

ANNEX III

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS related to “Research for the benefit of specific groups” [Research for civil society organisations - BSG-CSO]

III.1 - Definitions

In addition to the definitions of Article II.1, the following shall apply:

Civil Society Organisation (CSO): means a beneficiary, referred to as such in Annex I and which is considered to be any legal entity that is non governmental, non-profit, not representing commercial interests and pursuing a common purpose in the public interest.

RTD Performer: means a *beneficiary*, referred to as such in Annex I and which is considered to be a legal entity carrying out research or technological development activities in funding schemes for the benefit of CSOs.

Other beneficiary: means a *beneficiary* other than a *CSO* or a *RTD performer*, referred to as such in Annex I.

III.2. Provisions applied for "Research for the benefit of CSOs"

"Research for the benefit of CSOs" aims to develop scientific knowledge related to CSOs activities in order to contribute to public debate.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article II.26, the foreground shall be jointly owned by the CSOs, unless otherwise agreed by them. Where the owners of the foreground are not the CSOs, the owners shall ensure that the CSOs are provided with all the rights to that foreground required for the purposes of using and disseminating it in accordance with Annex I.

All beneficiaries shall specify in a *consortium agreement* their arrangements concerning inter alia the ownership, the use and the dissemination of the foreground in accordance with Annex I.

Any decision of the *consortium* on the implementation of their arrangements must be agreed by at least the majority of the *CSOs*. Where no agreement can be reached, the *coordinator* shall without delay inform the *Commission*. The *Commission* may recommend solutions to the *consortium*, and may apply Article II.8 and/or II.38 where appropriate.

The *consortium* shall provide the *consortium agreement* to the *Commission* at the latest 2 months after the start date of the *project*.

The *consortium agreement* or any other agreement concluded by *beneficiaries* among them shall not affect the rights and obligations of *the Union* as established in the grant agreement and its annexes.