



Seminar on 2021-2027 programming

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MFF 2021-2027 negotiations

- Overall MFF: next version of the President Michel's compromise proposal ("negobox") expected in March ahead of extraordinary European Council (not yet scheduled).
- Negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council following the EUCO MFF deal will take at least 3-4 months.
- Working assumption: the MFF regulation will be adopted late in 2020 and new MFF will be in force from 1 January 2021.
- High time pressure for the MFF agreement leading to high risk of programming delays (adoption of programmes in the current context challenging before the second half of 2021).

MFF 2021-2027 HOME Funds negotiations

- HOME Funds: progress made mostly at technical level
 - Only one political trilogue so far in ISF and two in BMVI and AMF;
 - An agreement on the overall MFF is decisive to go forward more rapidly in the HOME funds;
 - Horizontal provisions between the HOME Funds have also slowed down negotiations
 - The Council and the Parliament have so far been open to align their positions to the CPR negotiations.
- Technical elements of the MFF proposals discussed in-depth, now it is time to accelerate at political level.
- We are optimistic that trilogues could be closed rather quickly after an agreement of the overall MFF.

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Programming process

Preparation of Member States' programmes MFF 2021-2027

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- Process for the preparation of the Member States' programmes is divided in an informal and a formal phase.
- Overall purpose: Programmes ready to be adopted immediately after the adoption of the Fund Specific Regulation/Common Provisions Regulation

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Informal phase:

- Member States to submit draft programmes by the end of April using the CPR programme template (Annex VI)
- Informal comments by COM within 4 weeks from the informal submission
- Member States to resubmit new versions following comments

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Partnership agreement (PA):

HOME Funds are excluded from the PA with one exception. MS have to describe in the PA the coordination, demarcation and complementarities* :

- between HOME funds
- between HOME funds and other CPR funds (ESF+, ERDF, CF, EMFF)
- between HOME funds and instruments under (in)direct management (e.g. Erasmus+, NDICI, Horizon Europe)

*CPR Article 8(b)(ii) and (iii):

“The Partnership agreement shall contain ...for each of the selected policy objectives:

ii) coordination, demarcation and complementarities between Funds and, where appropriate, coordination between national and regional programmes;

iii) Complementarities between the Funds and other Union instruments (...)”

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Programming fiches:

Programming fiches signaled the start of the informal programming phase

- Section on synergies with other Funds was aimed at starting the reflection on possible synergies with other Funds, especially under CPR in line with Annex D of the European Semester country reports
- Included possible examples for complementarities

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Formal phase:

- Formal timeline set in the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)
- MS are required to submit programmes within 3 months following the adoption of CPR/Fund specific regulation
- COM observations within 3 months after submission
- MS review programme and resubmit to COM
- Programme should be adopted by COM decision within an overall period of 5 months from the date of the formal submission

Programme template: Sections 1&2

Section 1: programme strategy

This section explains how the programme will address the main challenges identified at the national level based on local, regional and national needs assessments and/or strategies. It provides an overview of the state of implementation of relevant EU acquis and the progress achieved on EU action plans, and describes how the Fund will support their development through the programming period.

- List challenges and issues at the national level and important regional/local issues;
- List the EU acquis which is yet to be implemented at national level;
- Cover areas in which the programme will intervene and areas that will be addressed with national funds;

Programme template: Sections 1&2

Section 1: programme strategy

- Include what will continue from existing programme and why;
- Address what worked well and what did not work so well under existing programme;
- Include input from stakeholders;
- Use best practices from other Shared Management Funds whenever possible;
- Identify the expected end results:
 - Focus on long term and general results, and
 - Indicate the demarcation with the national budget

Programme template: Sections 1&2

Section 2: specific objectives

*This section describes, for each specific objective, the **initial situation**, main **challenges** and proposes **responses** supported by the Fund. It describes which **implementation measures** are addressed with the support of the Fund; it provides an indicative **list of actions** within the scope of Articles 3 and 4 of the AMIF, ISF or BMVI Regulations.*

- The baseline situation (2018-2019):
 - what are the priorities under the specific objectives
 - why and what, in light of challenges, will be addressed

Programme template: Sections 1&2

Section 2: specific objectives

Structure:

- (i) the baseline situation;
- (ii) challenges, referring back to the challenges at national level in the section programme strategy;
- (iii) list proposed interventions (nature and scope of implementation measures); and
- (iv) list examples of possible actions under these interventions. Actions of particular national importance for the programme should be listed among the examples.

Thank you

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