



# **Amendment to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2195 of 9 July 2015**

**(regarding the definition of standard scales of  
unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of  
expenditure by the Commission to Member  
States (Article 14.1 ESF))**

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# Outline of presentation

- 1. Overview of Article 14(1) ESF mechanism*
- 2. The empowerment and the delegated act (DA)*
- 3. The Story so far...*
- 4. The proposed amendments by Member State*

# Article 14(1) ESF Regulation

## What is it?

- *An empowerment to allow the Commission adopt Simplified Cost Options using a Delegated Act*
- *Can apply to any Member State for any types of operations*

## Why use it?

- *Legal Certainty*
- *Accounting practices*
- *Can cover more types of operations*

## Article 14(1) ESF Regulation

- *While there is no obligation to act for the Commission...*
- *there is a strong political commitment from the Commission to support MS in implementing SCOs.*
- *Unit costs and lump sums included in the DA could be*
  - Proposed by an individual Member State based on its own data
  - Proposed by the Commission for a number or all Member States, based on for example Eurostat data.

# The Delegated Regulation

*Articles 1 to 4 cover:*

- *Subject matter and scope*
- *Types of operations*
- *Definitions of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums and their amounts*
- *Adjustment of amounts*

*Annex:*

- *One for each Member State*
- *Indicator definition, measurement unit and amount*
- *Adjustment of amounts*

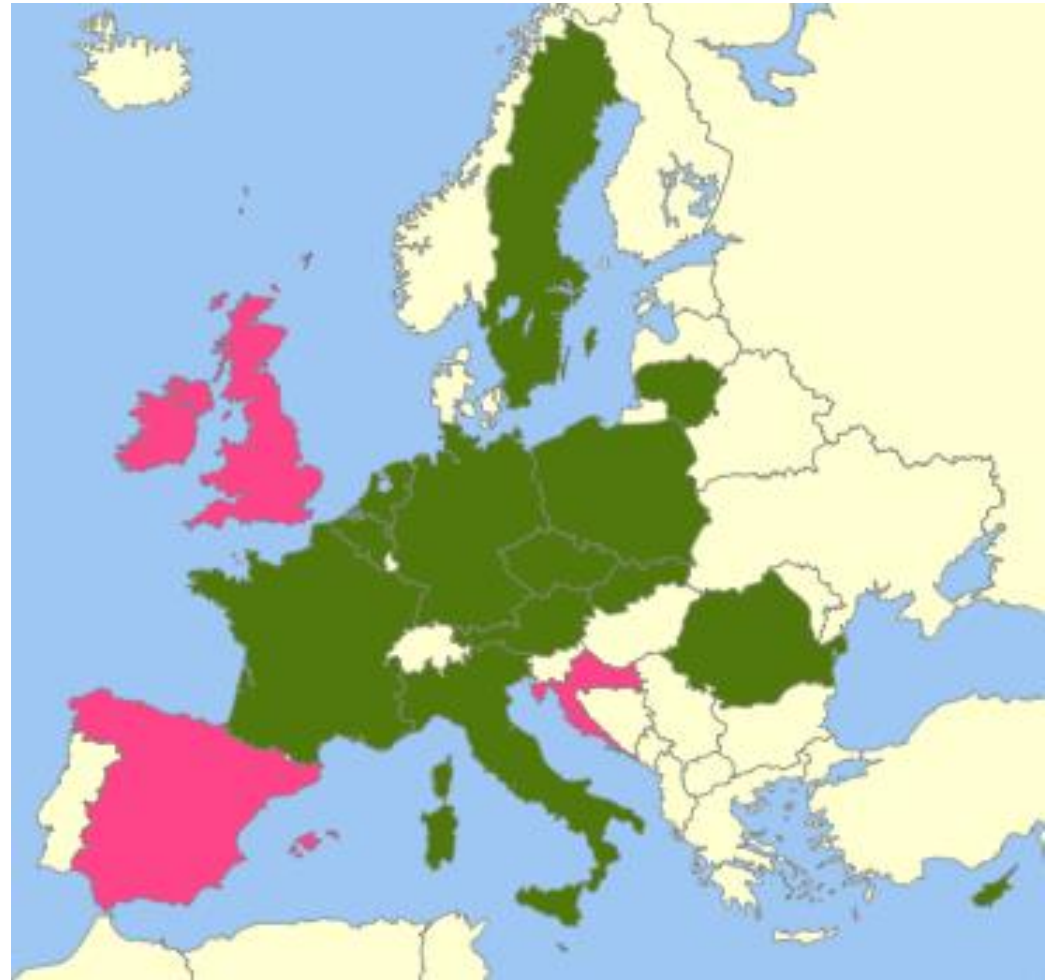
## The story so far...

- *Delegated Regulation 2015/2195*
- *amended 4x*
- *covering 14 Member States*
- *EU-level SCOs for education*



**Post 5<sup>th</sup>  
amendment  
(DA+)**

**18 Member  
States  
~ EUR 9 BN**



# DA: 5<sup>th</sup> amendment adopted by Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- *New annexes for **Croatia, Ireland, Spain and the United Kingdom***
- *Amending existing annexes for **France, Czech Republic, Malta, Slovakia and Cyprus***
- *Amending the existing annex for **EU-level SCOs on education***



# Delegated Act – 5<sup>th</sup> amendment

## ***Croatia:***

- *1 new unit cost for teaching assistants*

## ***Ireland:***

- *5 new unit costs for training of unemployed people (provided by the Education and Training Boards)*

## ***Spain:***

- *Unit costs for vocational training courses (SEPE registered)*

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## ***United Kingdom:***

- *Unit costs for apprenticeships (OP Northern Ireland)*

## ***France:***

- *Unit costs for training of unemployed people provided by accredited training organisations (OP Île-de-France, Rhône-Alpes & Auvergne)*

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## ***Czech Republic:***

- *Unit costs for mobility of researchers*
- *Unit costs for mobility of educational staff*
- *Unit costs for teaching assistants*

## ***Malta:***

- *5 new unit costs for training measures & preparation classes for specific exams (Youth Guarantee)*

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## ***Slovakia:***

- *Update of amount for UC 5 (Integration of pupils in kindergartens and schools)*

## ***Cyprus :***

- *Unit costs for the provision of a disability and functionality assessment*

# Delegated Act – 5<sup>th</sup> amendment

## *EU-level SCOs on education - clarifications on:*

- **Scope:** *Formal education and training operations (from early childhood education to tertiary level incl. formal vocational education and training) in all ESF OPs.*
- **Costs:** *All eligible costs directly related to providing core goods and services of education or training.*
- **Duration:** *Part-time courses now explicitly included*

# Conclusion

- *Article 14.1 ESF DA - extremely popular with national authorities (18 Member States covered & EUR 9 Billion)*
- *Real simplification on the ground.*
- *The European Parliament has been a very supportive of this process*
- *Commission will propose more amendments in the coming months*
- *Count on your support as much as ever.*



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*Thank you!*