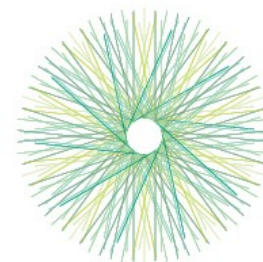


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Learning about EIP-AGRI implementation:
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**09:55-10:15 Simplification and reporting for EIP
Inspiration and examples**

- *Marina Hadjiyanni, Unit F1 – Conception & consistency of rural development, DG AGRI, European Commission*
- *Michael Schrörs, Head of Unit EU affairs, agricultural research and innovation, Lower Saxony Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, DE*
- *Simona Cristiano, Policy researcher, CREA – Center for Politics and Bioeconomy, IT*
- *Lisa van Dijk, Knowledge Exchange Programme manager, Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, UK*

10:15-10:25 Welcome by the host

- *Alessandra Pesce, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agricultural, Food, Forestry Policies and Tourism (MiPAAFT)*



New options with SCO's in EAFRD

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Novelties following recent legal amendments

1. Type of SCOs/Forms of support for grants

2. New methodologies for establishing SCOs

3. Additional options for calculating staff costs

4. Off the shelf flat rate for calculating remaining eligible costs (other than direct staff costs)

5. No more independent certificate required



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1. Type of SCOs/Forms of support for grants

- **Lump sums:** removal of the upper limit of 100.000 Euro
- **Introduction of a new form for grants and repayable assistance:** financing based on the fulfilment of conditions related to progress in implementation or the achievement of objectives of programmes - to be defined in **delegated act** (*under discussion*)



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2. Methodologies for establishing SCOs

- The fair, equitable and verifiable calculation method may be based on Art. 67(5)(a): (i) statistical data, other objective information or **on an expert judgement**
- Additional methodology for determining a SCO: use of a **draft budget** on a case by case basis and agreed ex ante by the managing authority or the authority selecting the operations, in case the public support does not exceed EUR 100.000



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2. Methodologies for establishing SCOs – draft budget

- Managing authority or authority responsible for the selection of operations can establish parameters (such as market surveys, expert judgements) or maximum cost levels to compare the most important budgeted costs against these parameters.
- It will not be necessary to compare the draft detailed budget proposed by the potential beneficiary with comparable operations.
- The expert judgement might be built on some kind of evidence of his/her expertise, and no exact calculation may be necessary.



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3. Additional options for calculating staff costs (1)

Staff costs:

- **New Art 68a(1) added:** Flat rate of **up to 20%** of the direct costs other than staff costs
- **No need to perform a calculation to establish the applicable rate** provided the direct costs of the operation do not include public works contracts above threshold in the public procurement directive



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3. Clarifications on staff costs (2)

Rules for calculating an **hourly rate for staff costs** (latest documented annual gross employment cost/1720 hours) have been **clarified**:

- in case of part-time work: pro rata
- in case annual gross employment costs are not available: use available data or employment contract adjusted for a 12 month period
- Number of hours declared/year cannot exceed the number of hours used for the calculation of the hourly rate



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4. Calculating remaining eligible costs

- **“Remaining” eligible costs (other than direct staff costs)**: flat rate of up to 40% of eligible direct staff costs **E.g. could cover indirect costs + direct costs**
- No requirement to execute any calculation to determine the applicable rate
- New provision clarifies that the **allowances and salaries paid to participants (=OG partners)** and are not included in the 'remaining eligible costs', but are **“additional” eligible costs**.
- Cannot be applied to staff costs calculated on the basis of a flat rate.



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Categories of Direct/indirect costs:

Direct costs could be e.g. Costs for seed, nutrients etc, travel costs, publication costs, outsourced costs for organising events, buying external expertise on the subject of the project

Indirect costs could be e.g. office supplies, electricity, external accountancy, telephone costs, leasing computers, measuring equipments



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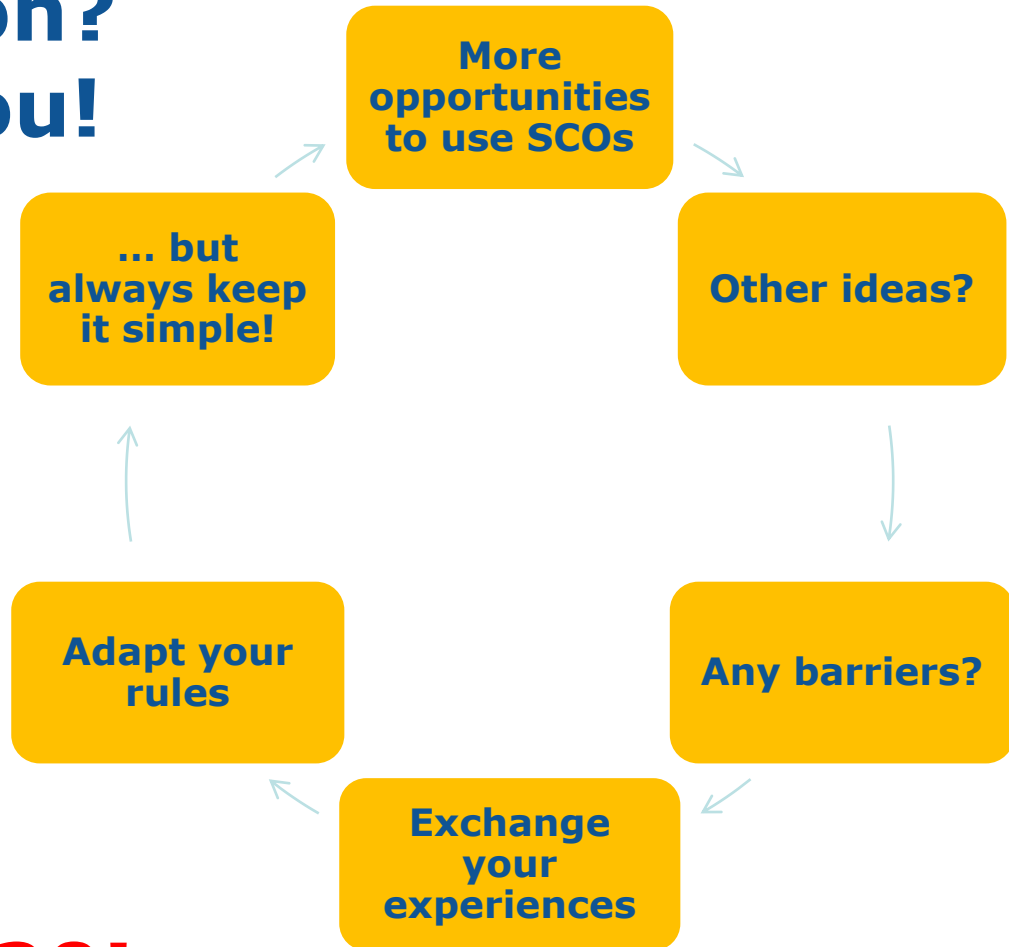
Certificate in line with Art 62(2) of R.1305: "an independent body with appropriate expertise shall verify that calculations follow a fair, equitable and verifiable method"

Not required anymore



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Simplification? It's up to you!



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