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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 1st 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 1st 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

The hourly rate to be applied to her must be calculated taking into account all her monthly eligible remuneration costs for Oct, Nov, and Dec N+1 and the pro-rata of the annual productive hours for the months Oct, Nov, and Dec, i.e. (1720/12)*3:

Hourly rate for Reporting Period N+1: $\{3000 + 3000 + 5500\} / \{(1720/12)*3\} = 11500 / 429 = 26,80$ euro