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to the Commission
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Subject: Corporate approach to Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe

A new development under the current multiannual financial framework is the introduction of the corporate approach to the management of Union programmes, the aim of which was to simplify procedures for beneficiaries and to facilitate synergies. The most visible effects of this approach on Horizon Europe are the fact that beneficiaries have been signing contracts without having access to all legal and financial information, and implications because the Commission still has not published a final Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AMGA) including many important cost calculation methodologies. The AMGA is now expected by the end of this year, 20 months after the start of the Horizon Europe programme, which will run for approximately 80 months.

1. As complete guidance documents are still unavailable, how is the current AMGA simplified compared to that from the Horizon 2020 programme?
2. Is there any proof that contractual models were a significant issue in preventing synergies between the Horizon 2020 framework programme and other Union programmes?
3. Considering that the AMGA is expected only after 25 % of the running time of Horizon Europe has passed, does the Commission still consider that the corporate approach represents a simplification for beneficiaries of the programme, or only for the Commission?