

DESCA HE 2.0 LAUNCH EVENT AND DESCA CELEBRATION

Brussels, 25th of January 2024 – The <u>DESCA (Development of the Simplified Consortium Agreement)</u> is glad to announce a special event on the 6th of February, from 9:30 to 14:30 CET at the Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union at Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels.

The event marks a crucial milestone for DESCA, featuring the launch of the **DESCA HE 2.0 model**. This updated version introduces special options for lump sum grants, addressing the growing significance of this funding scheme in Horizon Europe projects.

Additionally, the celebration will highlight **over 15 years of DESCA**'s success as a consortium agreement model simplifying and supporting project participants and providing a solid basis for negotiations across Europe and beyond.

This event is significant because it not only marks DESCA's evolution in adapting to the changing Horizon Europe project landscape, but also celebrates the enduring success of a model that has significantly facilitated collaboration over a decade and a half.

Agenda highlights:

- Keynote speech by the European Commission
- Presentation of the new DESCA HE 2.0 and its features
- Question and answer session
- Networking reception

To view the complete agenda, please visit here.

For more information and for registration details, please visit the <u>event page</u>. Participation is free, but registration is required.

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About DESCA:

<u>DESCA</u> (Development of a Simplified Consortium Agreement) is a comprehensive Model Consortium Agreement which offers a reliable frame of reference for project consortia. It is specifically designed for collaborative research projects as the "Research and Innovation Actions" and "Innovation Actions" of Horizon Europe. DESCA enjoys broad support within the EU framework programme community. The DESCA Core Group is coordinated by the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft and the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres.