



MASTERING EU SIMPLIFICATION PRACTICAL STEPS

A practical Masterclass beyond Gold Plating : Essential-Only Approaches for Intervention Efficiency

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Shift the general approach

Presenting all Simplified Cost Options by thematic and their success conditions and adopting in general an approach not based on documents but on data and targets

Focus on the essentials

Focusing on possibilities to relate checks and calls to sound outputs and results and not inputs

Streamline the process

Thoroughly testing the allocation of means by function, step and tasks and make it more efficient to reduce backlogs. Adaption of documents and tools through the audit trail

Make quick wins

Introducing specific fast tracks procedures and more flexibility for the changes of activities and expenditures. Adapting eligibility rules and checks

Keep it secure

Implement effective controls, risks management to ensure proper identification and correction of errors. Focusing on key and essential infringements

Change team management

Investing in training and professional development to ensure staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to implement simplification steps

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— 12 March —

- 1 Welcome and introduction - key concepts and definitions : spendings/achievements
- 2 Module 1 : Review of Administrative burdens ·Review of Technical burdens ·Review of Financial burdens ·Responsibilities on the beneficiary side ·Responsibilities on the Authorities side
- 3 Lunch
- 4 Module 2 : **The quick wins** : Fast tracks procedures, SCOs without calculations, changes and flexibility of Contracts, checks and approvals
- 5 Module 3 : Specific and sensitive issues: Reporting on outputs and results ·**Non eligible projects and expenditures**

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- 6 Module 4 : Presentation of application of SCOs and the most promising ways to combine real and simplified costs and Financing Not Linked to the Costs
- 7 Module 5 : **works in groups about SCOs** ·Simplification of verification and claims for some repetitive expenditures / interventions - introduction of Lump sums and Unit costs
- 8 Lunch
- 9 Module 6 : Presentation of the **specific simplification of Staff Costs** : from Timesheets to modernised reporting
- 10 Module 7: work in groups about Staff Costs, their calculation and simplification

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- 11 Module 8 : **Risk management** : related with appraisal and verification : example of integrated systems from ex-ante to ex-post checks - source of data for risk factors
- 12 Module 9 : Possible **integration of AI** to optimise the package and reduce the risks
- 13 Lunch
- 14 Module 7 : Screening of the Management and Control system : separation of functions and tasks. Responsibilities and tools. Concrete work on the **audit trail**
- 15 Module 10 : Action Plan

WELCOME TO OUR KEY POINTS OF PRESENTATION



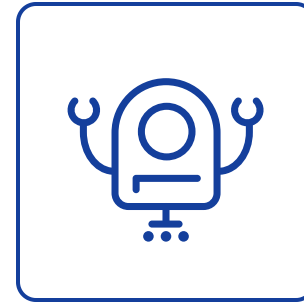
EU and public funds

Setting a specific strategy of simplification for Public Funds (Cohesion, RRF & National Plans, regional, social, rural and urban strategies)



Funds Absorption

Ensuring on time and secure absorption of funds. Finding the right balance between reduced delays and proportionated checks



SCOs and Staff Costs

Applying the right option to the right situation : anticipating the bias and adapting the contracting and reporting models



Process and rules

Understanding the change in the process Exploring the national burdens and potential Guidance for officers and recipients

These are already examples of simplification of EU and public funds management. By understanding the different options and success conditions, we pave the way of an effective and sustainable effort avoiding gold-plating approach.

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FRANCK is a well-known International Expert in EU and Public Funds management integrating the latest Guidance and Good practices about simplification. He will deliver to you a tailor-made Seminar going to the point of simplification adapted to your situation and background.

He will add a personal touch of AI and put you in concrete position of implementation of the simplification measures and steps you will choose.



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AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT
NO SIMPLER." - ALBERT
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