



Transnational Network of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

11th meeting of the Transnational Network (TN) of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

30 June - 1 July 2022 – Heraklion

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 30 th June	
9:00 – 9:30 EEST ¹	Registrations and welcome coffee.
9:30 – 9:40 EEST	Welcome by the host Member State <i>Dimitris Skalkos (Secretary General of Public Investments and Partnership Agreement, Ministry of Development and Investments)</i>
9:40 – 9:50 EEST	Introduction to the meeting Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities. <i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO Unit F1 'Better implementation and closure')</i> <i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)</i>
SESSION I – Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)	
9:50 – 10:35 EEST	I.1 – State of play and updates on SCOs State of play of SCOs under art. 94 CPR, based on the draft proposals received from the Member States. <i>Presentation by Melina Soumela (EC-DG REGIO F1 'Better implementation and closure')</i> <i>and Ioana Mantog (REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion)</i>
10:35 – 10:55 EEST	I.2 – SCOs in practice New proposals under article 94 CPR developed by the Member States. <i>Presentations by TN Members</i>
10:55 – 11:30 EEST	I.3 – Moving forward with SCOs – group discussions Discussing in groups the preliminary observations on the design and assessment of SCOs presented by the Commission as well as the practices presented by TN members. <i>Group discussions</i>
11:30 – 11:45 EEST	Coffee

¹ Eastern European Summer Time.

11:45 – 12:15 EEST	<p>I.4 – Moving forward with SCOs – panel discussions</p> <p>Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session I.3 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and TN Members.</p> <p><i>Panel discussion with representatives of DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’, REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion and TN members and EC-DG EMPL G1 ‘European Social Fund +’</i></p>
SESSION II – Simplification	
12:15 – 12:25 EEST	<p>II.1 – Introducing the ‘digitalisation’ theme</p> <p>Introducing ‘digitalisation’ based on the key outcomes of the TN survey.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Kristina Kuzmanova (DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’) and Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN).</i></p>
12:25 – 12:45 EEST	<p>II.2 – Study on E-cohesion</p> <p>Presenting and discussing preliminary findings of DG REGIO’s ongoing study on ‘E-cohesion’.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Charlie Grant (DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’) and discussion in plenary.</i></p>
12:45 – 13:45 EEST	Lunch
13:45 – 14:05 EEST	<p>II.3 – Digitalisation in practice</p> <p>Examples of digitalisation practices developed under ERDF/CF programmes.</p> <p><i>Presentations by TN Members</i></p>
14:05 – 14:20 EEST	<p>II.4 – Q&A on digitalisation</p> <p>Addressing questions on DG REGIO’s study and on the practices presented by TN members.</p> <p><i>Q&A session in plenary</i></p>
14:20 – 14:50 EEST	<p>II.5 – Gold plating – findings and recommendations</p> <p>Presenting findings and recommendations on gold plating practices, based on audits carried out by the European Commission.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ioana Mantog (REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion)</i></p>
14:50 – 15:05 EEST	Coffee
15:05 – 15:50 EEST	<p>II.6 – Gold plating practices – group discussion</p> <p>Participants are invited to discuss in groups to identify key issues and possible solutions around gold plating in ERDF/CF programmes.</p> <p><i>Group discussions</i></p>
15:50 – 16:25 EEST	<p>II.7 – Gold plating practices – panel discussion</p> <p>Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session II.2 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission.</p> <p><i>Panel discussion with representatives of DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’ and REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion.</i></p>

16:25 – 16:30 EEST	Recap and instructions for Day 2
19:30 EEST	TN Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 1st July

SESSION II – Simplification

09:00 – 09:40 EEST	<p>II.8 – Selection of operations</p> <p>Presenting and discussing preliminary findings of DG REGIO's study 'Towards Simplification – Analysis of Selection of Operations – Taking Stock of Practices in the EU Member States'.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ieva Cerniute (DG REGIO Unit E.1 'Administrative Capacity Building and Solidarity Instruments') and discussion in plenary.</i></p>
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SESSION III – Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLTC)

09:40 – 10:10 EEST	<p>III.1 – State of play and updates on FNLTC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State of play of FNLTC under art. 95 CPR, based on the draft proposals received from the Member States. ▪ Focus on FNLTC for Technical Assistance of Member States, under article 37 CPR. ▪ DG REGIO's study on FNLTC. <p><i>Presentation by Melina Soumela (EC-DG REGIO F1 'Better implementation and closure') and additional remarks by Michael Grosse (EC-DG EMPL G1 'European Social Fund +')</i></p>
10:10 – 10:25 EEST	<p>III.2 – EU Level SCOs and Financing Not Linked to Costs under ESF+</p> <p>Updates on EU Level SCOs and FNLC developed by DG EMPL.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Michael Grosse (EC-DG EMPL G1 'European Social Fund +')</i></p>
10:25 – 11:00 EEST	<p>III.3 – New proposals for FNLTC schemes</p> <p>Presenting new proposals for FNLTC schemes.</p> <p><i>Presentations by TN members</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15 EEST	Coffee
11:15 – 11:40 EEST	<p>III.4 – Q&A on FNLTC</p> <p>Addressing questions on the updates provided by DG REGIO and on the practices presented by TN members.</p> <p><i>Q&A session in plenary with representatives of EC-DG REGIO F1 'Better implementation and closure' and EC-DG EMPL G1 'European Social Fund +'</i></p>

SESSION IV – Next steps for the TN	
11:40 – 11:50 EEST	<p>IV.1 – Introduction on the ‘next steps’</p> <p>Introducing the discussion on the next steps for the network based on the outcomes of the TN surveys on ‘new topics on simplification’, ‘risk-based management verifications’ and on ‘peer-to-peer support’.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Raluca Chetaru (DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’) and Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN).</i></p>
11:50 – 12:25 EEST	<p>IV.2 – Next steps for the TN – group discussions</p> <p>Participants are invited to discuss in groups to identify proposals and priorities for the future of the TN.</p> <p><i>Group discussions</i></p>
12:25 – 12:55 EEST	<p>IV.3 – Next steps for the TN – panel discussions</p> <p>Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session IV.2 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission.</p> <p><i>Panel discussion with representatives of DG REGIO Unit F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’</i></p>
12:55 – 13:00 EEST	<p>IV.4 – 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><i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00 EEST	Lunch