

Financing Not Linked to Costs: Practical workshop from designing to implementation, control and audit

DATE: 2, 3 and 4 November 2026

LOCATION:

Aristo meeting center
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About The Seminar

EU Funds are rapidly moving toward Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC) — are you ready?

Join our three-day international seminar to gain practical expertise in designing, implementing, verifying, and auditing FNLC across ESF+, ERDF, and the Cohesion Fund. Designed for managers and auditors, the seminar combines expert insights, hands-on workshops, and real-life case studies to boost collaboration and practical understanding. You'll explore FNLC design, key do's and don'ts, and practical exercises, then dive into control and audit strategies, discover how FNLC models can be applied in ESF+ and ERDF, and get a forward-looking perspective on post-2027 developments and lessons learned from the RRF. Stay up to date with the latest FNLC guidelines and gain the confidence to apply FNLC effectively in your programmes.

Program

2 November 2026

9.00 Introduction and additional specific needs

9.15 Regulatory framework and fundamentals of FNLC

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 How to design a FNLC proposal – do's and don'ts – part I

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 How to design a FNLC proposal – do's and don'ts – part II

14.45 Coffee break

15.00 Assurance in FNLC – getting it right

16.30 End of day 1

3 November 2026

9.00 Wrap up day 1

9.15 Uptake of FNLC: schemes and models

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Practical workshop on FNLC design

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 Principles of audit of FNLC

14.45 Coffee break

15.00 Case study – part I

16.30 End of day 2

4 November 2026

9.00 Wrap up day 2

9.15 Case study – part II

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Practical workshop on FNLC control and audit

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 Post 2027 and lessons learnt from RRF

14.45 Coffee break

15.00 SCOs and FNLC: post-2027 outlook

16:30 Closure of the seminar

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

Meet our speakers



Daria Smolić
Key Lecturer

Daria Smolić is Head of the Audit Service for the European Social Fund at the Single Audit Authority of Croatia, with more than 11 years of professional experience in auditing EU funds. She has extensive experience in audits of operations, system audits, and audits of annual accounts under the ESF and ESF+ programmes. She has contributed as an expert in several Twinning projects, delivering training and technical support to strengthen audit and control capacities in candidate countries. She is actively engaged in discussions on innovative approaches to EU funding, including result-based models, and brings practical insights relevant to the development and assessment of FNLC.



Naida Mekić
Key Lecturer

Naida Mekić is Head of Sector in the Managing Authority for the European Social Fund in Croatia, with over 18 years of experience in cohesion policy, strategic planning, and EU funds management. She specializes in the design and implementation of EU funding programmes, including Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) and Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC). Through technical assistance, she has contributed to capacity building for EU funds in candidate countries. She is involved in negotiations on performance-based approaches within the post-2027 EU funding framework and brings hands-on expertise in the design and implementation of FNLC schemes.

Price and Registration

The price of this seminar is € 1.795 excluding VAT for early booking (before 9 October 2026). Afterwards the price is € 1.995 excluding VAT.

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Invoice

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Cancellation of participation must be in writing and is free of charge up to 14 days before the start of the event. In case of no-show or cancellation later than two weeks before the date of the event, the entire event price plus VAT is due.

Questions

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

