

SCOs in the new programming period



08-09 November 2022
Prague, the Czech Republic
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Outlines

For the past 2.5 years SCOs community has been actively working on various SCOs-related topics. We discussed extensively how to approach SCOs and how to start with methodologies, how to design SCOs, how to embed SCOs in the programme procedures and processes, we ran workshops dedicated to specific topics (the draft budget method, how to communicate SCOs to beneficiaries, etc.). With this physical event, we would like to reconnect with the network and to start discussing practicalities when it comes to SCOs in 2021-2027.

Participants will receive information on the latest developments related to SCOs from different working areas and stakeholders (e.g., results of HIT, Jems, network meetings, TN SCOs network meeting and subgroup meetings). We will also look at the common audit findings and gold plating examples from the assessment of SCOs schemes submitted to the EC. We will look into programmes' strategies to update SCOs for the 2021-2027 programming period. We will also continue our discussion on the draft budget method to establish SCOs.

Objectives

We will see to:

- reflect on developments in the SCOs community;
- discuss hot topics;
- reflect on audit findings from the assessment of SCOs schemes submitted to the EC (Article 94 CPR);
- discuss on how to adjust SCOs methodologies used in 2014-2020 for the new programming period;
- discuss the draft budget method to establish SCOs;
- discuss gold plating from the audit findings of the assessment of SCOs;
- plan SCOs activities for 2023 and to define priority topics.

Target group

The event is dedicated and limited to the experienced Interreg programmes' staff (from JS, MA, AA). To ensure participation of a wide range of programmes, the participation is limited to 2 representatives per programme/ MS.



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Day one

Tuesday, 08 November 2022

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea

09.30 – 10.00

Introduction

- Work plan & practicalities
- Objectives and working agreements

10.00 – 11.00

State of play and updates on SCOs

Interact and Interreg programmes

- What has happened since the last meeting in June (results from other meetings; e.g., TN SCOs network, TN sub-groups, meetings with COM, HIT work, Jems work) & what's going in programmes (mapping 2021-2027 SCOs)
- Summary of the How do we communicate SCOs workshop (8 Sep 2022)
- Other hot topics and developments (e.g., the draft budget method)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

AA findings from the assessment of SCOs methodologies

Ioana Mantog, REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion

Objectives of the session: to give an overview of the most common findings from the assessment of the SCOs under Article 94 CPR submitted in Appendix 1 to the EC and to provide the EC's observations. Interreg programme(s) will share findings from their EC audit of SCOs (tbc).

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.00

How to update SCOs methodologies for the new programming period?

Interact and Interreg programmes

Objectives of the session: to jointly discuss ways to update SCOs methodologies used in the 2014-2020 programming period to the new period. Several Interreg programmes will share their approaches.

15.00 – 16.30
inc. coffee
break

40% flat rate to calculate other remaining costs of the operation

Interact and Interreg programmes

Objectives of the session: to discuss how this specific off-the-shelf flat rate is used; for which types of projects it is suitable; how to assess project proposals with a 40% flat rate.



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16.30 – 17.00 Wrap-up and closure of day 1

Day two **Wednesday, 09 November 2022**

09.00 – 09.30 **Reconnection for Day 2**

Interact

09.30 – 11.00 **The draft budget method to establish SCOs**

Interact and Interreg programmes

- Summary of a briefing note on the method and practices available to date
- How to use the method
- Interreg programmes sharing their plans for the method

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.00 **Gold plating – findings and recommendations**

Ioana Mantog, REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion

Objectives of the session: to present findings and recommendations on gold plating practices, based on audits carried out by the European Commission.

12.00 – 12.45 **Planning SCOs work and next steps for 2023**

Interact and Interreg programmes

12.45 – 13.00 **Closure of the meeting**

13.00 – 14.00 **Farewell lunch**



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Practicalities

Venue

The venue of the event will be communicated shortly.

Travel

TBC

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements.

Contact

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