
11.5.2 PRE-FINANCING

Different pre-financing rates can be applied by ECHO taking into account the specificities of the action, e.g.:

- the duration of the action;
- the difficult operating contexts, where there is a risk that the action can be suspended or terminated (in order to allow the re-allocation of the un-spent amounts);
- the past performance of the partner in similar contexts;
- in case of partners with a financial threshold to limit the risks incurred by ECHO.

In those cases, ECHO may provide 50% (followed by a second pre-financing payment amounting to 30%) or a different configuration.

The partner is informed directly with the Specific Grant Agreement about the pre-financing rate.

Interest generated by pre-financing?

The partners do not have to reimburse the interest generated by the pre-financing. It can keep the interest and pledge to use them it for humanitarian aid purpose.

The partner does not have to request the payment of the first pre-financing. It will be made 30 calendar days following the **entry into force** of the Agreement, i.e. from the date of reception by ECHO of the paper copy of the signed agreement sent by post.

The rule concerning the late payment interest will apply.

11.5.3 ADDITIONAL PRE-FINANCING

When the pre-financing rate at contracting stage is not 80%, the partner can request a second pre-financing as soon as it is in position to declare that 70% of the amount received with the first pre-financing has been consumed.

The additional pre-financing request can be done in APPEL. The partner should click on “upload pre-financing request”. A screen will then appear proposing a template (see Annex). The template has to be filled in and uploaded back into the system.

