

How to optimize the increased possibilities for Simplified Costs Options and Financing Not Linked to Costs in the 2021 – 2027 programming period?



DATE: 30 and 31 October 2025
LOCATION:

Aristo meeting center
Teleportboulevard 100
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About The Seminar

Join our international seminar to explore the optimization of simplified cost options for ESF+, ERDF, Cohesion Funds, and EMFF. This event is designed for managers and auditors, focusing on collaboration possibilities. With the recently increased possibilities for simplified cost options and FNLC, we will cover all aspects from A to Z, offering practical exercises to enhance your understanding. We start with a general introduction and legal background, followed by in-depth analysis of methodologies, including off-the-shelf options and their application in investment-based funding schemes. Learn how to incorporate amounts from simplified cost options into payment claims and annual accounts. We will also discuss the latest updates and changes in the guidelines on simplified cost options and FNLC and what’s expected in the post27. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and knowledge.

Program

30 October 2025

- 9.00 Introduction and additional specific needs
- 9.15 General Frameworks 2014-2020 and 2021-2027
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Types of simplified cost options and calculation methodologies
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 Direct / Indirect costs
- 14.00 Methodologies provided in CPR
- 14.45 Coffee break
- 15.00 Off the shelf methodologies
- 15:45 How to cover investments with SCO?
- 16.30 End of day 1

31 October 2025

- 9.00 Wrap up day 1
- 9.15 Audit trail in case of simplified cost options
- 10.00 Definition of the beneficiary
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 How to approach art. 94 and art. 95?
- 11:45 How to ensure equal treatment and how to avoid creaming?
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 Management Verifications when SCOs are involved
- 14.30 Limitations of audit work and how to provide assurance?
- 15:30 Findings in audit missions 2015 –2024
- 16:30 End of day 2

The topics on the agenda will be presented and discussed with practical cases / situations to achieve a maximum learning experience.

Meet our speakers



Patrick Wamper

Patrick Wamper is currently heading the budget department in the Ministry for Labour and Social affairs in North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. He built up knowledge in EU’s structural funds since 2002. Until 2018 he headed the ERDF Audit Authority within the MoF NRW and since then he headed a department acting as Managing Authority for ESF NRW until end 2023. He has broad experience as lecturer in public and private entities in the field of structural funds.



Agnese Abula

Agnese Abula is senior expert of ESIF Audit Authority of Latvia and specialised in SCOs. She has almost 20 years of experience in audit of EU Cohesion and Structural Funds. Her responsibility, among others, is to perform ex-ante assessment on SCOs methodologies (Art 94 as well as Art 53) and to represent Audit Authority of Latvia in ESF and ERDF/CF Transnational Network on Simplification. Agnese has a huge practical experience with SCOs and FNLC for all Cohesion and Structural Funds. In addition, Agnese has been a recognised lecturer for many years, e.g. for twinning projects and TAIEX activities.

Price and Registration

The price of this seminar is € 1.195 excluding VAT for early booking (before 3 October 2025). Afterwards the price is € 1.395 excluding VAT.

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Invoice

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Questions

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We are looking forward to welcoming you.
See U in Amsterdam!

