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OVERVIEW

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AMENDMENT – TYPE 1

Change in the Consortium Composition

- Changes in partner circumstances

- Disagreements amongst partners

- Misunderstanding on what RISE is about

Explain amendment proces at Kick-off meeting or add a clause in the Consortium and Partnership Agreement

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AMENDMENT – TYPE 2

Changes in Planned Secondments

- Staff movement in institutions

- Personal circumstances (health, work obligations)

- Changes in consortium composition

Keep List of Secondments always up to date and inform your project officer of any change

PROCESS

How was the amendment carried out?

- through the local administration

- Consortium Changes: immediate

- Secondment Changes: batched

- Gathering of information: mostly myself (COO)

- Limited information on what needs to be gathered

Consult Horizon 2020 online portal

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OUTCOME

Was the amendment approved?

- draft version was checked by project officer

- First time we had to withdraw and correct
- Second time the amendment has been approved

LESSONS LEARNT

- It takes longer than planned

- Gathering of information is not always straighforward

- Partners leaving the consortium are not necessarily cooperative

- By the time you gather all the inputs, some information may become outdated

- Once everything is in place, approval is fast

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ENHANCEMENT PROPOSED

- System seems to be designed for static information, but our experience showed that this needs to change often.

- More detailed instructions on how to go about it and perhaps a compiled lists of FAQs.

- Less reliance on proprietary software and allow for Open Standard alternatives.

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