



Endorsement letter- clarification on simplified procedure for the 2020 Competition

Dear Regiostars participants,

On 24 March we revised the guide for applicants, allowing for the endorsement letter by the Managing Authority to be prepared in the form of an-email.

The goal of this modification was to make the process easier in this difficult time, in which it may be complicated to get a signed document in time by Managing Authorities.

With the present document we want to further clarify which are the possible procedures to get a valid endorsement letter to accompany your applications. You can basically choose one of the following two options:

- 1- Standard traditional endorsement letter: if you are confident that you can get the standard endorsement letter filled and signed by your Managing Authority in time, please go ahead with the standard procedure and upload the pdf version of the signed endorsement letter into your application.

OR

- 2- Ask you Managing Authority to provide the following information in the body of their e-mail:

Name of the project submitted to the REGIOSTARS competition:

Name of the project promoter:

Name of the MA:

First name of the representative:

Last name of the representative:

*Under **which operational programme** was the project carried out?*

PROGRAMME NAME:

PROGRAMME CCI NUMBER:

Has the project been subject to any type of investigation, which could lead to a financial correction linked to irregularities or fraud?

If Yes, specify

Then convert the e-mail from your Managing Authority into a pdf file and upload it into your application.

Two further clarifications:

- The representative of the Managing Authority sending the letter can be the Head of the Managing Authority or the person in the Managing Authority in charge of this kind of activities. It is up to the Managing Authority to decide. The Managing Authority should be able to keep track of the number of applications coming in from each Operational Programme, given the limit of 5 applications per OP
- Intermediate bodies can also be the one in charge of preparing and sending the endorsement letter to the beneficiary, if the specific programme make use of Intermediate Bodies for this kind of tasks. Again, the Managing Authority should be able to keep track of the number of applications coming in from each Operational Programme, given the limit of 5 applications per OP.