

## ENRD Workshop

# ‘Simplified Cost Options: experience gained and new opportunities’

### Agenda

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### Background

The application of simplified cost options is one of the ways to improve and simplify the implementation of rural development programmes and LEADER local development strategies.

In some EU Member States, the application of simplified cost options (SCOs) has been part of RDP implementation since the early stages of this programming period and substantial experience has been accumulated. Furthermore, the Omnibus regulation has introduced additional opportunities to apply simplified cost options to further reduce administrative burden on both beneficiaries and implementing bodies.

### Objectives

In this context, the ENRD Workshop on ‘Simplified Cost Options: experience gained and new opportunities’ will bring together up to 70 participants from Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, National Rural Networks, the European Commission and other rural stakeholders to:

- increase relevant capacities of national and regional EAFRD authorities,
- learn from existing examples of SCO applications,
- explore the transferability of existing solutions both between Member States and RDP measures, and
- provide some insight on the possibility for using SCOs in the future

Timing	Agenda item
08 : 30 - 09 : 00	<b>Registration</b>
09 : 00 - 10 : 30	<b>Opening plenary</b> Welcome and introduction to the day (ENRD CP) Setting the scene – EC perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the basics of and experiences with SCO applications (DG Empl)</li> <li>- SCOs in the EAFRD (DG AGRI)</li> <li>- key principles in auditing SCOs (DG AGRI)</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
10 : 30 - 11 : 00	<b>Coffee</b>
11 : 00 – 12 : 15	<b>Plenary</b> EU MS and stakeholder perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preparing and calculating an SCO - Managing Authority perspective (Germany)</li> <li>- advantages of SCOs and the need for new applications - Local Action Group perspective (Austria)</li> <li>- expectations and reality of applying an SCO - Managing Authority and a local beneficiary perspective (Finland)</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> <li>- Introduction to the group working sessions</li> </ul>
12 : 15 – 13 : 15	<b>Lunch</b>
13 : 15 – 15 : 00	Three parallel <b>group work sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCO applications and RDP measures</li> <li>- SCO applications and LEADER (I)</li> <li>- SCO applications and LEADER (II)</li> </ul>
15 : 00 – 15 : 30	<b>Coffee</b>
15 : 30 – 16 : 30	<b>Closing plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- summaries and reflections on the group work</li> <li>- discussion</li> <li>- next steps</li> </ul>