

Guidelines for MERIT fellows regarding communication

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How to use the logos?

The logos cannot be deformed. When using the logos next to each other, the same proportions should be kept. A graphic manual for the MERIT logo is available on the MERIT website (in logo section).

Acknowledgement on scientific publications:

Regarding acknowledgement on scientific publication related to the projects implemented under MERIT, there is **no explicit** contractual obligation to publish the EU disclaimer while the EU statement remains mandatory. Therefore, we suggest to use the following acknowledgement for your scientific publications:

Example 1

Mandatory: *Co-funded by the European Union (MERIT - Grant Agreement No. 101081195).*

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Example 2

Mandatory: *Researcher xx conducts his/her research under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - COFUND project, which is co-funded by the European Union (MERIT - Grant Agreement No. 101081195).*

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Monitoring of communication and dissemination activities:

As MERIT fellows, you are required to plan and record any communication and dissemination activities in the *Plan for communication, dissemination and exploitation of results*, which will be submitted together with the Progress report to the Central Bohemian Innovation Center (MERIT



Programme Manager) after each reporting period, **by 15th July** and **15th January** of each year of the fellowship. The supervisor of the fellow is responsible for the submission of the Progress report and all its attachments to the MERIT Programme Manager, but you must provide your inputs for the report.

You are also required to **notify in advance** the MERIT Management Board (email: info@meritcb.eu) of your participation in any significant event, including receipt of an award or medal, public dissemination of your research, or media coverage of the same.

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Related logos and documents:

- Logos (MERIT, SIC, Central Bohemia, Horizon Europe)
- MERIT Template of PPT presentation
- MERIT Header paper
- Template of the Plan for communication, dissemination and exploitation of results

