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Subject: Horizon Europe: increased burden of providing budgetary details

In section 3.1 of the new application form template for Horizon Europe project proposals (version 3.4, dating from 4 April 2024), the following new requirements, concerning how to describe the activities per work package, were added: ‘For each task or element of the work package, describe all activities to be carried out and quantify them (e.g., number of protocols, tests, measurements, combinations, study subjects, conferences, publications, etc.). Provide enough detail to clarify who will do this work and why it is needed for the project, (e.g., the level of qualification and number of person-months for personnel, as well as the requested equipment, consumables, meetings, etc.)’. This requirement applies to both lump sum and actual cost projects.

1. What is the rationale for reintroducing this requirement, given that it had been deleted in earlier changes to the template?
2. Specifically for lump sum projects, what is the rationale for requiring this information in the formulation of work packages, given that it has to be provided in the budget spreadsheet as well?
3. How does the introduction of this requirement align with the expressed objective of the Commission to simplify the programme’s funding processes?

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