12th meeting of the Transnational Network (TN) of ERDF/CF SCO practitioners

17 - 18 November 2022 – Vilnius

Merchants' club - Gedimino ave. 35, Vilnius, Lithuania
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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 17th November	
9:00 – 9:30 EET[1]	Registrations and welcome coffee.
9:30 – 9:40 EET	**Welcome by the host Member State** *Povilas Česonis (Director, European Social Fund Agency, Lithuania)*
9:40 – 9:50 EET	**Introduction to the meeting** Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities. *Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')* *Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)*
SESSION I – Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)	
9:50 – 10:15 EET	**I.1 – State of play of SCOs** State of play of SCOs under article 94 of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR), based on the proposals received from the Member States, and overview of the two studies on EU Level SCOs launched by DG REGIO. *Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure'.*
10:15 – 11:00 EET	**I.2 – EU Level SCOs** The purpose of this session is to present and discuss the state of play and the next steps of the two studies launched by DG REGIO to develop EU level SCOs and other EU level results-based tools in the programming period 2021-2027 for the following policy areas: ▪ Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, Research & Innovation activities and SME Growth & Competitiveness ▪ Health, ICT and Environment. *Presentations by the study teams.*
11:00 – 11:15 EET	**I.3 – Q&A on EU Level SCOs** Addressing questions from TN members on the two studies launched by DG REGIO. *Q&A session in plenary.*

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11:15 – 11:30 EET	Coffee
11:30 – 11:45 EET	**I.4 – SCOs in practice - introduction** Presenting the key outcomes of the draft maps of SCO practices under article 53 CPR and of the multi-country workshop on article 94 held on 16 November. *Co-presented by Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN) and TN members.*
11:45 – 12:30 EET	**I.5 – SCOs in practice – group discussions** The purpose of this session, in groups, is to: ▪ Peer review the draft maps of SCO practices ▪ Identify the key practical topics that should be addressed by the TN to further support a wider and better use of SCOs in ERDF/CF programmes. ▪ Pave the way for setting up peer-to-peer support actions on SCO design and implementation. *Group discussions.*
12:30 – 13:00 EET	**I.6 – SCOs in practice – panel discussion** Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session I.5 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and TN Members. *Panel discussion with representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure', REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion, EC-DG EMPL G1 'European Social Fund +' and TN members.*
13:00 – 14:00 EET	Lunch
SESSION II – Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC)	
14:00 – 14:20 EET	**II.1 – Introduction on FNLC** State of play of FNLC under article 95 CPR, based on the proposals received from the Member States. *Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure'.*
14:20 – 15:00 EET	**II.2 – FNLC in practice – approaches and methods** Presenting the key outcomes of the multi-country workshop on FNLC under article 95 CPR held on 16 November. The presentations will address practical aspects related to the preparation of FNLC proposals, with a focus on approaches and methods to determine the amounts to be reimbursed under FNLC schemes. *Presentations by TN members.*
15:00 – 15:45 EET	**II.3 – FNLC in practice – group discussions** The purpose of this session, in groups, is to: ▪ Discuss the approaches and methods presented in session II.2 ▪ Identify key practical topics that should be addressed by the TN to further support a wider and better use of FNLC in ERDF/CF programmes. ▪ Pave the way for setting up peer-to-peer support actions on FNLC design and implementation. *Group discussions.*

15:45 – 16:00 EET	Coffee
16:00 – 16:45 EET	**II.4 – FNLC in practice – panel discussion** Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session II.3 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and TN Members. *Panel discussion with representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure', REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion, EC-DG EMPL G1 'European Social Fund +' and TN members.*
19:30 EET	**TN Dinner**

Day 2: Friday, 18th November

09:00 – 09:20 EET	**The importance of simplification in cohesion policy** *Normunds Popens (Deputy Director-General, EC-DG REGIO)*
	SESSION III – Simplification
09:20 – 09:55 EET	**III.1 – Risk based management verifications** The purpose of this session is to: • Present the outcomes of the kick-off meeting of the working group on 'risk based management verifications, established under the TN. • Discuss and validate the activities to be carried out by the working group and by the TN around risk based management verifications. *Presentation by members of the TN working group on 'risk based management verifications'* *Joint discussion with members of the working group and representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and of REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion.*
09:55 – 10:30 EET	**III.2 – Digitalisation in practice** Presenting the key outcomes of the draft case studies on good practices of digitalisation in ERDF/CF programmes. *Presentations by TN members.*
10:30 – 10:45 EET	**III.3 – Q&A on digitalisation practices** Addressing questions on the digitalisation practices presented by TN members. *Q&A session in plenary.*
10:45 – 11:00 EET	Coffee
11:00 – 11:15 EET	**III.4 – Introducing group discussions on digitalisation** Illustrating the rationale and functioning of the group discussions around the good practices on digitalisation. *Presentation by representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN).*

11:15 – 12:00 EET	**III.5 – Group discussions on digitalisation** The purpose of this session, in groups, is to: ▪ Peer-review the draft case studies prepared by TN members ▪ Pave the way for setting up peer-to-peer support actions on digitalisation in ERDF/CF programmes. *Group discussions.*
12:00 – 12:35 EET	**III.6 – Panel discussion on digitalisation** Outcomes of group discussions carried out in session III.5 are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and TN Members. *Panel discussion with representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and TN members.*
SESSION IV – Next steps for the TN	
12:35 – 12:50 EET	**IV.1 – Peer-to-peer support** Possibilities for enhanced peer-to-peer support actions based on the outcomes of the TN survey and of group discussions carried out at the meeting. *Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN).*
12:50 – 12:55 EET	**IV.2 – Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings** ▪ Recap of the main decisions, ideas and proposals. ▪ Planning the next meeting and activities. ▪ Updating the TN's Work Plan. *Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)*
12:55 – 13:00 EET	**Closing remarks** *Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure').*
13:00 – 14:00 EET	Lunch