

Stronger Simplification

Walking through all procedures, tools and costs to make concrete simplifications

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- Learning objective
 - Simplifying programming, contracting, verification and monitoring all together
 - Insisting on the consequences of outputs-based and results-oriented approaches on processes, tools, procedures, documents and checks
- Learning points
 - Looking to the most up-dated experiences of simplification at EU and Member-States level
 - Listing simplification actions (quick-wins and long-term success)
 - Presenting all Simplified Cost Options and their success conditions
 - **Focusing on possibilities to relate checks and calls to sound outputs and results and not inputs**
 - Ensuring the best collection of data, calculations and updates
 - Tackling adjustments of the Management & Control System
 - Focusing on concrete changes of the application forms, contracts and payment claims
 - Using IT tools in a proactive and interactive way (platform)
 - Adjusting calls, appraisal checklist, selection criteria, contract and reports
 - Anticipating audit and screening the selection, contracting and reporting phases
 - Mitigating the risks: sampling, walk-through testing
 - Looking for new responsibilities and skills for the 2021-2027 period
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and examples



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- Key international Expert
 - Management and control systems
 - Indicators and performance measurement (data collection)
 - Simplification and economical, social and environmental strategies
- Former Head of TA Team
 - Programming, negotiations with EC, management & control systems
- Trainer and Consultant for European Institutions, Managing and Certifying Authorities, IB and Implementing Agencies
- Currently working for Member States for technical assistance
 - Design of logframes and selection of indicators
 - Calculation and implementation of SCOs
 - Recommendations about simplification and efficiency of systems

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DAY 1 : screening all steps and simplification options

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 selection and control with or without SCOs

Exercises of simplification of the Management & Control system

- Responsibilities and functions (MA/IB)
- Functions and responsibilities in line with Regulations and Audit standards
- Simplification of Steps and Tasks all throughout the Project Cycle Management :
 - Ex-ante checks, selection and contracting ;
 - Verification, payment, monitoring and closure.

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DAY 2 : adapting systems and tools to the new risks

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Step 4: Setting-up a new simplified tools and procedures

Exercises of simplification of the Management & Control

- Checklists and reports and use of IT tool for data
- Call content and indicators
- Selection criteria and committees
- Timesheets and control of staff costs
- Contract & adjustment process
- Sampling of expenditures and operations
- New checks on Public procurement & state aid
- New checks on-the-spot

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Step 5: Defining concrete steps of simplification

The consequences on qualification and skills of officers

Full action plan designed with participants

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

Prices

Days	Total net amount €	Discounts	Including
Face-to-face			
2-day	1109,00	15% early registration (up to 2 months before the event) ; 10% for 2 or more participants from the same institution	Training material; breaks, lunches and 1 dinner for the 4 and 5-day Seminars, full access to ETCP platform and quizzes, certificate of qualification
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