



**Call for proposals Ref. 2024 ECFIN 002/A3
Joint Harmonized European Union programme
of Business and consumer surveys in Ireland
Questions and Answers**

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Q1: If the funding model (50% of audited payroll, overheads etc.) is not allowed within the applicant's governance or commercial guidelines, or for reasons of GDPR, would an alternative model (such as 50% of a fixed fee) be rejected by the EU?

A1: The funding model for the BCS action is clearly set in section 4 – EU Funding, and section 12 – Financial provisions of the Call for proposals 2024. The form of grant, funding rate and cost eligibility rules are detailed in the articles 5 and 6 of the Model General Grant Agreement. An alternative model would be rejected by the EU.

Q2: If, at the end of a grant period, the costs exceed the amount initially budgeted, will the grant amount increase?

A2: The calculation method of the final grant amount is indicated in Article 22.3.4 of the Model General Grant Agreement and more specifically in Step 2 of the calculation of the final grant amount: *Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount: If the resulting amount is higher than the maximum grant amount set out in Article 5.2, it will be limited to the latter.*

Also follow the instructions in the sheet “Guidance BS” of Form 4 – Estimated budget – Financial Statement” to calculate the estimated costs as precise as possible.