

Conference on the future of Cohesion Policy and Common Provisions Regulation

Tackling the scope, definitions, priorities, instruments and systems of the next generation of EU funds

Face to Face
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Bordeaux

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And guests from Authorities, experts and officials

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- Learning objective
 - Sharing concrete opinions and recommendations about the future of EU funds
 - Improving right now our practices and implementation of programmes
 - Discovering the specific application of EU funds in the region of Bordeaux
- Learning points
 - Focusing on the key priorities of Cohesion policy
 - Including in the scope of CPR all the relevant topics
 - Dealing with internal security, border management
 - Dealing with rural development and synergies with the CAP
 - Making all the necessary simplifications and clarifications of definitions and instruments
 - Improving the integration of grants and financial instruments
 - Improving the use of simplified cost options (SCOs)
 - Focusing on specific risks (PP, state aid, conflict of interest, risks of fraud...)
 - Focusing on data collection and IT systems at project and programme level
- Special points
 - Contributions from Authorities with testimonies : participative and interactive Conference
 - Permanent online Questionnaire about the priorities and options
 - Production of a Green Paper as a contribution the debate
 - Case studies and visits on-the-spot
 - One cohesion dinner and/or specific tour

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Selected projects during the visit to insist on the impact of EU funds:

Cité Mondiale du Vin

<https://www.laciteduvin.com/en>

Les Quais de Bordeaux

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DAY 1 : Priorities, objectives and programmes

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 1: Kicking off the Conference

Step 2: Looking at the core priorities of regional development

- Feedbacks from previous perspectives and present generation
- The green deal and climate change as main goal?
- RDI & innovation, what progress and for who?
- Social activities, training and education, key achievements ?
- Infrastructures, what is the main target ?
- Territorial development, a specific priority ?

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

2:00pm to 4.30pm

Step 3: Enlarging the scope and potential simplification

- Rural development synergies ?
- International Security, border management and defense ?
- Other issues and priorities for CPR?
- How many funds ? programmes ?
- The content of programmes : what simplification ?
 - Policy objectives and specific objectives
 - Indicators
 - Baselines and targets

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



15-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3.15pm

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DAY 2 : Definitions, instruments and controls

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 3: Screening the definitions and instruments

- Are the beneficiaries the real beneficiaries?
- What is an operation at the end of the day ?
- Outputs, results, deliverables all clear ?
- SCOs for all ? At what level ?
- Financial instruments the future of intervention ?

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Step 4: Keeping the focus of controls and audit

- Risks management, how to still keep the control ?
- Competition rules (PP and state aid), how deep is your check?
- The specific Selection of the documents and data for contracts
- The dialogue between authorities, beneficiaries and partners
- The potential corrections and changes
- The now IT and reporting systems

Evening session

Step 5: Sharing experiences and building capacities

Dinner with all participants and ETCP

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DAY 3 : Practical implementation and territorial issues

Morning session
9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 6: Optimising the use and visibility of EU funds (Visit on-the-spot)

- Specific targets, outputs and results
- Timeline and calendars of application
- Specific success conditions
- Recommendations about the communication
- Implementation of the outputs
- First results and potential impact
- Accounting, control and reporting issues

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Step 7: Improving the impact on the group of EU funds

- Specific attention paid to governance and partnerships (local stakeholders, local action groups, coordination between regional and national level...)
- Selection of the documents and data to be collected
- The reports and checklist to be used
- The dialogue with beneficiaries and partners
- The communication to the public
- Example of interactive plan for communication and partnerships
- Case studies on specific elements

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DAY 4 : Contribution and testimonies for the future

Morning session

9.00am to 12.30pm

Step 8: Sharing your best practices and expectations

- RDI and SME
- Digital agenda
- Green deal, climate change and energy
- Mobility and transports
- Social activities, training and education
- Territorial targets and impacts
- Application and use of common indicators
- Application of SCOs
- Integration of Grants and financial instruments
- Control of Public procurement
- Notification of State aid Schemes
- Selection and awarding of grants

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Step 9: Drafting Contribution "green" paper

- Key principles and points for the future of cohesion policy
- Key steps to be taken at IB / MA and AA
- Specific recommendations for the improvement of the visibility of the programmes

Saving your seat step-by-step:

- 2-step online registration
 - Pre-registration
 - *Saving your seat*
 - *No cancellation fees*
 - Final registration
 - *Venue and final invitation for each participant*
 - *e-invoice*
 - *Full Access to documents on ETCP platform*
- 1 certificate at the end
 - Ex-ante and final Quiz
 - Certificate of attendance & qualification for each participant

Project and programme management

Upgrading the full application pack : Calls, Contracts, Claims and Checks

Days	Total net amount €	Discounts	Including
Face-to-face			
4-day	1545	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, full access to ETCP platform and quizzes, certificate of qualification
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