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**Including New Best Practices
from ESF & ERDF**

Advanced Practical ESIF Seminar

Simplified Cost Options: Achieving Legal Certainty

Best Practices from 2014-2020 • Calculation Methods • Audit of SCO

14th – 15th May 2018, Berlin

With experts from:

- Danish Business Authority, Regional Policy Director, Denmark
- Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Member of Managing Authority, Sweden
- Ministry of Finance, Auditor, the Netherlands
- Department for Economy, Northern Ireland, Managing Authority, Director, United Kingdom
- Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, ESF Management Department, Czech Republic
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Senior Consultant Managing Authority, the Netherlands

With interactive workshops on:

- **How to Calculate Cost Options and Minimise Uncertainty on Calculation Methods**
- **Changing the Mindset: How to Implement SCO in Staff Costs**

Simplified Cost Options: Achieving Legal Certainty

Simplified Cost Options Can Be a Vivid Example of Simplification for Managing Authorities as well as Beneficiaries

Simplification is a buzzword in the current programming period. Simplified Cost Options (SCO) is one means to fill this buzzword with life. The currently discussed regulation reform – the so called Omnibus Regulation – aims at a mandatory use of SCO not only in ESF but also in ERDF. Furthermore, it is most likely that an obligation will be a reality for the upcoming programming period 2020-2027. SCO are expected to reduce error rates, facilitate the access to Structural Funds of small beneficiaries with limited capacities and allow for a refocusing of resources towards the achievement of results and objectives. Major challenges in the context of indirect costs, standard scales of unit costs and lump sums are legal uncertainties in the context of implementation. One difficulty in this context is the audit practice of SCO: it often remains unclear whether Audit Authorities will make use of the possibility to verify expenditure in a simpler manner. Beyond that, the methodology of setting up SCO remains a particular challenge. Mistakes within the SCO design can lead to harsh financial corrections and a chain reaction in financial management.

With the Omnibus Regulation, Simplified Cost Options Will Become Mandatory Apart from 2018

Despite these burdens, the opportunities seem to prevail. More and more Member States decide to use SCO for their funding implementation. That means that stakeholders involved, such as Managing, Certifying and Audit Authorities as well as Intermediate Bodies and beneficiaries, need to adopt their working methods and procedures in order to achieve positive effects of simplification without compromising the legality and regularity of expenditure. The Omnibus Regulation will be adopted by May 2018. It will provide the possibility of preparing delegated acts together with the European Commission (EC) not only for ESF but for all other ESIF.

Come to our seminar and gain deepened knowledge about SCO. Receive firsthand practical experience from well advanced Member States from the current Programming Period. Increase legal certainty with delegated acts and facilitate and simplify your financial audits. Profit from the long-term experience of our renowned speakers. Gain more confidence in auditing and setting up your SCO and make your ESIF a success.

Who is this advanced practical ESIF seminar for?

This Practical Seminar is the perfect professional training for Public Officials such as Directors, Head of Units, Programme Managers and Officers, Project Managers and Officers, Certified Public Accountants, Auditors and staff members working in

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) such as departments for energy efficiency
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- Cohesion Fund (CF)
- European Territorial Cooperation (INTERREG V)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

From Institutions such as:

- Managing Authorities
- Certifying Authorities
- Audit Authorities
- Intermediate Bodies of ESI Funds Programmes

As well as for:

- Beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries of ESI Funds
- Agencies for regional and economic development, education and vocational training
- Audit consultancies

The seminar was very useful for my work – really good exchange.

Ministry of Economy and Science, Germany





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What will you learn at this advanced practical seminar?

- What are the key changes for Simplified Cost Options under the Omnibus Regulation?
- How to calculate flat rates for indirect costs
- How to calculate flat rates based on standard scales of unit costs
- What are the challenges and opportunities in auditing SCOs?
- Which documents to keep for auditors
- How to implement and use Article 14.1 Reg (EU) 1304/2013 in practice
- How to prepare and develop a Delegated Act
- What documentation need to be taken for Delegated Acts
- How to implement SCO in staff costs
- How to apply results-based financing through SCO
- How to implement SCO in the Field of ERDF
- How to simplify audit procedures

Your benefits

- Discuss the new Omnibus Regulation directly with a Representative of the EU Commission
- Save money and time by learning all about the Simplified Cost Options methods applicable in the programming period 2014-2020
- Learn how to proceed with the application of Simplified Cost Options
- Reduce the administrative burden for your authority
- Receive know-how on proper calculation methods
- Increase the spending and the efficiency of operations of ESI Funds 2014-2020
- Learn in practical exercises how to choose the right option for your projects
- Increase the efficiency of your work and learn how to ensure sound audit processes
- Discuss your challenges and experiences with our qualified speakers

„Masterclass Management in EU Funds“

This Seminar is an optional seminar for the „Masterclass Management in EU Funds“

For further Information, [please click here.](#)



PROGRAMME DAY 1

Simplified Cost Options: Achieving Legal Certainty

8.30-9.00

Registration and Handout of Seminar Material

9.00-9.05

Opening Remarks from the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

9.05-9.30

Welcome Note from the Chair and Round of Introductions

Govert Maessen, Senior Consultant Managing Authority, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, the Netherlands

9.30-10.00

Key Note: Simplified Cost Options in the Omnibus Regulation

- Omnibus Regulation: changes regarding SCO
- Scope of use and new rules for ESI Funds in 2014-2020
- Expanding SCO instruments from ESF to all ESIF
- Other simplification measures

European Commission [invited]

10.00-10.15

Discussion Round

10.15-10.45

Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity

Implementation and Calculation of Simplified Cost Options

Practical Workshop

10.45-12.15

How to Calculate Cost Options and Minimise Uncertainty on Calculation Methods

The calculation of Cost Options is one of the main challenges when working with SCOs. In this interactive session participants will do practical exercises in interactive group works. The practical exercises will focus on:

Flat rates for indirect costs

Flat rates based on standard scales of unit costs

The workshop includes a discussion round on the specific topic: Where could you introduce simplified costs in your programme?

Sebastian Nordell, Member of Managing Authority, Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden

12.15-13.30

Lunch Break and Networking Opportunity



GOVERT MAESSEN Senior Consultant Managing Authority, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, the Netherlands

Govert Maessen has been Senior Consultant ESF at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Managing Authority) since 2018. He has 17 years of experience as Senior Consultant at the Dutch ESF Agency (Managing authority). Prior to that, he worked as a Senior Consultant at the Services Southern Netherlands (Managing Authority) and as employee at the Legal department in the Dutch Labour Office.



SEBASTIAN NORDELL Member of Managing Authority, Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden

Sebastian has been a part of managing authority working as a financial manager and controller for ERDF since 2011. Before that he did similar tasks for ESF for four years. He started his career as an auditor.

***“Very well-structured and planned!
It was very relevant to my line of work!”***

*Fiona Carabott, Payment Coordination Officer,
Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance,
Economy and Investment, Malta*



13.30-14.15

Calculation of Flatrates and How to Deal with Procurement – Best Practice from Denmark

- How to calculate flatrates
- Meeting the calculation principles
- Reducing the risk of systemic errors
- Reimbursement of project-employees
- Calculation of hours
- Practical examples

Preben Gregersen, Regional Policy Director, Danish Business Authority, Denmark

14.15-14.30

Discussion Round

14.30-15.00

Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity

Audits of Simplified Cost Options and Simplifying Audit

15.00-15.45

Challenges and Opportunities in Auditing Simplified Cost Options

- Audit Authorities and standard scales
- Which documents to keep
- What are the risks?
- What is the methodology for sampling/on the spot checks?
- Will auditors respect the simplifications?
- Cooperation between Audit Authority and Managing Authority
- Working with auditors to a common end

John Lambers, Auditor, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands

15.45-16.00

Discussion Round

16.00-16.45

From Simplified Costs Options to Simplified Audit and Accountability Options

- Short overview of ESIF in the Netherlands
- Simplified Costs Options: Intended and achieved (difficulties and (im)possibilities)
- Simplified Accountability Options: About 70% of the total amount of costs by simplified caseload accountability
- Simplified Audit Options: Auditing by samples, usage of databases other ministries

Govert Maessen, Senior Consultant Managing Authority, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, the Netherlands

16.45-17.00

Discussion Round

17.00

End of Day One



PREBEN GREGERSEN **Regional Policy Director,** **Danish Business Authority,** **Denmark**

Preben Gregersen has been the Regional Policy Director at the Danish Business Authority since 2008. He is Head of the Danish Managing Authority for EU Structural Funds and Chairman of the Monitoring Committee for Structural Funds in Denmark. He leads Danish delegations at EU-Committees and several partnership fora on EU Structural Funds Implementation and management. He is member of the bureau for the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee. Furthermore, he is a former Danish minister counsellor at the WTO/WIPO. Preben Gregersen's key expertise lays within regional policy implementation, implementation of EU-regulation, funds (shared) management and partnership processes, as well as financial supervisory – with ERDF, ESF and European Territorial Cooperation as his fulcrum for more than 20 years.



JOHN LAMBERS **Auditor, Central Audit Services,** **Ministry of Finance** **the Netherlands**

John Lambers has been working for the Audit Authority (AA) since 2010. As an auditor he has extensive experience with the audit of the European structural funds, ESF and ERDF. As an expert in auditing staff costs and simplified cost options, he is responsible for knowledge transfer to other auditors within the AA. Based on his experience, he is also involved in the development of work programs and checklists. For ERDF 2014-2020, he is currently working on mapping out the necessary audit work on a simplified cost option for staff costs. In addition, the analysis of the possibility for a new simplified cost options is also part of his work. John Lambers has participated several times in Twinning missions in other member states.

“Very well prepared, very sophisticated [...]”
Viktor Pati, Ministry of Education Youth and Sports,
Czech Republic

Simplified Cost Options: Achieving Legal Certainty

9.00-9.05

Welcome Note from the Chair

Ciaran Doran, Director, Managing Authority, Department for Economy, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

Achieving Legal Certainty through Delegated Acts

9.05-9.50

Shaping the Process of a Delegated Act by Applying Article 14.1 of the ESF Regulation in Practice – Reaching out for Legal Certainty in SCO

- How to prepare a Delegated Act
- How to develop a Delegated Act (unit costs & lump sums) together with the European Commission under Article 14.1. ESF
- Steps to take when finding an agreement with the European Commission
- Necessary documentation
- Practical experiences and lessons learned

Ciaran Doran, Director, Managing Authority, Department for Economy, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

9.50-10.00

Discussion Round

10.00-10.30

Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity

“High quality organisation and good lectures.”

Municipal Authority, City of Vienna, Austria

“Exactly to the point.”

Ministry of Regional Development, Poland



CIARAN DORAN

Director, Managing Authority, Department for Economy, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

Mr Doran took up the post of Director of EU Funding Division in the Department for Economy in February 2017. The division includes Managing Authority functions for ERDF and ESF funding in Northern Ireland. A key focus for the division has been organising a Call for projects to align with ESF priorities using a much simplified reimbursement model. Ciaran Doran is a qualified accountant with a wide ranging experience in the Public Sector in senior policy and finance roles including Education, Health, Transport and the National Audit Office as well as the central finance department.

Practical Workshop

Get involved! Send us in advance your particular questions regarding Simplified Cost Options and gain maximum benefit from the seminar.

10.30-12.00

Changing the Mindset: How to Implement SCO in Staff Costs

Implementing SCO can ease the administrative burden of both Managing Authorities and Beneficiaries. Many authorities still fear to make mistakes – but if you do not take a risk, you will never achieve change. Based on the experience with over 60 projects, our speaker will provide insight in several real life case studies and how SCOs were implemented.

How to audit staff costs

How to agree on average staff levels/approximation of costs

How to control staff level costs

Practical Case Studies both from ESF and ERDF

In this interactive workshop, participants will split in smaller groups of 4-5 and work on provided cases.

Ciaran Doran, Director, Managing Authority, Department for Economy, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

12.00-13.00

Lunch Break and Networking Opportunity



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Best Practices from ESF & ERDF

13.00-13.45

Evaluating the Use of Unit Costs – What is the Impact of Results-based Financing

- Evaluation of the Use of SCOs
- Impact of simplification
- Unforeseen consequences when using SCOs
- Sustainability of the project
- What happens after 2020

**Lukas Müller, ESF Management Department,
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic**

13.45-14.00

Discussion Round

14.00-14.30

Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity

14.30-15.15

Implementing Simplified Cost Options in the Field of ERDF – A Best Practice from Sweden

- Type of ERDF funding to which simplified costs apply
- What to take into account in implementation
- How to calculate SCO
- What to control
- Lessons learned
- Examples of use of simplified costs in ERDF Programmes

**Sebastian Nordell, Member of Managing Authority,
Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden**

15.15-15.30

Discussion Round

15.30

End of Seminar and Handout of Certificates



LUKAS MÜLLER

**ESF Management Department,
Ministry of Labour and Social
Affairs, Czech Republic**

Since 2012 Lukas Müller, has been working as a project manager for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Managing Authority of OP Employment (OP Employment and Human resources

before). He deals with projects dealing with gender equality and work-life balance. Lukas Müllers current work consists of preparation and presentation of new calls for proposals, communication with experts, projects administration, communication with beneficiaries, monitoring and on spot checks as well as cooperation with the evaluation unit.



SEBASTIAN NORDELL

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Sebastian has been a part of managing authority working as a financial manager and controller for ERDF since 2011. Before that he did similar tasks for ESF for four years. He started his career as

an auditor.

“Good quality presentation of material.”
*Anna Rosenberg, Senior Finance Grants Manager,
European Union Representative Office, IUCN*

Simplified Cost Options: Achieving Legal Certainty

Date of Event

14th – 15th May 2018

Booking Number

S-1971 MC

Event Language

The event language will be English.

Event Price

1.289,- Euro excl. German VAT (19%)

The above price covers the following:

- Admission to the seminar
- Handout documents
- Seminar certificate, if seminar fully attended
- Soft drinks and coffee/tea on both event days
- Lunch on both event days

Upon request you can receive a **digital version** of the seminar documents after the event for **60,- Euro excl. German VAT (19%)** in addition to the seminar.

Additional Booking Options

Package I „reliable and comfortable“

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This package includes:

- Booking of hotel room according to the requirements of the participant
- Booking of arrival and departure (train/flight) according to the requirements of the participant
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Not included are:

- Cost of the accommodation (and breakfast)
- Costs of arrival and departure travel

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300,00 Euro excl. German VAT (19%)

This package includes:

- Organisation of a sight-seeing attraction from our diverse range of offers
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- Personal recommendations for your individual Berlin experience

Not included are:

- Cost of the accommodation (and breakfast)
- Costs of arrival and departure travel
- Food and drinks outside the event

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Unit _____	Additional Package I „reliable and comfortable“ (fee required).
Job position _____	Additional Package II „exploring the city“ (fee required).
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With my signature I confirm my registration and accept the General Terms and Conditions as legally binding.

In case of registration of more than one delegate do you prefer:
 Single invoice? Collective invoice?

I herewith agree to receive further information from the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

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