Small-scale projects is it simple to be small?

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Intro & mapping	Collection of simplifications	What does small mean to me? - Testimonials	ls it simple enough? – Group work	Outro

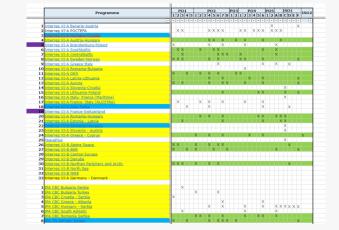


SSPs mapping (based on info in point 6 in CP)

- 19 programmes plan to use it all PO, the rest - in some (at least 1 SO (10));
- several programmes have not committed yet, but do not exclude in the future;
- SSPs are also popular among TNs (even though not obligatory);
- the most popular PO2, runners-up PO 4 & ISO1;
- earmarked allocation;

community

- minimum/ maximum values;
- for more, please check a dedicated <u>file</u> in the "Small projects"



SSPs – WHY?



Why a small-scale project call?

Making our programme more accessible

- Allowing projects with reduced scope, size & duration
- Proposing a simplified project application and implementation process
- Offering a step;

fanual > Apply for a project > Small-scale projects **Small-scale projects**

APPLY FOR A PROJECT + A small-scale project could be defined as a preparatory project or a pre-study but can also be a normal implementation project but with a limited size of the budget compared to a regular project. Calls for application A project with a budget no higher than 60 000 euros when partners from all 3 partner countries Project informatio participate and no higher than 40 000 euros when only 2 countries participate in the project will be considered as a small-scale project. This means a total budget of 20 000 euro per participating Small-scale projects country.

Clarification of the budget limitation:

- This implies a maximum of ERDF-funding of no more than 13 000 euro per participating country from Sweden/Finland. That means it is possible to apply for ERDF-funding up to an amount of 26 000 euros if both countries participate and the budget is 40 000 for the EUpartners, but still, note that the budget limit is 20 000 euro per country and the ERDF-funding hence is 13 000 euro per participating country.
- · For Norwegian partners participating in a small-scale project this limitation implies a maximum of IR-funding of no more than 10 000 euro to be shared among Norwegian partners.

This is possib

		Swedish partners	Finnish partners	Total
Costs		20 000	20 000	40 000
EU-funding	esk.	13 000	13 000	26 000
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	0.7.4	Norwegian partners		Total
Costs	074			

This is NOT possible as the budget is above 20 000 for one of the partners (even if the total is only 40 000 for EU-partners):

		Swedish partners	Finnish partners	Total
Costs		25 000	15 000	40 000
EU-funding	65%	16 250	9 750	26 000
		Norwegian partners		Total
Costs		Norwegian partners 20 000		

A small-scale project can be intended to lead to an application for a regular project, but it can also have other expected results. The purpose of a small-scale project could be for example:

building suitable and well-balanced cross-border partnerships

· facilitate the joint development of cross-border implementation models that correspond with the objectives of the Programme

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Fact Sheet 27: Small-scale Projects

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CORE MESSAGE

Small-scale project are smaller in scope, budget, partnership size, and length than regular projects funded by the North Sea Programme. This fact sheet outlines the parameters and rules governing small-scale projects.

Background

The North Sea Programme funds two types of projects: regular projects and small-scale projects. In contrast to regular projects, small-scale projects have a reduced application timeframe, smaller budget and partnership size, and shorter project lifetime. While many of the programme's rules apply to both kinds of projects, some requirements of small-scale projects are slightly different. It is important to understand these differences before applying for funding of a small-scale project.

Parameters of small-scale projects

Given their smaller scale, small-scale projects benefit fro

through the two-stage process, small-scale project app

three countries, if possible.

Small-scale projects are funded under all four priorities in the North Coa

PROGRAMME MANUAL

PLAN YOUR PROJECT +

Regular projects

Project duration

Programme area

Eligible partners

Project overall objective

Programme indicators

Definitions of result indicators

Sustainable development

Exit strategy

Project management

Project partnership

Financial managemer

Project communicatio

Office and administrative expenditur

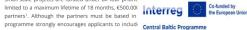
Project activities

Travel and accor

Budget

Staff costs

Programme Priorities and Specifi



Small projects:



The choice of project type depends on the purpose and scope of your idea but there are good reasons to apply for a small project funding. In a nutshell, small projects are smart, short, and simple. Smart - a small project requires fewer resources but still allows you to develop innovative solutions, especially on the

grass-root level.

The Programme specifically encourages developing a small project proposal for two Programme Objectives as their expected results are likely to be achieved with the approach of small projects:

> Improved Employment Opportunities on Labour Market (6) and Improved Public Services and Solutions for the Citizens (7)

What could be the purpose of a small

If the project's total budget remains under 200.000 EUR the project can only choose simplified cost options, which are pre-defined by the programme and easy

projects.

Short - a small project brings results in a

The duration of a small project is up to 18

months: the shorter the project is, the

more likely the chance that you have the

needed resources to deliver the project

Simple - a small project requires less

paperwork thanks to simpler procedures.

The calls for small projects are organised

in a one-step application process, they

management compared to regular

have lighter reporting and easier financial

itself and the time committed to

managing the project.

short time

Small project factsheet

Definition and aims

Small projects are aimed at facilitating easier access to the Programme, in particular for those partners that have not previously participated in the Programme. Applying for a small project and implementing a small project is much simpler when compared to the core projects. For example, the budget of a small project is smaller than of a core project. The work plan consists of one work nackage (WP) and it may be implemented by small partnerships

In small projects, partners are encouraged to develop practical and durable outputs and solutions for challenges in the region. These challenges need to correspond to one of the Programme objectives. Small projects should increase capacity of the target groups to deal with the identified challenges during and after the end of the project implementation

The development of solutions is not obligatory in small projects. However, activities need to go beyond pure networking and knowledge exchange.

In addition, small projects have to address at least one of the following specific aims:

- building trust that could lead to further cooperation initiatives.
- · initiating and keeping networks that are important for the BSR,
- bringing the Programme closer to the citizens allowing a swift response to unpredictable and urgent challenges

Project outcome

The activities leading to the project outcomes are organised in one WP. The activities need to go beyond pure networking and knowledge exchange. They can include, for example, the integration of management schemes in municipalities or the adaptation of developed action plans on the regional level. The activities should lead to the development of at least one output addressing the challenges which the applicants identified together with the target groups of the project. Such outputs can be, for example local cooperation models or harmonised procedures in a particular

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Leitfaden zur Budgetierung und Anerkennung von Kosten in Projekten mit Gesamtkosten bis zu 35.000 €

> KLEINPROJEKTE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE-PROJEKTE

Simplifications in SSPs

Simplified PLC				
 Application - dedicated/ open calls - 1-step only - Written procedures 	Assessment	Contracting	Reporting	



Simplifications in SSPs

Downsizing

Less outputs (1)

Fewer partners

Shorter duration

Less WPs

Smaller budgets (from EUR 40k)

Simplified budgeting - SCOs

Programme-specific SCOs

Other costs – up to 40% flat rate

Draft budget method

Fully as SCOs

What is "small"?

- Central Baltic (Merike Niitepold, Pille Laaksonen) "Small is smart"
- SL-HU (Aleš Mrkela) "Small is to boost visibility and build trust"



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Questions & Answers







Group work - 30 min

"Small" in PLC

Preparation		Assessment and contracting	
What did you do to simplify?	Is it enough, if not what else could you do?	What did you do to simplify?	Is it enough, if not what else could you do?
Implementation and reporting		Management verification	
What did you do to simplify?	Is it enough, if not what else could you do?	What did you do to simplify?	Is it enough, if not what else could you do?



How this will work:

- Discuss with colleagues at your table introduced simplifications within your programmes (PLC)
- Have you already launched your call(s) for SSPs?
- What have you learned?
- Is there any space for further simplifications?
- Report in plenary (appoint) & joint discussion

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