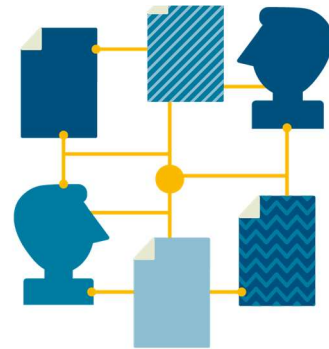


Forum for EGTCs

Draft Agenda



Interact workshop and discussion forum for EGTCs
9 April 2019
Brussels, Committee of the Regions





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Outline

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SPF and Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)

Managing a SPF will mean to do a lot of management and administration work. The EGTC as beneficiary of the SPF should be accountable for the implementation of the SPF and ensure the audit trail back to the projects. Small projects should be based on Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) in order to safeguard a user-friendly approach towards the recipients of small projects. In a broader perspective it means that the EGTC should set-up an efficient Project Management Cycle (PMC) for small projects built on SCOs in close cooperation with the Programme Authorities.

EGTCs might have to build or strengthen their capacities to meet these requirements.

Relations between EGTCs and Interreg programmes

Relationships with Interreg programme bodies might differ in terms of tasks, roles and responsibilities. From being beneficiary of standard projects or managing SPFs – both either as sole beneficiary or in partnership with other institutions - to the role of a programme implementing body (ESPON) or being in a more consultative role in strategy development. The context of programmes and the perceptions and attitudes of persons working in programme management differ across Europe. But it seems that next to open and transparent expectations - trust is the key for a smooth relationship.

We would like to exchange with you on that.

EGTC angels

Mature EGTCs have accumulated a lot of experience and EGTCs in the start-up phase might profit from them. A brief exchange on issues which are vital in the start-up phase might be useful.

We propose that EGTCs in the start-up phase select from the following list of topics their key interest for exchange with representatives of mature EGTCs:

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| Animation and communication | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Staffing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interreg project management | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Infrastructure management | <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify: |
| Work in topics (e.g. culture, transport) | <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify: |



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Objectives

We will seek to:

- Provide an overview on Simplified Cost Options
- Discuss key aspects of the relationship between EGTCs and Interreg programme bodies
- Facilitate the exchange between mature EGTCs and recently founded respectively 'young' ones

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13.45 – 15.00 **Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) in SPF**

- Overview on Simplified Cost Options

Q&A

Objective: discuss the implications of SCOs for the management of a SPF

15.00 – 16.00 **Relationship with Interreg programme bodies**

- Input on different types of relationships
- Exchange of experiences

Objective: to learn about the relationships with Interreg programme bodies and open exchange on approaches and strategies to optimise it

16.00 – 16.45 **EGTC angels: mature EGTCs give advice**

- Facilitated exchange

Objective: mature EGTCs have accumulated know-how and might support recently founded or rather 'young' EGTCs in the start-up phase

16.45 – 17.00 **Wrap-up and closure**