



#### **REA Central Validation Service**

Getting started -Registering your organization

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## **Presentation Outline**

REA Central Validation Service

Registration of Organisations

Legal validation and Legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)

Communication

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# REA Central Validation Service (REA CVS)

Verifies legal existence and legal statuses of entities

Validates the appointment of **Legal Entity Appointed Representatives** (LEARs)

Validates **legal changes** of validated entities

Assesses universal takeovers (UTROs) of validated entities

Encoding Bank Account requests

Prepares the **Financial Capacity Assessment** 

Performs ownership control assessments for specific programmes

Performs **ex-post status verifications** (e.g. SME & MID cap status checks)



# Registration of an organisation (at proposal stage)





#### Participant Register

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The participant register is now multilingual! Select your preferred language from the top right corner of the Portal.

If you want to participate in a call for proposals or in a call for tenders with eSubmission, your organisation needs to be registered and have a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC). Please quote your PIC in all correspondence with the Commission.

The register contains all participants of EU programmes.



## Registration of an organisation (at proposal stage)









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#### Is your organisation already registered? PIC search

Please check whether your organisation has already been registered. If so, no need to register it again.



Q Find a registered organisation

#### Register your organisation

To register your organisation or as a natural person, you need to login into the Portal or, if you are a new user, create your account.

Check what information you need to register in the Online Manual - and keep it to hand during the registration procedure. To start registration, click on the button below.

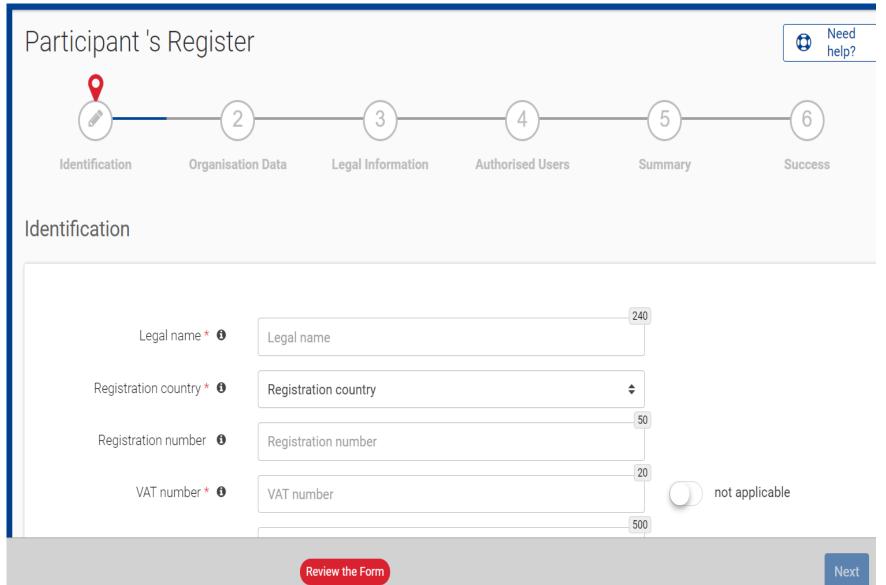
#### Register your organisation

You can suspend the registration process at any time: the data entered can be saved as draft and you can continue your registration later. To return to your registration, please log in and get into My Organisation(s) in the My Area section. Incomplete, draft registrations are automatically deleted after one year.

Additionally, for actions where the SME status is an eligibility criterion (like, e.g. the EIC Accelerator) you must also carry out the SME self-assessment.

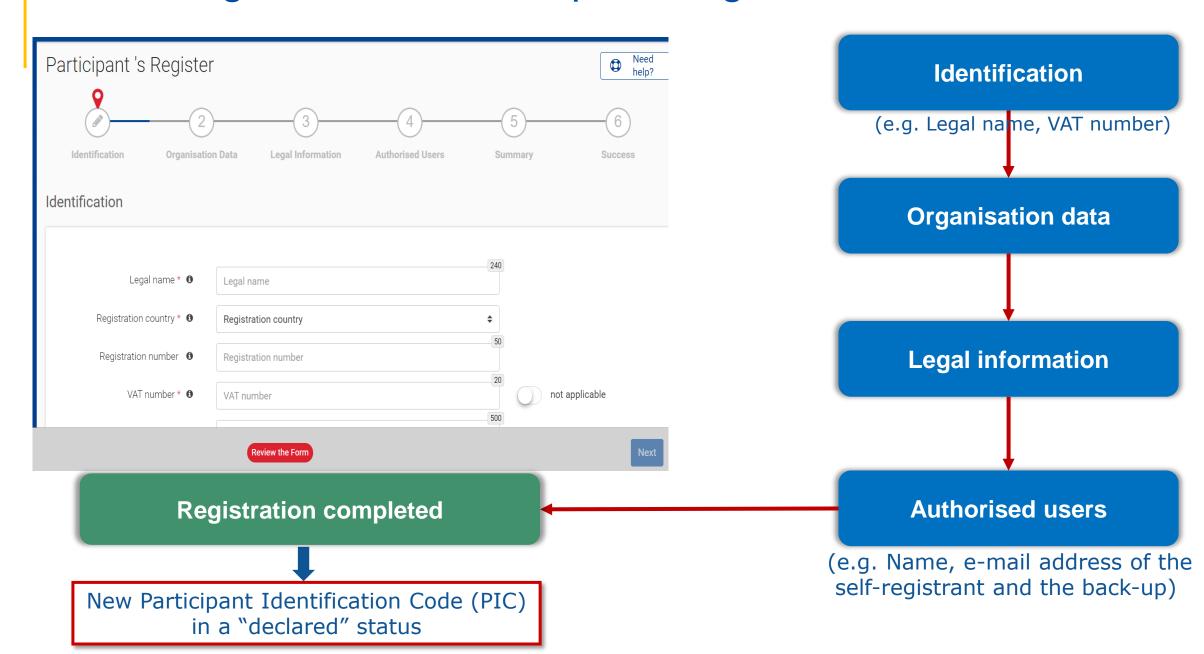
Should your project or tender be successfully evaluated, the registered data will be verified by the Central Validation Service team before the signature of the Grant Agreement or of the Framework Contract.

## How to register in the Participant Register

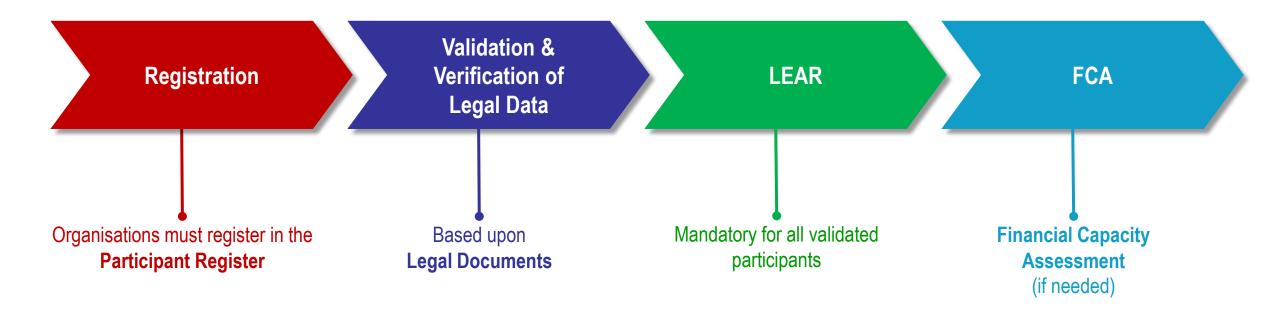




## How to register in the Participant Register



## **Validation Overview**



Communication via the Participant Register



## Legal validation

- Registration data is verified by REA Central Validation Service before the signature of the Grant Agreement or Contract.
- The legal validation of a participant is done **once**, when the entity has to sign its first Grant Agreement or Contract and it is reused for future participations in EU grant and procurement actions
- Validation is always performed on the basis of supporting documents, in accordance to EU Financial Regulation and the <u>Rules on Legal Entity Validation</u>, <u>LEAR</u> <u>Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment</u> for EU Grants and Tenders

## Legal validation documents

- ✓ **Legal entity form** (template to be completed, dated, stamped and signed)
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  - ✓ If not registered for VAT proof of VAT exemption
- √ Registration extract (< 1 year) for private law bodies
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- ✓ Law/decree/decision for public law bodies
- ✓ Treaty for international organisations
- ✓ Statutes for non-profit organisations

## LEAR role and duties

In the Single Electronic Data Interchange Area, the appointment of the Legal Entity Appointed Representative (LEAR) is mandatory



**LEAR** 

## LEAR appointment documents

- 1. LEAR appointment letter and Roles and Duties of LEARs (duly signed by both the legal representative and the LEAR)
- 2. Declaration of Consent to the EU Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions (duly signed by legal representative)
- 3. Official proof of identity (ID-card/passport with photo and signature) of the legal representative and the LEAR
- 4. Proof of empowerment of the legal representative

Scanned version of these documents shall be uploaded in the Participant Register. Originals of 1 and 2 must be kept in the entity's premises.

**LEAR** 

## Communication

(e.g. request to submit legal documents or to appoint a LEAR)

**Messages are notified via e-mail** to the contact person (i.e. self-registrant or the appointed LEAR)

to me 🕶

#### **Europa / Funding & Tenders Portal notification**

Dear User,

You have been granted the role of Self Registrant for the organisation arquicios.

In order to access your organisation data on the Funding & Tenders Portal/Supplier portal, you need to log in on the F&T Portal/Supplier Portal. If you did not have an EU Login yet, it was launched automatically for a separate e-mail with a hyperlink to finalise your account.

For more information on the Funding & Tenders Portal roles, please refer to the <u>Online Manual</u> if you participate in the <u>programmes</u> <u>managed on the Funding & Tenders Portal</u>.

For more information on the roles for e-Procurement, please refer to the e-Procurement wiki page, if you participate in a tender call.

With kind regards,

EU Single Electronic Data Interchange Area - F&T Portal team

This email has been auto-generated. Please do not reply to this account. Your email will not be read. For any inquiries please contact the Grants Procurement Systems Support +32 (2) 29 71063 or <a href="mailto:EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu">EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu</a>.

All communication is exclusively managed through the Participant Register

#### Access lost to a declared or valid PIC

#### **Declared PIC**

In case the self-registrant left the organisation and no one has access to a declared PIC
 – a new PIC needs to be created and REA CVS informed

#### **Valid PIC**

 If the LEAR is not available anymore and there are no Account Administrators, a new LEAR needs to be appointed – LEAR recovery procedure



## Financial Capacity Assessment (FCA)

#### **Legal basis**

- Financial Regulation (2018/1046) articles 196 and 198
- Rules on Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment for EU Grants and Tenders.
- Call for Proposals (see the section "Financial capacity")

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#### When is the FCA needed?

✓ **ALL beneficiaries**, except for:

public bodies (including local, regional or national authorities)

individual requested grant amount of LESS than EUR 60,000

If FCA must be checked, you will be contacted by the Central Validation Service via Participant Regis

(via Participant Register)

✓ Balance sheet

**Balance Sheet** 

- ASSETS
- LIABILITIES
- EQUITY

(via Participant Register)

- ✓ Balance sheet
- ✓ Profit and loss account

**Balance Sheet** 

Profit & Loss account

- REVENUES
- EXPENSES
- Net result

(via Participant Register)

- √ Balance sheet
- ✓ Profit and loss account
- ✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)

**Balance Sheet** 

Profit & Loss account

**Explanatory** notes

Annexes

to the FS

Details on accounts

Breakdown on items

Additional explanations

(via Participant Register)

- ✓ Balance sheet
- ✓ Profit and loss account
- ✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)
- √ Financial audit report

## Financial Audit report

#### **Opinion**

- Unqualified
- Qualified
- Adverse
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Profit & Loss
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(via Participant Register)

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...or <u>Self Declaration</u> on the accounts

if the requested EU-contribution exceeds EUR 750.000 (art. 196 FR)

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## Self Declaration on the accounts

I, the undersigned declare that the accounts are:

- VALID
- no audit required

Signed

# Balance Sheet Profit & Loss account Explanatory

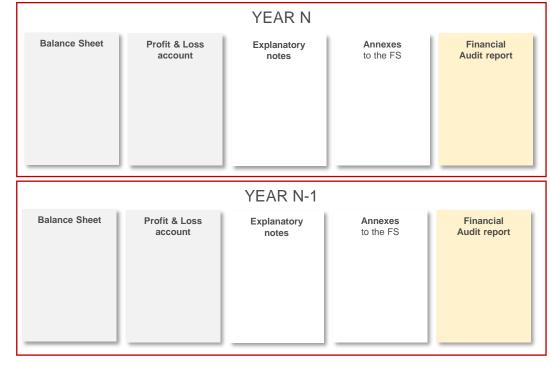
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notes

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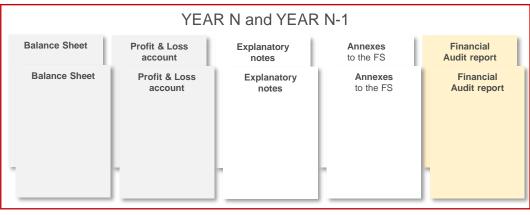
## For the 2 most recent closed and approved financial years

- official language
- dated
- signed

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#### Newly established entities

✓ Business plan

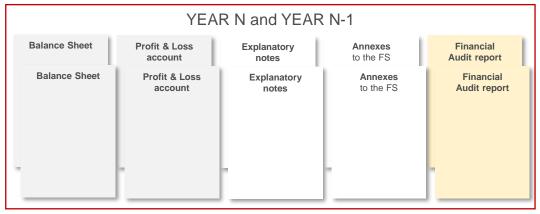


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#### **Business plan**

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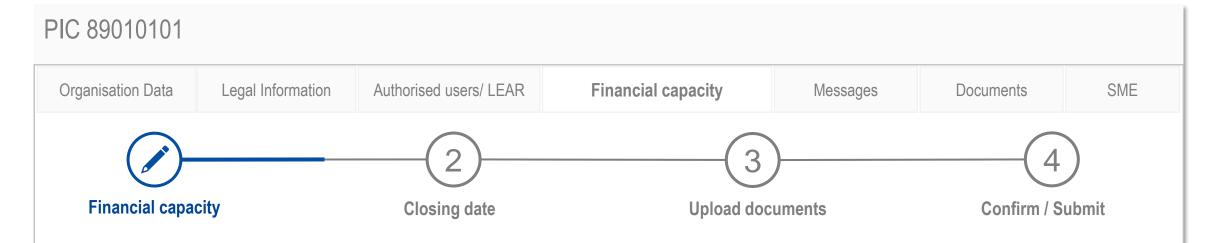
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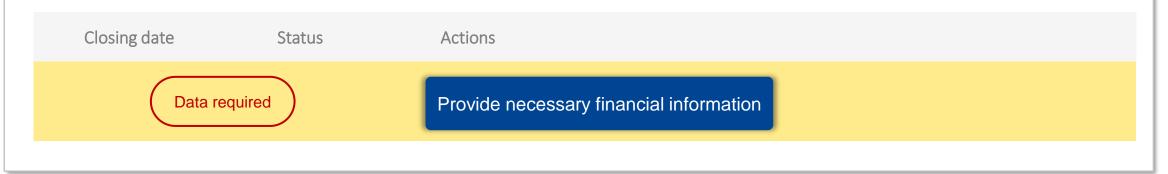
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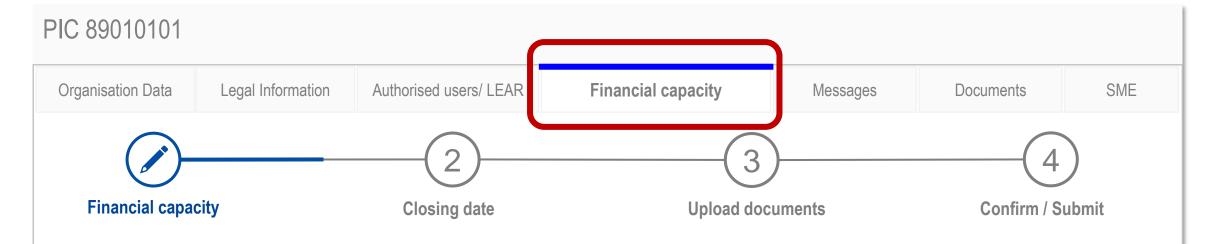
Once completed, the assessment is valid for 18 months from the closing date



You might be requested to provide additional financial information. In this case you are asked to upload your financial statements containing the balance sheet, the profit and loss account, the corresponding explanatory notes and, under certain conditions, an audit report issued by a certified auditor or a self-declaration on the validity of the accounts, signed by your legal representative, the template for which is available here.

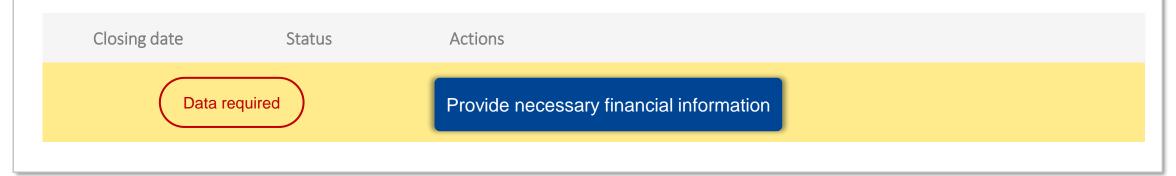
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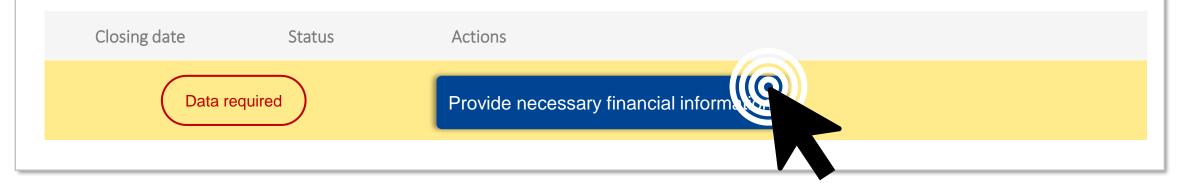
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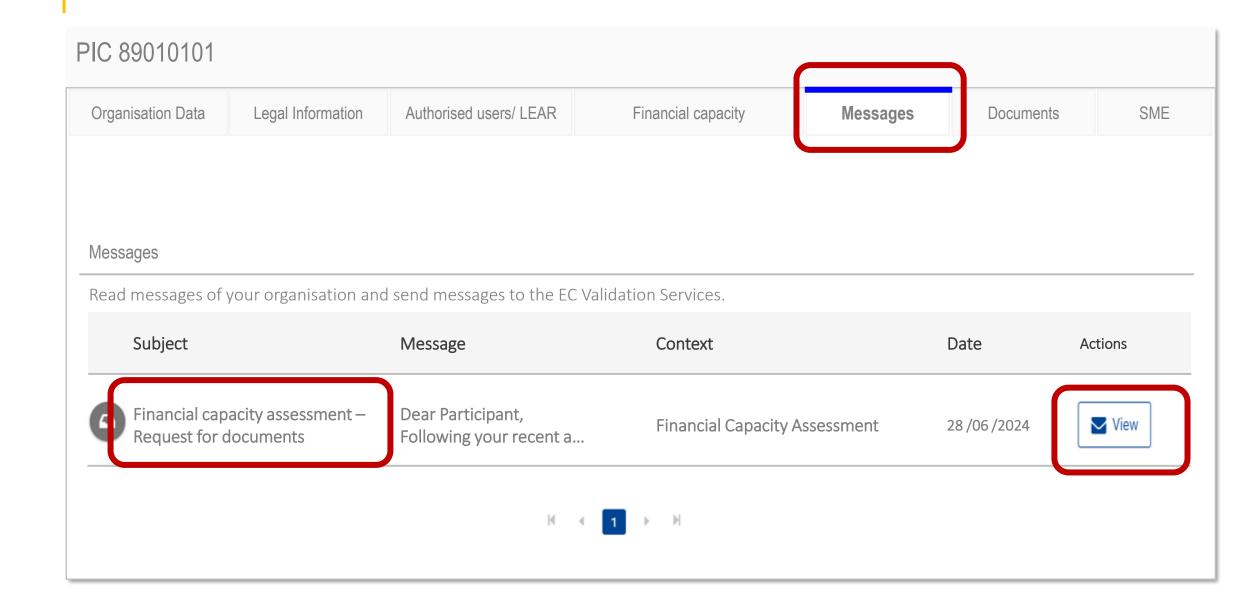




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#### Guidance documents



Rules on Legal validation, LEAR appointment and financial capacity assessment: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca\_en.pdf



How to register in the Participant Register:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual



Online Manual, IT How to, IT and RES Helpdesk and specific FAQs on the Funding and Tenders Portal:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/support



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## Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

