

# Explanation of changes

Comparison Model 2017 and 2020/2021

## 1 Background

During the academic year of 2019/2020 several issues have been encountered with respect to the Activism Grants Model of OS:

- 1) The committee receive many applications differing in clarity, completeness and in quality
- 2) Transitions are not always good leading to confusion among new board members dealing with applications or delivering proof for activities predecessors had applied for
- 3) The timeline of applications and proof was confusing because former category 4 was treated differently than other categories but being entangled with the document describing the other 3 categories as well
- 4) The committees, boards as well as associations are struggling for years already to distinguish the internal categories and the categories of the SU FOBOS regulations and get confused
- 5) Having one overall model is good but in the former layout associations struggled to understand the difference between model, manual and concrete action points or adhering to a clear timeline of reading the documents
- 6) Many discussions resulted from unclarities about the decision of the Grants Committee especially in category 4, also because applications differ so much from each other or are not clearly labelled

## 2 Draft version new documents

Two draft version of new documents have been made and are at the following status:

- 1) Links need to be added
- 2) Still to be properly layouted
- 3) Corrected for spelling and wording mistakes
- 4) Checked for irregularities in content
- 5) The four points above will be adjusted as soon as the associations had a chance to comment on the proposal and suggest additions or changes
- 6) The committee/board will present an updated version at the next GMA after that discussion
- 7) The board of 2020/21 could decide to make minor changes, if reasonable and necessary

## 3 Changes

Changes have been made with respect to wording, structure, content and cohesiveness to improve overall readability and clarity. Wording or very small changes have not been indicated. Bigger changes which affect clarity/readability considerably have been marked in the colour grey (as opposed to black). Major changes are:

- 1) Renaming categories 1-4 into classification A-D

- 2) Making one document for overall explanations and the regulations/manual for classification A-C (former categories 1-3); making a separate document for measures and explanations surrounding classification D (former category 4)
- 3) Introducing Google Docs as a new means to deliver the major part of application conditions and proof (besides budget and program) and elaborating on the content (see paragraph 5 )
- 4) Restructuring fluent texts into bullet points
- 5) Adding privacy measures
- 6) Explaining the difference between FOBOS regulations and the internal division differently
- 7) Reducing overlap between the two documents
- 8) Adding more elaborative timelines
- 9) Introducing a yearly revision of the model done by the previous board and not the newly constituted board to reduce the impact of changing boards and enhancing the likeability of the documents to be updated and useful for associations
- 10) Conditions for board grants in classification D (former category 4) have changed

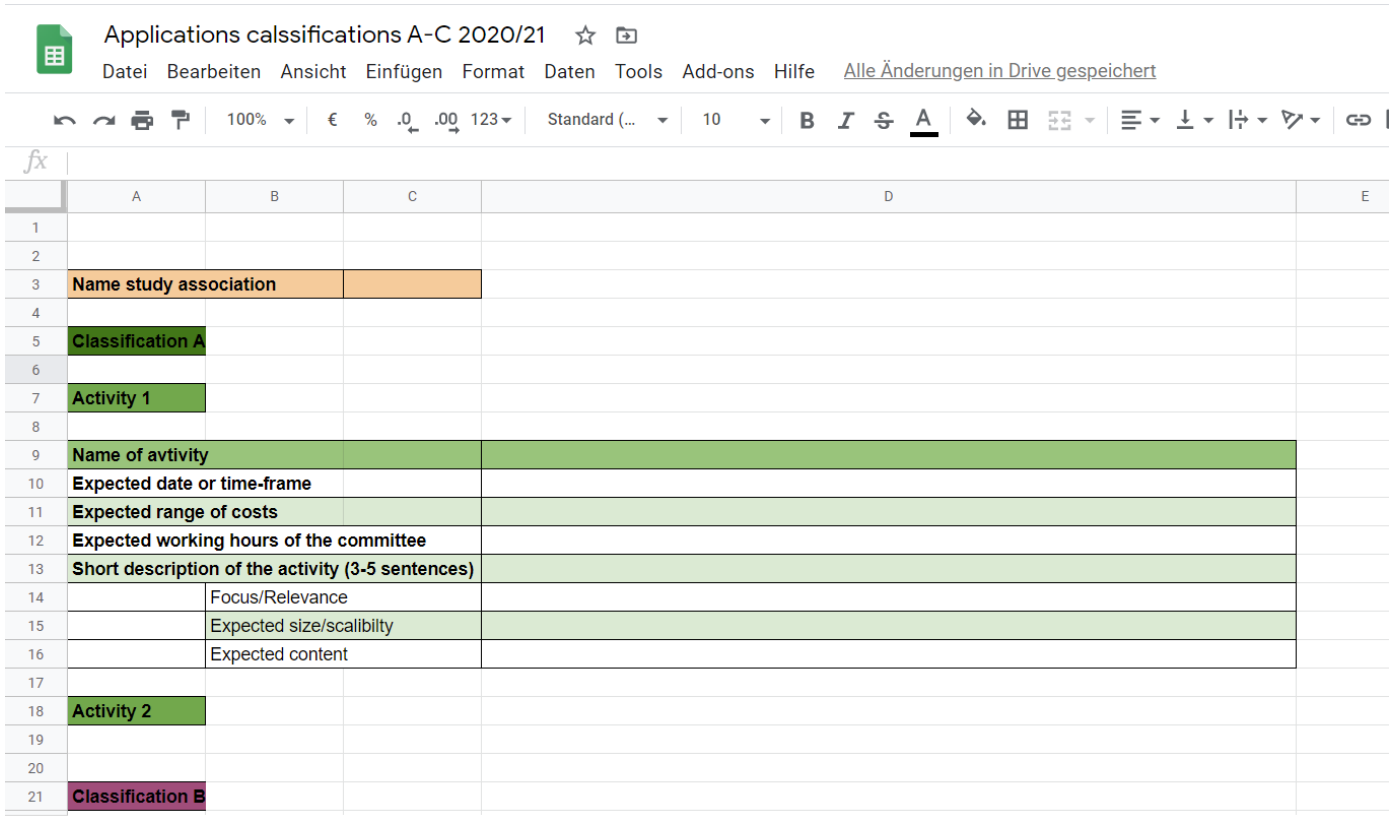
## 4 Consequences

Based on the changes the associations will not have to read considerably less, but it is expected that it becomes easier for them to understand differences and procedures surrounding proof and application of Activism Grants. This has an impact on mainly the boards of 2019/20 and 2020/21.

- 1) Study association boards of 2019/20 will have to make sure that in 2020/21 boards understand how the model changed, why categories 1-4 are renamed into classifications A-D and how new boards can read the new documents
- 2) The OS board of 2020/21 has to make use to of a model which has been revised for them previously instead of revising it themselves and has to evaluate with the board of 2019/20 towards January whether the new model has had a considerable positive effect
- 3) The Activism Grants Committee will not have to read less but will potentially have clearer and more aligned applications making comparisons easier and leading to less incidents in which they will have to provide explanations/ ask for additional explanations
- 4) Privacy related issues with respect to applications and proof will from upon September potentially have consequences for associations (if the committee does not pay attention to data breaches, the association is lucky but this should not become a rule but rather an occasional incident). If the board or study associations notice data breaches they should make the committee aware of it to prevent future incidents. Collaboration and honesty of associations will be rewarded with less severe consequences for the association.
- 5) It is clearer for boards applying for board grants which input they will have to deliver
- 6) Making regulations surrounding the application of board grants allows for easier applications for the concerned boards and facilitates more objective judgement by the Grants committee

## 5 Proof/Application forms

The Google Docs documents will look approximately like this:



Applications calssifications A-C 2020/21 ☆

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5	Classification A				
6					
7	Activity 1				
8					
9	Name of avtivity				
10	Expected date or time-frame				
11	Expected range of costs				
12	Expected working hours of the committee				
13	Short description of the activity (3-5 sentences)				
14		Focus/Relevance			
15		Expected size/scalibility			
16		Expected content			
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18	Activity 2				
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21	Classification B				