

# The Swedish AA's assessment of a proposal for SCO under Article 14.1 ESF

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# Outline

1. AA's arrangements with MA
2. Assessment of the models for SSUC for ESF
3. State of play when the models are implemented

# 1.1 The Swedish AA assessment of SSUC for ESF

- MA -> Model for SSUC for staff costs
- Description and calculation to AA
- MA application sent with AA:s statement
- Delegated Regulation 2015/2195

## 1.2 Timetable

- Sept 2012 MA launches a project to establish the model to be used 2014-2020
  - Flat rates and lump sums
  - Unit costs for staff and participants
    - Creating the model
    - Consultations, referral rounds, seminars and info to stake holders
- Jan 2014 request to AA to conduct ex-ante assessment
- Feb 2014 AA starts the assessment procedure
- Mar 2014 AA:s statement
- July 2015 Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2195

## 1.3 AA:s arrangements

Most important: to define the scope of our assignment

- Answer the two questions:
  - are the models for SSUC fair, equitable and verifiable?
  - are the arrangements to ensure verification, quality, collection and storage of data satisfactory and compliant with regulations?
- No other assessments (i.e. indicators)
- Bigger picture
  - Compliance, long run performance, risks?

## 1.4 AA:s work

To assess 3 models for

- UC for wages (participants in PA 1)
- UC for wages (function in the project PA 2)
- UC for participants allowances (in PA 2)

Documents received: Description of models, Excel-files.

Mainly desk work. Examination of documentation, check on calculations

Meetings and mail with request for clarifications.

## 2.1 Model for UC for wages 1.

Measurement unit for the indicator	Unit cost per hour (amount in SEK)		
Number of hours worked	Wage group SSYK code	Region Sthlm	All other regions
	1 (912, ...)	229	234
	2 (414, ...)	..	..
	3 (331, ...)	..	..
	4 (223, ...)	338	313
	5 (213, ...)	..	..
	6 (211, ...)	..	..
	7 (111, ... ABC)	801	625

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Annex 1

## 2.2 Model for UC wages 2

- Identification of five relevant and necessary occupations to run ESF operations in PA 2/3
  - Project manager major projects ( $> 2$  M EUR)
  - Project manager ( $\leq 2$  M EUR) and subproject managers major projects
  - Project worker (of different skills)
  - Project accountant
  - Project administrator



## 2.3 Assessment of model 1 & 2

Our work:

- Assess if the clusters were reasonably set up
- If the method seemed reasonable
- To repeat some calculations
- To download some data from the same sources and check if we end up with the same figure

## 3.1 Audit of operations when SSUC are fully implemented

- Does an employment relation exist?
- Is the occupation /role in the project correctly allocated to the job category?
- Are there time reports which verify the time worked on the project?
- Assessment if the time worked correspond to the work done (Progress report)
- No verification for actual salary, holiday pay liability, employers' contribution fees
- UC doesn't need to be recorded in an accounting system

## 3.2 Benefits

- Advantages for the AA and beneficiary
  - Less audit work, less on the spot visit
  - No audit issue (so far) on staff costs
  - Better predictability for beneficiaries
  - Shift of focus from financial to result

**Thank you!**