



Simplified Cost Options for ESI Funds

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The three-day hybrid course focuses on:

- ✓ Programme Level Financial Management
- ✓ How to Avoid Errors and Irregularities when Using SCOs?
- ✓ Control & Verification of Simplified Cost Options
- ✓ Risk-Based Management Verifications
- ✓ Setting up & implementing Lump Sums for ESI Funds incl. DG HOME Funds (AMIF, ISF, BMVI)
- ✓ How to make use of FNLCs in ESI Funds incl. DG HOME Funds
- ✓ Types of SCOs used in Cohesion Policy (Practical Session)
- ✓ Ex-ante Assessment of SCO Methodologies
- ✓ Legal Framework of SCOs
- ✓ Audit Aspects of SCOs
- ✓ Workshop Session

Programme

Day 1

09:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:15 Programme Level Financial Management

- Challenges with defining SCOs and how to overcome them
- DOs & DONTs when drafting and implementing SCOs
- Challenges with Technical Assistance as a flat rate

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10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 How to Avoid Errors and Irregularities when Using SCOs?

- Risk factors & mitigation measures
- Main errors in defining SCOs
- Common potential errors in implementing SCOs and how to prevent them

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12:45 Lunch Break

14:00 Control & Verification of Simplified Cost Options

- Rules and control procedures
- Programme level methodologies
- DOs & DONTs when checking SCOs

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15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Risk-Based Management Verifications

- Drafting the programme level methodology
- Extension of verifications
- Updating the methodology and embedding audit results

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17:00 End of Day 1

Day 2

09:00 Setting up & implementing Lump Sums for ESI Funds incl. DG HOME Funds (AMIF, ISF, BMVI)

- Lump Sums developments
- Lump Sums under synergy (AMIF, ESF+, ERDF)
- Good practices & working groups

Krasimir Nikolov

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 How to Make Use of FNLCs in ESI Funds incl. DG HOME Funds

- What is FNLCs and why to use it
- How to design FNLCs
- Good practices & working groups

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12:30 Lunch Break

13:45 Types of SCOs used in Cohesion Policy (Practical Session)

- Unit costs, flat rates, lump sums, FNLC – with practical examples
- SCOs and State Aid rules, Public Procurements rules
- SCO Network meetings & Riga meeting March 2024 outcomes
- Future outlook for ESIF with SCOs, post 2027 discussions

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15:00 Coffee Break

15:15 Ex-ante Assessment of SCO Methodologies

- Requirement to involve AAs in SCO methodology assessment ex-ante
- EC working document on partnerships between AAs and MAs
- Practical ex-ante assessment process in Latvia
- Case study of a lump sum methodology development

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16:00 End of Day 2

19:00 Boat Tour & Social Dinner

Day 3

09:00 Legal Framework of SCOs

- New programming period 2021/2027 and differences from 2014/2020 – emphasis on requirements for auditors
- Guideline on the use of SCOs from the European Commission (27.5.2021 final version) – insight in the recommendations listed for auditors

Tamara Kičić

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Audit Aspects of SCOs

- Breakdown of the audit of SCOs – system audit and audits of operations
- Walkthrough of the SCOs checklist used in audit
- Audit expectations from MA and IBs in 2021/2027
- Importance of the audit trail

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12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 Workshop Session

- Case studies on the audit role in SCOs: how to avoid errors

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14:45 End of Course & Distribution of Certificates

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Register

Venue

The Manor Amsterdam

Linnaeusstraat 89, 1093 EK, Amsterdam

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