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Basis

- Different opinion documents (High Level Group, red tape, Interact workshop 30 January 2017, programme input)
- Proposed Regulation



What we wanted	What we got	Comments
General		
rules should be disentangled from mainstream programmes, fully integrated Regulation	 ✓ ⊖ 	
align Interreg with centrally managed programmes (H2020 etc.)	θ	
Programme reporting		
align timing & avoid doubling of work/information	√ ⊖	timing not aligned
no more AIR	\checkmark	
critical review of data to be collected	?	No information yet



What we wanted	What we got	Comments
Cash flow		
higher pre-financing (connected with the committed amounts)	θ	lower pre-financing
certification of advanced payments possible	θ	
no more of 10% ERDF retention	θ	
Management and control system		
roll-over & update, only in case of new programme/new MA new (no designation)	\checkmark	
integrate the CA tasks into the responsibilities of the MA	\checkmark	accounting function



2021-2027 What we got Comments What we wanted FLC organised at programme (MA) not clear if this was an level accident... risk-based verifications, no more 100% Audit Ξ 1 audit authority for all Interreg harmonised audit strategy for all Interreg audit of operations at Interreg level by EC & system audits programme audit authority raising materiality level from 2% to 5%



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Annual accounts		
exempt ETC	θ	
amend timing (align with other reporting) & avoid doubling of information (e.g. management declaration and annual summary)	θ	
Eligibility		
defined at EU-level Regulation	\checkmark	
hierarchy of rules kept (programme rules should be solution, national rules should be 'the last resort')	\checkmark	
no closed lists for budget categories, national financial transactions	θ	c/p of DA to ETC Regulation



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Use of Euro		
align regulations (ETC & CPR)	\checkmark	you're welcome goal 1 programmes
defrayed (debited) from accounts	θ	
one single method	\checkmark	
State aid		
exemption for Interreg	θ	
increase aid intensity to maximum co-financing rate of Interreg programmes	θ	
include large enterprises	θ	
enlarge GEBR Article 20 to umbrella for all Interreg projects	θ	Approved in enabling regulation by council \rightarrow



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SCOs		
EUR 100.000 limit lifted	\checkmark	
up to 15% flat on direct staff costs for T&A	θ	15% on all other costs
up to 80% flat rate on direct staff costs for all other costs	θ	
ex-ante validation of SCO's, define responsibilities	θ	
define standard scale of unit costs on EU level (more off-the-shelf)	?	potential delegated act to be published soon
define a fixed maximum rate for controllers' costs	θ	



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	TA flat rate	
	20% staff costs flat rate linked to public procurement (works, supplies & services)	No more stand-alone in ETC
	Hourly rate calculations	Wording in ETC different from CPR
	Single audit sample at Interreg level	
	Small project funds	
	Mandatory use of SCO if ERDF < 200.000 EUR for an operation	
	VAT eligiblity for operations < 5 mio	



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	No more 250€ non-correction	
	Max. of 4 interim payments	
	Fin. corrections for failure to comply with communication requirements	
	Data submisison every 2 months	Substitution of AIR
	N+2	



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