



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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Article 14(1) ESF

What is it:

- The Commission defines in a delegated act unit costs or lump sums which can be used to reimburse ESF expenditure paid by Member States

Benefits of Article 14.1:

- Legal certainty: The Commission will not challenge the methodology or the amount of the SCO.
 - **Audit of methodology or SCO-amount is often cited as reason not to develop SCOs by national authorities**

Article 14(1) ESF

Benefits of Article 14.1 (cont.):

- *Reduced scope of audit: limited to verification of the output/result achieved*
- *Reimbursement: The amount is what the Commission reimburses to the Member State: National Authorities can opt to reimburse the beneficiary on a different basis and/or a different amount.*
 - **Potentially allows SCOs be applied to more operations, even where SCOs not normally allowed, for example public procurement.**

Article 14(1) – the Story so Far

- Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/2195 adopted on 9 July 2015
- Main Part: covers scope, types of operations, definition of SCOs and amounts, and adjustments.
- Annexes:
 - **Added unit costs for four types of operations in SE and one in FR.**

Article 14(1) – the Story so Far

- 1st amendment: Commission Delegated Regulation 2016/812 (adopted 18th March 2016)
 - **Added 5 unit costs for CZ and 2 unit costs for BE**
- 2nd amendment: Commission Delegated Regulation 2017/90 (adopted 31st October 2016)
 - **Added additional unit costs for CZ and new unit costs for MT, IT, SK, DE, NL**

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- *To be amended by Commission Delegated Regulation 2017/xyz (adopted on xyz)*

Covering:

- **Amendment to unit costs for SE**
- **New unit costs for CZ, MT, IT, SK, AT, LT, PL, RO**
- **New lump sums for NL**
- **EU-level SCOs on Education**

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Sweden

- *Amend existing unit costs to cover all costs of the operation (previously only staff costs and participant allowances in training operations)*

The Czech Republic

- *3 new unit costs added for operations related to inclusive support in Education (unit costs 25, 26 & 27)*

Malta

- *Unit costs for training of staff in enterprises (internal and external)*

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Italy

- *Three new unit costs for modules of educational classes for adults and disadvantaged youths.*
- *Three new unit costs for language training and internships, with or without international mobility*
- *Extension of unit costs under national YEI OP (training and other measures) to regional OPs*
- *Extension of unit costs for Industrial PhD positions to two more OPs*

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Slovakia

- *Unit cost for monthly rate for teaching assistant*
- *2 Unit costs for hourly rate for training teachers*

The Netherlands

- *Lump sum covering Technical Assistance*
- *Based on implementation of the OP*

Austria

- *Unit cost for hourly rates for teacher's salaries*

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Lithuania

- *4 unit costs covering vocational training (broken down by duration) and informal vocational training*

Poland

- *Unit costs for transnational mobility to provide internships and work experience to young people*

Romania

- *Monthly rates of Employment aid paid to employers for hiring specific categories of workers*

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EU Level SCOs for Education

- *Unit costs covering price per participant per year in different levels of education*
- *Payment based on proving enrolment at 2- 3 stages during the year, based on national procedures*
- *Member State can claim this amount from COM without need of any other justification except proof of enrolment in education.*
 - **MS free to reimburse beneficiaries in another way = maximum simplification and flexibility**

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EU Level SCOs

- *First time the COM has proposed SCOs under Article 14.1 ESF on its own initiative*
- *Based on Eurostat-published data on the total public expenditure on each level of education, and the total number of pupils enrolled in each level*
- *Payment made for student who later drops out remains eligible.*
- *COM intends to use this approach to develop and adopt more 'EU level SCOs' to simplify implementation of ESF.*

Conclusion

- *Significant interest among Member States in 14.1 DA – 4th amendment imminent (covering DE, CY and FR) and a 5th envisaged later in 2017;*
 - **DA is most effective way to develop SCOs because of legal certainty and flexibility in reimbursement**
 - **Significantly reduces admin. burden for authorities and beneficiaries (because COM no longer needs to audit the beneficiary)**
- *COM estimates that total amount of ESF funding covered by all SCOs in the DA adopted will be **EUR 6 700 million***
- *First time **EU-level SCOs** adopted by COM, with more to follow*



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Thank you !