

**2019-2020 MEMBER FEDERATION
SUPPORT PROGRAMME
REGULATIONS**

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Foreword

According to the European Athletics Constitution, the purpose of the organisation is to serve our Member Federations. All our activities must be measured against this test.

We are fortunate that the commercial success of our event programme has made it possible to return value to the federations through various forms of support, which have been developed over more than a quarter of a century. This document represents the latest incarnation of how we provide that support and reflects the knowledge we have gained and the lessons we have learned over that period.

One of my priorities at the start of my presidency was to make sure the support we offer is customised to the specific needs of the federations. There is a consensus among the Council and our expert advisors that each federation is unique and faces its own specific set of circumstances and challenges. We have concluded that a one-size-fits-all programme is dated and not the most effective way to support federations as they work towards our strategic aim of developing athletics and making it 'Your Sport for Life' for every European.

The Member Federation Support Programme is designed with the intent that every federation can benefit and clearly see that it benefits from what is on offer. The regulations included here emphasise a project-oriented approach, flexibility, the sharing of ideas and accountability. I would urge all federation leaders and the various specialists who work with them to read through the document and then take the necessary steps to engage with the programme.

For our part, we in European Athletics will do our best to deliver the programme in line with the policies described here and we will always be available and happy to answer questions and clarify any points that arise. We invite feedback from the users and we will regularly review all aspects of the programme to find ways to refine and enhance it.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank our Member Federation Development Commission and staff for the considerable work they have done on this project and extend my best wishes to the Member Federations and the project leaders who will work with the programme in the coming years.



Svein Arne HANSEN
European Athletics President

I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.1. Purpose of the Member Federation Support Programme

1. The **Member Federation Support Programme (MF-SP)** has been established:
 - a. to increase the visibility of the overall **European Athletics**' support (both financial and in services) to its **Member Federations**;
 - b. to direct **Member Federations** to use **European Athletics** support in-line with its strategy;
 - c. to encourage participation in **Athletics** at all levels and by persons of all ages throughout Europe through competitions, events, programmes and activities within their territories;
 - d. to encourage and support the development, organisation and delivery of **Athletics** in Europe through its **Member Federations**;
 - e. to protect the integrity of **Athletics** and **European Athletics** by developing and enforcing standards of conduct and ethical behaviour, implementing good governance within **European Athletics** and promoting good governance among the **Member Federations**;
2. The **EA Council**, at its meeting in Paris on 29 April 2017, approved the new way of supporting and developing **Athletics** in the **Member Federations** starting January 2019.

Article 1.2. Scope of Application

1. These regulations define the financial contributions allocated under the **Member Federation Support Programme**, the type of projects that fall under this programme and the administrative tasks of the parties involved.
2. These regulations cover the period from 1st January 2019 until 31 December 2020.
3. The **Member Federation Support Programme** consists of the following types of funds for the whole aforementioned financial period:
 - a. Member Federations Development Projects,
 - b. Member Federations Cooperation Projects
 - c. Member Federations Structuring,
 - d. European Athletics Education Activities,
 - e. Member Federations participation to EA Competitions.

Article 1.3. Beneficiaries of the Member Federation Support Programme

1. The beneficiaries of the **Member Federation Support Programme** are **Member Federations** which have been admitted as members of the **European Athletics** by the **EA Congress** in accordance with the relevant provisions of the **EA Constitution** (i.e. excluding those which have been admitted as members on a provisional basis) and which fulfil the requirements for receiving the **EA Grants** as specified in these regulations.
2. The **EA Grants** are paid to the beneficiaries. Unless decided otherwise by **European Athletics**, the **EA Grants** are never paid directly to a third party, such as a member of a **Member Federation** (i.e. a Club, a Sport School, a Grassroot Organisation, ...).
3. In the case of suspension of a **Member Federation** in accordance with the relevant provisions of the **EA Constitution**, any payments due in connection with the **Member Federation Support Programme** are immediately frozen until further notice. The **EA Executive Board** may take further measures, such as making deductions from future payments or requesting partial or full reimbursement of payments already made during the financial period covered by these regulations. On the lifting of the suspension, the **EA Executive Board** decides what action to take in respect of the frozen payments.

4. In the case of case of termination of **European Athletics** membership in accordance with the relevant provisions of the **EA Constitution** (i.e. exclusion), **European Athletics** reserves the right to request full or partial reimbursement of any payments made during the financial period covered by these regulations.
5. The categorisation of the **Member Federations** has been agreed as follows:
 - a. **Large Federations** (7): ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, POL & RUS.
 - b. **Established Federations** (27): AUT, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, LAT, LTU, NED, NOR, POR, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR & UKR.
 - c. **Developing Federations** (17): ALB, AND, ARM, AZE, BIH, GEO, GIB, ISL, KOS, LIE, LUX, MDA, MKD, MLT, MNE, MON & SMR.
6. **Pre-requisite:** Member Federations should have measured their **Governance** level through the **SIGGS self-assessment tool** and should communicate their Customised Action Plan to European Athletics at the time of MF Support Programme application.

Article 1.4. Advance payments, offsetting, taxes, costs and expenses

1. Unless **European Athletics** and the **Member Federation** applying for “**MF-SP**” have agreed otherwise, no advance payments will be made.
2. The **EA Office** may offset any amounts allocated to a **Member Federation** under the terms of these regulations against any other amounts due to **European Athletics** by that **Member Federation**.
3. The **Member Federation** is responsible for paying any taxes, other duties and fees due as a result of receiving the **EA Grants**.
4. The **Member Federation** should bear all costs and expenses, including legal, professional, banking and exchange charges incurred in connection with the preparation, execution, implementation and completion of projects undertaken as part of the **Member Federation Support Programme**, and the cost of any documents, amendments, supplements or waivers associated with such projects.

Article 1.5. Information to be provided

1. Unless stipulated otherwise in these regulations, for each project undertaken under the **Member Federation Support Programme**, the relevant **Member Federation** must supply **European Athletics** with:
 - a. a project application (except for incentive payments and activities);
 - b. a progress report after the first year of the project (except for incentive payments and activities);
 - c. any relevant information related to the development of the project, such as any event that causes or might cause a delay or default in the development of the project and any steps being taken to remedy it;
 - d. any other relevant information related to the development of the project as requested by **European Athletics**;
- a final detailed report at the end of the project with related materials

Article 1.6. Inspections, audits and fraud prevention

1. **Member Federations** may not use the **EA Grants** for any purpose other than those defined in the corresponding agreement.
2. **European Athletics** reserves the right to inspect any Member Federation accounts and documents relating to the management of project and the allocated **EA Grants** at any time.
3. **European Athletics** reserves the right to send its own duly authorised representatives to carry out any technical and financial checks and audits that it considers necessary in relation to the management of project and the allocated **EA Grants**.
4. **Member Federations** must provide any relevant information and documents that are requested for the purpose of such inspections, checks and audits in relation to the management of project and the allocated **EA Grants**, and take all appropriate steps to facilitate the work of duly authorised representatives, including giving them access to sites and premises where the relevant information and documents are kept.

5. **Member Federations** must ensure that any suspected or actual cases of fraud, corruption or other illegal activity in relation to the management of project and the allocated **EA Grants** funding are duly investigated and dealt with.

Article 1.7. Project management

1. **Member Federations** must manage their projects in accordance with:
 - a. the provisions of these regulations and the terms of the corresponding countersigned project agreement;
 - b. **European Athletics** no-tolerance approach to any attempt or act of corruption of any shape or form and in any jurisdiction, even if such activities are allowed, tolerated or not prosecutable in the country in question;
 - c. all applicable laws, including those governing data privacy.
2. **Member Federations** are recommended to:
 - a. establish appropriate procedures, such as bidding processes, to evaluate and select suppliers and subcontractors based on their commitments to social and environmental accountability;
 - b. assess and reduce the environmental impact of their projects and use resources responsibly, in order to achieve sustainable growth that respects the environment;
 - c. cooperate at any time with **European Athletics** supervision of the use of **EA Grants**.

II – MEMBER FEDERATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Article 2.1. Development Projects Description

The **Member Federations** will be able, every two years, to submit an application for **Development Projects**.

Each **Member Federation** is entitled to receive up to **CHF 30'000 (CHF 15'000 per year)** for projects in-line with **European Athletics** strategy, such as youth activities, clubs system, running, volunteering, integrity, athlete development, commercial strengthening...

Article 2.2. Beneficiaries

Only **Established Federations** (AUT, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, LAT, LTU, NED, NOR, POR, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR & UKR) are able to submit an application for **Member Federations Development Projects**.

Article 2.3. Development Projects areas

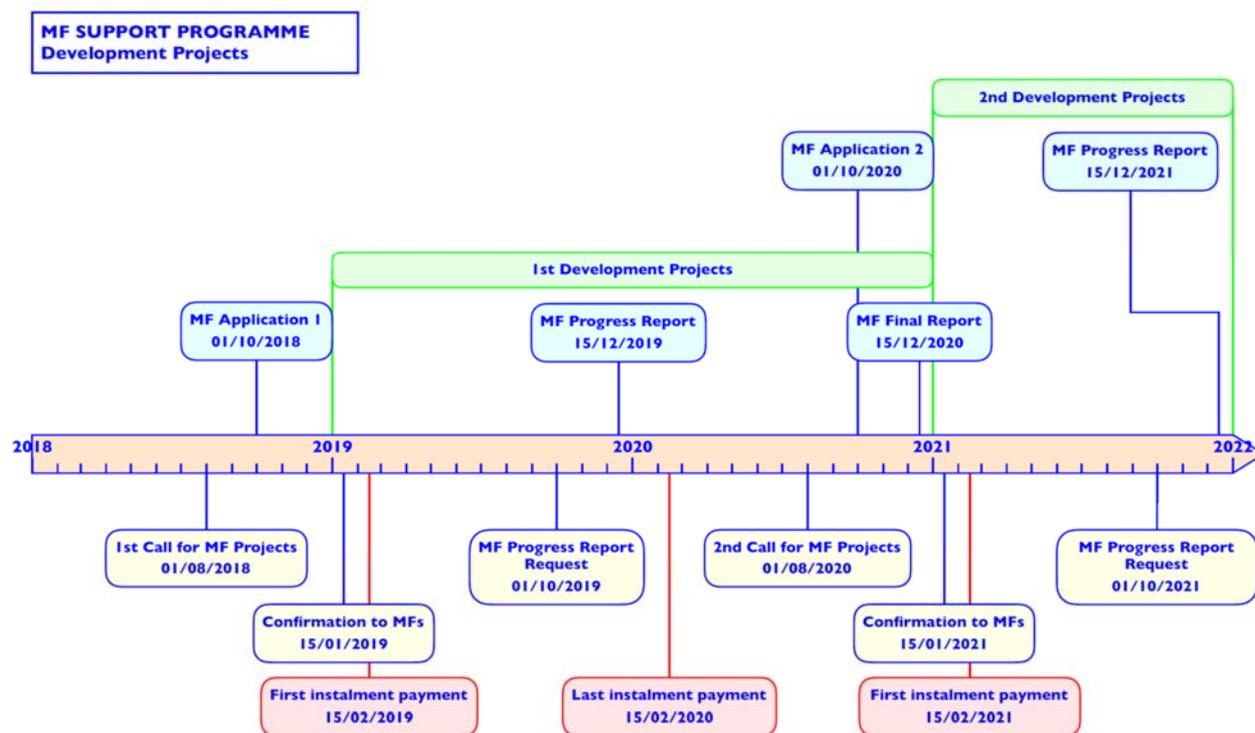
1. **Development Projects** must help develop Athletics within the territory of each **Member Federation**, be of strict common interest for the Athletics community and have a clear functional, educational and sporting purpose.
2. **Development Projects** must be tailor-made to suit the individual needs of the respective **Member Federations** in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Education for leaders, administration staff, coaches, referees, sports medicine, safety and security, and other specialist topics;
 - b. Athletics for kids and youth
 - c. Athletics and social responsibility (social and environmental -sustainability- topics);
 - d. Running and Mass Participation in link with **European Athletics Strategy**
 - e. Women in Athletics (improving gender equity in all areas);
 - f. Development activities for Clubs, Sport Schools or another Grassroots Organisation;
 - g. Health and Well-Being, Masters...

Article 2.4. Procedure for submission of Development Projects

1. Any **Development Project** submitted by a **Member Federation** is subject to the following procedural rules:
 - a. **EA Office** will send the first call for **Development Projects** applications to the **Established Federations**, latest on 1st August 2018.
 - b. The **Member Federations** will have two months to finalise their **Development Projects**, the deadline for reception of the application by **EA Office** is the 1st October 2018.
 - c. After the review by **European Athletics** of the **Development Projects** received, **EA Office** will inform the **Member Federations** concerned of the acceptance of their applications. This should be done by 15 January 2019 at the latest.
 - d. The first instalment payment of 50% of the **EA Grant** should be sent to **Member Federations** by 15 February 2019.
 - e. **EA Office** will request, on 1st October 2019, a Progress Report concerning the **Development Project**.
 - f. The **Member Federation** should send their Progress Report not latest than 15 December 2019.
 - g. The second and last instalment payment of the remaining 50% of the **EA Grant** should be sent to **Member Federations** by 15 February 2020.
 - h. **EA Office** will request the Final Report at the same time as the second call for projects on 1st August

2020.

- i. The **Member Federations** should send their Final Report no later than 15 December 2020.



2. **Development Projects** may address one or a combination of the areas listed in Article 2.3.

Article 2.5. Financing Development Projects

- Member Federations** should seek further financial support from IAAF and/or other third parties, whether private or public entities, in order to realise **Member Federation Development Projects** with mixed funding from external partners (government, local authorities, sponsors, etc.).
- European Athletics** actively supports mixed funding, provided that the external partners enlisted by the **Member Federation** have been approved by **European Athletics** and the conditions of their financial and operational involvement are clearly defined and agreed in writing.

Article 2.6. Allocation and payment provisions

- European Athletics** will only disburse **EA Grants** if the necessary conditions and requirements are met and respected.
- If a **Member Federation** does not use all the **EA Grant** available to it in the financial period covered by these regulations, the remaining amount is not carried over for use in the framework of a subsequent **Member Federation Support Programme** cycle unless so approved by the **EA Executive Board**.
- For each **Development Project** that is awarded an **EA Grant**, **European Athletics** will split the contributions into two instalments. The first 50% will be paid at the beginning of the first year's project. The remaining **EA Grant** will be paid at the beginning of the second year's project.
- EA Grant** is disbursed only on receipt of a countersigned **Development Project** agreement and subject to the condition that the **Member Federation** does not violate the provisions of these regulations or the terms of the countersigned **Development Project** agreement.

5. Allocated **EA Grant** may be used solely for the purposes defined in the corresponding countersigned **Development Project** agreement. Failure to respect this provision may result in **European Athletics** stopping or withdrawing payments and referring the matter to the **EA Court**.
6. **EA Grant** is credited to the **Member Federation's** ordinary bank account.
7. The **Member Federations** are encouraged, if applicable, to plan a sustainable continuation of the **Development Project** beyond the **EA Grants** period.
8. The **Member Federations** are responsible for all **Development Project**-related invoicing and accounting.
9. **European Athletics** bears no responsibility for how **EA Grants** are used by the **Member Federations**.
10. The **EA Office** reserves the right to check or monitor any documents related to a given project at any time.

III – MEMBER FEDERATIONS COOPERATION PROJECTS

Article 3.1. Cooperation Projects Description

The **Member Federations** will be able, every two years, to submit an application for **Cooperation Projects**.

Each **Member Federation** is entitled to receive up to **CHF 20'000 (CHF 10'000 per year)** for projects with other **Member Federations** where the main objective is the knowledge transfer.

Article 3.2. Beneficiaries

Only **Developing Federations** (ALB, AND, ARM, AZE, BIH, GEO, GIB, ISL, KOS, LIE, LUX, MDA, MKD, MLT, MNE, MON & SMR) are able to submit an application for **Member Federations Cooperation Projects**.

An agreement has to be signed between **European Athletics**, a **Developing Federation** and co-signed with another **Member Federation** (Large or Established).

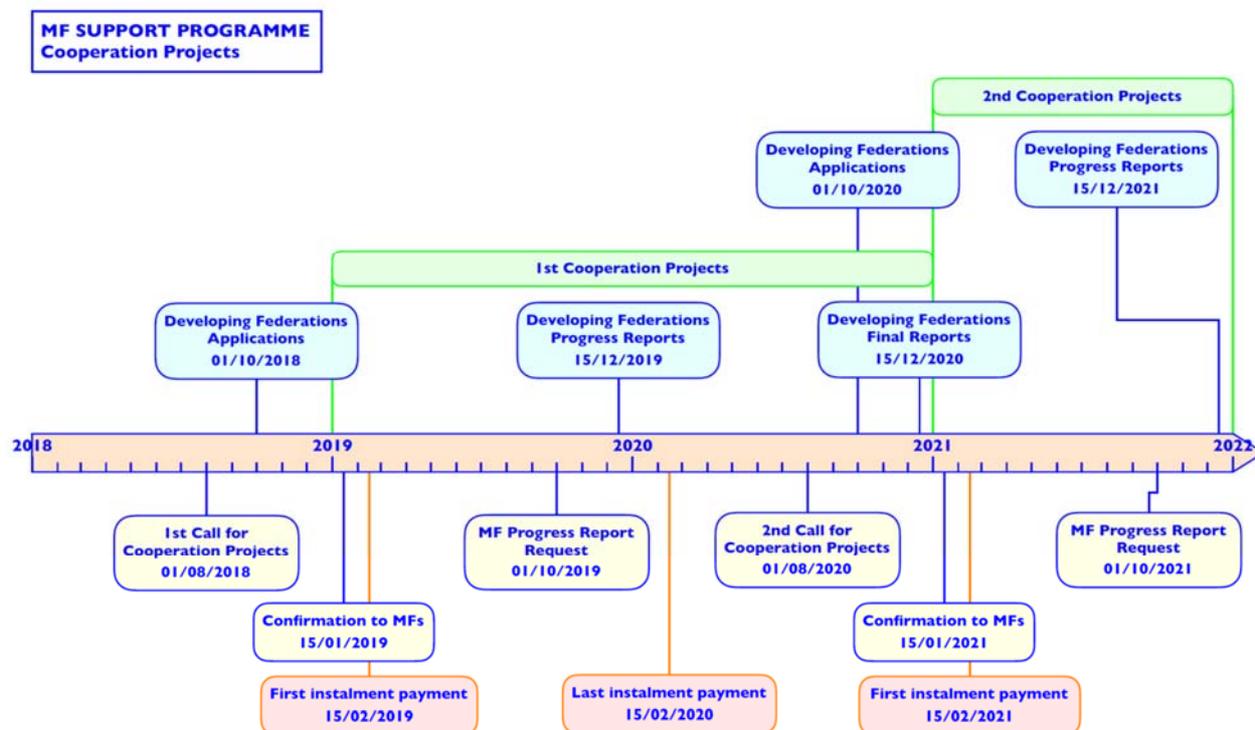
Article 3.3. Cooperation Projects areas

1. **Cooperation Projects** must help develop Athletics within the territory of each **Member Federation**, be of strict common interest for the Athletics community and have a clear functional, educational and sporting purpose.
2. **Development Projects** must be tailor-made to suit the individual needs of the respective **Member Federations** in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Education for leaders, administration staff, coaches, referees, sports medicine, safety and security, and other specialist topics;
 - b. Competitions and Athletes development activities;
 - c. Athletics for kids and youth
 - d. Athletics and social responsibility (social and environmental -sustainability- topics);
 - e. Running and Mass Participation in link with **European Athletics Strategy**
 - f. Women in Athletics (improving gender equity in all areas);
 - g. Development activities for Clubs, Sport Schools or another Grassroots Organisation;
 - h. Health and Well-Being, Masters...

Article 3.4. Procedure for submission of Cooperation Projects

1. Any **Cooperation Project** submitted by a **Member Federation** is subject to the following procedural rules:
 - a. **EA Office** will send the first call for **Cooperation Projects** applications to the **Developing Federations**, latest on 1st August 2018.
 - b. The **Member Federations** will have two months to finalise their **Cooperation Projects**, the deadline for reception of the application by **EA Office** is the 1st October 2018.
 - c. After the review by **European Athletics** of the **Cooperation Projects** received, **EA Office** will inform the **Member Federations** concerned of the acceptance of their applications. This should be done by 15 January 2019 at the latest.
 - d. The first instalment payment of 50% of the **EA Grant** should be sent to **Member Federations** by 15 February 2019.
 - e. **EA Office** will request, on 1st October 2019, a Progress Report concerning the **Cooperation Project**.
 - f. The **Member Federation** should send their Progress Report not latest than 15 December 2019.
 - g. The second and last instalment payment of the remaining 50% of the **EA Grant** should be sent to **Member Federations** by 15 February 2020.

- h. **EA Office** will request the Final Report at the same time as the second call for projects on 1st August 2020.
- i. The **Member Federations** should send their Final Report no later than 15 December 2020.



3. **Cooperation Projects** may address one or a combination of the areas listed in Article 3.3.

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- European Athletics** actively supports mixed funding, provided that the external partners enlisted by the **Member Federation** have been approved by **European Athletics** and the conditions of their financial and operational involvement are clearly defined and agreed in writing.

Article 3.6. Allocation and payment provisions

- European Athletics** will only disburse **EA Grants** to the **Developing Federations** if the necessary conditions and requirements are met and respected.
- If a **Member Federation** does not use all the **EA Grant** available to it in the financial period covered by these regulations, the remaining amount is not carried over for use in the framework of a subsequent **Member Federation Support Programme** cycle unless so approved by the **EA Executive Board**.
- For each **Cooperation Project** that is awarded an **EA Grant**, **European Athletics** will split the contributions into two instalments. The first 50% will be paid at the beginning of the first year's project. The remaining **EA Grant** will be paid at the beginning of the second year's project.

4. **EA Grant** is disbursed only on receipt of a countersigned **Cooperation Project** agreement and subject to the condition that the **Member Federation** does not violate the provisions of these regulations or the terms of the countersigned **Cooperation Project** agreement.
5. Allocated **EA Grant** may be used solely for the purposes defined in the corresponding countersigned **Cooperation Project** agreement. Failure to respect this provision may result in **European Athletics** stopping or withdrawing payments and referring the matter to the **EA Court**.
6. **EA Grant** is credited to the **Member Federation's** ordinary bank account.
7. The **Member Federations** are encouraged, if applicable, to plan a sustainable continuation of the **Cooperation Project** beyond the **EA Grants** period.
8. The **Member Federations** are responsible for all **Cooperation Project**-related invoicing and accounting.
9. **European Athletics** bears no responsibility for how **EA Grants** are used by the **Member Federations**.
10. The **EA Office** reserves the right to check or monitor any documents related to a given project at any time.

IV – MF STRUCTURING GRANTS

Article 4.1. Structuring Grants Description

Every year, **European Athletics** will help **Member Federations** for **Capacity Building** and **Federation Structuring**. The yearly amount for each Member Federation is **CHF 10 000**.

Article 4.2. Beneficiaries

Only **Developing Federations** (ALB, AND, ARM, AZE, BIH, GEO, GIB, ISL, KOS, LIE, LUX, MDA, MKD, MLT, MNE, MON & SMR) are entitled to receive Structuring Grants from European Athletics.

Article 4.3. Structuring Grants areas

The **Member Federations Structuring Grants** have to be used in order to provide help to **Developing Federations** in following areas:

- a. Administration (organisational structure of the Member Federation and/or the affiliated regional associations, including staff salaries, staff education, office equipment, ...);
- b. Education for leaders, coaches, referees;
- c. Organisation of National Competitions;

Article 4.4. Procedure

The Member Federations Structuring Grants are subject to the following procedural rules:

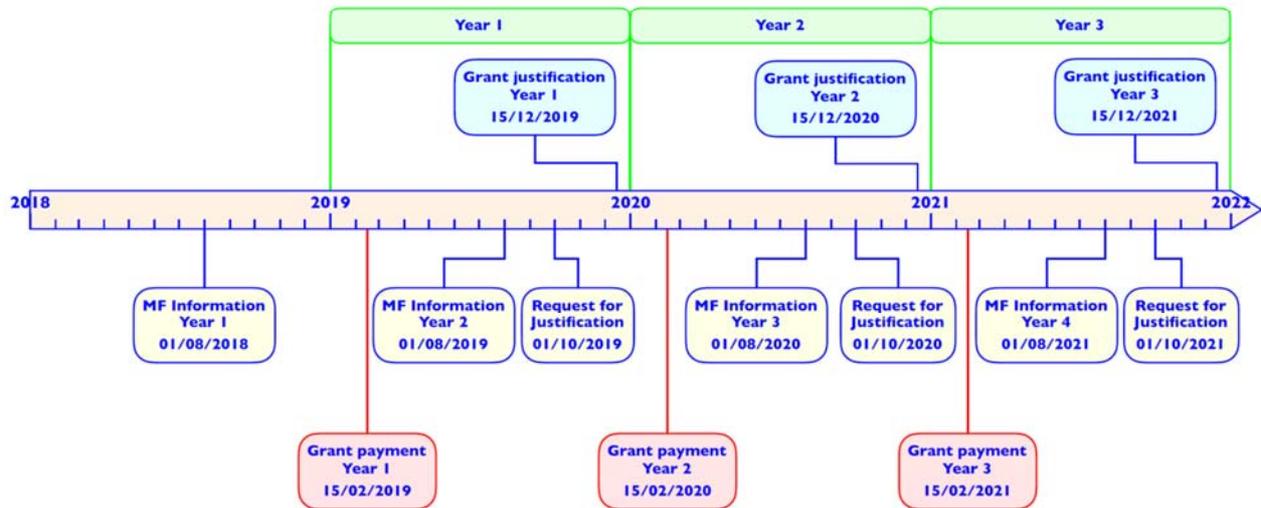
- a. **EA Office** will send information to **Developing Federations** explaining the procedure to be followed to receive the **Member Federations Structuring Grants** at the latest on 1st August 2018.
- b. The **Member Federations** will have two months to confirm their wish to receive the **Member Federation Structuring Grant** as well as the description of the areas where they want to use this **EA Grant**. The deadline for reception of the confirmation by **EA Office** is the 1st October 2018.
- c. The full payment of the **EA Grant** should be sent to **Member Federations** by 15 February 2019.
- d. **EA Office** will request, on 1st October 2019, a justification of the use of the **EA Grant** by the **Member Federation**. At the same time **EA Office** will send information explaining the procedure to be followed to receive the **Member Federations Structuring Grants** for the second year.
- e. The **Member Federations** should confirm the use of the **EA Grants** no later than **15 December 2019**.

Article 4.5. Allocation and payment provisions

Allocation and payment provisions:

- a. **European Athletics** will only disburse **EA Grants** if the necessary conditions and requirements are met and respected.
- b. **EA Grant** is credited to the **Member Federation's** ordinary bank account.
- c. **European Athletics** bears no responsibility for how **EA Grants** are used by the **Member Federations**.
- d. The **EA Office** reserves the right to check or monitor any documents related to a given project at any time.

MF SUPPORT PROGRAMME
Structuring Grants



V – INCENTIVE ACTIVITIES & OTHER GRANTS

Article 5.1. Member Federations Education Activities

1. Every year, **European Athletics** puts in place an **Education Programme** proposed by the **MF Development Commission** and agreed by the **EA Executive Board** and the **EA Council**.
2. This **Education Programme** includes Conferences, Seminars and Courses in the areas of:
 - a. Member Federations capacity building activities
 - b. Technical Officials activities
 - c. Coaches education activities
3. For all EA assistance to MFs on staging and participating at educational activities, allocated funds will be calculated and presented in the end-of-year accounting cards.

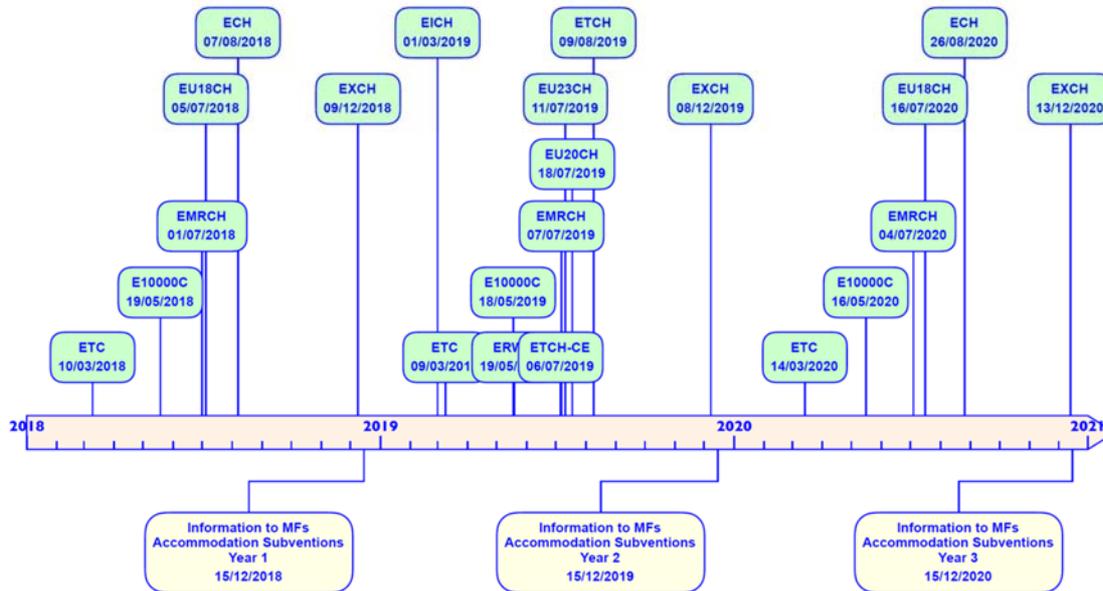
Article 5.2. Participation to European Athletics Competitions

1. According to the **European Athletics Competition Regulations** for each of the events in its calendar, **European Athletics** may provide financial support to the Organisers and to the participating **Member Federations**, in the form of the following subventions:
 - a. **Organisational Subvention** to be paid to the Organisers,
 - b. **Accommodation Subvention** to be paid to the Organisers to the benefit of the **Member Federations**,
 - c. **Travel Subvention** to be paid directly to the **Member Federations**.
2. The **Accommodation Subvention** corresponds to the **European Athletics** support to the Organisers on the accommodation expenses for the number of athletes in quota and for certain events officials in quota, as set in the respective event **Competition Regulations**.
3. For all individual Championships (ECH, EICH, EU18CH, EU20CH and EU23CH) **European Athletics** determines the Free Places Quota that are used for the calculation of the **Accommodation Subvention** (and also for the **Travel Subvention** when applicable), based on the previous results.
4. For all EA assistance to MFs on staging and participating at educational activities, allocated funds will be calculated and presented in the end-of-year accounting cards.

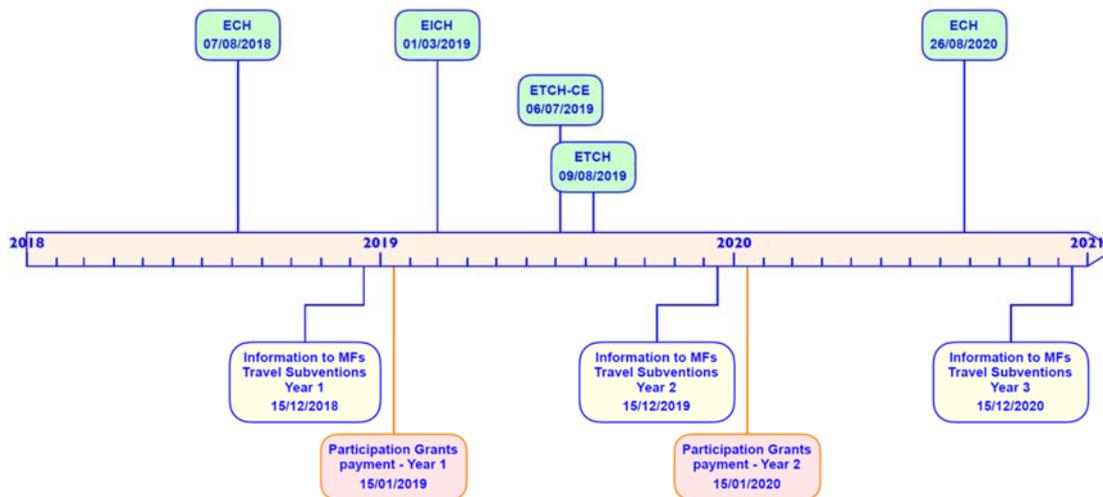
Article 5.3. Basic Grant

1. The Member Federations are receiving, every year, a Basic Grant.
2. This Basic Grant of CHF 500 is provided to Large, Established and Developing Federations and is aimed at covering their annual Membership Fee to European Athletics according to the EA Constitution (article 39).

EA MF SUPPORT PROGRAMME
Participation Grants - Accommodation Subventions



EA MF SUPPORT PROGRAMME
Participation Grants - Travels Subventions



VI – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 6.1. Implementation of these regulations

1. The **EA Office** is responsible for taking all decisions and measures necessary for implementing these regulations and monitoring their application.
2. For this purpose, the **EA Office** may, in particular:
 - a. monitor the use of the amounts allocated under these regulations;
 - b. request financial documentation related to these amounts;
 - c. ask for progress and/or status reports on projects;
 - d. ask for a financial audit report to be issued by an independent auditor appointed by the EA .
3. In carrying out these tasks, the **EA Office** cooperates with the relevant **European Athletics** commissions and expert panels in accordance with the **EA Organisational Rules**.

Article 6.2. Breach of these regulations

1. In case of any violation of these regulations, in particular when fraud or corruption have been committed, **European Athletics** may decide at any time to suspend payments, request a partial or full reimbursement, make deductions from future **Member Federation Support Programme** payments, terminate any project agreement concluded with the concerned **Member Federation** and/or take any other appropriate measures.
2. **Member Federations** must pay **European Athletics** any interest, costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred by **European Athletics** as a result of any breach of these regulations.

Article 6.3. Disputes

Any disputes related to the allocation of the amounts laid down in these regulations are referred to the **EA Executive Board**, whose decisions are final.

Article 6.4. Unforeseen cases

The **EA Executive Board** takes a final decision on any matters not provided for in these regulations

Article 6.5. Annexes

All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.

Article 6.6. Adoption, period of validity and abrogation

1. These regulations were adopted by the **EA Executive Board** at its meeting on 20 June 2018.
2. They apply for the financial period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020.