



Transnational Network of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

2nd meeting of the Transnational Network (TN) of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

14th - 15th March 2019

Venue: ÖROK Sekretariat - Fleischmarkt 1, 1010 Vienna

Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 14th March	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome by the Host Member State <i>Markus Seidl (Director, ÖROK Sekretariat - Austrian Conference On Spatial Planning Office)</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Introduction to the meeting <i>Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities</i> <i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO Unit 02 - Better Implementation)</i> <i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i>
10:20 – 11:00	Ex-ante Assessment of SCOs methodology <i>Internal Auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations thus, European and national auditors are encouraged to be involved in the ex-ante verification of national SCO's to provide certainty prior to its implementation.</i> <i>Presentation by EC representatives and brief discussion</i>
SESSION I – Public Procurement	
11:00 – 11:30	I.1 Public procurement and thematic audit <i>At the 1st meeting of the TN, public procurement was identified as key issue for the implementation of SCOs. Specific aspects such as the 'uncertainty about the audit trail' and 'the scope of consequences in case errors are found' were considered within the TN's map of problems. This session aims to present concrete cases and discuss on practical references regarding 'thematic audit of procurement'.</i> <i>Maeve Hamilton (Head of EU Managing Authority, Department for the Economy – Northern Ireland)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee
11:45 – 12:30	I.1 Public procurement and thematic audit (cont.)
SESSION II – TN surveys	
12:30 – 13:00	II.1 Outcomes from the TN surveys <i>Presentation and joint discussion on the key outcomes from the TN surveys on "Gold Plating at national level" and "Mandatory use of SCO"</i> <i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
SESSION III – SCO practices	

14:00 – 15:30	<p>III.1 – Maps of SCO practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the key outcomes from the maps of SCO practices prepared by the members of the TN Participants will be divided into groups to discuss the maps of SCO practices. Each MS will briefly present its practices to the group. The groups will select the most interesting practices (ideally 2-3 practices per Member State). <p>All participants - working groups</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee
15:45 – 17:00	<p>III.2 – Presenting the key findings from the practices</p> <p>The groups will be invited to report back in plenary session, presenting the key aspects of the selected practices.</p> <p>Groups report back to the audience</p>
19:30	TN Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 15th March	
9:15 – 10:30	<p>III.3 – Follow-up on SCO practices</p> <p>On the basis of the outcomes of session III.2, participants will be invited to discuss on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to expand the maps of practices (i.e. what information should be added / better described or clarified) The possibility to prepare case reports on the most interesting practices (outline structure of the reports) <p>All participants – joint discussion</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee
SESSION IV – Next steps for the TN	
10:45 – 11.15	<p>IV.1 – Involvement of authorities and stakeholders at national level</p> <p>This session will aim to set up a preliminary discussion on how to link the TN with SCO practitioners and stakeholders within the Member States.</p> <p>All participants – joint discussion</p>
11:15 – 12:45	<p>IV.2 – Matching problems and solutions with practices</p> <p>This session will aim to discuss on the specific contributions/experiences that could be brought by TN members, by matching the key problems and solutions identified at the 1st meeting with the practices presented within session III.</p> <p>All participants - working groups</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>IV.3 – Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the main decisions, ideas and proposals Planning the next meeting and activities Updating the TN's Work Plan <p>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO Unit 02 - Better Implementation) Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch