



Simplified Cost Options

Live Webinar (9 am to 3.15 pm)

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+On demand for specific groups

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Simplified Cost Options (SCO)

Making simple and secure calculation and implementation

■ Learning objective

- Integrating straight from the beginning audit recommendations based on the good and “not-so-good” practices and new recommendations for 2021-2027
- Making programming, contracting, verification and monitoring more simple and secure all together

■ Learning points

- Presenting all Simplified Cost Options and their success conditions
- Looking to the most up-dated experiences at EU and Member-State level
- Presenting the specific conditions for ESF+ and ERDF
- Listing simplification actions (quick-wins and long-term success)
- Shifting from simple input-activity based to output-results based approach
- Ensuring the best collection of data for calculations and updates
- Tackling adjustments of the Management & Control System
- Anticipating audit and screening the selection, contracting and reporting phases
- Mitigating the risks: sampling, walk-through testing

■ Special points

- Discussions, group work, cases and examples

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1-day Live Webinar

Morning

Step 1: Defining requirements for simplification

Options and new requirements

- The options in details, identification and calculation methods
- Focus on key and new elements of submitting SCO
- New CPR 2021-2027 template
- The new Single lump sum and draft budgets : making it fair and secure

Step 2: Discussing simplification in case of SCO : unit cost, lump sum & flat rates

Examples of good and not-so-good practices

- Lessons learnt: first SCO for ESF/ERDF and overview of options
- The choice of the indicators : from inputs to outputs / results
- The conditions for calculation and up-dates
- The conditions for payments of the operation & reporting arrangements
- The consequences on Public procurement & State Aid
- The possible links with common and core indicators

Lunch from 12.00am to 1.00pm

Afternoon

Step 3: Ensuring a secure calculation and control of SCO

Practical case studies for ESF+ and ERDF and proposal of concrete solutions

- Historical, accounting data and draft budgets
- The specific cases of staff costs & indirect costs
- The specific case of infrastructures / equipment and depreciation
- The coverage of all costs / specific costs
- Up-dates and correction of errors and irregularities

Welcome : 9:00 / End : 3:15

Breaks at 10:45am and 12:00 to 1:00pm

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List of potential sectors for case studies

at your convenience and based on your document (draft OP, calls, projects)

- Trainings and education
- Support to businesses / start-ups
- Research and development
- Energy efficiency and transport
- Fight against poverty
- Migration and border controls
- Local infrastructures
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Franck SOTTOU

Senior European Expert

- Franck Sottou as Key international Expert / experienced lecturer has been delivered since 2005 trainings and specific supports for Managing and Certifying Authorities, IB and Implementing Agencies about Management & Control systems, Indicators and performance measurement, Administrative capacities and TA of EU funded programmes and projects.
- He was in particular involved in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of SPD and OP from 1994 – 1997 / 2000 -2007 / 2007-2013 / 2013-2020 and now looking to 2021 new EU funds generation and green deal.
- He's currently working for Member States and IPA countries, EC and Council of Europe for technical assistance : description and screening of management and control systems, design of implementing tools to define indicators, monitoring and audits systems, control and evaluations procedures for ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund, IPA, ENI, CAP and EAFRD (Leader approach)
- His skills are strong in design of tools and procedures and ad-hoc evaluations, recommendations about simplification and efficiency of IT systems. He was involved as such in EP REGI Committee hearings about indicators and GDP.
- All his experience is based on his previous activities of member of Technical Assistance Team in charge of FR/UK cooperation programmes, associated teacher in Paris CNAM where he made research and conducted lectures about cohesion policy and 25 years of cohesion policy trainings for more than 7 000 participants coming from all Member States.



Peter Vlasveld RA (CPA) CIA

Senior European Expert

- Peter Vlasveld as Key international Expert has been Head of the Audit Authority of The Netherlands since 2014 and is involved of the area of EU funds since 2006. In this role he is responsible for all required audits (compliance/designation audits, systems audits, audits on operations and audits of accounts). This includes the communication with and annual reporting to the European Commission. Additionally, he is responsible for the development of methodology, professional education and guidance of all auditors within the Dutch AA.
- Extensive experience with training activities, presentations and development of procedures and manuals in The Netherlands as well as abroad. This includes Twinning projects in Croatia (Audit Authority), Montenegro (Audit Authority), Slovakia (PIFC) Macedonia (PIFC), Albania (PIFC) and Moldova (PIFC). Member State Project Leader for Strengthening the Audit Authority in Macedonia.
- Peter has a broad network including staff of the European Commission and colleagues of Audit Authorities of other countries.
- Member of the OLAF working group responsible for developing a Handbook for the role of auditors regarding auditing fraud. The OLAF working group focussed on the advising and auditing role for anti-fraud activities.
- Chairman of the working group "Making use of management verifications" with representatives of the European Commission and Audit Authorities of Member States
- Responsible for developing policy regarding the Dutch central government audit function as well as for supporting the internal audit departments of the Dutch ministries to broaden their audit function.
- Peter Vlasveld has extensive practical experience gained at a Big Four audit company (Deloitte) as well as within the government. He has been involved in many auditing and consulting engagements.



Patrick WAMPER

Senior European Expert

- Patrick Wamper is currently heading a department acting as Managing Authority for ESF in North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany (NRW). He studied macro economics and political science in the University of Aachen and started his professional career as assistant to the management in the German Chamber of Commerce in Lima, Peru. Afterwards he became office manager of a Member of the European Parliament in Düsseldorf, Brussels and Strasbourg. Since 2004 he was involved in the audit of EU funds and since 2006 he headed the ERDF audit authority within the Ministry of Finance NRW until 2018. In this function he became representative of the audit authorities in the German federal states.
- He was involved in various Twinning activities in the field of audit, PIFC, FMC as well as compliance with chapter 32 of the *acquis communautaire* in Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldavia.
- In addition he has board experience as lecturer in public and private entities in the field of EU structural funds in the areas of audit and audit standards, statistical and non statistical sampling, simplified cost options as well as management verifications and risk assessment and management.

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Session from 9.15 to 3.15

Live presentation with lecturer

Breaks 12 to 1 and minibreaks at 10.45

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