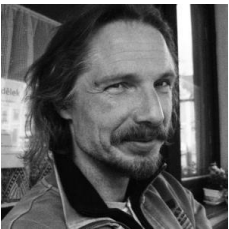
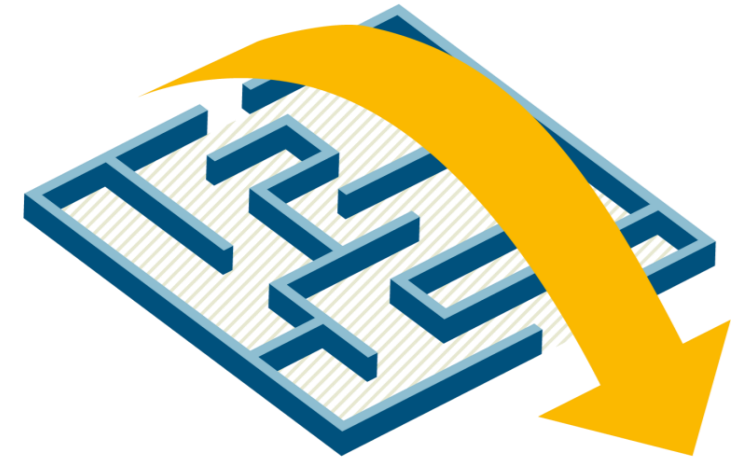


Keeping up with SCOs

07 July 2020 | Online, Zoom

Welcome!



Bernhard



Grzegorz



Iuliia



Katja



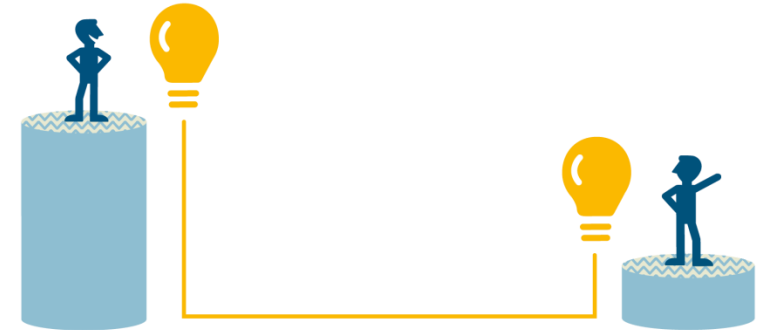
Mattias



Alexandra

Why are we here and if, how many?

- Objectives
 - Keeping in touch and the momentum
 - Sharing results on different activities (Bratislava until now)
 - Giving room to questions and provide answers (hopefully)
- Format
 - 7 July, 09.30 – 12.30 CET
 - Time & timing
 - N° participants <-> interactivity
 - Thematic workshops on 8th and 9th July



Agenda for today

<p>Talking at you</p> <p>09.30 – 11.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community (Iuliia)• Updates legislation and COM's SCO network (Katja)• SCOs & HIT & monitoring system post2020 (Alexandra & Mattias)• Publications at your disposal: Roadmap to programme-specific SCOs, small CBC survey, draft budget factsheet (Greg & Iuliia)• Preparation cost lump sum – state of play (Katja)• Unit costs for events – example approach with Interact data (Katja)• Staff costs – functional groups, unit costs experimentation with Eurostat data (Iuliia & Bernhard)
<p>11.00 – 11.15</p>	<p>Comfort break</p>
<p>Talking with you</p> <p>11.15 – 12.30</p>	<p>Interreg RO-BG testimonial</p> <p>Q&A session</p>

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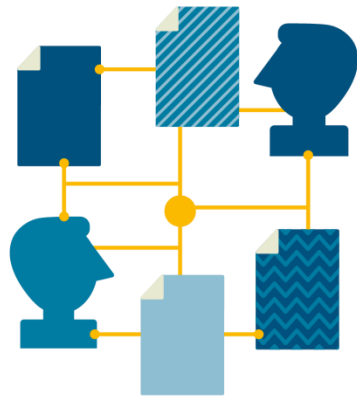
... we might not be able to address

- Financing not linked to costs
- Closure lump sum



Updates from Interreg SCO's Community

But first .. How to?



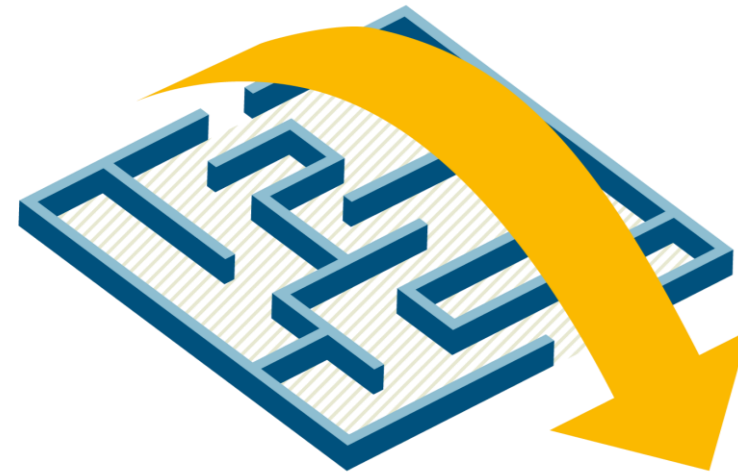
Interreg SCO community

88 members and growing!

If you're not a member yet, contact sco@interact-eu.net.

Main blocks of the community:

- Discussions
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- Files
- Bookmarks
- Events





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Appendix 2 (proposed Cooperation Programme template)

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Future SCOs - programmes planning to use Article 88 CPR 2021-2027

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SCO for project managemnt equipment

Last post by [Katja Ecke](#) | May 18 | 9 replies

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SCOs for events (lump sums & unit costs)

Last post by [Katja Ecke](#) | May 14 | 7 replies

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Unit costs for staff

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Hourly rate per MS based on Eurostat data

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Proposal for harmonised rules in Interreg programmes for one hourly rate per MS to calculate staff costs based on the data from Eurostat

Legal basis: According to Regulation [new Interreg], Article 38(3)(b) and Regulation [new CPR], Article 48(2), and Regulation 1303/2013, Article 67(5)(a)(i), t established using one of the following ways; i.e., a fair, equitable and verifiable calculation method, based on statistical data, other objective information or e

Description of the method

Regulations provide for a possibility to establish the simplified cost options based on a fair, equitable and verifiable method. The calculation method can be t objective information.

Statistical data and other objective information refer to verifiable data from documented sources. Historical data extracted from programme's internal databa data (e.g., MA's data originated from the previous project applications, payment claims, invoices for specific types of activities, etc.).

Statistical data covers, for instance, statistical data from Eurostat, ESPON, national statistics (e.g., minimum wage, rates for daily allowance), data from the statistical surveys, statistics from universities, etc.

The data on the hourly rate (unit cost) of labour costs per Member States is compiled by the statistical office of the EU, Eurostat. Data is available per categ Regulation (EC) 1893/2006.

With the objective of harmonisation of the staff costs calculation methods in Interreg, **the proposal is to use the existing statistical data on the unit cost based on the available data from Eurostat.**

When developing this calculation methodology, we'll have to make sure that:

- the method is based on the documentary evidence which can be checked (verifiable),
- the data used is realistic, reasoned, relevant and explained (fair – the methodology behind the hourly rate from Eurostat is suitable for Interreg specificities
- the method does not favour some beneficiaries (equitable).



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Hourly rate based on E...

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Lump sum for preparation ...

Lump sum for closure costs

Quality assessment of SCOs

Project changes and SCOs

Draft budget method

New Page

Updates legislation & COM's SCO network

Legislation (Post 2020)

- Clarification on use of Appendix 2
 - Programmes can continue current approach using SCOs & reporting to COM (covered by Articles 48-51 future CPR)
 - If programmes wish to implement a SCO towards the COM (art. 46/88) – can be the same as for the beneficiary or different - appendix 2 (fully filled, including AA opinion) has to be submitted with the CP.



Updates legislation & COM's SCO network

Legislation (Post 2020)

- Clarification on use of Appendix 2

Programme and projects (partner) (Article 48)	Commission and the programme (Articles 88)
Reimbursement on the basis of any of the forms set out in Article 48	Reimbursement on the basis of SCOs or financing conditions set out in the programme or in a Delegated Act
No legal assurance from the Commission (you can still have ok from your AA, or not)	Legal assurance included through the Commission decision within the CP, based on audit opinion of AA
Audits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will look at the amounts paid - Verification of methodology 	Audits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited at verifying that the conditions for reimbursement to the programme have been fulfilled - Amounts paid to projects are not subject to audit

Updates legislation & COM's SCO network

Legislation (Post 2020) (cont.)

- No decision on wording for travel & accommodation flat rate (reminder: COM & EP & Council have different proposals – Council proposal closest to programmes' reality)
- Draft-budget provision from CPR (Article 48(2)(b)) copied to small project funds, Article 24(6) in ETC Regulation



Updates legislation & COM's SCO network

COM's SCO network - highlights

- Online event 2 July
 - COM wanted to know if there is an interest for EU-level SCOs → yes, but timing is crucial
 - Agreement to work on simplification beyond SCOs
 - Financing not linked to costs to be addressed in special meeting (high interest of MS)
- More information + meeting documentation: [Web-site](#)

Project selection

Administrative and Eligibility Checklist

YES

Quality Assessment Criteria

Strategic and Operational Assessment Criteria

ETC specific indicators

Budget lines fact sheets

Application Form

A – Project Summary
B – Project Partnership
C – Project Description
D – Project Budget
E – Partner Budget
SPF + micro projects
State Aid

Project / Partner Progress Report

PART A – Activity report
PART B – Finance report

Project Final Report

Project implementation

Progress Report Monitoring Checklist

Control Certificate

Control Checklist

Control Report

Complaints Procedure
Project Partnership Agreement
Subsidy Contract

HIT

Two additional budget lines...

Programme defined lump sums (using only 1 budget line)

[illegible]

1.1 Project lump sum summary

	Programme Lump sum	ERDF	Quantity	Total Eligible Costs	Description
1.	Preparation costs	15.000€	1	20.000€	Preparation
2.	Closure costs	7.500€	1	10.000€	Closure
3.					

1.3 Project Partner 1: lump sum summary

	This section indicates what cost categories each lump sum includes (automatic)	Staff costs	O&A	T&A	External expertise	Equip	Infra & Works
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	Pre-defined Programme lump sum	ERDF Cost		Quantity	Total Eligible costs	Description	
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2.							
3.							

1.4 Partner budget (part E.4)

Programme defined lump sums (using only 1 budget line)

Partner	Funding	Staff	O&A	T&A	External expertise	Equip.	Infra & Works	Lump sums	Unit costs	Total Eligible budget
PP1	ERDF							15.000€		

SCOs & HIT & MS post2020

MS post2020 - Updates in relation to SCOs

- Definition of Requirements based on legal framework and HIT
- SCOs as part of the HIT application form and the partner/project progress reports

Setting up Thematic Groups working on specific topics (CG):

- Intervention Logic
- Finances including SCOs
- State Aid



SCOs & HIT & MS post2020

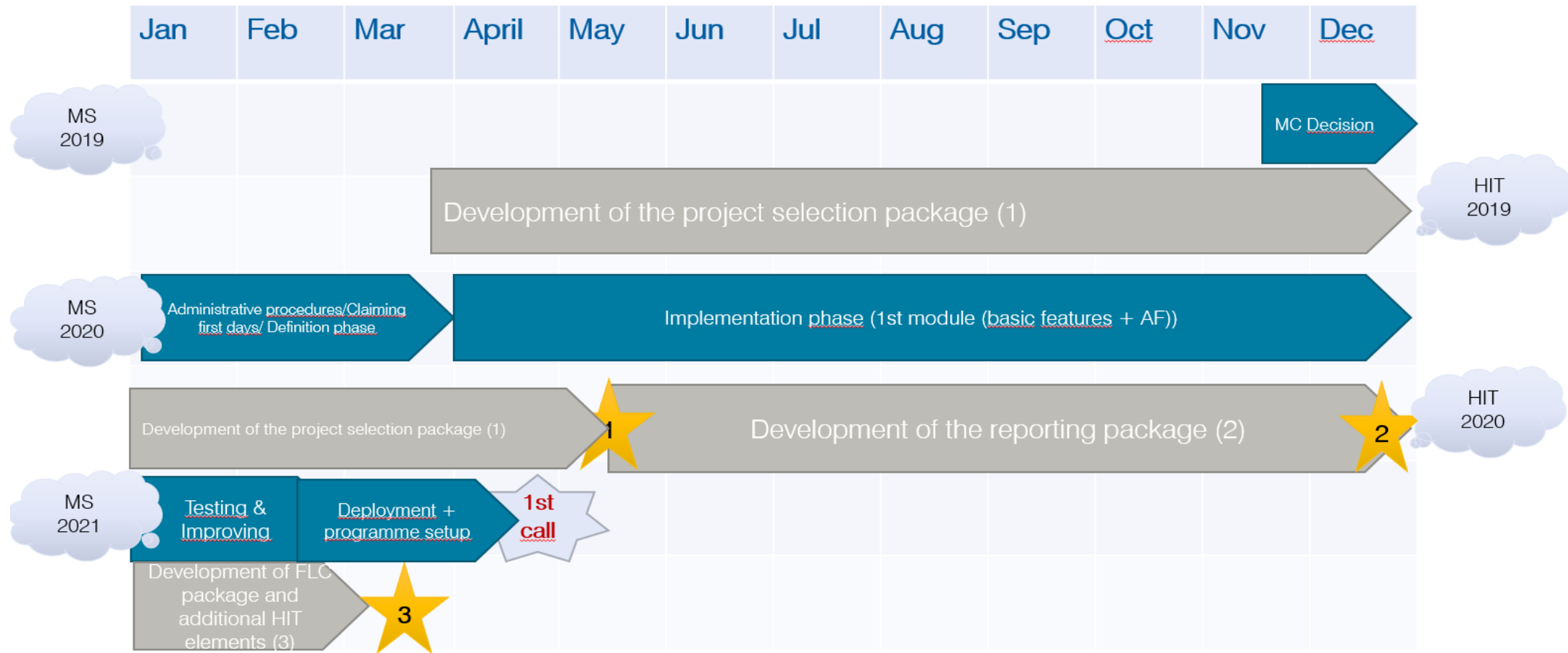
MS post2020 - How to get involved:

- Sign up to the Interact Community ["Thematic network on post 2020 monitoring system"](#)
- Participate in **Sprint Review** meetings
- Sign up as a tester via e-mail to aija.prince@interact-eu.net



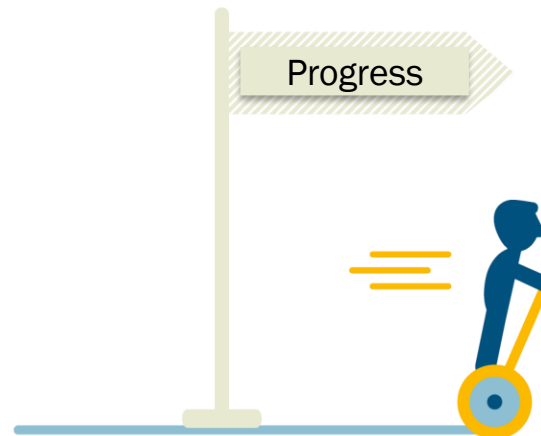
Send us your ideas via the **idea template!**

HIT & MS post2020 - Timeline



Updates on SCOs activities

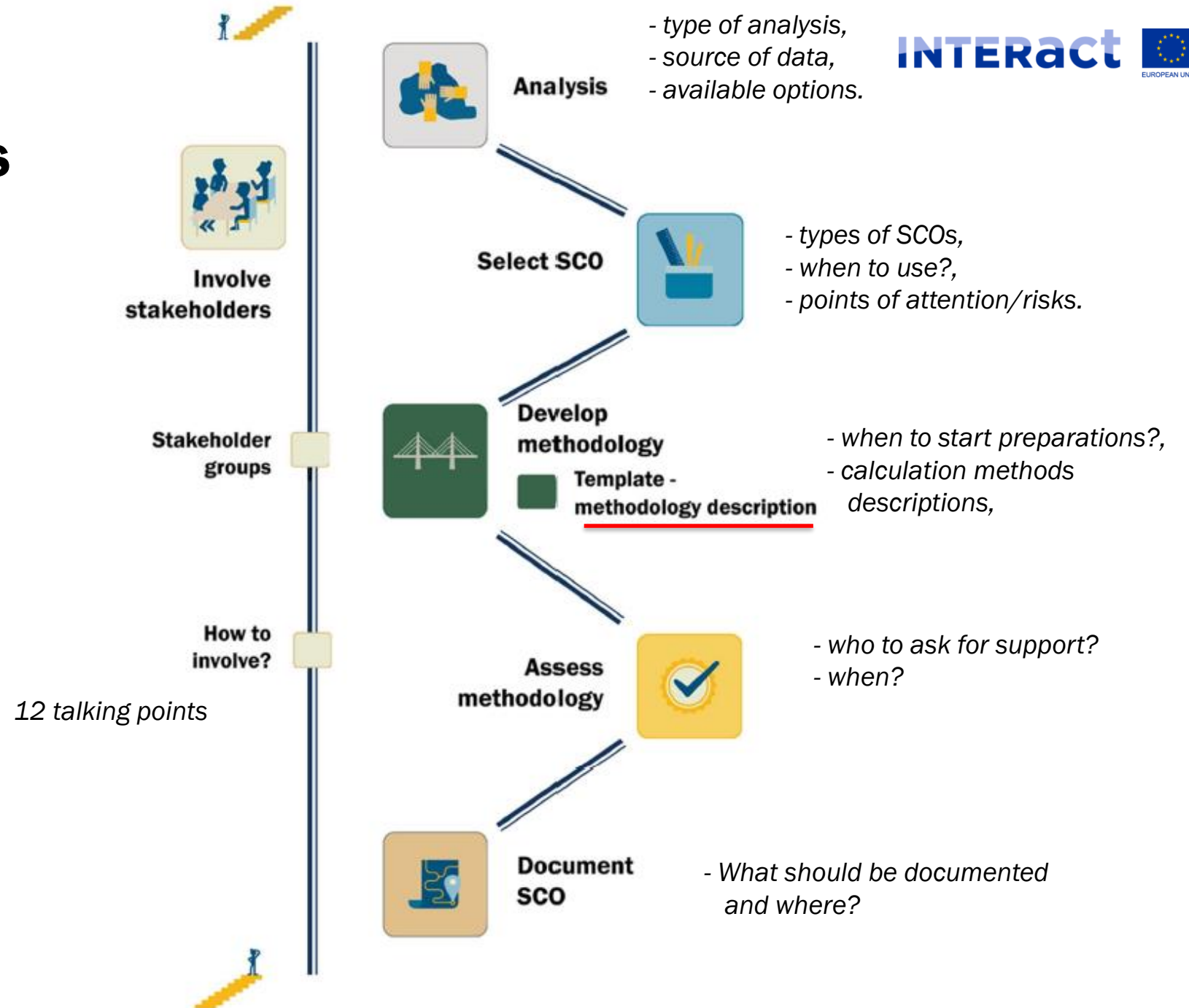
Developments after Bratislava event



Recent publications

Road map for a programme-specific SCO,

June 2020



Recent publications

Simplified Cost Options in the context of small cross-border programmes

- 17 programmes /ERDF budgets below 100 m €,
- main takeaways:
 - ✓ For the next programming period growing interest in SCOs among small CBCs (not only *off-the-shelf* flat rates but also lump sums),
 - ✓ UC should be precise and as close to real market values as possible (particularly important for SMEs).

Draft budget fact sheet*, April 2020

Project life cycle stages

Call for project proposals and project application

Quality assessment (incl. tips for 'formalisation' of VfM), approval, contracting and documentation

Monitoring, management verification

Audit

Other considerations (draft budget vs real costs)

Opportunities/ challenges + practical example



**You can download fact sheet in Interreg SCOs community/ Files/ Draft budget folder*

Preparation cost lump sum

Background

- SCO event Tallinn (09/2019)
 - discussion on continuation of existing methodologies & updates
 - options for programmes not using it now
 - Interact to explore possibility for a joint Interreg methodology for establishing preparation costs lump sum
- Intermediate discussion with programmes at Finance Network (12/2019)

Preparation cost lump sum

Proposal at Bratislava event (02/2020)

Eligibility period

Beginning of programming period until approval of project (MC decision)

Data basis

Historic programme data

What's in the box

All expenditure needed for preparation of project; all budget categories covered

What's not in the box

Large external input for investment projects, being requirement for eligibility of the project, i.e. feasibility studies, environmental impact studies

Calculation method

Σ of certified preparation costs of approved projects divided by the number of approved projects → average real preparation costs

Preparation cost lump sum

Discussion at Bratislava event (02/2020)

- Does not match reality of set-up of existing preparation cost lump sum

Eligibility period

- Beginning of programming period until approval of project (MC decision)

Could be solved with wording, e.g. Beginning of programming period until start of implementation phase?

Preparation cost lump sum

Proposal at Bratislava event (02/2020)

- Not all interested programmes have historic data available

Data basis

- Historic programme data

Will be the focus during workshop session on 9 July

Preparation cost lump sum

Proposal at Bratislava event (02/2020)

- Different preferences due to different programme realities

What's in the box

- All expenditure needed for preparation of project; all budget categories covered

What's not in the box

- Large external input for investment projects, being requirement for eligibility of the project, i.e. feasibility studies, environmental impact studies

Change requires changing... Possible?

Preparation cost lump sum

Proposal at Bratislava event (02/2020)

- Does not match established calculation methods, programmes hesitant to change applied methodology

Calculation method

- Σ of certified preparation costs of approved projects divided by the number of approved projects \rightarrow average real preparation costs

Might have to be programme specific?

Preparation cost lump sum

Agreement from Bratislava

- Interact to further look into established preparation costs lump sum → majority approach possible?

Survey on existing lump sums

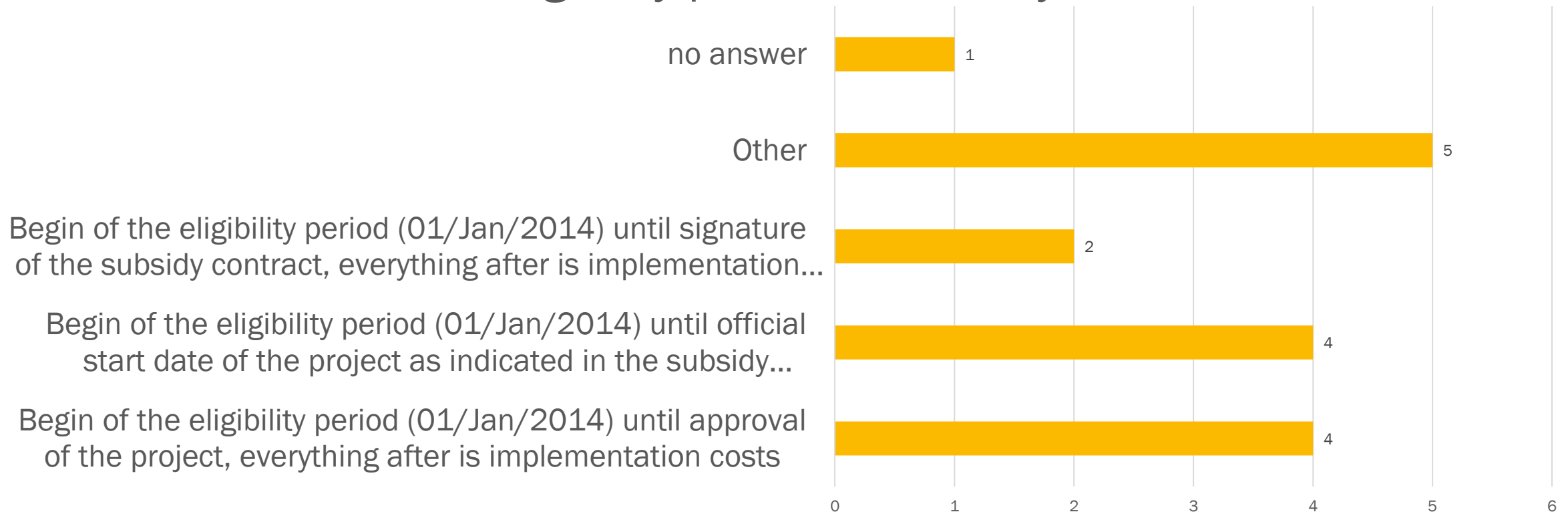
- Screening of programme documents to identify programmes with lump sum → 30 programmes
- Invitation to complete short survey
- 18 responses

Preparation cost lump sum

Results from survey

- Eligibility period

What was the eligibility period covered by the data?

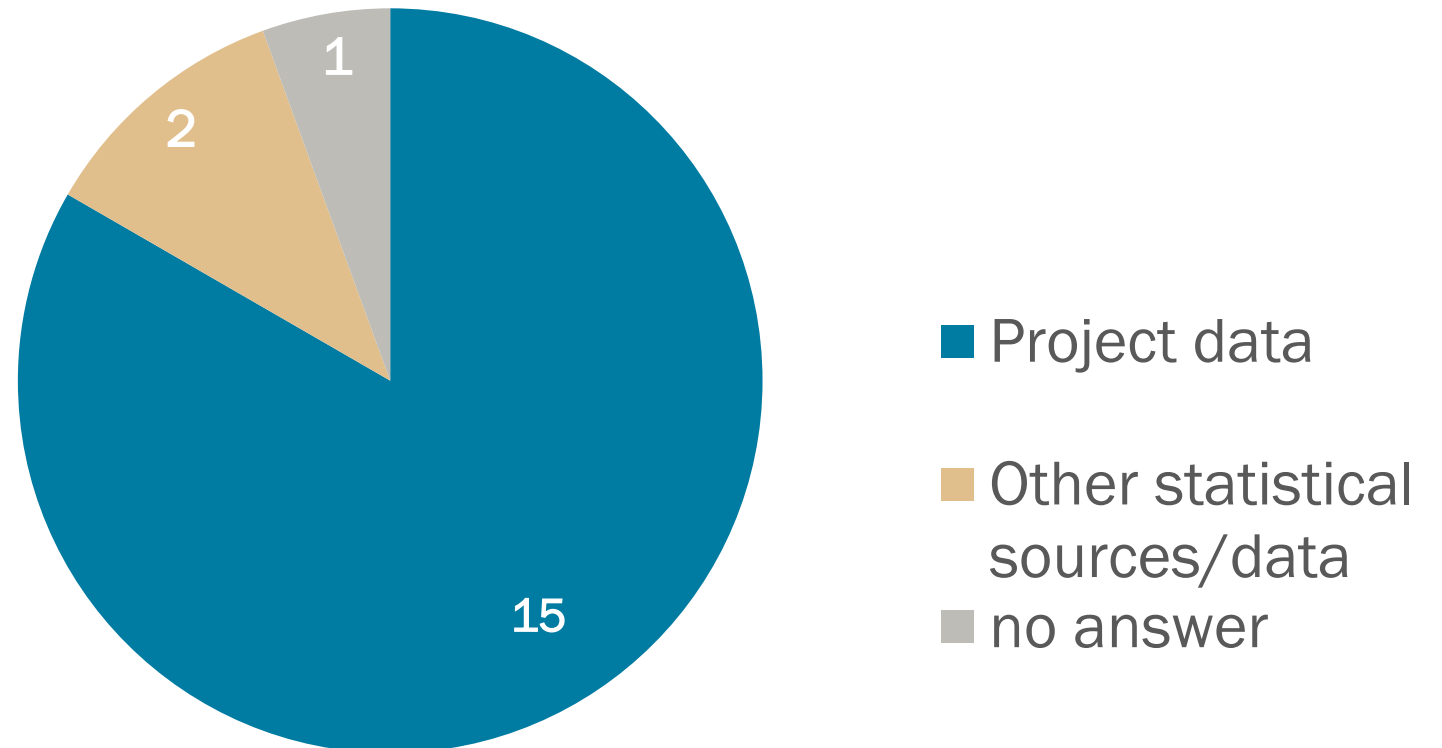


Preparation cost lump sum

Results from survey

- Data basis

What was the data basis?

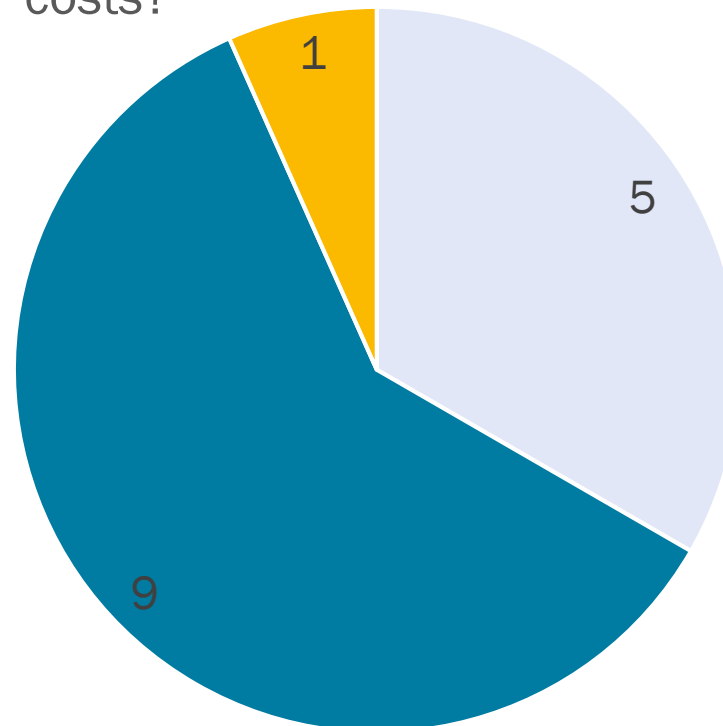


Preparation cost lump sum

Results from survey

- What's in the box – What's not in the box

Did you exclude “expensive” items from your data or other outliers, e.g. feasibility studies for infrastructure projects or high external expertise costs?



■ Yes
■ No
■ no answer

Preparation cost lump sum

Results from survey

- Calculation
 - data from other programmes, average, rounding down
 - average, rounding down
 - average
 - based on preparatory projects
 - average from survey, comparison + average from averages, rounding down
 - average, rounding up
 - sample projects
 - average, rounding up
 - average, rounding up (compensation, indexation)
 - data from other programmes
 - historic data, market research
 - sample, average of two averages
 - other

Preparation cost lump sum

Way forward?

- Conclusion: reality very divers
- We are not sure what **joint** methodology could look like - common items seem to be: based on programme historic data & ,average' for calculation
- Maybe possible to establish a lump sum with programmes having the required data, wanting to cover the same things? Other programmes could use copy/paste approach from those programmes?
- Let us know!
- Some other ideas prepared for the workshop on 09 July

Unit costs for events

Background

- Majority of participants in Bratislava event to explore the possibility of a unit costs (alternative was lump sum):
X€/participant/day/MS Z
- Interact contacted Jean Monnet programme (ERASMUS+), no answer
- Decision to look into Interact data, because:
 - we are an Interreg programme and events are one of our key activities
 - big/small, external/internal, content/coordination → always capacity building

Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- Preliminary considerations

What's in the box	What's not in the box
Venue, catering, equipment	Translation, experts, transportation, networking dinners, moderation
All physical project meetings	Online meetings

- Data coverage: 2017-2019 → 302 datasets (= events) from monitoring system
- 5 different organisers: Bratislava (MA/JS), Turku, Valencia, Viborg, Vienna (all following the relevant procurement rules for events)

Unit costs for events

The data & steps

Start date	End date	City	Country	Event name	Lead office	No. of days	No. of participants
2017/01/17	2017/01/17	Berlin	Germany	Brainstorming European Cooperation Day 2017	Turku	1.00	23
2017/01/26	2017/01/27	Prague	Czech Republic	TO 7 Capitalisation network meeting	Turku	1.50	9
2017/02/22	2017/02/22	Aix-en-Provence	France	Improving the cross-programme work environment	Turku	1.00	19
2017/02/01	2017/02/01	Brussels	Belgium	Interreg response to migration challenges	Valencia	1.00	57
2017/02/07	2017/02/07	Valencia	Spain	Med Lab Group meeting for Western Mediterranean	Valencia	1.00	14
2017/02/08	2017/02/08	Valencia	Spain	Med Lab Group meeting	Valencia	1.00	14

Venue	Catering	Equipment	Venue + catering	Other	Other	Total	Event type (internal or external)	Comment (e.g. what is other)
						0	External	No costs
			1,545			1,545	External	45€/per half day, 58€/per full day
			2,476			2,476	External	
-	-	-				0.00	External	no costs, meeting in DG Regio
1,403.60	1,156.00	360.86				2920.46	External	
701.80	1,180.00	360.86				2242.66	External	

Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- Removing invalid data
 - events with 0/unknown n° participants: 20 events
- Removing online events: 4 events
- Removing extremes
 - events with more than 200 participants (can happen, but rare and disproportionately influence calculation): 4 events (3 local EC day, 1 EWCR)
 - Small events (e.g up to 10 participants) are kept, project reality



Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- One issue: specific payment policy at Valencia → procurement is limited to venues accepting the payment policy
 - Removing of all Valencia procured events (some exceptions): 43 events
- Remaining data sets: 231 events

Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- Geographical coverage

Austria	40	Greece	5	Poland	4
Belgium	56	Hungary	7	Portugal	6
Bulgaria	3	Ireland	1	Romania	8
Croatia	4	Italy	15	Slovakia	4
Czech Republic	6	Latvia	3	Slovenia	4
Denmark	3	Lithuania	2	Spain	12
Estonia	4	Luxembourg	1	Sweden	2
Finland	5	Malta	5	Switzerland	1
France	10	Netherlands	9	United Kingdom	1
Germany	9	Norway	1		

Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- Geographical coverage → difficult

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Unit costs for events

The data & steps

- But:



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Unit costs for events

Interact data

- Calculation of amount/day/participant for Belgium

$$\frac{\text{Total amount of each event}}{\text{Number of participants}} = \text{price of each event for 1 participant}$$

$$\frac{\sum \text{amount of each event for 1 participant}}{\sum \text{of events (56)}} = 56.99\text{€}$$

Unit costs for events

Interact data

	Correction coefficient *	Interact	Jean Monnet (ERASMUS+) **		Correction coefficient	Interact	Jean Monnet (ERASMUS+)		Correction coefficient	Interact	Jean Monnet (ERASMUS+)
Country	%	€	€	Country	%	€	€	Country	%	€	€
Belgium	100.00	56.99	88	Germany	100.50	57.27	90	Poland	60.80	34.65	45
Austria	108.20	61.66	94	Greece	79.00	45.02	56	Portugal	86.70	49.41	55
Bulgaria	55.70	31.74	40	Hungary	64.00	36.47	46	Romania	55.90	31.86	40
Croatia	67.30	38.35	42	Ireland	123.30	70.27	75	Slovakia	69.20	39.44	50
Cyprus	82.40	46.96	66	Italy	95.50	54.43	73	Slovenia	82.20	46.85	59
Czechia	74.00	42.17	55	Latvia	73.10	41.66	43	Spain	89.20	50.84	70
Denmark	132.20	75.34	94	Lithuania	67.70	38.58	47	Sweden	110.50	62.97	95
Estonia	86.00	49.01	47	Luxembourg	100.00	56.99	144	United Kingdom	121.40	69.19	81
Finland	120.30	68.56	84	Malta	95.30	54.31	60				
France	110.00	62.69	80	Netherlands	111.30	63.43	97				

*The links to Eurostat often don't work: using a search engine typing „country correction coefficient [prc_colc_nat]” should get you there.

** Published in https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/erasmus-programme-guide-2020_en page 227

Unit costs for events

Interact data

- This was a trial! To show how it can work step by step and what considerations were addressed
- We don't know if this is a reality or if the numbers match your experience (feedback welcome!) – just keep in mind this was designed to cover all type of project events: the small working group meeting (=cheap) to the big final conferences (=expensive)

Staff costs updates

Unit cost – functional groups

Programmes showing interest (Bratislava event, contacts):

Interreg NORD (SE-FI-NO), CZ-PL, DE-CZ (Bavaria), AT-DE (Bavaria), AT-CZ, AT-HU, IT-AT, SI-AT, SI-HU, DE-CZ (Saxony)

DE-NL (applies it now and will continue)

Others here not mentioned? Please give us a sign in the chat

What we did, what we know & what we try

- Fact sheet on the approach of DE-NL in EN and DE
- Several programmes intensely working on development of the method; now mostly work on definitions and data sets
- We will seek to provide support in advisory meetings

Staff costs

Hourly rate per MS based on Eurostat data

- Background: fair, equitable and verifiable method, built on statistical data or other objective information
- Methodology: 2 approaches:
 - Analysis of Interreg programme data (project partners) to justify the selection of the relevant section(s) of economic activities – performed by BSR
 - Comparing actual hourly rates (staff costs reported divided by the hours worked) (project data) with an hourly rate from Eurostat – performed by Interreg Europe



Summary report is available in Interreg SCOs community!

Data and analysis

Approach 1 – Baltic Sea Region

Ca. 1500 project partners

4 prevailing categories of economic activities (NACE2.0):

- Section O – public administration and defence (25,5%);
- Section P – education (23,1%);
- Section M – professional, scientific and technical activities (22,7%);
- Section S – other service activities (14,2%)

Average of the hourly rate for 4 categories?

Eurostat data for labour costs does not cover section O – public administration and defence -> majority of project partners..

Data could be taken from labour cost survey, but missing for several MS: Austria, Belgium, Greece, Malta, Norway, Sweden.

Approach 2 - Interreg Europe

7 project partners from 6 MS; 24 employees

Hourly rate = monthly salary/ average number of hours worked on the project

Hourly rate of employees compared with hourly rate of section M in Eurostat

Findings

- Average deviation from Eurostat data: 20.58% (+ and -)
- In 14 out of 24 cases, deviation was > 20.58%



Staff costs

Hourly rate per MS based on Eurostat data - Findings

Country	Currency	BSR average hourly rates 2015-2019 (historic data)	EUR*	Interreg Europe average hourly rates (EUR) (self-info projects)	Eurostat average hourly rate 2016/2019 (EUR)**	Difference to Eurostat BSR	Difference to Eurostat Interreg Europe
DK	DKK	337,72	45,19		47,68	2,49	
DE	EUR	40,07			44,52	4,45	
EE	EUR	17,28			15,53	-1,75	
LV	EUR	18			10,95	-7,05	
LT	EUR	15			10,29	-4,71	
PL	PLN	64,45	15,03	14,43	12,21	-2,82	-2,22
FI	EUR	32,64		24,57	35,27	2,63	10,70
FR	EUR			40,19	41,38		1,19
IT	EUR			24,54	37,04		12,50
ES	EUR			20,58	24,22		3,64
IE	EUR			37,00	39,63		2,63

Disclaimer: the programme data presented here was part of an experimental approach. It is neither final nor to be used as such.

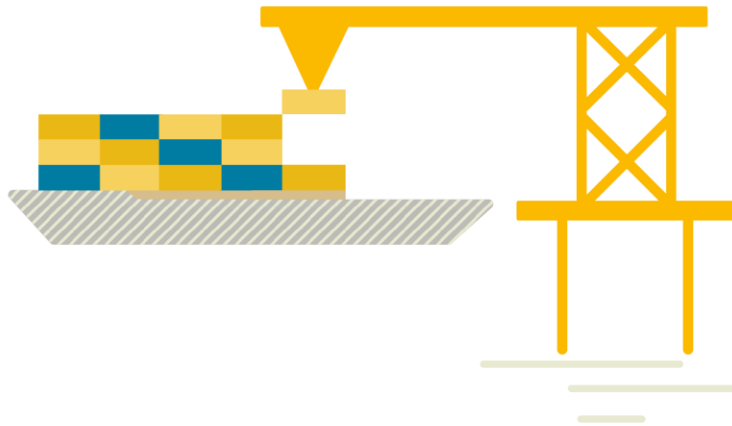


Staff costs - conclusions

- solid database (EU/ national/ programme data);
- SCOs is not the only way for simplification! Other ways to simplify!

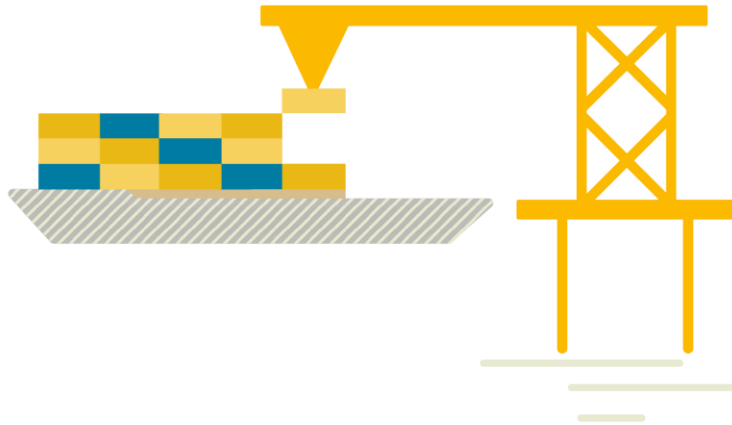
State of play of SCOs preparation

15 minutes



Interreg Romania-Bulgaria intervention

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Questions and Answers session

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Questions from registration 1/2



Questions

1. Is SCO methodology for programme is the only one to be submitted together with the CP? Or the SCO methodology for projects also needs to be included in the CP? [Addressed in event.](#)
2. How to built functional groups for personnel costs? What data basis do other programmes use to calculate hourly wages? [Addressed in event.](#)
3. What are the possibilities to use the performance groups established on national level for the CBC programmes and can we use the performance groups established by other CBC programmes? [Addressed in event.](#)
4. How to copy-paste SCOs and what to take into account? [Addressed in event.](#)
5. Lump sums - broader picture (not just for the big standards ones like prep of closure but other ones - we just did a call were we basically imposed projects to come with their lump sums)) [Addressed in event.](#)
6. What is the link or difference between SCO and SPF? [Addressed in event.](#)
7. How the SCOs fit to the external cooperation; does national requirements/culture in the bookkeeping, audit, work contracts, possibilities to receive grant above/below real costs or other practices allow/limit the use of SCOs. [Addressed in event.](#)

Questions from registration 2/2



Questions

8. How can I reduce costs for TA with using SCO in operations? Difficult to say and turning to SCOs does not necessarily mean that TA costs can be reduced. On programme side, SCOs offer a possibility to focus more on content (not admin), and less time in controlling (which could mean less costs for management verifications/audits)

9. What is an expert opinion (when developing a calculation methodology)? Little experience so far, it is one of the points we hope will be covered in the updated Guidance on SCOs by the Commission. The [Roadmap](#) (p. 10) highlights a few points.

10. Are there SCO best suited or to be avoided by the nature of a programme? For example, for TN programmes, covering a large territory, with projects involving many partners from various countries (including external borders), are there certain SCOs to be avoided? No. We are not aware of such approaches.

11. Is there a way to see how it will look like practically in the HIT AF? Once final, sure. More information on HIT: hit@interact-eu.net

12. When do we require to carry out an ex ante evaluation of the SCO from the AA (article 88)? If you are planning to submit your SCO under article 88. In general, an early system audit for SCOs is advisable.

13. When SCOs are mandatory? Now: project ERDF <100.000€, post2020: project budget <200.000€

What's next - 6 thematic workshops

8 July

09.00 – 10.30 CET	The basics - A session for newcomers and reminder for those interested
11.00 – 12.30 CET	Peer-Review of programme specific methodology (audit perspective)
13.00 – 14.30 CET	Combinations of SCOs: risks, points of attention

9 July

09.00 – 10.30 CET	40% flat rate
11.00 – 12.30 CET	Preparation cost lump sum – way forward for a joint methodology
13.00 – 14.30 CET	Draft budget - from budget to SCOs with a practical example

More information

- Thematic workshops – links to Zoom sent out on 3 July -> please join at the workshop start time!
- Evaluation – link will be sent on 9 July
- All ppt will be available on our website (and in Interreg SCOs community!)
- **To join Interreg SCOs community contact us at sco@interact-eu.net**



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