

PARTNER QUERY	RESPONSE
GENERAL	
<p>What was the purpose behind the project partner letter? Is there anything in particular project partners need to do?</p>	<p>The purpose of the letter was to inform you that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The HMG Guarantee applies to approved UK project partners in a no deal situation where EU ceases to fund UK organisations. 2) If the UK leaves the EU without a deal there might be changes to the way some ETC programmes are being delivered as current programme structures may not be in place any longer. 3) The letter asked you to consider taking steps to explore alternative options. Should current programme structures cease to exist the guarantee would cover eligible expenditure approved UK project partners incur in all the scenarios set out in the letter.
<p>What are the various arrangements for continuing participation in ETC programmes in a deal or no deal?</p>	<p>Please refer to the attached flowchart for UK project partners.</p>
<p>Should I continue to deliver my project work as normal until October 31st?</p>	<p>UK project partners in approved projects should continue delivering their project activity as contracted, including continuing to make payment claims to Managing Authorities for reimbursement by the European Commission.</p>
PAYMENTS	
<p>How will the Guarantee be paid to project partners?</p>	<p>In a no deal situation there is a possibility that payment systems may change. Should this be the case there will be a mechanism in place to pay the guarantee funding to UK project partners. We are working with Managing Authorities / Joint Secretariats to try and resolve issues around payments; you may find it useful to speak to your lead partner or if you are a lead partner your MA/ JS as they currently manage the financial arrangements for your project.</p>

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<p>Will there be a disruption to cash flow? Can the current payment flow remain or does the programme have to make new arrangements to pay partners in a UK-led project?</p>	<p>UK project partners should continue claiming and delivering as contracted. In a no deal situation, there may be a change to the payment system. Should this be the case there will be a mechanism in place to pay the guarantee funding to UK project partners. We are working with Managing Authorities / Joint Secretariats to try and resolve issues around payments; you may find it useful to speak to your lead partner or if you are a lead partner your MA/ JS as they currently manage the financial arrangements for your project.</p>
<p>GUARANTEE</p>	
<p>Is funding guaranteed for UK partners up to 2020?</p>	<p>Yes, funding is guaranteed for UK project partners that have already secured, or will secure, funding from the EU until the end of 2020. Once the project is approved at programme committee, the guarantee covers eligible expenditure of UK project partners until their project end date.</p>
<p>Do UK project partners need to register in order to be covered by the guarantee as is the case with Horizon2020?</p>	<p>No, UK project partners do not have to register for ETC projects. MHCLG holds project partner information through involvement in PMCs and the FLC approval process.</p>
<p>Does the guarantee cover expenditure beyond the end of 2020?</p>	<p>Yes, the guarantee covers eligible expenditure of approved UK project partners until their project end date.</p>
<p>What funding is guaranteed for other stakeholders besides UK partners?</p>	<p>The Government guarantee covers the funding for all UK project partners in a project that is approved at programme committee prior to the exit date. Funding for EU project partners is a matter for the EU to provide clarity on.</p>