



Legislative and non-legislative initiatives to simplify the implementation of the EMFF

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as a reflection to the recommendations of the HLG

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Simplified Cost Options

Analysis of SCOs under EMFF shows that a significant part of the budget is covered by operations for which eligible expenditure is not calculated on real cost basis but is predefined as a compensation.

Consequences are as follows:

- *the estimated average level of the use of SCOs is 11.16% for the EMFF;*
- *the methodology for such compensations is included into the operational programme, thus the approval of the OP constitutes the pre-validation of the methodology;*

E-cohesion

- Even if e-cohesion is not applicable to the EMFF, more than half of the beneficiary Member States will partially or fully establish such electronic systems.
- HLG non-legislative recommendation: disseminating to MS the good practice examples
 - *the UK online application system was presented to the Expert group on the EMFF in June 2016.*
- MS fully applying e-cohesion may benefit from the amendment proposed to Article 140 (availability of documents).

Other simplification elements

- Due to the fact that the level of public aid intensity is pre-defined in the EMFF Regulation, almost all operations under the EMFF are proposed to be exempted from the provisions on **revenue generation**;
- As regards **state aid**, Articles 107-109 of the Treaty are not applicable to any payments (EU or national public) made pursuant to and in conformity with the EMFF Regulation.

**Thank You
for your attention!**