

# Hands on articles 24 & 25: small-scale, simple, smart!



**Managing small-scale projects and SPF in Interreg**

**12 March 2021 (10.00 – 13.00 CET)**

Online event

Draft Agenda





## Hands on articles 24 & 25! 12 March 2021, online

### Outline

#### **Approaches to manage small projects ....**

The new set of rules for small-scale project and Small Project Fund (SPF) are out. Article 24 means that all A programmes have to implement 'project with limited financial volume', B and D programme may decide not to do so. Article 25 (previously article 24) stipulates the conditions for the set-up and the implementation of the SPF.

Efficiency in managing small project facilities is crucial but challenging – in particular with a view to the financial management. Article 25 of the draft ETC Regulation stipulates a couple of requirements for the body managing the SPF. When putting these requirements into practice we should head for management efficiency and user-friendliness.

We will discuss the implications of the provisions for different implementation models and management approaches in order to encourage reflection on the most adequate approaches.

#### **... and Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) as one key lever to efficiency ....**

For the SPF the cost for the body managing should not exceed 20% of the overall budget for the fund. It is the maximum amount for the key tasks along the Project Management Cycle (PMC), meaning guidance to applicants, assessment, selection and finally monitoring & control as well as safeguarding the audit trail.

The stringent use of SCOs is one of the key levers to:

- Efficient and result-oriented monitoring and
- Cut costs for control management verification and, thus,
- Keep the overall management cost for SPF within reasonable limits.

Implementing SCOs efficiently and effectively means to reflect on the task division between MA, national controllers and SPF beneficiary. It means also to come up with a meaningful approach to shared responsibility.

### Objectives

We will:

- Present the articles 24 and 25 and provide room for Q&A,
- Discuss and exchange on major implications for implementation models,
- Exchange on proper set-up for efficient financial management,
- Explore what type of tools and support you need in the coming months.



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<b>Day</b>	<b>12 March 2021</b>
<b>09.45 – 10.00</b>	<b>Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings</b>  Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test and ensure that the technical settings enable your active participation in the meeting. The room will be open 15 minutes before the meeting will start.
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and introduction</li><li>• Event objectives</li></ul>
<b>10.15 – 11.30</b>	<b>The provisions in articles 24 and 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of DG Regio: The provisions for small-scale projects and the SPF in the Intereg Regulation</li></ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Objective:</b> We will discuss and exchange on the new legal requirements and its implications for different implementation models for small-scale projects, thereby highlighting the key challenges related to management efficiency.
<b>11.30 – 11.45</b>	<b>Comfort break</b>
<b>11.45 – 12.45</b>	<b>Set-up for efficient financial management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles of management verification when working with SCOs (Interact)</li><li>• Scenarios and options for the cooperation between SPF beneficiary, MA and national controllers &amp; COM</li><li>• Audit trail, irregularities</li></ul> <b>Objective:</b> Financial management is the most demanding task in project management; we want to highlight legal requirements, sensitive issues and options for proportionate approaches to administration and control
<b>12.45 – 13.00</b>	<b>Next steps</b>



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### **Practicalities**

#### **If you'd like to have a look ...**

We have prepared a compilation of key articles on small-scale projects and the SPF plus the relevant articles included in cross-references in Miro, a nice web-tool offering an infinite canvas to compile and cluster information.

[https://miro.com/app/board/o9J\\_lak0sdE=/](https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lak0sdE=/)

- Have a look!
- We invite you to explore the cross-references between the regulations!

#### **Online meeting and meeting times**

All times indicated in this agenda are CET (Brussels time).

We will meet online using the video conferencing tool Zoom. Together with your registration confirmation, you will receive the link and further information how to access the virtual meeting room. To enable a swift start at 10.00, the virtual room will open 15 minutes before the meeting start and we will be present for your (technical) assistance.

#### **Recording of the meeting**

The meeting will be recorded for internal use. We will use the recording to provide a summary of the meeting in written. This way, we want to ensure that also those who were not able to attend the meeting can benefit from the information and answers provided.

#### **Registration**

Please register your participation by Thursday, 11 March 2021.

#### **Other information**

In case of content questions, please do not hesitate to address

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