



DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification

18th meeting of DG REGIO Transnational Network (TN) on Simplification

14 - 15 November 2024 – Marseille

World Trade Center – City-Center Vieux-Port

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 14 th November	
9:00 – 9:30 CET ¹	Registrations and welcome coffee
9:30 – 9:40 CET	Welcome by the host Member State <i>Samuel Brossard (Chief of European cohesion policy division / National Agency for territorial cohesion)</i> <i>Sébastien Viano (Deputy Managing Director Europe and Mediterranean Cooperation / Sud – Provence Alpes Côte-d’Azur Regio)</i>
9:40 – 9:50 CET	Introduction to the meeting Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities. <i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’)</i> <i>Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i>
SESSION I – State of play of simplification	
9:50 – 10:20 CET	I.1 – Study on the uptake of SCO and FNLC Presenting the outcomes of the EC ‘Study on the uptake of Simplified Cost Options (SCO) and Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC) for the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) Funds in the 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 programming periods’. <i>Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’ and the study team & Q&A session</i>
10:20 – 10:50 CET	I.2 – State of play of SCO and FNLC Presenting the state of play of SCO and FNLC proposals under articles 94 and 95 CPR and examples of methodological approaches adopted by ERDF/CF/JTF authorities to design SCO and FNLC. <i>Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’</i>
10:50 – 11:10 CET	Coffee break

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<p>11:10 – 11:55 CET</p>	<p>I.3 – Simplification in practice</p> <p>Presenting concrete examples of simplification measures developed by ERDF/CF/JTF authorities and approaches to coordinate the design, implementation and audit of simplification measures at national level.</p> <p><i>Presentations by TN members</i></p>
<p>11:55 – 12:10 CET</p>	<p>I.4 – FNLC models</p> <p>Based on the outcomes of the multi-country workshop held in conjunction with the TN meeting, this session aims to present draft models of FNLC schemes covering policy areas relevant for ERDF/CF/JTF programmes.</p> <p><i>Luca Santin and TN members</i></p>
<p>12:10 – 13:00 CET</p>	<p>I.5 – Moving forward on FNLC: group discussions</p> <p>TN members are invited to further develop the draft models of FNLC schemes designed at the multi-country workshop and to identify key issues that should be addressed for the finalisation of the models and for their transposition into possible tailored-made scheme.</p> <p><i>Group discussions</i></p>
<p>13:00 – 14:15 CET</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14:15 – 15:15 CET</p>	<p>I.6 – Moving forward on FNLC: panel discussion</p> <p>The key issues identified during the group discussions are addressed in plenary, in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and TN members.</p> <p><i>Panel discussion with representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure', REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion and TN members</i></p>
<p>15:15 – 15:35 CET</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>15:35 – 16:20 CET</p>	<p>I.7 – Updated EC Guidance on SCO</p> <p>Presenting the key contents of the updated EC Guidance on SCO, revised also taking into account the outcomes of consultations with the Member States.</p> <p><i>Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion</i></p>
<p>16:20 – 16:45 CET</p>	<p>I.8 – Questions on the EC Guidance note and suggestions for next steps</p> <p>Participants may raise questions on the contents of the updated EC Guidance and make suggestions for further actions.</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
<p>19:30 CET</p>	<p>TN dinner</p> <p>The TN dinner will take place at Les Halles de la Major, 12 quai de la Tourette, 13002 Marseille https://www.les-halles-de-la-major-restaurant-marseille.com/</p>

Day 2: Friday, 15th November

9:00 – 9:30
CET

Registrations and welcome coffee

SESSION II – Next steps for simplification

9:30 – 10:00
CET

II.1 – Study on performance-based schemes

Presenting the preliminary outcomes of the EC '*Study on Performance-based schemes: from the RRF to possible approaches under the ERDF/CF and JTF*'.

Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and the study team & Q&A session

10:00 – 10:10
CET

II.2 – Peer-to-peer support

Presenting the outcomes of multi-country workshops organised by TN members under the *TAIEX-REGIO Peer2Peer platform*.

Presentations by TN members

10:10 – 10:30
CET

II.3 – Introducing the group discussions on the next steps for simplification

This session aims to: (i) report on the key outcomes of the last meeting of the ESF Transnational Network on Simplification and (ii) introduce the group discussions on the next steps for simplification.

Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)

10:30 – 11:15
CET

II.4 – Next steps for simplification: group discussions

TN members are invited to discuss, in groups, to identify the objectives, contents and actions that should be considered, by the EC and the Member States, in the view of programming future TN events and tasks to further enhance simplification in ERDF/CF/JTF programmes.

Group discussions

11:15 – 11:35
CET

Coffee break

11:35 – 12:45
CET

II.5 – Next steps for simplification: panel discussion

The outcomes of the group discussions carried out in session II.4 are addressed in plenary, 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 and TN members

SESSION III – Next steps

12:45 – 12:55
CET

III.1 - 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, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)

12:55 – 13:00
CET

Closing remarks

Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')

13:00 – 14:00
CET

Lunch