



# Interact Q&A on SCOs & audits

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# The EC participation: Why? How?

- *Because there is a Commission Guidance on the matter and still.. there is a real need to explain the rules*
- *Because there are certain persistent misunderstandings of the rules*
- *EC consultation process on the Q&A:*
  - Members of the WG: One auditor and one Better Implementation coordinator from REGIO
  - Exchanges with auditors, programme and quality officers, other DGs using SCOs under CPR



# The added value of the Q&A

- *It is the outcome of concrete exchanges between members of the WG*
- *It tackles specific issues affecting Cooperation programmes*
- *It will be considered from the Commission when updating its Guidance on SCOs*



ONE Commission position on SCOs :

*Use SCOs  
as much as  
possible!!!*



# How can we help?

- *Participation in events, seminars etc.*
- *Organisation of Peer to Peer workshops*
- *Update the Guidance on SCOs*
- *Provide answers to one-off questions from programmes*
- *SCOs workshop @ European Week of Regions and Cities– 11 October 2017*
- *Survey on current and intended use of SCOs – Report for early 2018 with analysis per Fund, category of region, types of operations etc.*



# Omnibus - Novelties for the establishment of SCOs

- *Draft budgets* : basis for a fair, equitable and verifiable method where public support <EUR 100 000.
- Commission *delegated act* for any type of SCO
- Through *financing based on fulfilment of conditions*.
- Mandatory for small ERDF / ESF operations <EUR 100 000 of public support



# Omnibus - Extension of SCO's to all ESI Funds

- *New Flat Rates*
  - *up to 20 % of the direct costs other than staff costs of the operation to calculate the direct staff costs.*
  - *up to 40 % of eligible direct staff costs to calculate all the other costs*
- No limit for lump sums
- Increased **flexibility** for the *hourly rate for staff costs*



*Thank you for your attention*