



The ESF Thematic Network on Simplification

Outline Agenda

ESF Simplification Thematic Network – 10th meeting

Hosted by the Cohesion and Development Agency, AD&C

25-26 October, 2018 – Lisbon

Venue: Jupiter Lisboa Hotel, Avenida da República 46, 1050-195 Lisbon

Day 1: Thursday, 25th October	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome by the Host Member State <i>Nelson De Souza (Secretary of State for Development and Cohesion - Portugal)</i>
10:10 – 10:15	Introducing the Meeting: Agenda and State of Play of the TN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Introducing the activities and objectives of the meeting</i> <i>Brief update on what has been done so far in the Network</i> <i>Louis Vervloet (General Director, Dept. of Work and Social Economy - Flanders)</i> <i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i>
SESSION I – AUDIT & OMNIBUS REGULATION	
10:15 – 11:15	I.1 – Omnibus Regulation and updates on the state of play on Audit <i>This session aims to present and discuss the changes introduced by the Omnibus Regulation. Particular attention will be dedicated to Delegated Acts adopted under Art. 67 CPR and related implications.</i> <i>Mark Schelfhout (Head of Unit, EC – DG EMPL, Unit G/2 “Audit Shared Management I”)</i>
11:15 – 11:30	I.2 – Survey on Audit <i>Presenting the key outcomes from the TN survey on Audit and introducing the session on ex-ante assessment.</i> <i>Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee

11:45 – 13:00	<p>I.3 – Ex-ante assessment of Simplified Cost Options: reporting requirements for advisory services – examples and good practices in line with ISA</p> <p><i>During the homologues meeting with the Audit Authorities in Sofia on 24-25/9/2018, the Audit Authorities expressed a mainly positive attitude towards the ex-ante assessment of simplified cost options. There was however a wish to learn more about the reporting requirements that the Commission would see appropriate for this type of activities (scope, prior agreement on mutual understanding, information gathering, audit trail on activities carried out and finally reporting towards the managing authority). This workshop will provide explanations and examples of how the conditions on reporting can be met. The aim is not to be exhaustive and the preferred approach would be to have a "bottom up" agreement that is supported by the Audit Authorities.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by EC representatives and members of the TN subgroup on Audit</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Sandwich lunch
14:00 – 14:45	<p>I.4 – Concrete actions on audit and ex ante assessment</p> <p><i>On the basis of the priorities identified at the 9th Meeting of the TN, key outcomes from the survey and updates provided by EC representatives, participants will be invited to discuss in groups and identify the concrete actions to be implemented by the TN and MS regarding "Audit and partnerships between MA and AA". Particular attention will be dedicated to actions supporting ex ante assessment of SCO.</i></p> <p><i>Working groups</i></p>
SESSION II – SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS	
14:45 – 15:45	<p>II.1 – Delegated Acts and EU Level SCO</p> <p><i>On the basis of the 6th amendment to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2195, this session aims to present the state of play on the methodologies adopted so far, as well as the new provisions regarding EU Level SCO.</i></p> <p><i>Michael Grosse (EC – DG EMPL, Unit F1 "ESF and FEAD: Policy and Legislation")</i></p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee
16:00 – 16:20	<p>II.2 – Survey on SCO</p> <p><i>Presenting the key outcomes from the survey on SCO and introducing the working groups session.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by members of the TN subgroup on SCO</i></p>
16:20 – 17:30	<p>II.3 – TN (practical) guide on Simplified Cost Options</p> <p><i>This session aims to explore the possibility to develop a TN Guide on Simplified Cost Options, capitalising on the remarkable experience and practical knowledge developed by several MAs and AAs involved in the TN.</i></p> <p><i>Working groups facilitated by members of the TN subgroup on SCO</i></p>
19:30	TN Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 26th October

	II.4 – Operational priorities for the subgroup on SCO <p><i>This session aims to discuss the priorities identified by TN Members at the 9th Meeting and developed on the basis of the TN survey on SCO. Particular attention will be dedicated to the following points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Collect fiches and relevant information on SCO established under Art. 14(1) ESF</i> • <i>Set up a digital roadmap to disseminate the SCO practices (making them more accessible and readable for non TN members) and support the development of SCO</i> • <i>Collect information on the actual and potential use of SCOs from other Union policies and identify opportunities for new EU Level SCOS</i> <p><i>Joint discussion facilitated by members of the TN subgroup on SCO</i></p>
9:15 – 10:45	Coffee
SESSION III – BEYOND SCO AND AUDIT	
11:00 – 11:30	III.1 – Subgroup on “Financial Instruments” <p><i>This session aims to present the outcomes of the TN survey on “Financial Instruments” and the preliminary actions identified by the subgroup.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by Aleksandra Dmitruk (Ministry of Economic Development – Poland)</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30	III.2 – “Post 2020” and “Result based approaches” <p><i>On the basis of the proposals for the 2021-2027 period, presented by EC representatives at the 9th Meeting of the TN, this session aims to pave the way for the launch of the two remaining subgroups identified by TN Members at previous meetings. Particular attention will be dedicated to the new forms of union contribution (i.e. financing not linked to costs of the operations and based on the fulfilment of conditions or achievement of results.)</i></p> <p><i>Joint discussion and planning</i></p>
12:30 – 12:50	III.3 – Innovative projects from TN Members (implementation phase) <p><i>Representatives of the host MS will present the key aspects related to the implementation of the “one value” project, whose concept has been presented at the 9th meeting of the TN. The project aims to centralise, standardise and provide data regarding the cost of Portugal’s entrenched social problems. Data contained in this platform has the potential to improve public service commissioning and public service reform, informing public policy and a more efficient use of public funds.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by PT representatives</i></p>
12:50 – 13:00	III.4 – Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings <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>Louis Vervloet (General Director, Dept. of Work and Social Economy – Flanders) Luca Santin (Thematic Expert of the TN)</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Sandwich lunch