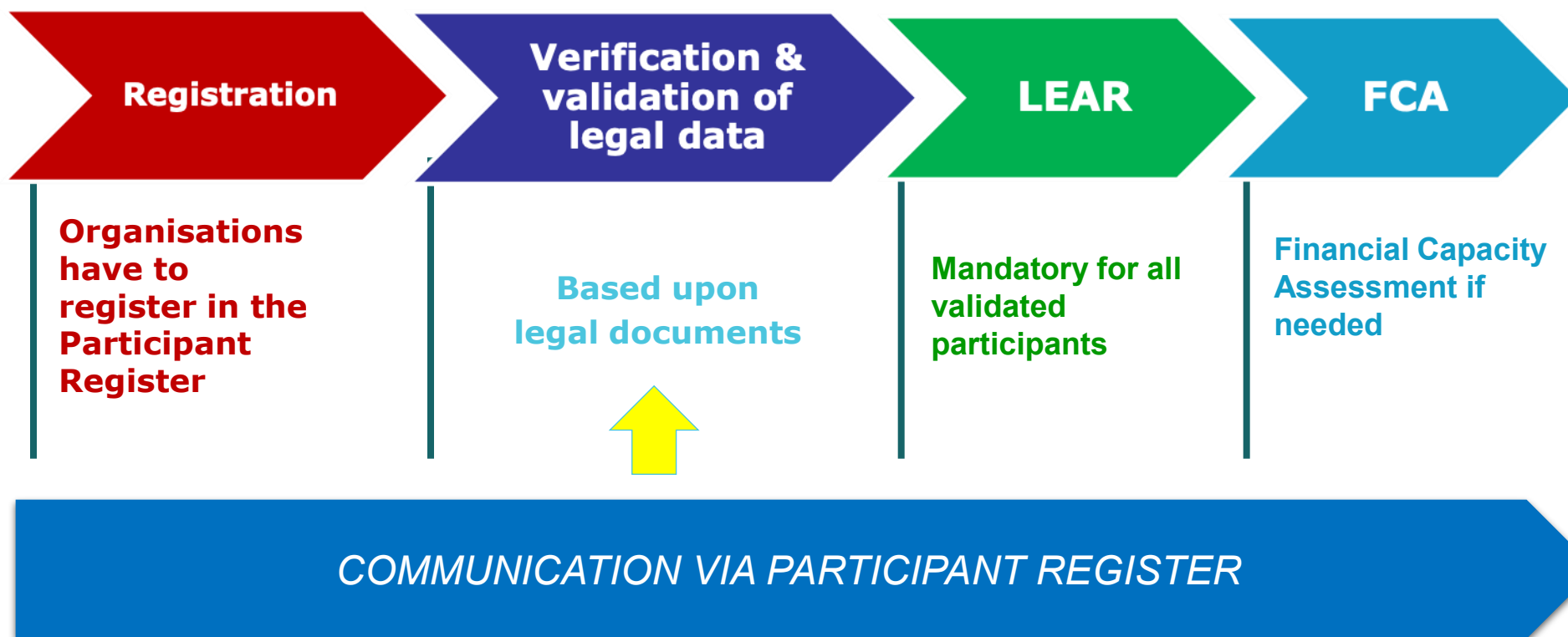


Registration completed



New Participant Identification Code (PIC)
in a "declared" status

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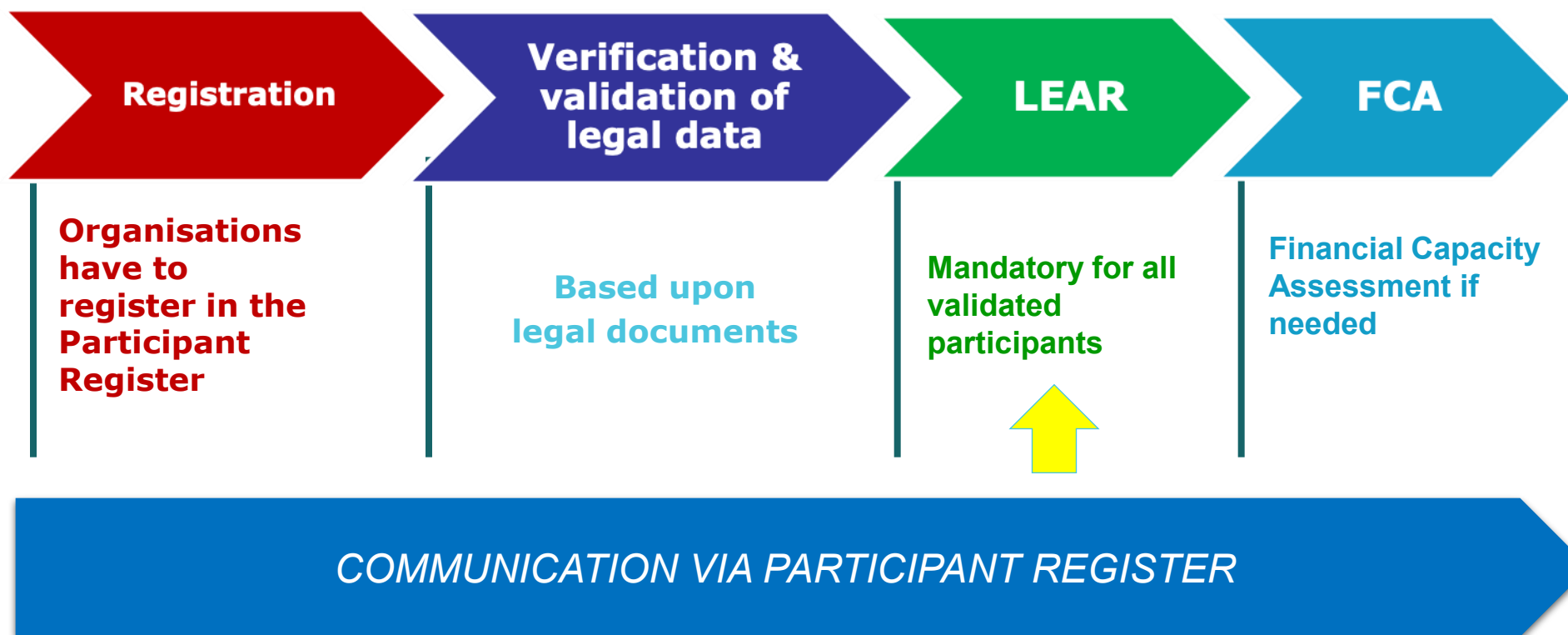
Legal validation

- Registration data is verified by REA Central Validation Service before the signature of the Grant Agreement or the Contract
- The legal validation of a participant is done **once**, when the entity has to sign its first Grant Agreement or Contract and it is **reused** for future participations in EU grant and procurement actions
- Validation is always performed based on the supporting documents, in accordance with EU Financial Regulation and the Rules on Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment for EU Grants and Tenders

Legal validation documents

- ✓ **VAT extract** (< 1 year)
 - ✓ *If not registered for VAT – proof of VAT exemption*
- ✓ **Registration extract** (< 1 year) – for private law bodies
- ✓ **Law/decreed/decision** – for public law bodies
- ✓ **Treaty** – for international organisations
- ✓ **Statutes** – for non-profit organisations

Validation Process Overview



LEAR role and duties

The appointment of the Legal Entity Appointed Representative (LEAR) is mandatory:

The LEAR:

- Notifies the EU of changes in legal data/status
- Submits legal and financial documents if required
- Manages access rights of persons in the organisation (but *not* at the project level)
- Nominates 'Account Administrators' and individuals authorised to sign:
 - ✓ Contracts/grant agreements and their amendments (Legal signatories, i.e. **LSIGN**)
 - ✓ Financial statements (Financial signatories, i.e. **FSIGN**)

LEAR appointment documents

1. LEAR appointment letter (duly signed by both the legal representative and the LEAR)
2. Official proof of identity (ID-card/passport with photo and signature) of the legal representative and the LEAR
3. Proof of empowerment of the legal representative

Scanned version of these documents shall be uploaded in the Participant Register. Original of the LEAR appointment letter (1) must be kept in the entity's premises.

Communication

(e.g. request to submit legal documents or to appoint a LEAR)

Messages are notified via e-mail to the contact person
(i.e. self-registrant or the appointed LEAR)

European Commission <EC-NO-REPLY-GRANT-MANAGEMENT@nomail.ec.europa.eu>

to me ▾

Europa / Funding & Tenders Portal notification

Dear User,

You have been granted the role of **Self Registrant** for the organisation arquicios.

In order to access your organisation data on the Funding & Tenders Portal/Supplier portal, you need to log in on the F&T Portal/Supplier Portal. If you did not have an EU Login yet, it was launched automatically for a separate e-mail with a hyperlink to finalise your account.

For more information on the Funding & Tenders Portal roles, please refer to the [Online Manual](#) if you participate in the [programmes managed on the Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

For more information on the roles for e-Procurement, please refer to the [e-Procurement wiki page](#), if you participate in a tender call.

With kind regards,

EU Single Electronic Data Interchange Area - F&T Portal team

This email has been auto-generated. Please do not reply to this account. Your email will not be read. For any inquiries please contact the Grants Procurement Systems Support +32 (2) 29 71063 or EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu.

All communication is exclusively managed through the Participant Register

Access lost to a declared or valid PIC

Declared PIC

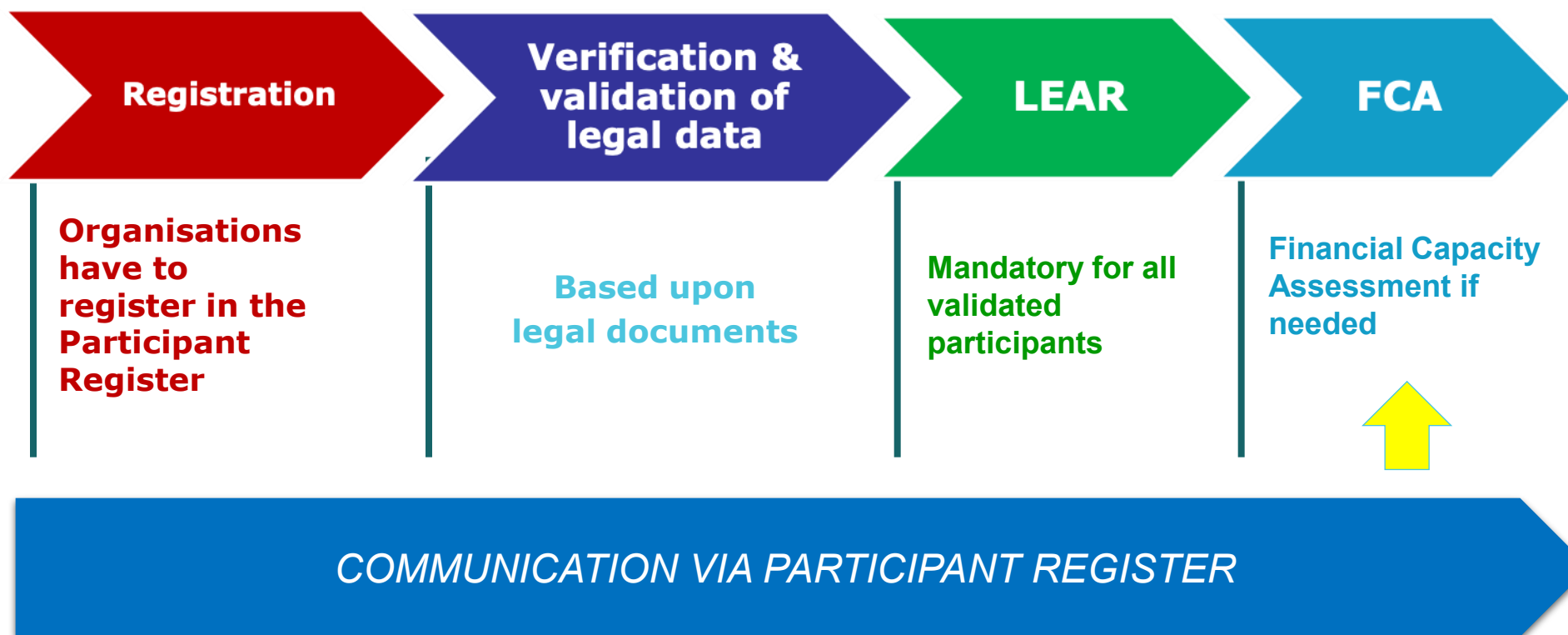
- In case the self-registrant left the organisation and no one has access to a declared PIC – a new PIC needs to be created and REA CVS informed

Valid PIC

- If the LEAR is not available anymore and there are no Account Administrators, a new LEAR needs to be appointed – LEAR recovery procedure

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/urf/lear-recovery/request/>

Validation Process Overview



Financial Capacity Assessment (FCA)

Legal basis



Financial Regulation (2024)
(articles 199 and 201)



**Rules on Legal Entity Validation, LEAR
Appointment and Financial Capacity
Assessment for EU Grants and Tenders.**



Call for Proposals
("7. Financial & operational capacity
and exclusion")

Financial Capacity Assessment (FCA)

When is the FCA needed?

✓ **all beneficiaries**, except for:

public bodies (including local, regional or national authorities)

individual grant requests of **less than 60,000 EUR**

✓ **may be requested** for other beneficiaries/ affiliated entities

FCA supporting documents

(via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

Balance Sheet

- ASSETS
- LIABILITIES
- EQUITY

FCA supporting documents

(via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

✓ Profit and loss account

Balance Sheet

**Profit & Loss
account**

- REVENUES
 - EXPENSES
-
- Net result

FCA supporting documents

(via Participant Register)

- ✓ Balance sheet
- ✓ Profit and loss account
- ✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

Balance Sheet

**Profit & Loss
account**

**Explanatory
notes**

**Annexes
to the FS**

Details on accounts

Breakdown on items

Additional explanations

FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

✓ Profit and loss account

✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

✓ Financial audit report

if the requested EU-contribution exceeds
EUR 750.000 (art. 199 FR2024)

Financial Audit report

Opinion

- Unqualified
- Qualified
- Adverse
- Disclaimer

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss account

Explanatory notes

Annexes to the FS

FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

✓ Profit and loss account

✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

✓ Financial audit report

...or Self Declaration on the accounts

if the requested EU-contribution exceeds
EUR 750.000 (art. 199 FR2024)

Financial Audit report

Opinion

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Self Declaration on the accounts

I, the undersigned
declare that the
accounts are:

- VALID
- no audit required

Signed

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss account

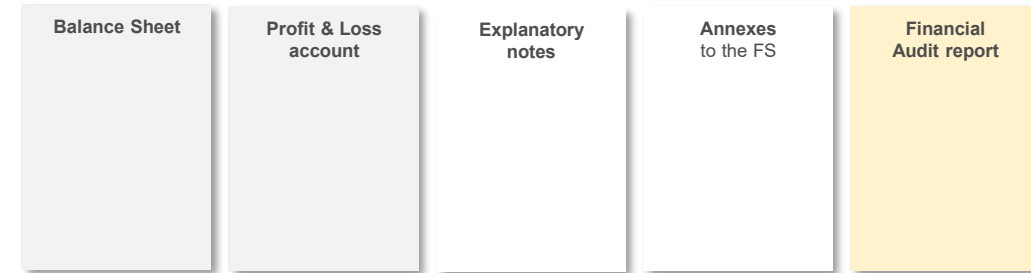
Explanatory notes

Annexes to the FS

FCA supporting documents

(via Participant Register)

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- ✓ Profit and loss account
- ✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)
- ✓ Financial audit report



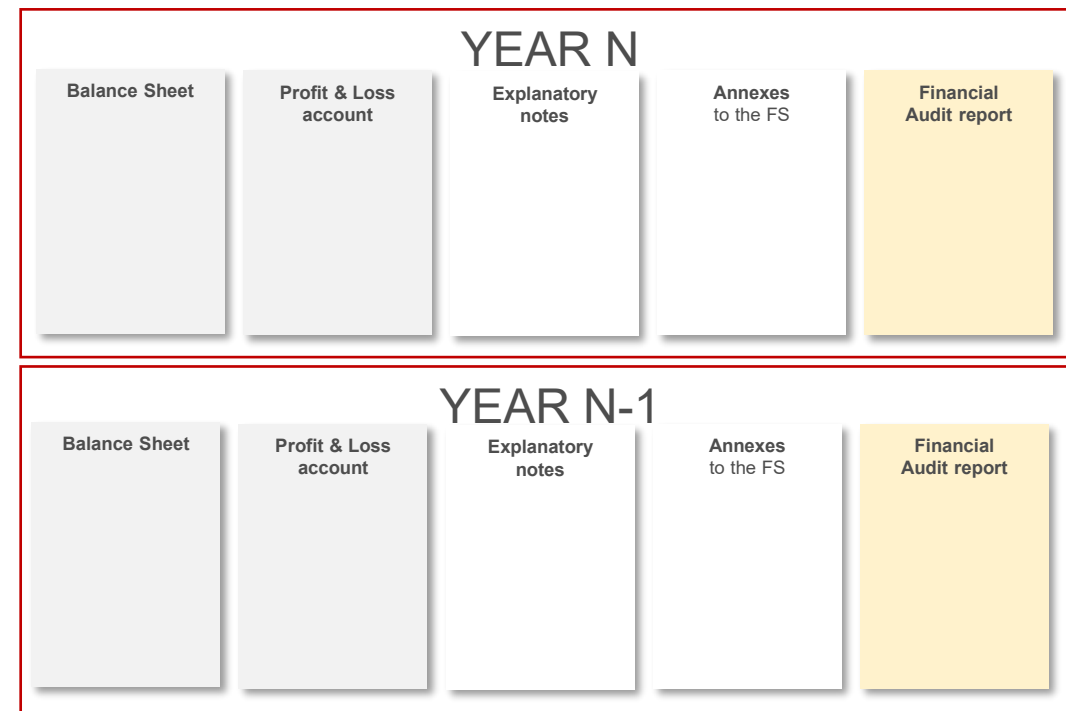
FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

✓ Profit and loss account

✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

✓ Financial audit report



For the 2 most recent closed and approved financial years

- official language (for EU languages)
- unofficial translation (for non-EU languages)
- dated
- signed

FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

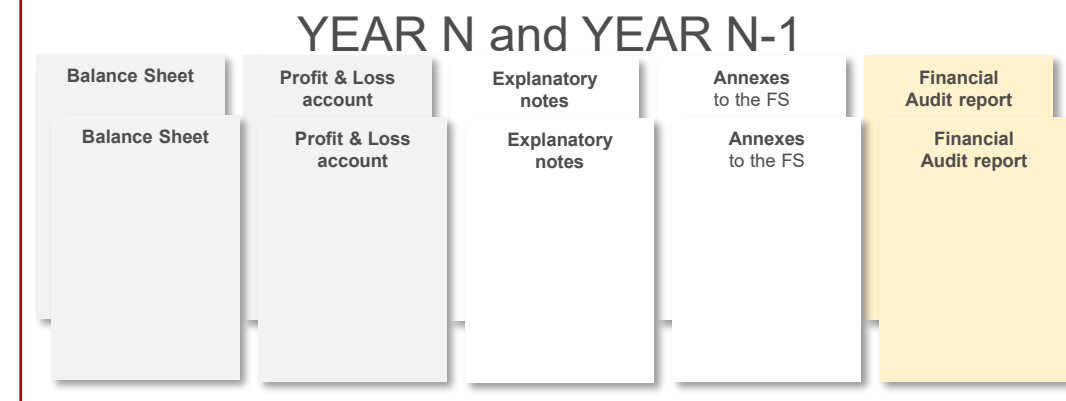
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✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

✓ Financial audit report

Newly established entities

✓ Business plan



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Business plan

Forecasts on:

- Sales
- Expenses
- Investments
- Financing sources
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FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

✓ Profit and loss account

✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

✓ Financial audit report



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Business plan

Once completed, the assessment is valid for **18 months** from the closing date

Guidance documents



Rules on Legal validation, LEAR appointment and financial capacity assessment:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca_en.pdf



How to register in the Participant Register:
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual>



Online Manual, IT How to, IT and RES Helpdesk and specific FAQs on the Funding and Tenders Portal:
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/support>



Legal notice on the Funding and Tenders Portal (terms and conditions, data protection):
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/legalnotice>

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?