



Transnational Network of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

5th meeting of the Transnational Network (TN) of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

23rd - 24th January 2020 – Helsinki

Scandic Marina Congress Center - Katajanokanlaituri 6, 00160 Helsinki

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 23 rd January	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:10	<p>Welcome by the host Member State</p> <p><i>Johanna Osenius (Director of regional development, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland)</i></p>
10:10 – 10:20	<p>Introduction to the meeting</p> <p>Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities.</p> <p><i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO Unit 02 - Better Implementation)</i></p> <p><i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i></p>
SESSION I – EC and peer-to-peer support	
10:20 – 10:50	<p>I.1 – EC support actions on SCOs</p> <p>Presentation of the actions that would be carried out by DG REGIO to support the Members States in designing and implementing SCOs.</p> <p><i>Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO</i></p>
10:50 – 11:30	<p>I.2 - Delegated Act on Technical Assistance</p> <p>Presentation and joint discussion on the rationale and functioning of the provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation C(2019) 6203, establishing flat-rate financing for the reimbursement of the costs financed under the priority axis concerning technical assistance.</p> <p><i>Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee
11:45 – 12:00	<p>I.3 Peer-to-peer support</p> <p>Updates on the initiatives planned under the TAIEX-REGIO peer-2-peer platform.</p> <p><i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i></p>
SESSION II - AUDIT	
12:00 – 13:00	<p>II.1 – Checklist for audits on SCOs</p> <p>Presentation of the checklist developed by Commission services for the audits carried out by DG REGIO, EMPL and MARE. The checklist could be used in the framework of (i) audit of operations, (ii) system audits. In the case of assessment of SCO methodology prior to implementation, the checklist could facilitate verification of the calculation methodology and amounts.</p> <p><i>Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO</i></p>

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	<p>II.2 - Findings and lessons learned from the assessment of SCO methodologies</p> <p>Presentation on the most frequent types of comments discussed within the early assessment of calculation methodologies, based on the experience of the ESF Thematic Network on Simplification.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Luca Santin and joint discussion</i></p>
SESSION III – SCO practices	
14:45 – 15:30	<p>III.1 – SCO in use under other Union policies</p> <p>In this part, the experience of ERDF authorities which have used SCOs adopted under other Union policies will be presented and discussed.</p> <p><i>Presentations by TN Members</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee
15:45 – 17:00	<p>III.2 – Case reports on SCO practices</p> <p>The draft case reports prepared by the Member States will be peer reviewed by TN members.</p> <p><i>Peer review in groups</i></p>
19:30	TN Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 24th January	
9:15 – 9:45	<p>III.3 – Digital services and IT solutions</p> <p>The experience developed by the host Member State on digital service and IT solutions to enhance simplification in the management of ERDF Operational Programmes will be presented and discussed.</p> <p><i>Ritva Autio (Specialist, Digital Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland - MA)</i></p>
9:45 – 10:40	<p>III.4 – Lump sums and result-based approaches</p> <p>Lump sums is the least used type of SCO in ERDF operations. This part will aim to present the Finnish experience on the use of lump sums and to set up a preliminary discussion on the adoption of result-based approaches.</p> <p><i>Jenni Hyvärinen (Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland - MA)</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee
SESSION IV – Future of SCOs and TN	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>IV.1 – 2021-2027 Programming Period: SCOs under art. 88 CPR</p> <p>This session aims to address the design of proposals for adoption under art. 88 CPR. A practical exercise based on the template set out in Annex V – Appendix 1 will be carried out with the aim to identify a preliminary set of pitfalls and hints around the preparation of the proposals.</p> <p><i>All participants – working groups</i></p>
12:30 – 12.50	<p>IV.2 – Organising the 6th meeting of the TN</p> <p>Based on the outcomes of the discussions at the 4th meeting, within this session participants will discuss the next steps in preparation for the TN meeting with the AAs</p>

	<p>including : (i) invitation and documents to be circulated before the meeting (ii) draft agenda (iii) draft questionnaire to collect data and information in preparation for the meeting.</p> <p><i>All participants – joint discussion</i></p>
12:50 – 13:00	<p>IV.3 – Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recap of the main decisions, ideas and proposals</i> • <i>Planning the next meeting and activities</i> • <i>Updating the TN's Work Plan</i> <p><i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO Unit 02 - Better Implementation)</i> <i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i></p>
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