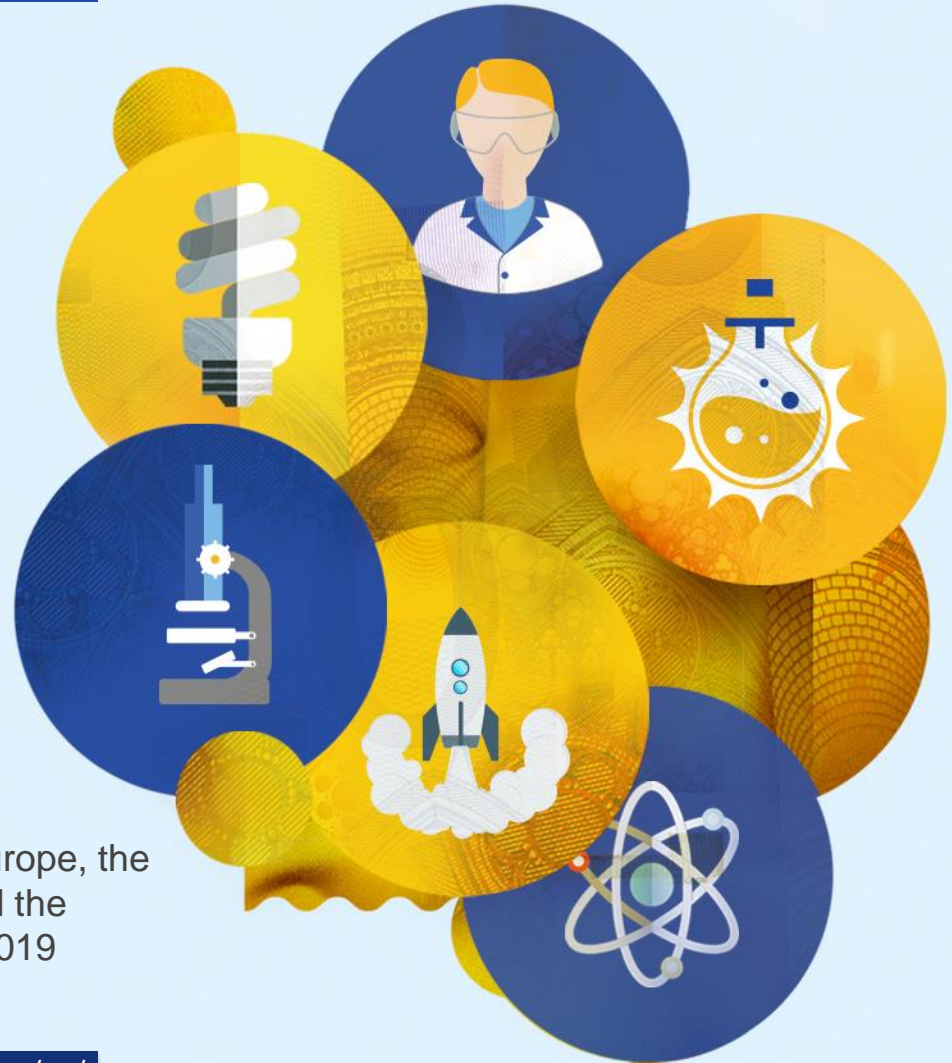


Horizon Europe

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION
INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

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Based on the Commission Proposal for Horizon Europe, the common understanding between co-legislators and the Partial General Approach, both approved in April 2019



Horizon Europe - Model Grant Agreement

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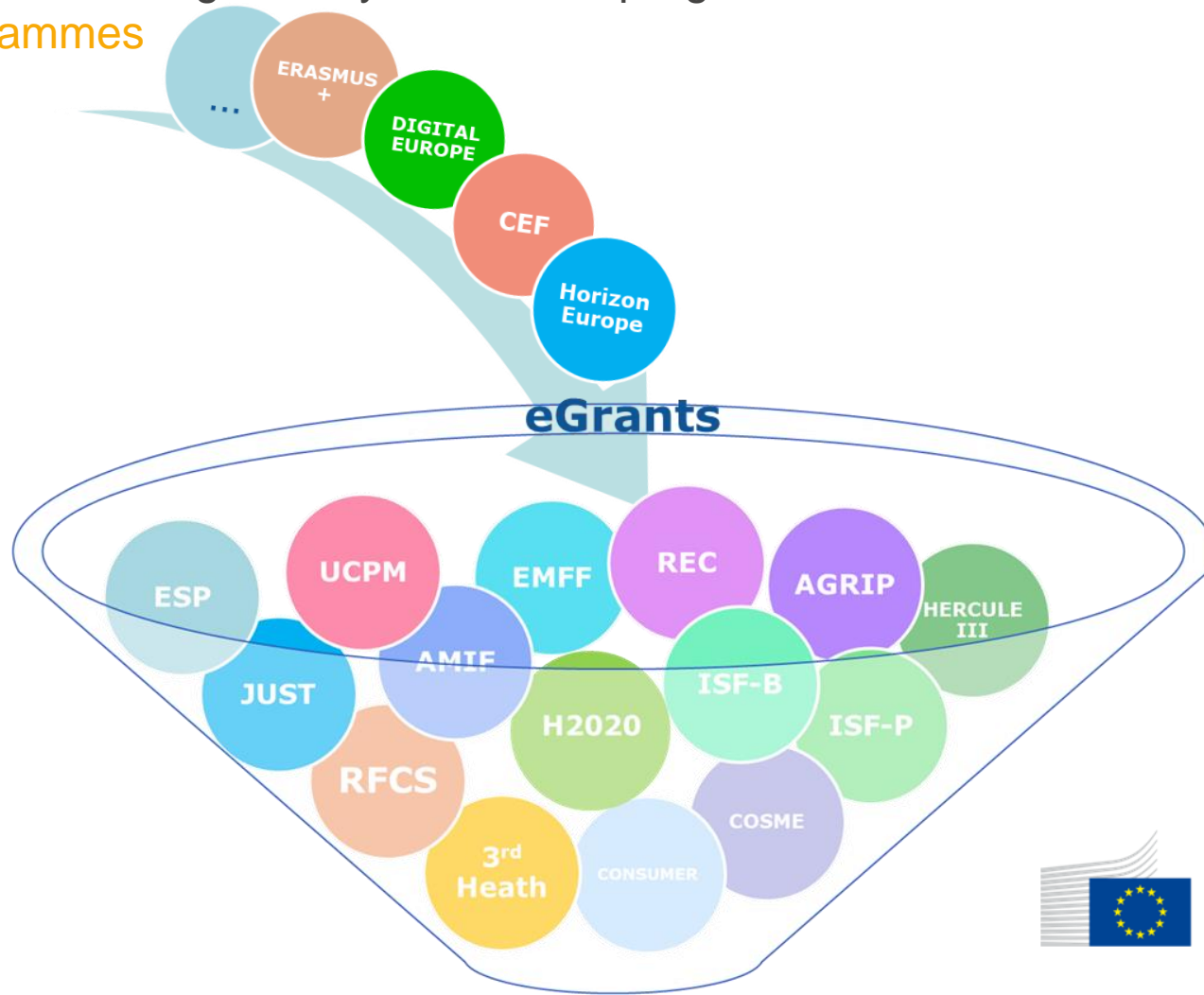


A bit of background...

- **Numerous** Model Grant Agreements (MGAs):
paper-based or **electronically-managed ('eGrants')**



- **eGrants** serving already for several programmes + to **serve for other programmes**



Objectives

Harmonisation & standardisation

- Harmonise the contractual models and guidance for all post-2020 programmes
- Build on the standardisation of post-2020 basic acts

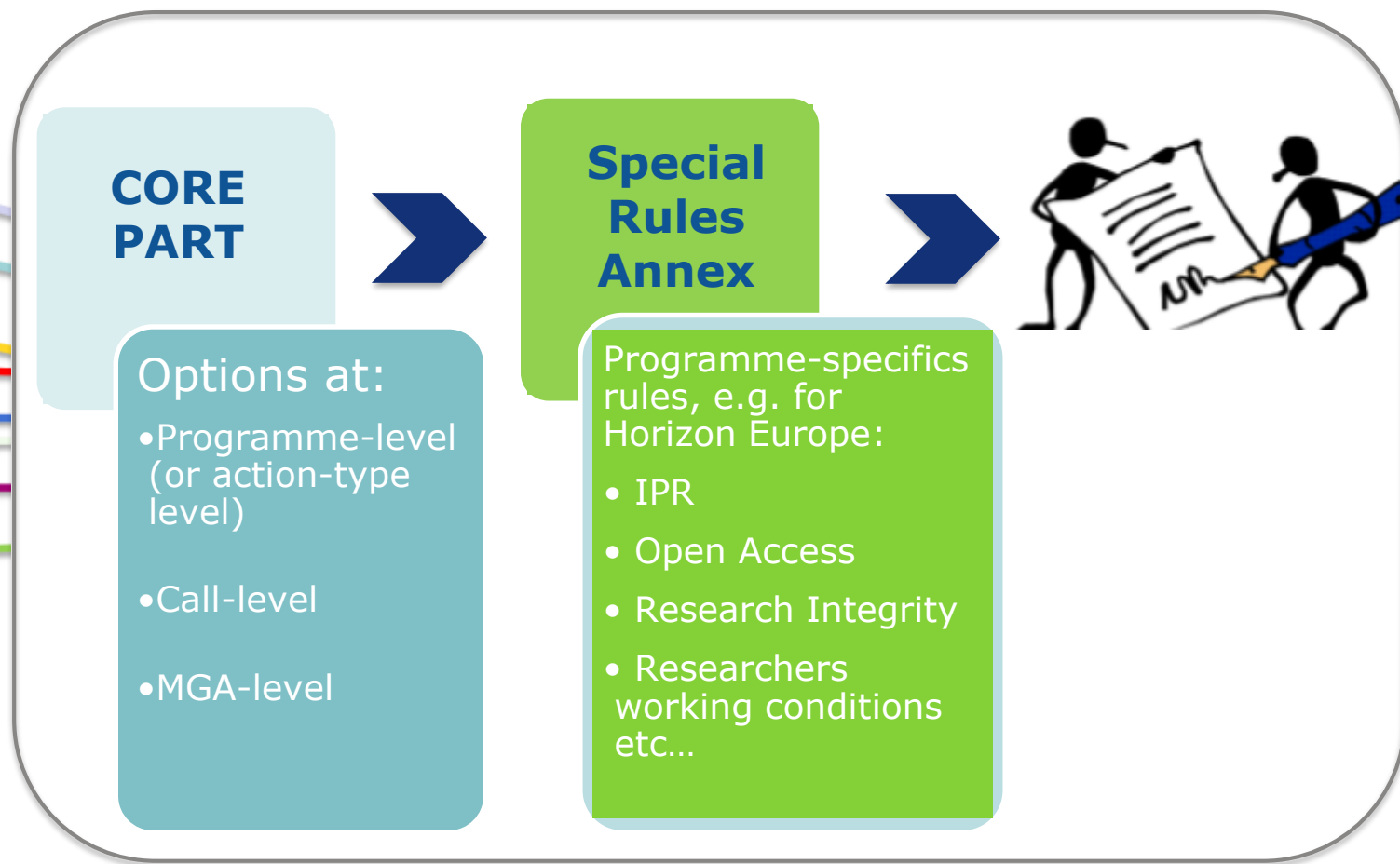
Consistent interpretation

- Use the same terminology across programmes
- Ensure uniform and consistent interpretation of rules
- Allow equal treatment of beneficiaries
- Create synergies between programmes

Integration of programme specifics

- Allow for encompassing the specifics of programme
- Specific options and specific annex with 'special rules'

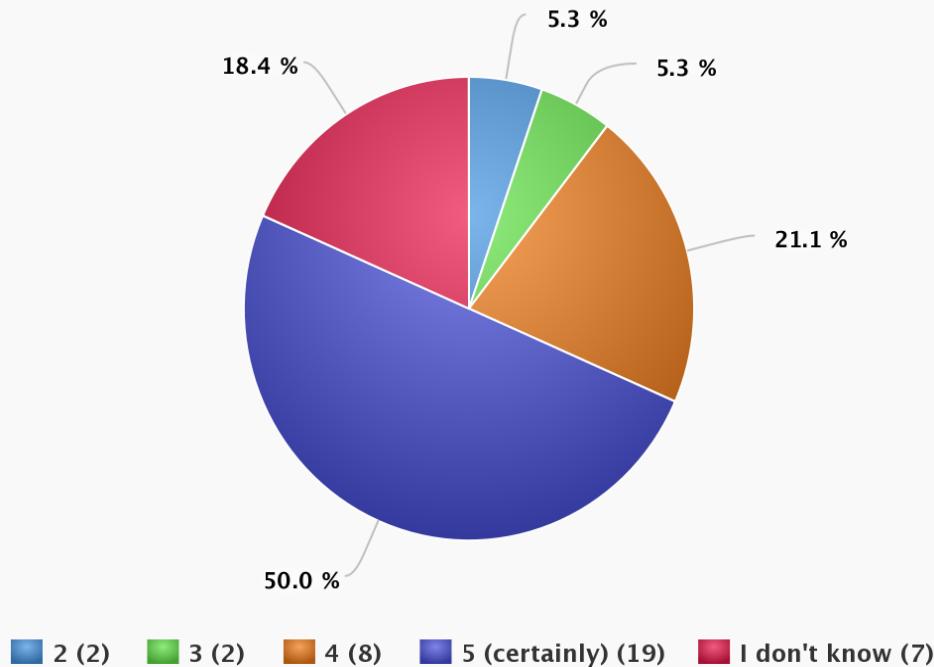
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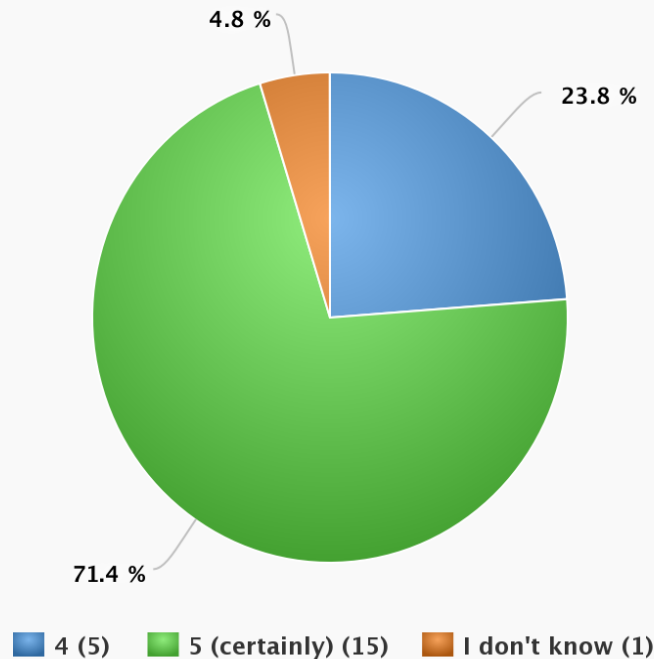
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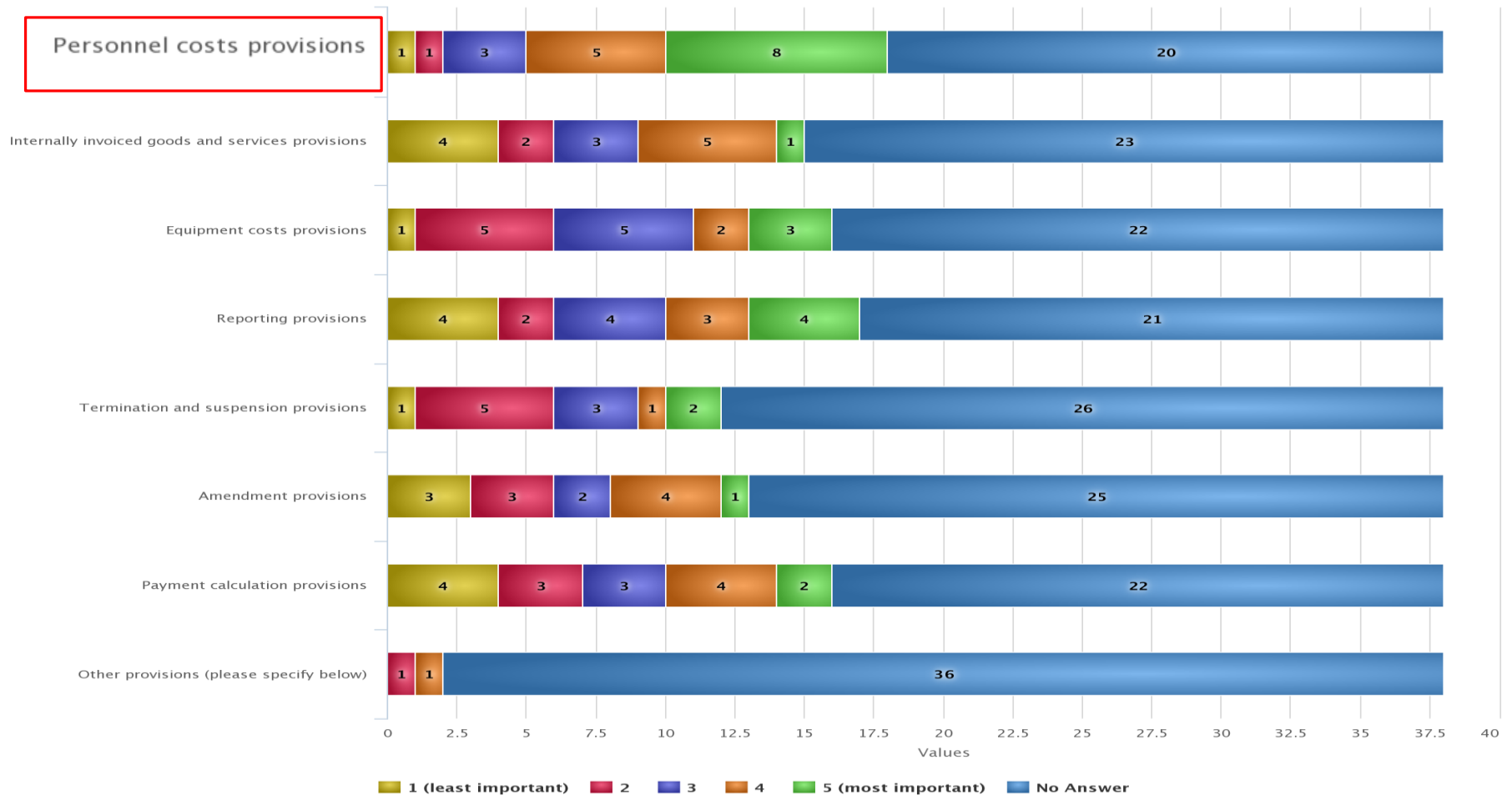
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Horizon Europe - Personnel costs

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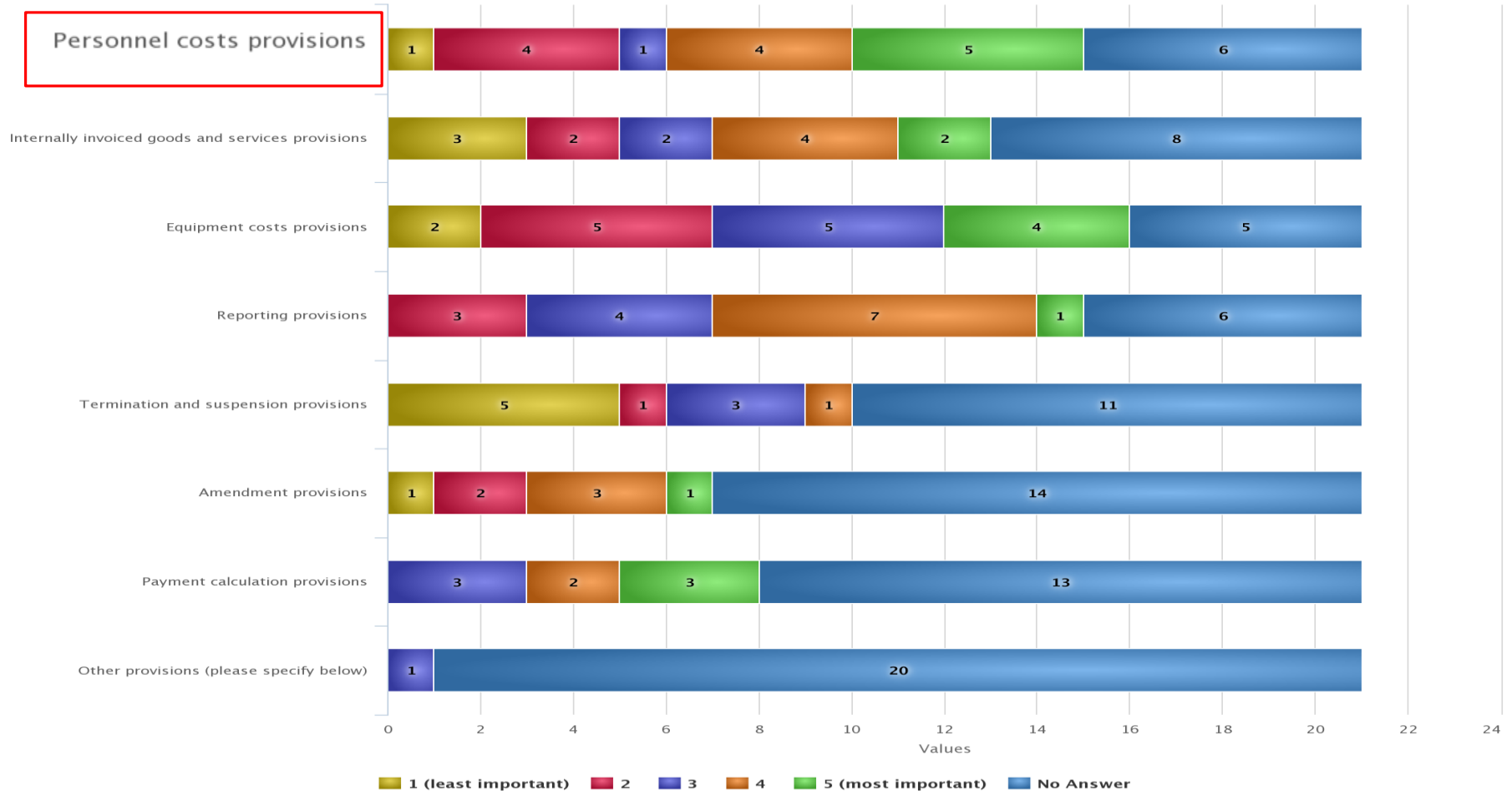
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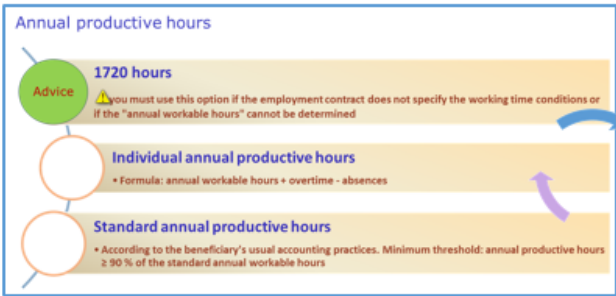


The situation today...

Actual personnel costs (general case): H2020 Calculation



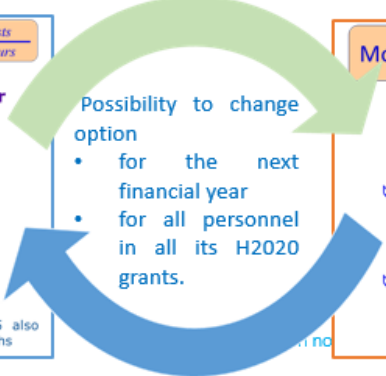
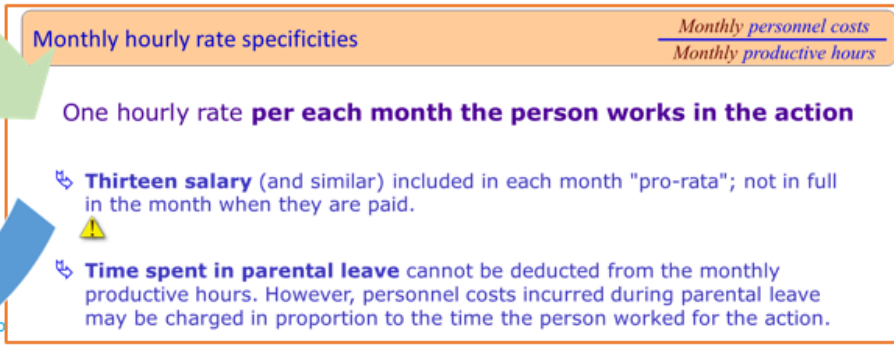
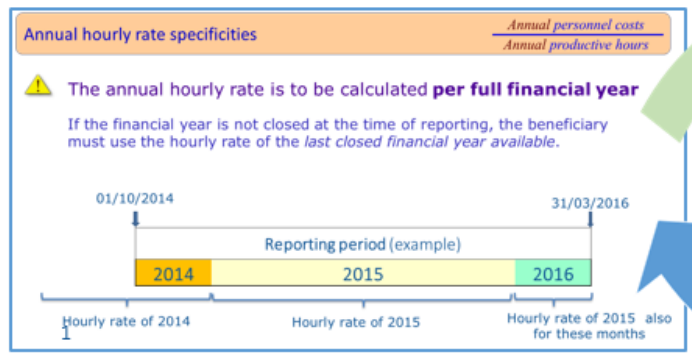
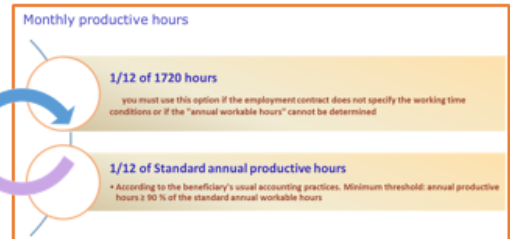
$$\text{Hourly rate} = \frac{\text{Personnel costs}}{\text{Productive hours}}$$



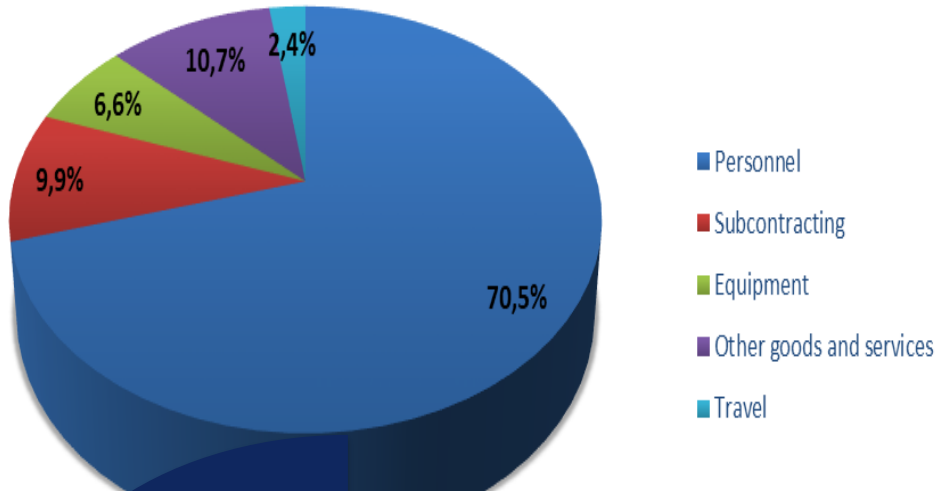
In principle, same option must be applied to all personnel working in H2020 actions.

However, possibility to use different options for different types of personnel (at least per group of personnel employed under similar conditions)

The same option(s) must be kept for the full financial year. It can only change its option(s) for the next financial year.



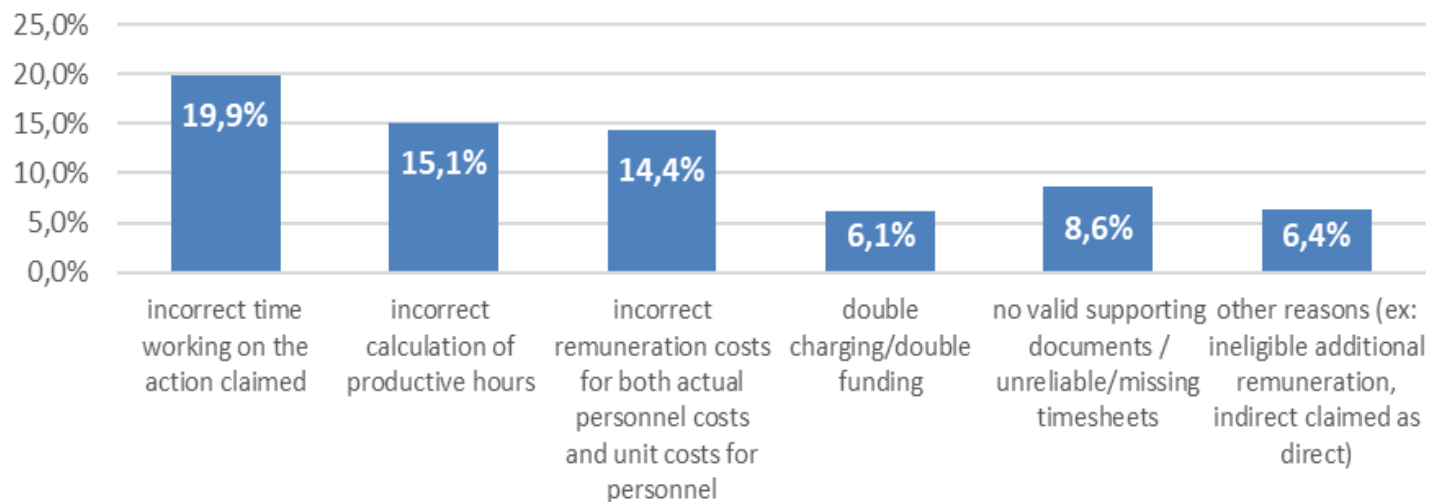
Percentage of errors identified in H2020 ex-post audits leading to adjustments in favour of the EU budget



... and its consequences

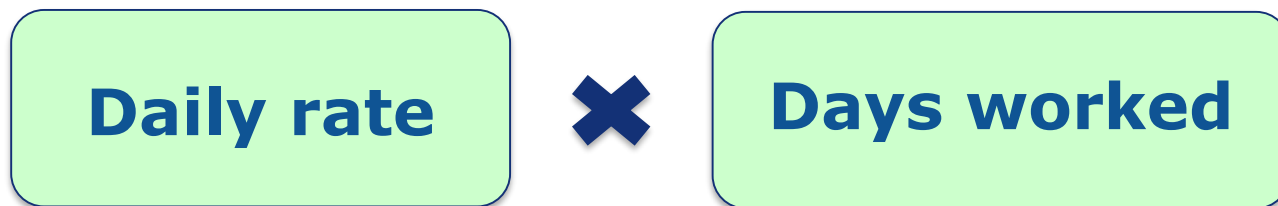
Percentage of type of error in personnel costs

(breakdown of 70,5%)



The situation tomorrow...

NEW Corporate approach



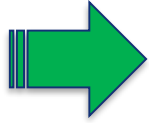
$$\text{Daily rate} = \frac{\text{annual personnel costs for the person}}{215}$$

↳ with **no more** obligation to use the '**last closed financial year**'!



Days worked = Monthly declarations instead of time sheets

Project-based remuneration (Art 32 HE RfP)

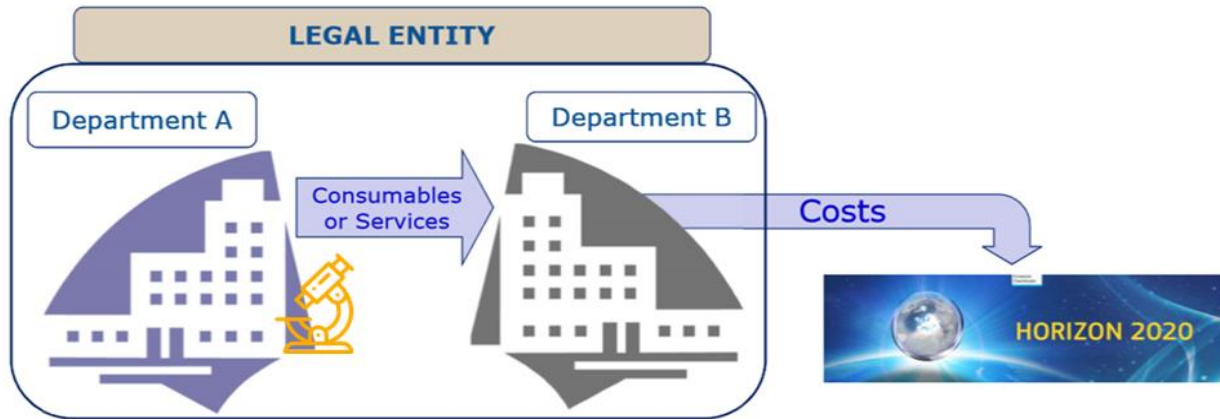


Similar rules as in H2020 but with the following **simplifications**:

- ✓ Current AGA explanations about **‘National Projects Reference’** incorporated in the MGA (for clarity and legal certainty)
- ✓ **No more** obligation to have paid **at least once** a project-based remuneration **before the submission of the HE proposal**
- ✓ **If not** applicable national law or internal rules, **simpler and more flexible ‘fall-back’ option**:
 - No obligation to use last closed financial year for calculating the average remuneration of the person

Horizon Europe - Internal invoices unit cost

The situation today...



OK

- ✓ Direct staff
- ✓ Consumables
- ✓ Depreciation of the item
- ✓ Maintenance and supplies **if** their costs are directly identifiable



NOT OK

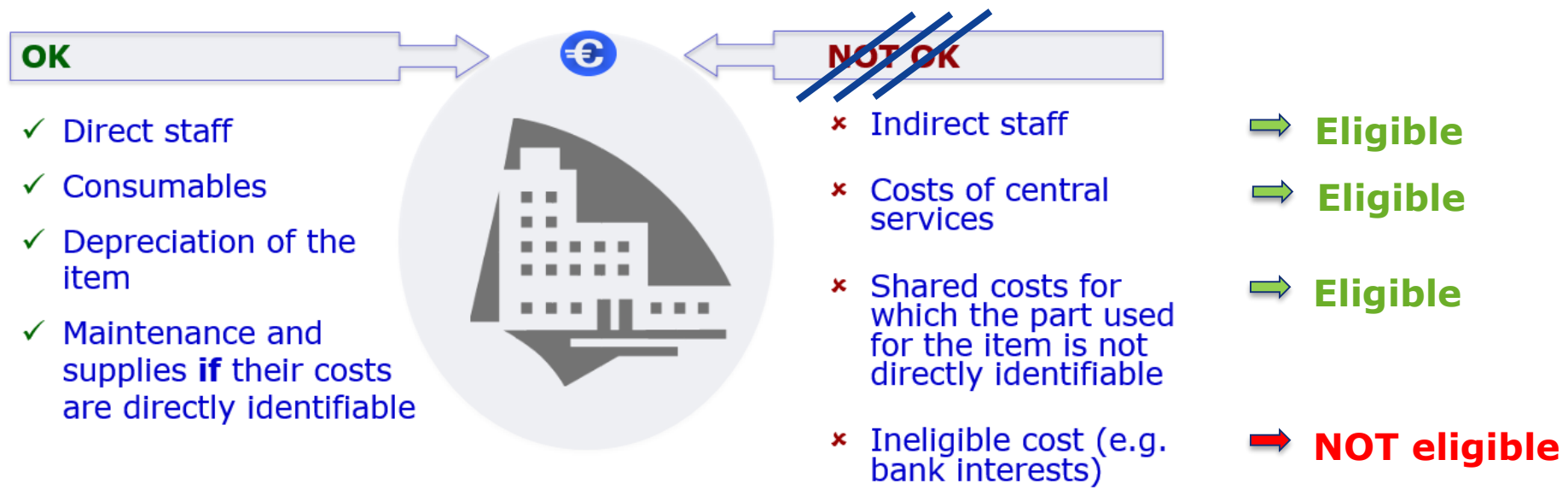
- ✗ Indirect staff
- ✗ Costs of central services
- ✗ Shared costs for which the part used for the item is not directly identifiable
- ✗ Ineligible cost (e.g. bank interest)

The situation tomorrow...

Wider reliance on beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices (Art 31 HE RfP).

Possibility to accept actual indirect costs allocated via key drivers in the unit cost, **if beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices!**

No application of the 25% flat-rate on top of the unit cost



Horizon Europe - Equipment costs

Continuity and further clarity

Continuity

Depreciation costs are **by default** eligible.

By exception, full costs may be eligible.

Further clarity

Optional provisions addressing the specific case of **assets under construction (e.g. prototype)** and their related **capitalised costs**:

- The **full construction costs** (typically the costs of the personnel involved in the construction of the prototype)
- The **full purchase costs** (typically any component, pieces of equipment bought for the prototype)

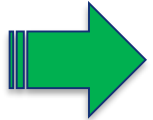


Thank you!

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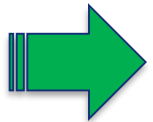
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Possible conversion rules for beneficiaries with time-recording system in hours (as usual practices)...



Either a conversion based on a fixed number of hours:

1 day-equivalent = 8 hours



Or a conversion based on the usual standard annual productive hours, if it is at least 90% of the workable time

Example:

Standard annual productive hours of the beneficiary = 1600

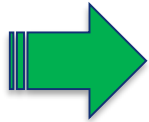
Standard annual workable hours of the beneficiary = 1720

1720 x 90% = 1548 < 1600

*1600/215 => **7.44 hours = 1 day-equivalent***

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When has the beneficiary to convert its hours into days-equivalent?



Each time that it calculates a daily rate.

For example at the time of reporting:

If a daily rate is calculated for year 2021, the beneficiary must convert into day-equivalents the total number of hours worked by the person on the action during 2021 altogether.