

## **Main changes in the Common Provisions 2012 (rev. Feb. 2013)**

**(as compared to the text included in the Application Guides)**

Art 6.6 – introduces obligation for beneficiaries to inform the Commission of any activity by third parties that is likely to have a significant negative impact on the sites/species targeted in the project, and if appropriate to take measures to persuade third parties to refrain from such activities.

Art 8.4. introduces stipulation that requirements of transparency and possibility of audit apply also to subcontractors

Art 18 – clarification of article on termination of the grant agreement

Art 19 – clarification that confidentially obligations last for 5 years beyond the closing date of the project

Art 23.6 – introduces stipulation that claims for payments of the beneficiaries against the Commission may not be assigned to third parties.

Art 24.1 – clarification on the start date for eligibility of costs

Art 24.2 – clarification on the calculation of personnel costs and introductions of certain exceptions to time registration obligations

Old article 24.6 – removed; no obligation to report or repay interest on pre-financing

Art 28 – payment deadlines (by the Commission) are shortened

Art 28.5 – clarifications concerning the payment suspension procedure

Art 31.2 – introduces possibility to submit auditor's certification as justification for VAT non-recoverability

Art. 32.13 – introduces stipulation that the right of access and assistance described in the rest of article 32 also apply to the Court of Auditors and OLAF.

**This list is not complete. Please refer to the full text for a comprehensive picture of the changes that have been introduced.**