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### 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.

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.

**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.

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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.

