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#### **Practice Case 1.4**

#### CHANGE OF WORK TIME SCHEDULE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Reporting Period is 01.09.2019 – 28.02.2021

Ms. Smith was employed by the beneficiary organisation on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and is assigned on the H2020 action on the 01 September 2019 on a Full Time Equivalent schedule. As of 1 January 2021, she started working on a 50% FTE schedule. Productive hours are 1720 for all the financial years.

How to calculate her personnel costs?

For the hourly rates:

1) 01.09.2019 - 31.12.2019

All monthly payments to Ms. Smith as of 01.07.2019 (salary, bonuses, social security, statutory costs)

# (1720/12)\*6

For these months the actually worked hours on the H2020 that can be claimed, are maximum  $\{(1720/12)*4\}$ 

2) 01.01.2020 - 31.12.2020

All monthly payments to Ms. Smith for 01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020 (salary, bonuses, social security, statutory costs)

#### 1720

For 2020 the maximum hours that can be claimed are 1720.

3) 01.01.2021 - 28.02.2021

The same hourly rate as calculated for the year 2020

For these 2 months, the total hours actually worked on the H2020 that can be claimed are maximum  $\{(1720/12)*2\}*50\%$ 

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## FINANCIAL YEAR DIFFERENT FROM FISCAL YEAR

# The Beneficiary's fiscal year starts 1 April of year N and ends 31 March in the N+1 year

#### **Fiscal Year**



## **Periodic Report for year N**

1 January Year N – 31 December Year N



How to calculate the hourly rates for Year N+1?

Either one of the following:

- A. Based on Calendar Year: the hourly rates for Jan Dec Year N+1 (if all information necessary to calculate the hourly rates is available), or
- B. Based on the last full fiscal year: to use the hourly rates from the period 1 Apr N 31 Mar N+1 for the entire N+1 Reporting Period (Jan-Dec N+1) thus not including the bonus paid in December N+1 in the nominator for that period's hourly rates. Any increase of salary payments that might occur in year N+1 is subsequently reflected in the calculation of the hourly rate for the next reporting period, N+2.

The method must however be consistently applied and can NOT be changed within the same grant.

If Ms. Smith is recruited and assigned to the H2020 action on 1<sup>st</sup> October Year N+1, and the beneficiary calculates hourly rates based on fiscal year, which rate should be applied for Reporting Period N+1?

Remuneration, statutory costs, income taxes, bonuses allowances for year N+1:

October = 3000 November = 3000 December = 5500