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Simplification and
Simplified Costs Option

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Spanish Participation

- Cross-border
  - Interreg España - Portugal
  - Interreg POCTEFA

- Interregional
  - Interreg Europe
  - Interreg North-West Europe
  - Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE
  - INTERact

- Transnational
  - Interreg Sudoe
  - Interreg Mediterranean

- ENI
  - ENI CBCMED

- PANORAMED
  - Governance platform
  - Lead partner

1.794 partners
11 programs
638 projects
351 Lead partners
SIMPLIFICATION MEASURES
OF THE INTERREG V-A PROGRAM
SPAIN-PORTUGAL 2014-2020
ADVANTAGES OF SIMPLIFIED COSTS

- Considerable reduction of the administrative burden
- Concentration of human resources in the achievement of objectives
- Lower error rate
- Application to every partner in all operations
SIMPLIFIED COSTS OPTION

- Article 68.1 b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013

FLAT RATE FINANCING FOR INDIRECT COSTS

- Indirect costs = 15% of direct staff costs

STAFF COSTS FOR THOSE WORKING PART-TIME ON THE OPERATION

- Staff costs = gross employment costs/1720 hours
## CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURE

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IMPLICATIONS

- All staff costs allocated to the “Staff Costs” category will correspond to direct staff.

- All "Office and administrative costs" will be considered indirect costs, and will be justified and verified in the same proportion as the “Staff Costs”.

- The categories of "Travel and accommodation", "Services and external experts" and "Equipment" (which are executed to a greater extent through contracting) are justified at real cost (eligibility rules), and the simplified cost option is not applied to them nor does it serve calculation.
Without invoices or proof of payment

Irregularities in staff costs will automatically imply corrections of office and administrative costs, in the same proportion.
FIRST-LEVEL CONTROL AND VERIFICATIONS

- Correct application of the method
- Clear definition of categories of expenditure
- No overlap between indirect and direct costs
- Compliance with the transversal principles of publicity, free competition, public procurement, equality of opportunities, environment and state aid
FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION

- **Online** management of applications and operations
- Implementation of *electronic signature* for all required procedures
- Storage of all information related to the operations/projects in the *Coopera 2020* software application designed for the management of the ETC OPs
Thank you !!