

### DG Justice and Consumers

### **Project Modifications**

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## Changes

- may not substantially modify the project
- shall comply with the provisions of the REC programme, the call for proposals and the grant agreement
- may not increase the maximum grant amount or percentage of EU-contribution



# **Provisions in Grant Agreements**

- Amendments to the Agreement Article II.12
- Budget transfers not exceeding 20% of a budget category (heading) – Articles II.22 and I.12
- Additional sub-contracting Article I.9
- Staff changes Article I.14





#### Check pages 40-42 of the Guide for Action Grants

#### WHO?

 $\rightarrow$  legal representative or contact person of the coordinator

#### WHEN ?

→ before the change takes effect and at least one month before the end of the eligibility period

#### HOW ?

- $\rightarrow$  in writing
- $\rightarrow$  justification
- $\rightarrow$  supporting documents



## 20% Rule

- 20% increase of the heading for which the transfer is intended
- Indirect costs (Heading F) may not be increased
- Costs must be eligible (Article II.19)
  - Indicated in the estimated budget
  - > Necessary
  - Reasonable
  - > Incurred during the eligibility period, recorded in the accounts, etc.



### 20% Rule

- Changes are cumulative
  - For the 20% rule, the reference is the budget annexed to the grant or to the last amendment revising the budget
  - For the final report, use the budget of the grant agreement (or the budget of the last amendment revising the budget)
  - Monitor your expenses closely
  - The Commission will check that no budget heading has been increased by more than 20% after reception of the final report



### Recommendations

- Check the agreement and the Guide for Action Grants
- Collect the relevant documents
  - See pages 40 to 42 in the Guide for Action Grants
- Be precise when you contact the Commission
  - Agreement number
  - Workstream number
  - Activity or output number
  - Budget line number
  - Event/publication name
- Group changes
- File all the relevant documents with your agreement



### Thank you for your attention !