# **2.3 How to fit your operational alliances and partnerships within the EU framework ?**

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| **Type** | **Nature of the relationship** | **Eligibility criteria** | **Eligible costs** | **Budgeting** | **In the proposal** |
| **Co-applicants** | Participate in designing and implementing the action. | Must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the applicant. | The costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the applicant | Their costs are budgeted in the same way as those of the applicant. | Must sign the Mandate in Part B section 4 of the grant application form |
| **Affiliated entities** | Form together with the applicant(s) one separate legal entity or have a legal or capital link with the applicant(s). | Must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicableto the applicant and/or to the co-applicant(s). | The costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the applicant and/or the co-applicant(s). | Their costs are budgeted in the same way as those of the applicant and the co-applicant(s). | Must sign the affiliated entity(ies) statement in Part B section 5 of the grant application form. |
| **Associates** | Are involved in the action but in a limited way. | Do not have to meet the eligibility criteria  | In principle ineligible with the exception of per diem and travel costs. | Under per diem and travel budget categories. | Must be mentioned in Part B section 6 — ‘Associates of the Applicant participating in the Action’ — of the Grant Application Form |
| **Third parties receiving financial support**  | Receive a financial support from the grant beneficiary(ies). | Are subject to the nationality and origin rules set out in Annex IV to the standard grant contract. | Maximum € 60 000 per third party, except where financial support to third parties is the main purpose of the action. | Heading 6.Other of the Budget | Must define in section 2.1.1. of the grant application form: (i) the objectives and results (ii) the different types of activities (iii) the types of persons or categories of persons (iv) the selection criteria (v) the criteria for determining the exact amount (vi) the maximum amount which may be given. |
| **Contractors** | Deliver services, works or goods to the grant beneficiary(ies). | Are subject to the procurement rules set out in Annex IV to the standard grant contract. | No restrictions as long as they are incurred in compliance with Annex IV to the standard grant contract. | Spread out through the different budget categories depending on the nature of the procurement. |   |

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