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Purpose of the paper

- Reduce undue delays in the grant negotiation;
- Clear and user friendly guide that gather together all the basic information related to third country's participation;
- Addressed to:
 - FP7 project coordinators and who want to include third country partners in their consortia
 - Third country participants
- Divided in 3 parts:
 1. International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)
 2. High-income countries
 3. General provisions related to both ICPC and High-income countries



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ICPC



- Eligible to participate in FP7 activities (provided that the conditions laid down in the FP7 RfP have been met);
- Eligible to receive EC funding;
- Enjoy similar rights and subject to the same obligations as EU partners;
- Need to sign a Grant Agreement with the EC;
- Their contribution should be described in the Proposal and the Description of work;
- Special conditions can be agreed upon in the GA



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High-income countries



- Countries not included in the ICPC list and not Associated to FP7
- Eligible to participate in FP7 activities (provided that the conditions laid down in the FP7 RfP have been met);
- Normally not eligible to receive EC funding
 - 3 possible exceptions
- Enjoy similar rights and subject to the same obligations as EU partners;
- Need to sign a Grant Agreement with the EC
 - Draw the attention already at proposal stage
- Their contribution should be described in the Proposal and the Description of work;
- Special clauses can be negotiated and added to the GA



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Common provisions

- Mandatory participation of third country partner
- Registration via the URF
- Legal status and financial capacity required to participate
- Withdrawal of a third country partner and its consequences
- GA and Consortium agreement
- Late document submission by third country participants
- Documents' language
- Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) legal status