

EUROPEAN SEMINAR

This event has already taken place., Berlin

Simplified Cost Options in Practice

The New Programming Period 2021-2027

With Experts from:

- ESF-Agency Flanders
- Public Administration, Poland

Highlights:

- Workshop: Audit of Simplified Cost Options

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our website**

Programme Day 1

08:30-09:00 Registration & Check-In

09:00-09:05 Opening Remarks from the European Academy for Taxes,
Economics & Law

09:05-09:30 Welcome Note by the Chair
Introductory round where participants share their experiences and expectations.

**Presentation
09:30-11:00**

Evolution of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)

- Regulatory framework and main principles
- New regulation on SCOs for 2021-2027
- Main differences between SCOs and financing not linked to costs (FNLC)
- Types of SCOs

Urszula Wójcik, Chief Expert on Technical Assistance in Public Administration, Public Administration, Poland

11:00-11:15 Discussion Round

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

**Presentation
11:30-12:30**

"Off-the shelf" SCOs

- Cases of "off-the-shelf" SCOs
- Examples of "off-the-shelf" flat rates and unit cost

Urszula Wójcik, Chief Expert on Technical Assistance in Public Administration, Public Administration, Poland

12:30-12:45 Discussion Round

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break and Networking Opportunity

**Case Study
14:00-15:00**

Successful Use of Simplified Cost Models in Programmes

Participants work on real-life examples of projects using SCOs and FNLC from different countries.

Recommendations on good practices and common pitfalls when applying SCOs and FLNC.

Urszula Wójcik, Chief Expert on Technical Assistance in Public Administration, Public Administration, Poland

15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

**Workshop
15:30-16:15**

SCOs in practice

- Participants work in groups on key problems, risks and possible solutions around SCOs.
- Group work and exercises on real-life examples
- Recommendations on good practices and common pitfalls when applying SCOs

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16:15-16:30

Discussion Round

16:30

End of Day 1

Programme Day 2

08:30-09:00 Check-In

09:00-09:15 Welcome Note by the Chair

**Presentation
09:15-10:00**

SCOs for Managing, Certifying and Audit Authorities

- Why use SCOs in ERDF/ESF projects: Considerations for MAs, CAs, AAs, IBs and beneficiaries
- How to develop a simplified cost model: Steps, negotiations, and institutions involved
- When to use SCOs
- Practical examples

Louis Vervloet, General Director, ESF-Agency Flanders

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Applying Articles 94 and 95 in Practice

- Why
- How
- When
- Practical examples from Member States and regions

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Approach to SCOs

- Simplifying audit
- Audit Authorities and standard scales
- How verifications/audits should be performed for different types of simplified cost options
- Compliance with eligibility rules, public procurement and State aid rules
- Errors and irregularities: how to avoid them?
- What is the methodology for sampling/on the spot checks?
- Cooperation between Audit Authority and Managing Authority

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Discussion Round

12:45-14:00

Lunch Break and Networking Opportunity

Workshop
14:00-15:00**Audit of Simplified Cost Options**

In this interactive workshop, participants work in small groups on specific scenarios of using and not using SCOs and assess if there is ground for an irregularity

Louis Vervloet, General Director, ESF-Agency Flanders

15:00

End of Seminar