



DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification

15th meeting of DG REGIO Transnational Network (TN) on Simplification

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Crowne Plaza Hotel Limassol

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 19th October

9:00 – 9:30 EEST ¹	Registrations and welcome coffee
9:30 – 9:40 EEST	Welcome by the host Member State <i>Andreas Antoniadou (Accountant General of the Republic - Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus)</i> <i>Andreas Zachariades (Acting Director General – Directorate General Growth, Ministry of Finance - Managing Authority)</i>
9:40 – 9:50 EEST	Introduction to the meeting Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities. <i>Emma Toledano Laredo (Director, EC-DG REGIO F 'Better implementation, Closure and Programme Implementation III')</i> <i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)</i>
SESSION I – Moving forward on simplification	
9:50 – 10:00 EEST	I.1 - Introduction on simplification <i>Presentations by EC representatives</i>
10:00 – 10:30 EEST	I.2 – State of play of simplification and proposals to move forward Presenting the outcomes of the multi-country workshop held in conjunction with the TN meeting and proposals around the key areas for simplification in ERDF/CF and JTF programmes. <i>Presentations by TN members</i>

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10:30 – 11:15 EEST	<p>I.3 – Lessons learned and proposals on simplification – part 1</p> <p>Participants are invited to discuss, in a world café session, around the lessons learned for enhancing simplification in ERDF/CF and JTF programmes (Simplified Cost Options, Financing Not Linked to Costs / Recovery and Resilience Facility and other simplification measures). The session will serve to address a first set of key topics, selected on the basis of the outcomes of the TN survey on ‘next steps on simplification’.</p> <p><i>World café</i></p>
11:15 – 11:35 EEST	Coffee break
11:35 – 13:00 EEST	<p>I.3 – Lessons learned on simplification – part 1 (cont.)</p> <p><i>World café</i></p>
13:00 – 14:15 EEST	Lunch break
14:15 – 15:45 EEST	<p>I.4 – Lessons learned on simplification – part 2</p> <p>In this session, participants will address a second set of key topics relevant for simplification in ERDF/CF and JTF programmes, also selected on the basis of the outcomes of the TN survey.</p> <p><i>World café</i></p>
15:45 – 16:05 EEST	Coffee break
16:05 – 16:45 EEST	<p>I.4 – Lessons learned on simplification – part 2 (cont.)</p> <p><i>World café</i></p>
19:30 EEST	TN dinner

Day 2: Friday, 20th October

9:00 – 9:30 EEST	Registrations and welcome coffee
9:30 – 10:30 EEST	<p>I.5 – Planning the next steps for simplification</p> <p>The outcomes of the world café session are reported back and discussed in plenary. The rationale of this session is to validate the main proposals identified by TN members to further enhance simplification in ERDF/CF and JTF programmes and to plan the next steps for the TN.</p> <p><i>Reporting back and discussion in plenary</i></p>

SESSION II – Simplification in practice

10:30 – 10:40 EEST	<p>II.1 - Introduction and updates on Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) and Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC)</p> <p><i>Presentation by EC representatives</i></p>
10:40 – 11:20 EEST	<p>II.2 – SCOs in practice</p> <p>Presenting practical examples of advanced SCO schemes under ERDF/CF programmes.</p> <p><i>Presentation by TN members</i></p>

11:20 – 11:40 EEST	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:20 EEST	<p>II.3 – FNLC in practice</p> <p>Presenting and discussing draft proposals for FNLC under article 95 CPR prepared by TN members.</p> <p><i>Presentations by TN members</i></p>
12:20 – 12:45 EEST	<p>II.4 – Risk-based management verifications</p> <p>Presenting the work carried out by the TN working group on risk-based management verifications (RBMV), the updated case reports and maps of RBMV practices, and discussing the next steps on RBMV.</p> <p><i>Presentation by members of the TN working group on risk-based management verifications.</i></p>
SESSION III – Next steps	
12:45 – 12:55 EEST	<p>III.1 - Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recap of the main decisions, ideas and proposals. ▪ Planning the next meeting and activities. ▪ Updating the TN's Work Plan. <p><i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of the TN)</i></p>
12:55 – 13:00 EEST	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Charlie Grant (Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00 EEST	Lunch

