

ESF Thematic Network on Simplification

11th meeting in Belfast, Northern Ireland – 13th-14th
February 2019

AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 13th February

09:30 – 10:00	Welcome coffee and registration at venue (<u>Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW</u>)
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome by the Host Member State <i>Noel Lavery, Permanent Secretary, Department for the Economy (Director General Equivalent)</i>
10:10 – 10:15	Introducing the Meeting: Agenda and State of Play of the TN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the activities and objectives of the meeting • Brief update on what has been done so far in the Network <i>Louis Vervloet, General Director, Dept. of Work and Social Economy - Flanders</i> <i>Luca Santin, Thematic Expert of the TN</i>
Session I – Updates (and discussion points) from the European Commission	
10:15 – 10:45	I.1 Updates on ‘post 2020’ and delegated act Presentation on the state of play of the negotiations on the 2021-2027 period and updates on the 6 th amendment to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2195. <i>Michael Grosse, EC – DG EMPL, Unit F1 “ESF and FEAD: Policy and Legislation”</i>
10:45 – 11:30	I.2 Proportionate control ‘in practice’ This session aims to set up a preliminary discussion on the potential practical implications of proportionate control. Particular attention will be dedicated to verifications carried out in application of national procedures. <i>Mark Schelfhout, Head of Unit, EC – DG EMPL, Unit G/2 “Audit Shared Management I”</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee
11:45 – 12:00	Proportionate control ‘in practice’ (cont.)

Session II – Public procurement	
12:00 – 13:00	<p>II.1 Public procurement and thematic audit</p> <p>Presentation and joint discussion on concrete issues and solutions on ‘thematic audit of procurement’</p> <p><i>Maeve Hamilton, Head of EU Managing Authority, Department for the Economy – Northern Ireland</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III – TN Guides and Terms of reference	
14:00 – 14:15	<p>III.1 Rationale and outline structure of the TN guides</p> <p><i>Luca Santin, Thematic Expert of the TN</i></p>
14:15 – 15:00	<p>III.2 Terms of reference for ex ante assessment of SCO</p> <p>The principles and functioning of the SCO steering group set up by Northern Ireland will be co-presented by representatives of the Managing Authority and Audit Authority</p> <p><i>Maeve Hamilton, Head of EU Managing Authority, Department for the Economy – Northern Ireland</i></p> <p><i>Jackie Connolly, Head of EU Audit Authority, Department for the Economy – Northern Ireland</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>III.3 TN practical guide on SCO and TN guide on ex ante assessment</p> <p>On the basis of the outline structure of the two guides defined at the 10th meeting of the TN, peer to peer interviews will be carried out to collect preliminary information on the good (and not-so-good) practices available at EU level and derive a first set of examples and recommendations.</p> <p><i>All participants – working groups</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee
15:45 – 17:00	TN practical guide on SCO and TN guide on ex ante assessment (cont.)
19:00	TN dinner

Day 2: Thursday, 14th February

Session IV – Result based approaches

9:15 – 9:45	<p>IV.1 Joint Action Plans</p> <p>Presentation of the Pilot Joint Action Plans financed under the Call for Proposal launched by DG EMPL (VP/2018/010)</p> <p><i>Presented by representatives of The Netherlands and Portugal</i></p>
9:45 – 11:00	<p>IV.2 Experiences of result based approaches</p> <p>On the basis of practical experiences carried out within ESF OPs, participants will be invited to discuss on the possibilities and conditions for the implementation of result based approaches.</p> <p><i>Practices presented by representatives of France, England and Italy</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee

Session V – TN's future and work plan

11:15 – 12:45	<p>V.1 Administrative costs and burden</p> <p>Taking into account the results of a recent study carried out by the European Commission (New assessment of ESIF administrative costs and burden), participants will be invited to discuss on the tasks which determine the highest administrative costs and burden and to identify a first set of practices/ countermeasures.</p> <p><i>All participants – working groups</i></p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>V.2 Work Plan & 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><i>Louis Vervloet, General Director, Dept. of Work and Social Economy - Flanders</i></p> <p><i>Luca Santin, Thematic Expert of the TN</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch