



**8<sup>th</sup> MEETING of the High Level Expert Group  
on Monitoring Simplification for Beneficiaries of ESI Funds**

**07 March 2017 (09:30 – 18:00)**

Room Siccó Mansholt, Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, B-1000 Brussels

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Point</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
	<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Reception and welcome coffee</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>09:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Agenda and opening remarks</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>09:45 – 10:45</b>	<b>Finalisation of the report on streamlined, more effective shared management</b>
<i>Coffee Break 10:45-11:00</i>		
<b>3</b>	<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Legislation and guidance (Siim Kallas, with contribution of Paweł Choraży)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure and scope of ESIF legislation</li> <li>• Structure and role of guidance</li> <li>• Alternatives to guidelines which could provide legal certainty</li> <li>• <b>Wrap-up and first conclusions by the rapporteur</b></li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>12:30 – 13:15</b>	<b>Commission reply to the report on cross-cutting audit issues</b>
<i>Lunch Break 13:15- 14:15</i>		
<b>5</b>	<b>14:15 – 15:30</b>	<b>Options for post-2020 audit and management verifications (rapporteur Olga Letáčková) – Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justification/options for arbitrage/conflict resolution</li> <li>• Reliance on national systems – scope, criteria, role of initial verifications/descriptions of management and control systems;</li> <li>• “Single audit+”: elimination of double-checks performed by the MA/IB/CA/AA;</li> <li>• Preparatory work of the national managing</li> </ul>

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		authorities at the level of the descriptions of management and control system
<i>Coffee Break 15:30-15:45</i>		
<b>6</b>	<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Options for post-2020 audit and management verifications (rapporteur Olga Letáčková) – Part 2 (incl. wrap-up discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope for the EU standardization and simplification for national legal verifications (common public procurement checklists, risk assessments, etc.)</li> <li>• Defining error/fraud rate</li> <li>• Scope and criteria for differentiation.</li> <li>• <b>Wrap-up and first conclusions by the rapporteur</b></li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Response of the HLG to REFIT platform submissions</b> (tbc)
<b>8</b>	<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Close of meeting and Any Other Business</b>