

# Audit Authority/ Managing Authority (JS) working group on simplified cost options – 3rd meeting



**Draft agenda, 13 June 2017**

The Victoria Hotel  
Sliema, Malta





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### **Outlines**

The working group on simplified cost options brings together representatives of Audit Authorities, Managing Authorities/Joint Secretariats and the European Commission. It was established in order to work together on further harmonisation and clarification of legal requirements regarding the use and audit of simplified cost options. This joint work is to result in a Question and Answer document that will provide guidance on practical application of the 2014-2020 rules concerning simplified cost options in Interreg programmes – with the main focus on the areas of control and audit.

This Question and Answer document shall be available to all Interreg programmes. It will support the work by auditors and bodies responsible for management verifications, by giving clear directions on what to check when simplified cost options are used.

This is a 3rd meeting of the working group.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of this meeting are to discuss the status of the document, and to exchange and agree on any outstanding questions/issues.

During this meeting, final preparations and agreements will be made concerning presentation of the document to the network of Audit Authorities that will meet on 14 June.



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**Timetable**

- 09.30 – 10.00**    **Update on the status of the document**  
*The aim of this discussion is to review the status of the document and the working process.*
- By the end of this session the group will be reminded about:
- the process taken so far
  - main comments received to version 3 of the document
  - incorporation of the comments
  - list of outstanding issues
  - status of the consultation process with the European Commission
- 10.00 – 10.30**    **Outstanding questions/issues**  
*The aim of this discussion is to discuss the outstanding questions towards finalisation of the document.*
- By the end of this session the group will:
- agree on the list of outstanding points in the document
  - exchange and decide on answers to outstanding issues
  - identify any other questions that should be included in the document
- 10.30 – 11.00**    **Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 12.30**    **Outstanding questions/issues**  
*Continuation of the discussion before coffee break*
- 12.30 – 13.30**    **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 14.00**    **Next steps**  
*The aim of this session is to discuss next steps in the process by the working group.*
- By the end of this session the group will agree on:
- next steps to take in order to finalise the document
  - communication of the document to a wider audience
  - next meeting, if necessary



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- 14.00 – 15.00**    **Preparation to the meeting of Audit Authorities**  
*The aim of this session is to finalise preparations to the discussion on simplified cost options during the Audit Authorities meeting next day.*
- By the end of this session the group will reach final agreement on:
- information to be presented
  - involvement of the member of the group
- 15.00 – 15.30**    **Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 16.00**    **Preparation to the meeting of Audit Authorities**  
*Continuation of the discussion before coffee break*
- 16.00 – 16:30**    **AOB and closure of the meeting**
- 19.00**                **Dinner hosted by Interact**

**Venue**

The Victoria Hotel  
Gorg Borg Olivier Street  
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