



Third party providing in-kind contribution against reimbursement

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The case

- ERC AdG PI needs the workshop of federal research center (RC) to build an apparatus and do measurements with other RC equipment. One postdoc will work there for some time.
- RC provides the workshop (**for free**), one engineer and a laser expert (**charged per hour**). Consumables are purchased by the beneficiary.
- Implications: clause 11 or subcontract?, indirect costs, costs and receipts for the workshop.



Tricky questions by the officer

- Is it a task of the project ?
 - how to recognize this in an ERC project?
- Does the price contain a profit margin?
 - Price?? This is not the right question.
 - We reimburse staff costs



Implications (my solution)

- clause 11: In kind contribution by Third Party against reimbursement
 - ~~subcontracting~~
- indirect costs: can be added by TP to their costs
- costs and receipts for the workshop.



How to handle it

Clarify in the proposal preparation:

- Is the lead with the PI? (or with the third party?)
- is this one specific third party the only possible one?
 - Third party making in-kind contribution (the PI has the lead)
 - and not Subcontract (task defined and performed autonomously) with transparent selection based on “best value” among options.

Indicate the costs in an own budget-line

- Costs of in-kind contributions not used on premises (No indirect costs)

Grant preparation: Activate Article 11