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Dear colleagues in the Twinning community

In the New Twinning Manual we have under article 3.1.1 listed the "consortium agreement" as part of the contract annexes. Since EU MS might however have decided to separate the document(s) in which the Junior Partner(s) mandate the Lead Member State - from the Consortium agreement itself – the sentence under 3.1.1 should be understood - as it is defined in all other places of the Manual - as referring only to the "Mandate" (see 3.1.2 and the all contract documents). Should the Mandate be given as an integral and in-separable part of the Consortium Agreement the full consortium agreement will be added as Annex A8 to the Twinning contract.

Kindly be informed that we will update the text under 3.1.1 in the on-going revision of the manual.

Best regards

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