

HLG on simplification

Gold-plating

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Purpose of the presentation

1. **Scope of the Report**
2. **Areas of concerns and sources of complexity for beneficiaries with ideas for discussion**
 - Management and control system (audit)
 - Link between Cohesion policy and State aid policy
 - Primary and secondary regulations (timetable, size/detail, real need)
 - Public procurement
 - Monitoring and evaluation

CLARIFYING GOLD PLATING

BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF EU-LEGISLATION





What is gold-plating



Management and control system (audit)

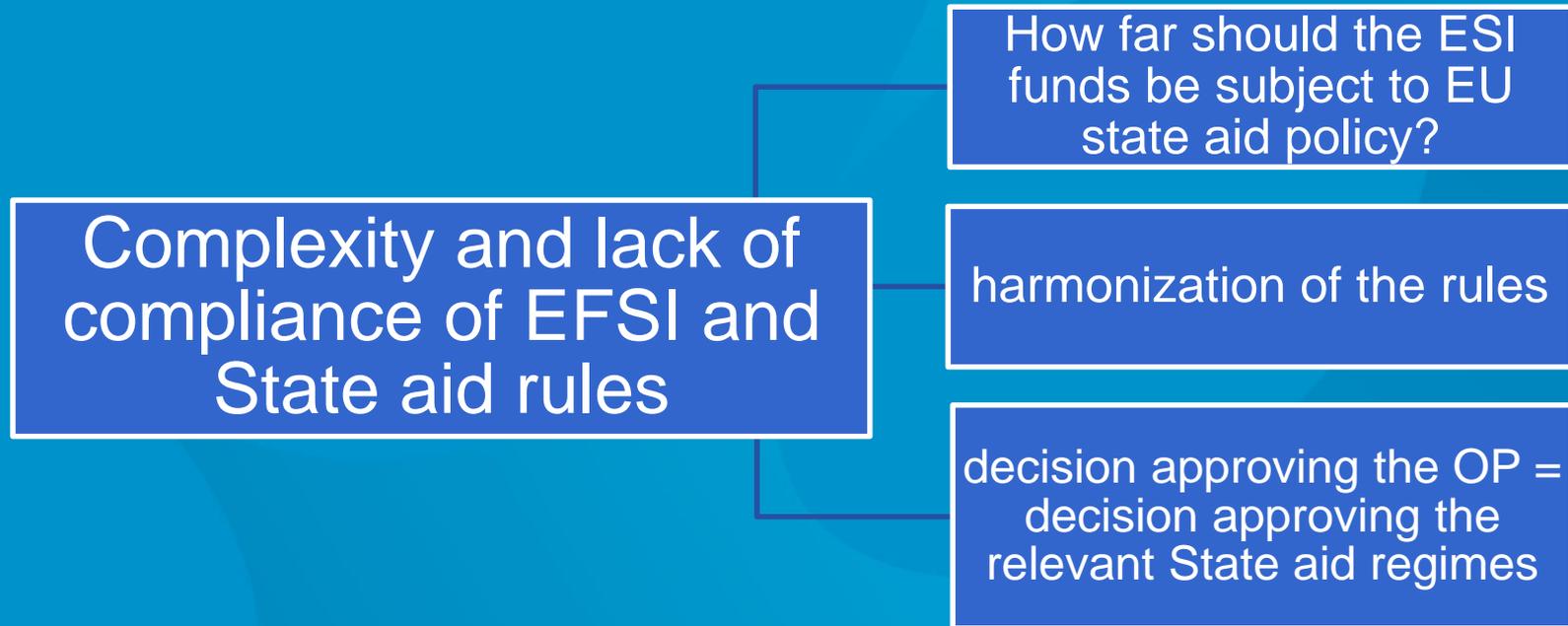
zero-error and zero-fraud
management rationale
increasing complexity of the
procedures
lack of trust

Subsidiarity: EU audit
concentrated on fewer areas:
high error rates, new and
innovative instruments,
performance audit, quality check
of national institutions

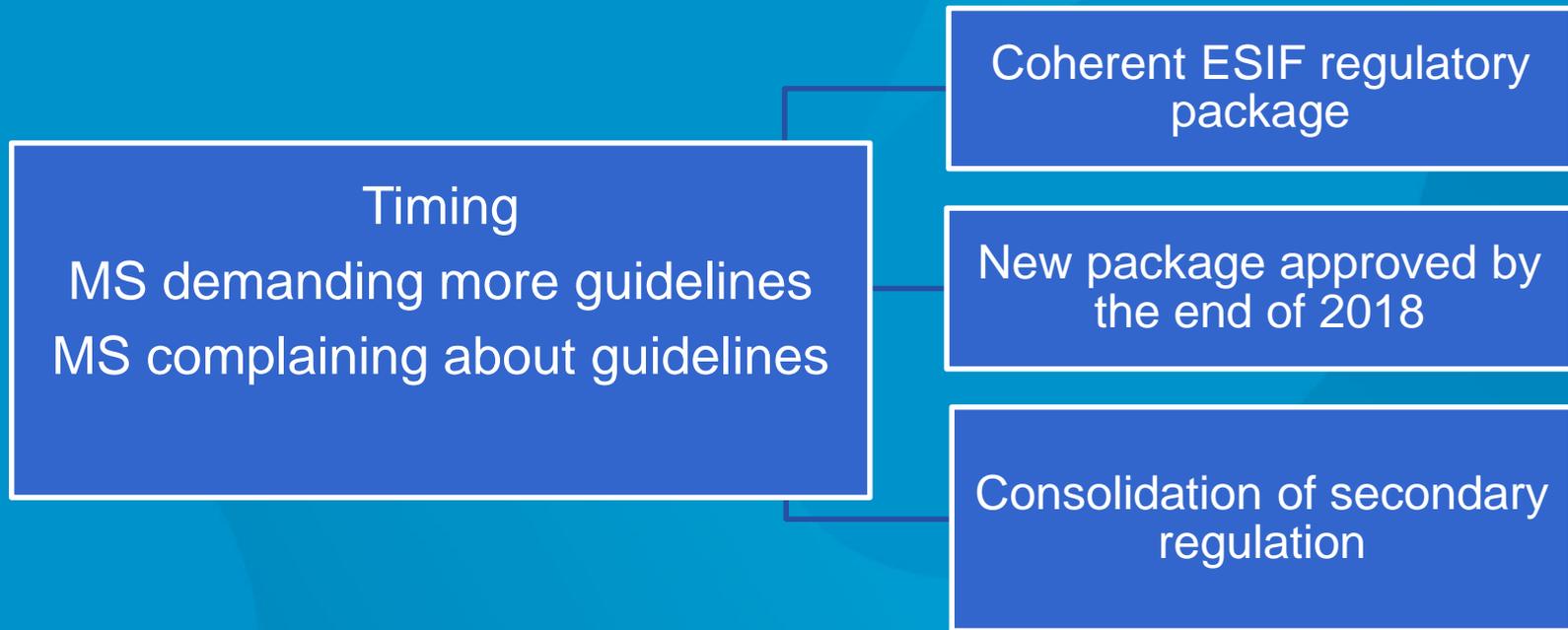
Subsidiarity:
joint audit frameworks/
joint interpretation compacts

Proportionality: definition of
systemic irregularity
Proportionality: audit committee
Preventive role of audit

Link between Cohesion policy and State aid policy



Primary and secondary regulations (timetable, size/detail, real need)



Public procurement

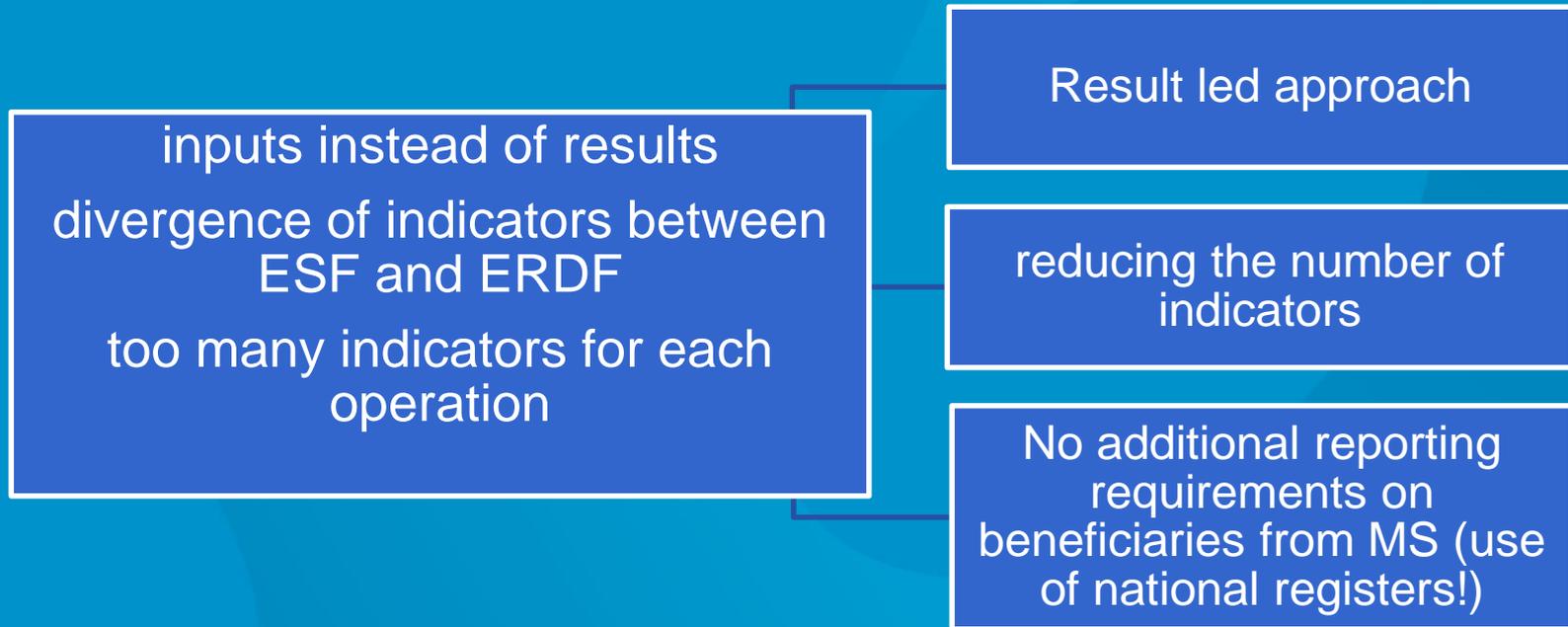
PP: complex, error-prone and lots of genuine gold-plating
lack of proportionality in application of corrections
PP rules much stricter for Cohesion policy than national funds

PP rules: regulations and not directives

Proportionality and subsidiarity of audit again!

Capacity and training both at national and EU level

Monitoring and evaluation



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