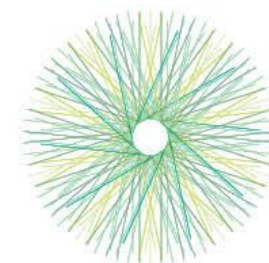


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EIP Seminar Break-out sessions - introductions
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Interactive session

Smart thinking – Is there room for simplification of procedures or forms?

What can help simplification:

1. Simplified cost options
 2. All kind of smart solutions your apply in your country
 3. Summarising your learnings from the seminar
- => Brainstorm here and continue over lunch, and later....

Interactive session – Smart thinking simplification

Info from the presentations

1. SE: examples of Simplified Cost Options (SCO)
2. ES Catalunya: a good ecosystem to promote good OG projects
3. IE, BE Flanders, RO: make the application form as light as possible + include SFC Common Format info on OG
4. Etc...

BASICS:

Simplified Costs Options (SCO)– R.1303 Art 67: Grants

- Art 67 (1) (b) **unit costs**
- Art 67 (1) (c) **lump sum** – max 100.000 €
- Art 67 (1) (d) **flat rate** = a % to a certain category of cost

The amounts shall be established:

1. Based on a **fair, equitable** and **verifiable** calculation method.
2. Based on existing methods.

Guidance and examples on SCO:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/thefunds/fin_inst/pdf/simpl_cost_e_n.pdf

BASICS:

1. Information to be included in the RDP

- Type(s) of SCOs to be used.
- Amount of support (at the latest before launching the call)
- Method (legal provision for the use of the SCO: Art. 67(5)(x) or Art. 68): no need to include the calculation itself.

2. Exact calculation:

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" (e.g. statistical body, consultancy firm, university, etc)

Simplified costs – R.1303 Art 67: Grants

How to calculate amounts?

- Art 67(5)(a): Use a "**fair, equitable and verifiable calculation method**" based on
 - i. statistical data or objective information,
 - ii. verified historical data,
 - iii. usual cost accounting practices of the beneficiary
- Art 67(5)(b): in accordance with rates applicable in **Union policies** for a similar type of operation and beneficiary
- Art 67(5)(c): in accordance with rates applicable in **national grant schemes** for a similar type of operation and beneficiary
- Art. 67(d) and (e): rates set in the **CPR** or in the **fund specific regulation**.

Simplified costs – Flat rate for indirect costs and staff costs (R.1303 Art 68)

- Art 68 (1) (a) **up to 25% of eligible direct costs** – if based on a "fair, equitable and verifiable calculation method, **or** if same method is applied under national schemes for similar operations and beneficiaries
- Art 68 (1) (b) **15% of eligible direct staff costs** – then no calculation needed
- Art 68 (1) (c) **a flat rate applied to eligible direct staff costs** – based on existing methods applicable in Union policies for similar type of operation and beneficiary

Latest documented annual employment : 1720 hours = hourly rate