



Financial reporting and First Level Control: Who does what and which report is due when?

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Who is who?

- + *Beneficiary/partner*: an organisation that is part of the partnership in the project application
- + *Lead beneficiary/partner (LB/LP)*: the managing organisation of the partnership
- + *First Level Controller (FLC)*: an external (to the partnership) auditor that takes a critical view of all project expenditure and verifies that it is in line with all relevant regulations and guidelines
- + *Joint Secretariat (JS)*: organisation responsible for the day-to-day programme management

What are the report types?

- + Basic progress report: short summary of project's achievements over the last six months with facts and figures on progress towards work package targets. Statement of expenditure is **optional**.
- + Full progress report: the basic report plus some questions on the functioning of the partnership, how stakeholders have been involved, etc. **Must** include statement of expenditure.
- + Final report: focuses on overall achievements of partnership over whole project lifetime. **Must** include statement of expenditure.



Division of labor

- + Beneficiaries complete their individual activity reports and statements of expenditure
- + First Level Controllers for each beneficiary check beneficiaries' statements of expenditure, including the underlying accounting evidence, and submit them to LB
- + Lead Beneficiary compiles all progress reports and statements of expenditure and submits to JS for review
- + Lead Beneficiary's FLC does **not** re-control expenditure reported by other beneficiaries
- + Joint Secretariat processes report within 90 days and makes payment to LB
- + Lead Beneficiary transfers, without delay, the relevant share of ERDF to each beneficiary



Reporting: The basics

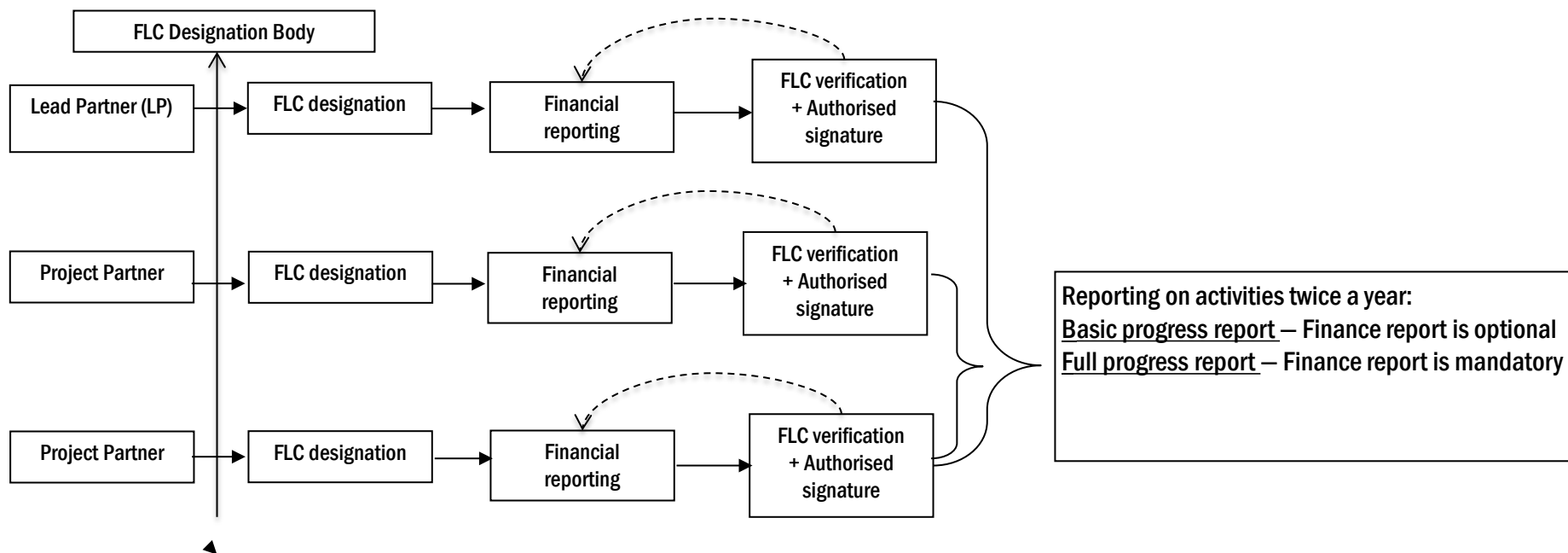
- + Twice a year (but full progress report with statement of expenditure mandatory **once** a year)
 - + The basic progress report
 - + The full progress report
- + Submission of report via the Online Monitoring System (OMS) – everything done in this system
- + First Level Control
- + First report – Basic progress report by (LATEST) 12 months after contract is signed and deadline has been agreed with JS; thereafter, every 6 months

For an overview, please see the table below:

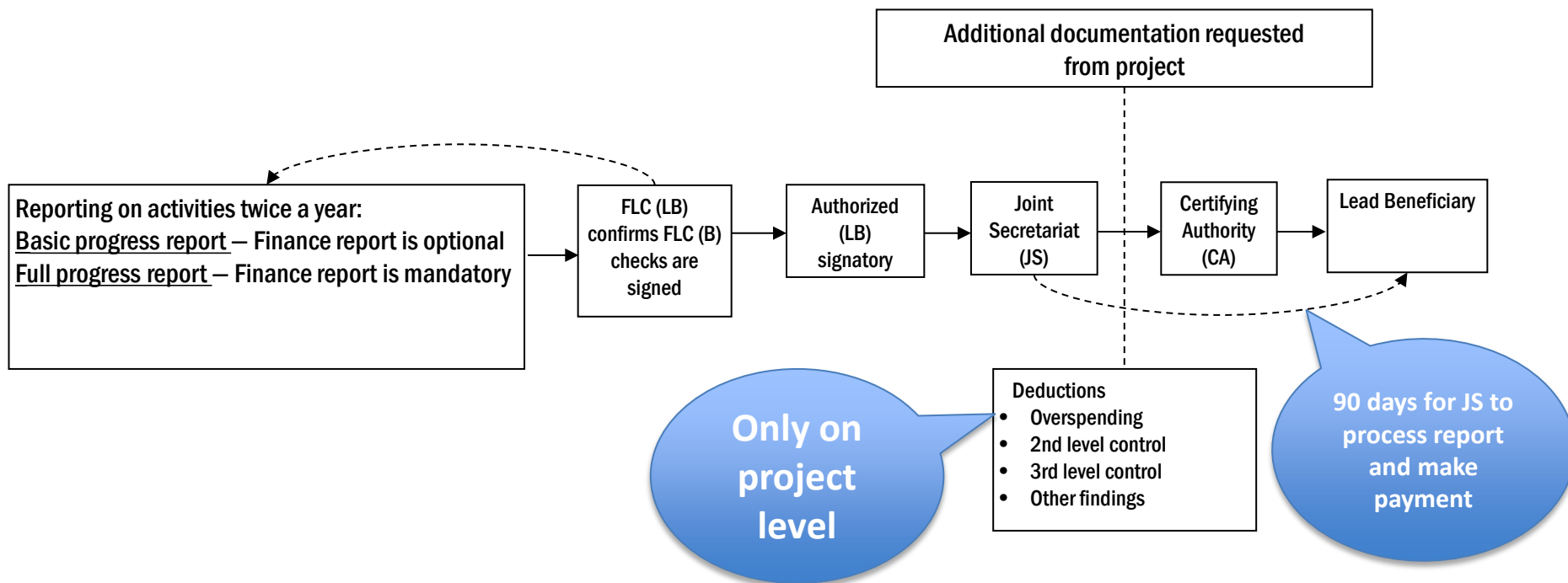
Type of Report	Frequency	Obligatory	Subject to FLC
Basic	Every 6 months	Yes	Yes/No ¹
Finance report with basic report	Every 6 months	No	Yes
Full	Once a year	Yes	Yes
Finance report with full report	Once a year	Yes	Yes
Final	Once	Yes	Yes
Finance report with final report	Once	Yes	Yes



Reporting procedure workflow (part I)

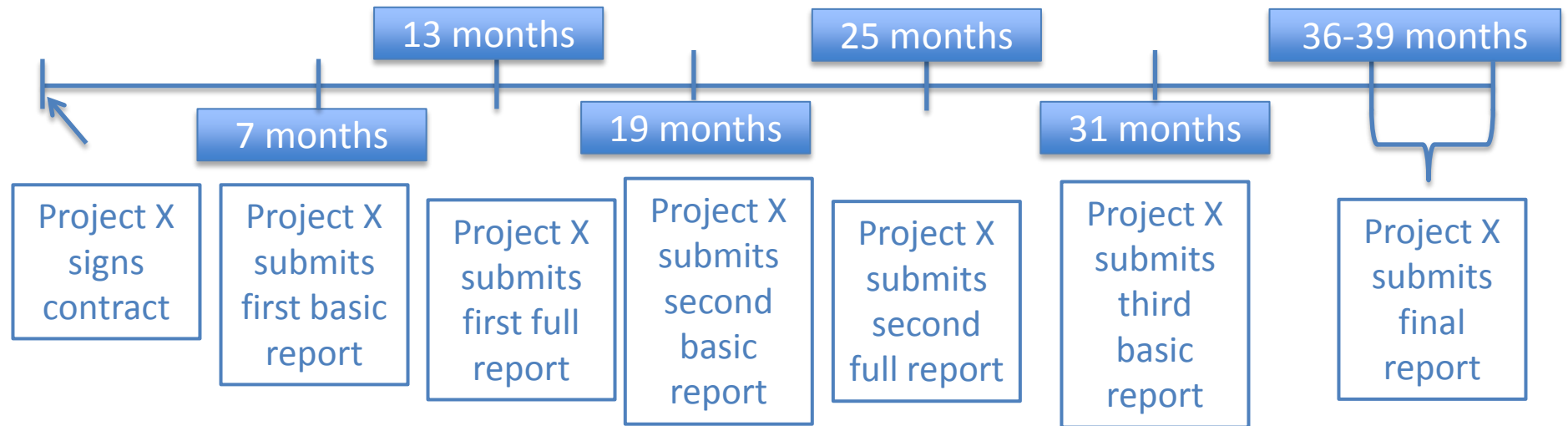


Reporting procedure workflow (part II)



Example of reporting schedule – Project X

+ Project X has a three-year lifetime





Questions?

