

# Communicating the use of 40% flat rate to...

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## Small-scale projects

- Flexibility
- Attracting new partners
- Addressing new objectives
- Kick-starting the programme
- Easier entry for the new regions





## Why 40% flat rate?

### Communication to the programme stakeholders

- It fits the average projects' budget
- Easier reporting, less admin – less capacity needed
- Faster payment of funds – kickstart the programme implementation
- Less mistakes/audit findings (?)





## Why 40% flat rate?

### Communication to the project community

- Plan your budget carefully
- Easier reporting, less complexity
- Only staff costs are reported and validated
- Less documentation
- Shortening the validation of costs
- Faster payment of funds – *projects will receive funds faster*





## Communication the 40% flat rate to applicants through simple examples...

A partner's internal staff cost is 100.000 Eur



40% *flate rate*\* of this staff cost is 40.000 Eur



This amount covers ALL other costs of that partner



Total budget of the partner is 140.000 Eur

*\*Flat rate: No control checks on the 40%!!!*





## Lessons learnt regarding communication of the 40% flat rate

- It is an experiment
- Project community needs to 'digest' it
- 3 SSPs received in Call 1...





## Lessons learnt regarding communication of the 40% flat rate

- Selling points to underline
- Requires a proper preparation before applying
- Debate in the programming process
- Review/evaluation after the first Calls
- Extra communication effort needed!





# Thank you

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