

Brains on Article 24 for SPF!¹



Draft agenda

01 February 2021 (09:30 – 12:00 CET)

On-line



¹ Or should we rather say Brains on Article 25 for SPF



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Online, 01 February 2021

Outline

The final text of the Interreg Regulation was agreed on in December 2020 in the triologue negotiations, including Article 24² on Small Project Funds (SPF). The term Small Project Fund has been used among Interreg programmes for many years, but behind the label various implementation models have been developed. Now, for the very first time, a standardised model has been introduced in the Interreg Regulation. Obviously, this increases the legal certainty of the model.

Final provisions of the Article are out – so here's what we should do now:

- let's brainstorm and exchange ideas on the future implementation of small projects through SPF using your vast, long-standing experience;
- let's explore the consequences of the Article's provisions and discuss the potential practical implications and further need for clarification, interpretation and guidance.

We've summarised a couple of initial reflections in our Fact Sheet on Article 24 (having updated its contents according to the final version of the Regulation).

Finally, there is another track worth following: as a major outcome of HIT, a harmonized application form for standard projects has been developed. And now we've reached the point where we need to decide if it makes sense to continue working on the harmonization of the application form for the SPF. We would also like to discuss implications of the SPF for monitoring systems, based on your experiences in the current period.

Objectives

During the event we will present the final provisions of the Article. The obvious next step is to develop a more detailed approach for its implementation. We want to:

- discuss it with you,
- collect your questions, doubts and concerns,
- jointly search for answers, solutions and common sense,
- collect tricky questions for clarification with COM colleagues at a later stage.

In the last part of the event we want to test the waters by initiating a group interested in the harmonization of the application form for the SPF and small projects.

Who is it for?

Please note that the target group for this workshop is staff from MA/JS/EGTC/Euregio involved in the implementation of small projects through the SPF model (planning, monitoring and implementation).

² In this agenda we will use Article 24 with reference to SPF for the last time. In the latest, December's version of the Interreg regulation due to all introduced changes, the new article referring to SPF is Article 25.



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09.15 – 09.30

Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings

Please join the virtual meeting room before the start of the meeting. It will be open 15 min before the event starts.

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome and introduction

Interact

- Meeting objectives
- Final provisions of Article 25

10.00 – 11.20

Let's brainstorm

All, Interact

- Collection of questions and problems
- Discussion

Objectives: To build a joint understanding of the provisions of Article 25.

11.20 – 11.30

Comfort break

11.30 – 11.50

Harmonization of the application form for SPF

All, Interact

- Survey on interest
- If Y: tentative work plan

Objectives: To agree on further work on harmonization of application form for SPF.

11.50 – 12.00

Wrap-up and closure

Interact

Please note the event may be recorded for internal purposes only.