



## Release note

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The new release introduces the following improvement:

### Contractors no longer need to assign Legal Signatory per framework contract or specific contract

The signature process in the F&T Portal has been simplified to facilitate the signing of contracts by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in line with the European Commission's undertaking to encourage the participation of SMEs in its procedures and contracts.

All persons having the LSIGN role, i.e. authorised to sign contracts on behalf of an organisation (authorisation given by the organisation's LEAR or Account Administrator in the F&T Portal) have now automatically access to all contracts (framework contracts and specific contracts) to which their organisation is a contracting party (leader of the consortium, if the contractor is a consortium). There is no longer need for the framework/specific contract Primary Coordinator Contact (PCoCo) or Coordinator Contact (CoCo) to give them specific access & authorisation (PLSIGN role) per contract – the LSIGNs can now sign all organisation's contracts and amendments directly (notifications are sent to all LSIGNs of the organisation).

As this novelty may be problematic for larger organisations involved in both grants and procurement, developments are ongoing to limit the above only to procurement contracts and to foresee the possibility for contractors to designate specific LSIGNs per framework or specific contract. These additional features are expected to be released in the coming weeks.