

2021 European trainings

Face-to-face Seminars

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*What a year. Lockout, lockdown, open, close again.
And still online possibilities to keep in touch with you.
We thank the 312 participants of 2020 who used our Platform
to gain qualification about new financial perspectives.
Here we stand, still fully dedicated to on-the-job concrete
trainings with full online, live webinars and hopefully face-to-
face again. Take care, see you soon*

Franck SOTTOU, director

Why to use ETCP?

- Because we like to make it concrete:
 - Small groups
 - Full interaction (open floor, chat and questions)
 - Concrete and specific (direct work on your documents/cases)
- Because we have experience on it
 - More than 7000 participants since 2004
 - More than 300 participants last year in our Webinars
 - Secured ETCP Platform for full access to documents and reporting
- Because we focus on results
 - For each participant a welcome / final Quiz
 - For each participant a final Certificate of Qualification

How it works?

- Step 1 : Pre-registration on line on <https://etcp.fr/register/>
 - Pre-register to save your seat
 - You can register as individual or register as a group
- Step 2 : you make final registration
 - Final registration to get your invoice
 - Each participant get a Voucher to get access to ETCP platform
- Step 3 : you log on ETCP platform
 - For each Seminar a specific AREA including all invitations, links and documents
- Step 4 : you get your certificates
 - A certificate of qualification based on a Quiz
 - A certificate of attendance based on participation
 - *in case of group registration, full group reporting about participation to the trainer manager*

Special COVID instructions

- **Face-to-face in line with EU and National prescriptions**
 - Participants with EU COVID passport
 - Small groups, distances and masks inside the room
- **No cancellation fees policy**
 - Pre-registration only indicative
 - Late confirmation of trainings and participation (10 days) and payments after the seminar date possible
 - No cancellation fees in case of force majeure (new restrictions)
- **Full online possibilities**
 - All seminars could be organised online recreating as much as possible the conditions of a live, on site and interactive seminar

Face-to-face Seminars overview

Trainings	Face-to-Face	july	august	sept	oct	nov	dec	PLACES
Covering EU funds from A to Z	5-day			6-10			6-10	Paris
SCO and Simplification	3-day				20-22			Athens
Integrated Territorial development and smart cities (NEW)	3-day					3-5		Prague
Control and on-the-spot checks study visit (NEW)	4-day					23-26		Dubrovnik
Errors, Irregularities and suspected fraud	3-day			15-17				Barcelona
State aid, Public Procurement and PPP	2-day				11-12			Budapest
Risk Management and sampling	3-day						20-22	Lisbon
Indicators and better Monitoring	2-day			23-24				Madrid
Project & Programme Management 2021-2027 (NEW)	2-day						16-17	Roma

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Face-to-Face Seminars





Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z (new 2021-2027 dimensions)

Face-to-Face Training

6-10 September

6-10 December

Paris

By Franck Sottou

Colm Dunne

Goran Zakanji

Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z

2021-2027 new dimensions

- **Learning objective**
 - Building your capacities to manage projects and programmes integrating financial and technical aspects in the perspective of the new 2021-2027 generation
- **Learning points**
 - Integrating fully the new aspects of the 2021-2027 generation with a specific focus on output-result-based approach & Simplified Costs Options
 - Presenting EU Strategies and policies in line with the new intervention logic (results/outputs)
 - Getting key alerts about errors, irregularities and fraud
 - Looking to the key methods for management verification, certification and audits
 - Introducing tools and procedures (checklist, sampling & risks management)
 - Insisting on specific issues such as Public procurement, State aid and Enabling conditionalities
 - Focusing on new the Territorial Instruments
- **Special points**
 - Ex-ante and ex-post tests (making you a more qualified officer)
 - One cohesion dinner
- **Fees**
 - 1405 € (lecturing costs, 4 lunches + 1 dinner)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z

2021-2027 new dimensions

DAY 1

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Kicking off the seminar

Feed back on initial knowledge and key learning objectives

- Lessons learnt from 2014-2020
- The New aspects for 2021-2027
- Better accountability at programme & project level
- Key alerts about EU Funds (most common errors and risks)

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 2: Understanding Key Regulations and Definitions

- Programme, Operation, contract and actions : what's new?
- Key players (beneficiaries, recipients, partners, suppliers and target groups)
- Key functions (programming & planning, preparation & submission, contracting, verification & payments, closure, certification and audit)
- Full understanding of the "new" intervention logic (theory of change)
- Example of "good" projects & operations

**Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30*

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z

2021-2027 new dimensions

DAY 2

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 3: Giving an Overview of New EU strategies and programmes

- The new targets and instruments including green deal
- EU Strategies and policy objectives : online data
- The specific recommendations for States and Regions
- The New Operational Programmes: specific objectives and indicators
- The Baselines and Targets of priorities and the Performance Framework
- The concrete vision of Operational Programmes (case studies)

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 4: Making better monitoring and evaluation of interventions

- The new Common and core indicators
- Indicators for ESF+, ERDF/CF and other Programmes
- Indicators and goals of Sustainable Development
- Selection of Project, contract, action or group of projects, operation
- Better on-going monitoring and evaluation of impact of intervention
- Case studies & Exercise on specific 2021-2027 OPs / Action Documents

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z

2021-2027 new dimensions

DAY 3

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 5: Tackling new management verification work

- Real and simplified costs options
- Success conditions for Simplified Costs Options and data collection
- Payment conditions and adjustment procedures
- Better on-going verification of the deliverables and results
- Specific attention paid to Community rules (State Aid, Public Procurement, gender, non-discrimination, environment, durability...)

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 6: Looking for reasonable assurance

Reinforcing sampling at expenditures and operation levels

- Distinction between errors, irregularities and fraud
- Better identification of errors and related risks
- Sampling methodologies
- Better on-the spot verifications and sampling of expenditure items
- Exercise on errors, irregularities and fraud: consequences for sampling

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Covering EU Funds Management from A to Z

2021-2027 new dimensions

DAY 4

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 7: Focusing on the Management Declaration of Assurance

- Managing the Error Rate at programme and funds level
- Better prevention, detection and correction of errors
- Individual and Systemic errors
- How to come up with a reliable MDA ?

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 8: Taking into account the Audit dimension

- System audit
- Audit of annual accounts and audit of operations
- Solving irregularities together: improving the AA opinion

Evening session

7 pm

Step 9: Sharing experiences and building capacities

Dinner in the centre of Paris with all participants and ETCP team

DAY 5

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 10: Wrapping up the seminar and final evaluation

- General correction of all questions of the test
- Focus on some key point to remember / to improve
- Specific assessment of the effect of the seminar and future needs
- Certificates ceremony

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Simplified Cost Options and Simplification

Face-to-face
20-22 October 2021
Athens

By Franck Sottou
Peter Vlasveld
Patrick Wamper

Simplified Cost Options and Simplification

Making simple and secure calculation and implementation

- Learning objective
 - Simplifying programming, contracting, verification and monitoring all together
- Learning points
 - Presenting all Simplified Cost Options and their success conditions
 - Looking to the most up-dated experiences at EU and Member-States level
 - Listing simplification actions (quick-wins and long-term success)
 - Ensuring the best collection of data and calculations
 - 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 example
- Price
 - 1305 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Simplified Cost Options and Simplification

Making simple and secure calculation and implementation

DAY 1

Morning session *
9.30am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Defining requirements for simplification

Success conditions and key topics listed

- Lessons learnt: reduction of administrative burdens?
- Focus on key options and elements of simplification: quick wins

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

Examples of simplification steps

- The options in details, calculation and up-dates methods
- The conditions for payments of the operation & reporting arrangements
- The consequences on Public procurement & State Aid
- The choice of the indicators : from inputs to outputs / results

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2.00pm to 4.30pm

Step 3: Ensuring a secure calculation and control of SCO

Practical cases and proposal of concrete solutions

- Historical and accounting data
- Single lump sum and draft budgets
- The specific cases of staff costs & indirect costs
- The specific case of infrastructures

**Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30*

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Simplified Cost Options and Simplification

Making simple and secure calculation and implementation

DAY 2

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Exercises in group : targeting & calculation workshop

Practical cases and proposal of concrete simplification

- Simplification with SCO – unit costs
- Simplification with SCO – lump sum and single lump sums
- Simplification with SCO – flat rates & indirect costs

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Exercises in group : thematic workshop

Practical cases and proposal of concrete simplification

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

**15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.00pm*

Simplified Cost Options and Simplification

Making simple and secure calculation and implementation

DAY 3

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 4: Setting-up a new simplified system

Exercises of simplification of the Management & Control system

- New ex-ante checks and selection process
- Simplification of Contract & adjustment process
- Simplification of Management & Control system
- Better prevention and management of risks
- Sampling of expenditures and operations
- New checks on-the-spot

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Step 5: Defining concrete steps of simplification

Full action plan designed with participants

- New Delegated acts (DA) for SCO
- New audit trail as managerial exercise
- Full action plan

**15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.00pm*

Integrated Territorial development and smart cities (new)

Face-to-face

3-5 November 2021

Prague

by Richard HARDING,
Franck SOTTOU and Guests

Integrated Territorial development and smart cities

Best practices of local and territorial strategies

- Learning objective
 - Implementing place-based and spatial instruments for regional development
- Learning points
 - Presenting 2021-2027 Territorial and Regional dimensions of interventions
 - Looking for the best practices of programming, selecting, monitoring and facilitating
 - Getting key alerts about strategies, governance, indicators and possible irregularities
 - Focusing on Territorial Instruments (ITI, CLLD...) and smart cities
 - Insisting on Targeted Territories, specific objectives and Territorial / Regional Strategies
 - Alerting about potential errors and irregularities related to territorial instruments
- Special points
 - Visits on-the-spot
- Price
 - 1305 € (lecturing, lunches and study visits costs)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Integrated Territorial development and smart cities

Best practices of local and territorial strategies

DAY 1

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Kicking off the seminar

Fine-tuning of expectations and key learning points

- Presentation of the full programme of visits
- Key alerts about Territorial dimensions (territorial cohesion and spatial planning)
- Key issue of territorial gap between the capital and other regions
- Key dimensions of the bottom-up approaches
- Expectations and specific objectives of the seminar

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 2: Understanding of the Key Instruments

- Strategies, Programmes and Operations
- Key aspects (governance, objectives, functions)
- Different options for territories : urban, rural and/or thematic development
- 2021-2027 new aspects about territorial instruments (new 5th Policy Objective about Europe closer to citizens, use of a "Lead Fund", economic, social and environmental interlinkages, other tools...)

****Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30***

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Integrated Territorial development and smart cities

Best practices of local and territorial strategies

DAY 2

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 3: Looking for the best Practices (study visit 1)

- Best strategies and integration of funds
- Best operations and specific outputs and results
- Best governance options
- Best management, monitoring and evaluation of the strategy

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 4: Insisting on the success conditions (part 1)

- Selection of the targeted territories and cities
- Definition of strategies and synergies between funds
- Involvement of partners, stakeholders and citizens
- The specific introduction of LAG (pros and cons)
- Case studies & Exercise on specific 2021-2027 elements
- Smart cities in concrete : best strategies

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Integrated Territorial development and smart cities

Best practices of local and territorial strategies

DAY 3

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 5: Looking to the best Practices (study visit 2)

- Best strategies and governance options
- Best operations and specific outputs and results
- Best management, monitoring and evaluation of the strategy

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 6: Insisting on the success conditions (part 2)

- Management of risks
- Administrative capacities
- Selection and control of operations
- Errors, irregularities and corrections
- Reporting on outputs and results

Step 7: Sharing experiences and building capacities **Full action plan**

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Control and on-the-spot checks (new)

Face to Face
23-26 November
Dubrovnik

By Franck SOTTOU and guests (controllers and auditors)

Control and on-the-spot checks

4 intensive days on control in Dubrovnik

- Learning objective
 - Looking for errors and irregularities in a more effective way
- Learning points
 - Presenting new guidance for on-the-spot checks
 - Looking to the best practices for detecting and correcting errors
 - Getting key alerts about possible irregularities
 - Linking in a better way ex-ante / ex-post / desk-based / on-the-spot checks
 - Making clear distinction between 1st and 2nd level checks
 - Focusing on checklist and specific justifications of errors
 - Insisting on correction of errors and dialogue with beneficiaries
- Special points
 - Visits on-the-spot (one hard, one soft operation)
 - One cohesion dinner
- Price
 - 1405 € (lecturing and study visits costs, 4 lunches + 1 dinner)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)
 - Special additional packages including evening accommodation will be proposed to participants

Control and on-the-spot checks

4 intensive days on control in Dubrovnik

DAY 1

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: kicking off the seminar

Fine-tuning of expectations and key learning points

- Presentation of the full programme of visits
- Key alerts about Controls and Checks
- Key issue of risks management and sampling methods
- Expectations and specific objectives of the seminar

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 2: understanding of the most common errors

- The potential errors and irregularities : most common alerts
- The corrections to be applied
- The checklist to be used (examples and discussions)
- The organization of on-the-spot checks : planning, process and team
- 2021-2027 new aspects about checks (electronic data exchange, reporting of irregularities, financial sustainability, risks management, accounting)

***Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30**

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Control and on-the-spot checks

4 intensive days on control in Dubrovnik

DAY 2

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 3: Checking projects with infrastructures (study visit 1)

- Specific outputs and results
- Recommendations about the costs
- Competition rules (PP and state aid)
- Timeline and specific conditions for payment
- Environmental and horizontal issues
- Accounting and reporting issues
- Financial sustainability and revenue

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 4: Improving the checks for projects with infrastructures

- Selection of the costs / documents to be checked
- The checklist to be used
- The dialogue with beneficiaries and partners
- The potential corrections
- Case studies & Exercise on specific elements

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Control and on-the-spot checks

4 intensive days on control in Dubrovnik

DAY 3

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 5: Checking soft projects (study visit 2)

- Specific outputs and results
- Recommendations about the costs
- Staff and indirect costs
- Timeline and specific conditions for payment
- Competition rules (PP and state aid)
- Accounting and reporting issues

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 6: Improving the checks for soft projects

- Selection of the costs / documents to be checked
- The checklist to be used
- The dialogue with beneficiaries and partners
- The potential corrections
- Case studies & Exercise on specific elements

Evening session
7:00pm to 9.30pm

Step 7: Sharing experiences and building capacities

Dinner with all participants and ETCP team

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Control and on-the-spot checks

4 intensive days on control in Dubrovnik

DAY 4

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 8: Tackling the success conditions and open issues

- The synergies between desk-based on on-the-spot checks
- The differentiation between 1st and 2nd level checks
- The application of single audit principle?
- The specific recommendations for infrastructures and soft projects
- The follow-up of corrections / systemic errors
- The prevention measures with beneficiaries

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 9: Drafting Action Plans

- Key learnings points
- Key steps to be taken at IB / MA and AA levels
- Specific assessment of the effects of the seminar and future needs

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Errors, Irregularities and suspected Fraud

Face-to-face
15-17 September 2021
Barcelona

by Franck SOTTOU
Inga MOISIEJUTE

Control and Annual Closure

Preventing, detecting and correcting errors

- Learning objective
 - Getting positive opinion on the Management Declaration of Assurance
- Learning points
 - Lesson from the past: key irregularities and fraud, key alerts from auditors, key obstacles to closure and where they come from, key steps to ensure full and balance closure (process and planning)
 - Specific problems and discussion of best practices
 - Operations closed? Phasing and functional operations
 - Financial engineering instruments: specific issues about beneficiaries/recipients/outputs and results
 - Identifying the right and important indicators;
 - Dealing with bottlenecks for the solution of irregularities: investigations, audits and checks
 - Ensuring sound prevention, detection & corrections
 - Closing specific operations and checks after closure : durability
 - Improving sampling methods
 - Dealing with suspended / corrected operations
 - Adjusting the Management & Control system.
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and example
- Fees
 - 1305 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Errors, Irregularities and suspected Fraud

Preventing, detecting and correcting errors

DAY 1: From a Managing Authority / IB perspective

Registration

9.00 to 9.30am

Morning session

9.30am to 12.30

Step 1: Introduction and overview

- Preparation of MDA and annual summary
- Sampling of management verifications: risk assessment and (non)statistical
- Methodology for supervision of delegated tasks
- SCOs and simplification specific dimensions
- Financing not linked to costs

Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.30pm

Step 2 : Detection and corrections

- Main irregularities in accounting year 2018/2019
- Risks management and sampling
- Reinforcement of ex-ante and on-the-spot checks
- Overview of the new EC guidance

Step 3 : Special risk management of (suspected) frauds

- Fraud indicators and red flags
- Case studies on mitigation actions and residual risks

**Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30*

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Errors, Irregularities and suspected Fraud

Preventing, detecting and correcting errors

DAY 2: To the Audit Authority and Certifying Authority perspectives

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 4: AA perspective

- System audits, audit of operations and audits of accounts
- Statistical and non-statistical sampling
- Off-the-shelf sampling methodologies – non proportional allocations, regional clustering
- AA reliance on management verifications – conditions, scope and extent of AA verifications
- Audit of SCOs, ex ante review
- Audit of indicators

Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.30pm

Step 5 : CA perspective

- Annual accounts
- Ongoing assessments
- Recoveries, pending recoveries and withdrawals

Step 6: Looking for clear definitions and calculations

- The crucial role of the Tolerable Error Rate (TER/RTER)
- Calculation of the ER: examples and definitions
- New Regulations and new Guidance: effects on procedures and tools

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Errors, Irregularities and suspected Fraud

Preventing, detecting and correcting errors

DAY 3 : To get all together a reasonable assurance

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 7: Specific alerts and points of control

- Checks after the closure of operations : durability
- Conditions for safe application of professional judgement

Step 8: Prevention of errors

- Working with the beneficiaries (guidelines, FAQ, open days...)
- Safeguards in the management and control system
- Ex-ante checks and internal risks

Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 9: Follow-up of findings and effective corrections

- Treatment of findings: financial corrections at beneficiary & CA level
- Consequences of findings: extension of sampling and a qualitative extension of control
- Management of error risks: analysis of systemic effects and adjustment of control work program

Step 10: Action plan

- Wrap up and completion of the Action Plan

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

State Aid, Public Procurement and PPP

Face-to-face
11-12 October 2021
Budapest

by
Alun Williams,
dr Balázs Dencső

State aid, Public Procurement and PPP

Making smarter control of competition rules

- Learning objective
 - Improving management of competition rules (PP and State Aid) in a secure and simpler way
- Learning points
 - Screening Public Procurement Directives & the CJEU case law;
 - Understanding concept & key criteria for State Aid about the logic & objectives;
 - Improving systems, procedures and tools to prevent, detect and correct errors, irregularities and fraud related to Public procurement & State Aid;
 - Making controls more effective and efficient using walkthrough checks;
 - Sectoral rules & sensitive sectors.
 - Getting examples about State Aid exemptions and in particular GBER
 - Tackling the specific risks of De minimis
 - Ensuring better risks management of competition rules all together
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and examples
 - Anticipation of 2021 State aid Reform
- Fees
 - 1109 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

State aid, Public Procurement and PPP

Making smarter control of competition rules

DAY 1

Morning session

9.00 to 12.30

Step 1: Introducing key tools & criteria for competition rules

- Competition rules: objectives and key principles
- Reform of the EU public procurement rules
- Scope & Definitions, Thresholds, Publicity, Exclusions and Procedures

Step 2: Tackling Public procurement specific risk assessment

- Selection, award criteria, weighing systems, specifications and standards
- Contract amendment & Monitoring requirements
- Abnormally Low Price / Incomplete Tenders / Material Change
- Clear distinction between PP & PPP

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

14.00 to 16.30

Step 3: Public Procurement cases

- Most common errors in: Technical specifications and criteria, Selection, evaluation and award, Contract implementation

Step 4: Public Procurement corrections of cases

Main types of irregularities and their rates of correction: contract notice and tender specification irregularities, irregularities related to tender evaluation, irregularities related to contract implementation

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15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

State aid, Public Procurement and PPP

Making smarter control of competition rules

DAY 2

Morning session

9.00 to 12.30

Step 5: Looking at 2014 General Block Exemption Regulation

- State Aid Modernisation and GBER
- Giving aid in compliance with GBER (incl. Aid requiring prior notification and approval)
- Aids (Regional, SMEs, RDI, Training Environment, Local infrastructure, SSGI SGEI)
- The specific PPP risks
- The specific combination of PP and State aid rules : concessions

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

14.00 to 16.30

Step 6: Focusing on Sectoral State Aid rules

- Agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture and 2019/20 reform
- Universities and RD&I
- Economic/non-economic activities
- How to avoid giving State Aid to third parties
- Sensitive Sectors and 2021 potential changes and specific green deal approach

Step 7: Working on Case Studies correction : workshop

- Detection of errors and list of findings
- Discussion about the case studies
- Decisions about corrections and follow-up

**15-minute breaks at 10.30 and 3.15*

Risk Management and Sampling

Face-to-face
20-22 December 2021
Lisbon

By Raili Truup, Franck Sottou

Risk Management and Sampling

Keeping the control on checks and performance

- Learning objective
 - Mapping, scoring and mitigating the risks using sampling methods
- Learning points
 - Tackling in concrete the identification of specific risks
 - Setting-up a full action plan of mitigation actions
 - Ensuring selection of operations / expenditures for sampling
 - Proportionating the checks to the level of risks
 - Planning the checks and organising the visits on-the-spot
 - Making clear distinction between statistical / non statistical sampling
 - Identifying the best practices for scoring and weighting of the risks
 - Defining the qualification of risks managers
 - Drafting an Action plan for design of risk management system
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and example
- Price
 - 1305 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Risk Management and Sampling

Keeping the control on checks and performance

DAY 1

Morning session *
9.30am to 12.30pm

Step 1: the Audit Risk Model (categories of risks and risks factors)

- Introduction to the Audit Risk Model and how to get to assurance
- The concept of Materiality and Tolerable Error Rate (TER)
- The risks in EU Funds: identification, scoring and weighting

Step 2: Initial risk assessment methods

- Classification of risks
- Specific EU funds risks v. IFAC standards
- Distinction between audit & verification
- The specific risk assessment methodology (examples)

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2.00pm to 4.30pm

Step 3: Case study

- Identification and classification of risks
- The specific fraud risk assessment system
- Audit planning : introduction and concrete case work

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Risk Management and Sampling

Keeping the control on checks and performance

DAY 2

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Exercises in group : risks & mitigation of actions workshop

Practical cases of identification of risks all throughout the intervention logic :

- Inputs / outputs / results
- Context indicators and expected impacts
- Mitigation actions and modification of the actions
- Thematic illustrations

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Step 4: Setting up a new simplified system

- System audit : introduction and methods
- Test of controls, walk-through checks
- Case study for a walk-through check
- Lessons to be learnt for Managing Authorities

**15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.00pm*

Risk Management and Sampling

Keeping the control on checks and performance

DAY 3

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Exercises in group : workshop

Practical cases : selection of operations and expenditures to be verified

- Auditing operations : confirmation of your conclusions about the system
- Methods and exercises about sampling operations
- Identification & weighting of risks
- Corrective action at project and system levels
- Discussion based on case work

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Step 5: Full action plan

- Concluding on results and issuing a clear opinion
- Findings and conclusions regarding error rates
- Improvement of control systems and cost-effective controls
- Focus Annual reports & dealing with the MA's Declaration of Assurance including audit

**15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.00pm*

Indicators and Better Monitoring (new)

Making better data collection

Face-to-face
23-24 September 2021
Madrid

By Franck Sottou,
Colm Dunne

Indicators and Better Monitoring

Making better data collection

- Learning objective
 - Making results-oriented reports more strategic, graphic and analytical
- Learning points
 - Improving on-going evaluation and strategic monitoring of funds and new instruments
 - Getting more in-depth knowledge of project monitoring in relation to programme / call management
 - Distinction and linkages outputs / results
 - Evidence-based approach: data, figures and gap management (less binary approach)
 - Clearer vision of results: target group, baseline / target and possible immediate / intermediate change
 - Reports looking to the whole chain of results with clear accountability ceiling (to be defined)
 - Contribution of intervention well defined (from outputs to outcomes)
 - Relevance, Coherence, Efficiency and Effectiveness and Sustainability
 - Specific risks / assumptions and mitigation identified for outputs / outcomes
 - Use of indicators in monitoring financial and physical progress of projects and programmes.
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and examples
 - Practical examples applied to different sectors and interventions
- Price
 - 1109 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Indicators and Better Monitoring

Making better data collection

DAY 1

Registration

9.00am to 9.30am

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Laying the foundations by linking Reporting, Monitoring & Evaluation

- Traditional and modernised Intervention logic - the rationale for greater results orientation

- How indicators connect projects, programmes and policies
- How to link in an efficient way reporting, monitoring and evaluation

Step 2: Anticipating future evaluations in a clever way

- Outputs and efficiency: examples
- Results and effectiveness: examples
- Improving coherence in indicator systems and data collection

Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 3: Focusing on ESF+ Approach to Monitoring & Evaluation

- ESF guiding principles
- The focus on changes in the target group
- Common/Core output and results indicators, baselines and targets, longer term results
- Specific reporting conditions about participants

**Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30*

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Indicators and Better Monitoring

Making better data collection



DAY 2

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 4: Focusing on ERDF / CF Approach to Monitoring and Evaluation

- The results-oriented approach explored
- The focus on changes at sector level: examples
- Common/Core indicators: examples applied to different sectors and intervention types and first assessment of impact in line with new definitions

Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 5: Tackling Indicators in Managing Programmes and calls

- Specific objectives and the results oriented approach
- Indicators for Milestones and the Performance Reserve
- Good practices in indicator systems

Step 6: Dealing with reporting in 2021-2027

- Reporting types and methods: linking the reports from beneficiary to annual reports and sizing-down the text to the point
- Planning for effective communication: examples of graphics / illustrations

Step 7 : Full action plan for better reporting

**15-minute break at 10.30am and 3.15pm*

Project Management & reporting 2021-2027 (new)

Face-to-face
16-17 December 2021
Roma

By Colm Dunne, Franck SOTTOU

Project Management & reporting (new 2021-2027 dimensions)

- Learning objective
 - Focusing on the new 2021-2027 rules and strategies
- Learning points
 - Tackling the concrete steps of preparation of new Operational Programmes
 - Ensuring better preparation and implementation of reports and evaluations
 - Including fully the potential Simplified Costs Options and strategic projects
 - Considering the ex-ante evaluation of indicators for 2021-27
 - Anticipating potential mid-term reviews
 - Getting acquainted with EC expectations in monitoring and evaluating of projects and programmes
 - Setting-up the options for impact evaluation
 - Using in a better way Common/Core and Programme-specific indicators
 - Linking selection, contracting and activities with specific objectives
- Fees
 - 1109 € (lecturing costs + lunches)
 - Special discount (15% early registration or 10% with 2 or more participants)

Project Management & reporting (new 2021-2027 dimensions)

DAY 1

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Clear definitions and overview of the new framework

- Presenting distinction between old / new logframes
 - from attribution to contribution
- the results-oriented approach
 - Making clear distinction between outputs, results and impact (new definition)
 - Quantitative and qualitative specific results and Impact assessment

Step 2: The financial aspects and simplification of intervention

- Setting-up a clear budget in line with expectations and rules
- risks-based verification (new rules)
- simplified costs options – SCO (new options and requests)

Lunch from 12.00am to 1.00pm

Afternoon session
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Step 3: Screening strategies, enabling conditions and synergies (New)

- New priorities and new list of core and common indicators
- Public Procurement, State aid

Step 4: Working on Case Studies to prepare new calls

- Looking for efficiency and effectiveness (exercises)

**Registration and welcome coffee: 9:00-9:30*

15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Project Management & reporting (new 2021-2027 dimensions)

DAY 2

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Exercises in group : workshop from programming to contracting

Practical cases

- Improvement of selection of beneficiaries
- Appraisal process and eligibility rules
- Selecting operations – the options of competitive / non competitive procedures
- Selection criteria and condition for changes

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Step 4: Setting-up a new monitoring and evaluation strategy

- The new ex-ante evaluation
- Reporting on performance and mid-term revisions
- Evaluation plan
- Concrete exercise about selection of evaluators (terms of reference / evaluation questions and selection criteria)
- Full action plan about follow up of actions :
- Improvement of monitoring & evaluation / IT Systems
- Project reporting
- Programme and priorities monitoring
- Performance management (financial and technical)

**15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.00pm*

“Just wanted to send you an email as a big thank you for today’s session.

I truly enjoyed your manner of passing information in a very clear and informative manner, combined with your funny character. It was the first time I actually did not lose focus for staying so long online.

You also made something I found so difficult to distinguish between intermediate/immediate outcomes/outputs seem entertaining. 😊 ”

A participant