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For the current Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) the Commission launched a comprehensive simplification and harmonisation exercise with the progressive introduction of a common model grant agreement (MGA), set of guidance, including the Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA), and eGrants-use across most directly managed funding programmes.

Applicants and beneficiaries are now benefiting from a harmonised experience, lowering access barriers for participation across programmes. The Commission had to ensure that the guidance, which for most EU programmes never existed in scope and level of support before, fully accommodates the business needs and onboarding of programmes to the MGA and eGrants system.

To allow time for integration, the AGA (and other guidance) were progressively published and updated since 2021¹, meaning that a wealth of key information was already available prior to the formal publication of the full version 1.0 in May 2024.

A harmonised, consolidated and simplified design of the programmes will be key to accelerate implementation and support for beneficiaries under the next MFF.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf