

SCOs

-let's make another step

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Meeting objectives

- To hear few SCOs updates;
- Practical experiences sharing;
- To discuss and exchange 😊;
- To have a good time.



Housekeeping

- Please turn your cameras on
- Be open and share
- Discussions and questions policy – e-hand, speak up, chat
- Stay ‘muted’, unless talking
- Be patient towards each other



Plan/ day two

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Key messages
from day 1

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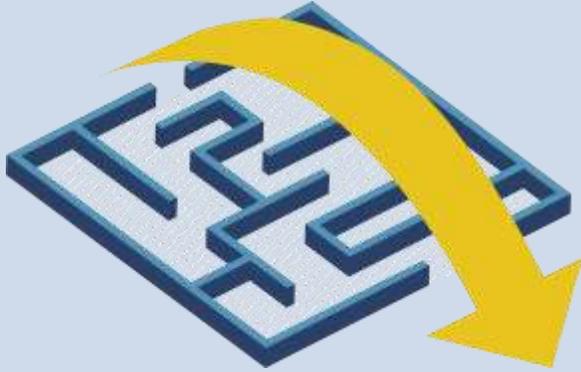
Programme
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costs and lump
sums in
practice

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Preventing
double
financing in
SCos

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Wrap-up and
closure day 2



Unit costs in Interreg



More and more programmes – more than 20

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Unit costs for...

Staff

OTS 1720 ; the hour rate per country, the hour rate per functional group;

Events

Person-day (different event types (sport competitions, cultural events, workshops, excursion, education, B2B etc.) ; different number of participants;);

Other

Project management equipment; travel and accommodation; accompanying actions;

Unit costs

Mandatory/optional

Regular projects/ SPF management/ small projects

Programme specific/OTS

Table 8 The hourly rate per country

Country	Hourly rate	Currency
Denmark	374	DKK
Estonia	29	EUR
Finland	36	EUR
Germany	48	EUR
Latvia	24	EUR
Lithuania	22	EUR
Norway	546	NOK
Poland	92	PLN
Sweden	501	SEK

	Unit cost (the same for Czech and Polish participants)
Sport activities	EUR 30/person-day
Camps & exchanges	EUR 47/person-day
Workshop, seminars and conferences	EUR 44/person-day
Excursions	EUR 36/person-day
Long-life learning & education	EUR 36/person-day

Historical data for calculation base

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	unit cost* certified	no. of 1-day events
workshops	mean 30,76 € median 29,86 €	62
conferences	mean 34,03 € median 27,22 €	28
trainings	mean 55,46 € median 58,72 €	100
		190
unit cost per participant	44,45 € → rounded to 45,00 €	

$$\text{unit cost per participant per day} = \frac{62 \cdot \frac{30,76 + 29,86}{2} + 28 \cdot \frac{34,03 + 27,22}{2} + 100 \cdot \frac{55,46 + 58,72}{2}}{190}$$

Unit cost used for standard projects

IV. Small Project Fund

Organising crossborder events:

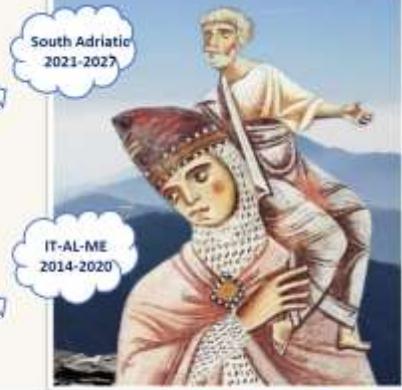
- Cultural, Sport, Conferences etc.
- Minimum 50% of the participants from partner country

PARTICIPANT	ERDF EUR	TOTAL EUR
25-50	13 215	16 518,75
51-75	15 855	19 818,75
76-100	18 500	23 125,00
101-125	21 145	26 431,25

SCOs in 2014-20 & 2021-27

- LS Action Plan
- SSUC Targeted trainings
- SSUC Accompanying Actions
- SSUC Travel & Accomodation
- FR Control costs
- SSUC Staff costs

- LS Preparation & Closure cost
- LS Meetings, seminars, conferences
- LS B2B & Incoming missions



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Interreg unit costs - today in the room



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Experience sharing:



Interreg Baltic Sea Region

- Marcin Kaczmariski

Interreg Czechia - Poland

- Ondřej Havlíček – Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa



Experience sharing

Beneficiary's perspective

- Kimmo Polvivaara

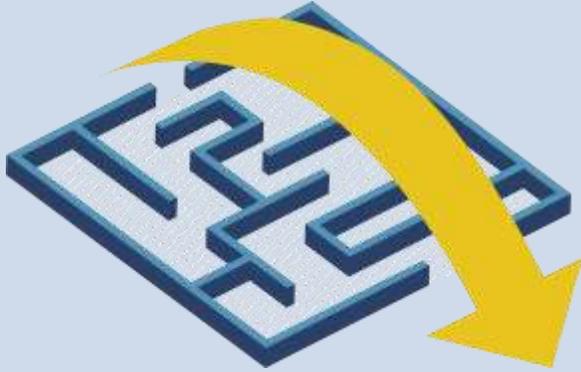
Discussion



- Do you plan to introduce new unit costs for the future calls?
- Do you plan any adjustments in the future?
- What have been the biggest challenges so far?

Coffee break





Preventing double financing in SCOs



SCOs combinations

To prevent double-financing, SCOs and real costs can be combined in the following situations (Article 53(1)(f) CPR):

**They cover
different
categories of
eligible costs**

**They are used for
different projects
in the same
operation**

**They are used for
successive phases
of an operation
(preparation,
implementation,
closure)**



SCOs combinations

		Off-the-shelf SCOs						Programme-specific SCOs				
	Combinations	20% staff costs	15% admin costs	7% admin costs	15% travel costs	Hourly rate staff costs ¹	40% all other costs	Unit cost staff	Flat rate staff	25% admin costs	Unit costs activities	Lump sum activities
Off-the-shelf SCOs	20% staff costs		Y	Y	Y**	N	N	N	N	Y	Y*	Y*
	15% admin costs	Y		N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y*
	7% admin costs	Y	N		Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y*
	15% travel costs	Y**	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y**	Y	Y*	Y*
	Hourly rate staff costs ¹	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y*
	40% all other costs	N	N	N	N	Y		Y	N	N	N	N
Programme-specific SCOs	Unit cost staff	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		N	Y	Y*	Y*
	Flat rate staff	N	Y	Y	Y**	N	N	N		Y**	Y*	Y*
	25% admin costs	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y**		Y*	Y*
	Unit costs activities	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	Y*		Y*
	Lump sum activities	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	

Y – yes, possible, N – no, not possible

* Provided there are no overlaps in costs covered (e.g., no staff costs included in the unit costs for activities)

** Yes, but ... - keep an eye on the definitions, e.g., for direct/ indirect costs, etc. Using a flat rate upon a flat rate requires very solid basis costs.

All off-the-shelf flat rates have to be read as “up to X%” (it is omitted for simplification reasons). This overview is by no means legally binding.

¹ Hourly rate staff costs refer to Article 55(2) CPR and combines 1720h method and hourly rate (dividing the latest documented monthly gross employment cost by the average monthly working time of the person).



Example 1:

Administration costs covered by a flat rate for office and administrative costs cannot be included in another category of costs, like direct real costs for external expertise if they also contain indirect costs for administration, to avoid the risk of double financing.



Example 2:

Training session combining:

- unit cost for the wages of the trainers, e.g. EUR 450/day;
- real costs: room rented = EUR 800/month as per rental contract during 12 months

At the end of the training, if 200 days of trainers were justified, the grant will be paid on the following basis:

- wages of the trainers 200 days × EUR 450 = EUR 90 000
- training room: 12 months × EUR 800 = EUR 9 600

Eligible expenditure: EUR 99 600

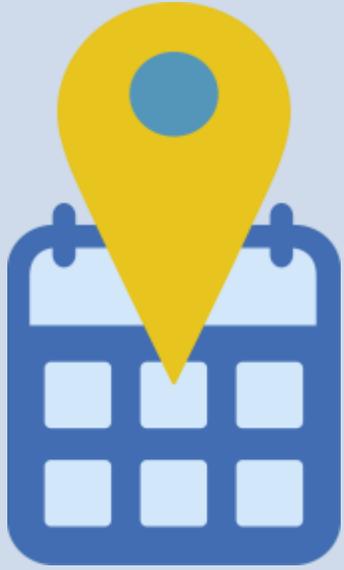
In that case, two types of costs are concerned: wages of trainers, rent costs for the room,

In order to verify the absence of double financing an MA must ensure that the unit cost does not relate to any costs linked to the renting of the room.

Discussion

Which type of costs/ costs categories/SCOs are more 'risky' regarding double financing?





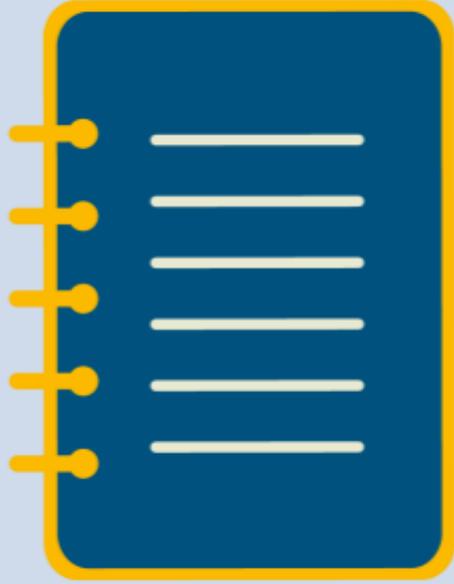
What's to come?



Focus in 2024

- Risk based management verification & SCOs tbc;
- Draft budget method tbc;
- Adjustment methods;
- post 2027;
- Brand-new project in 2024 – Training programme “**Plunging into SCOs**”





Wrap-up and closure

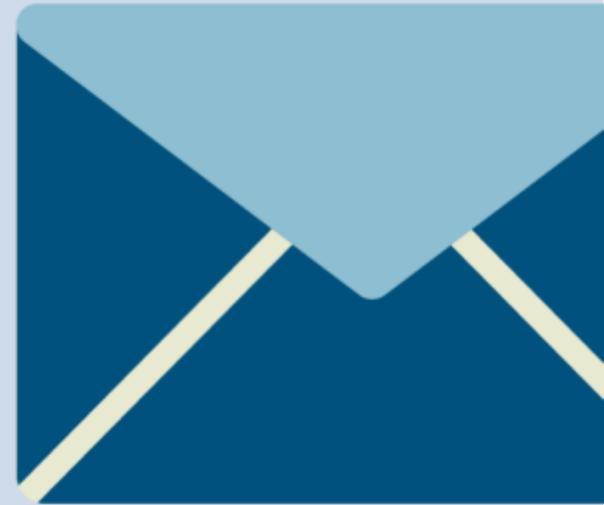
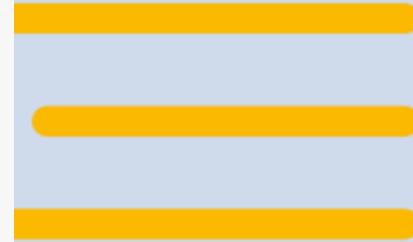
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