

European LEADER Congress 2023: LEADER and simplification

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Agenda

Time	Agenda item
11:45 – 11:55	Who are we? What are our experiences with SCOs and simplification? SCOs & simplification? – overview by Alistair Prior, CAPI CP
11:55 – 12:10	 Simplification and simplified costs in Estonia Olavi Petron (Ministry of Agriculture, Estonia) Q&A
12:10 – 12:45	Interactive session
12:45 – 13:00	Conclusions





SCOs in 2014-2020

- Significant experience across EU with most Rural Development Programmes introducing SCOs in their implementation.
- Regulations and approaches evolved over time e.g. (Omnibus regulation)
 - > Reduction of administrative burden
 - > Simplification of RDP delivery





Member State approaches to developing SCOs in 2014-20

- Obtained valid data for calculation
- Calculated of SCOs using statistical methods (what methods? what sample size to use?)
- Used forms of financing not directly linked to costs of the relevant operation for LEADER
- Used SCOs similar to applications elsewhere (e.g. lump sum for funding exchanges)
- Used an expert committee for establishing an SCO
- Checked compliance with public procurement rules
- > Extended the scope of 'off-the-shelf' SCOs





Possible self-reflections?

- Did our use of SCOs in 2014-2020 work for LEADER?
- Did we overcome our knowledge gaps and uncertainties around the use of SCOs?
- Did we convince MAs and PAs of the added benefits of using SCOs for LEADER?
- Were we able refine/develop credible calculation methods for SCOs?





Simplification & SCOs in 2023-2027

- MS set how they will simplify CSP implementation and reduce the administrative burden (especially for final beneficiaries).
- Simplified cost options feature in most CSPs
- Opportunity for MS to consider how best use SCOs to streamline the functions of LAGS to enable them to focus on core task of animation and avoid duplication
- More space in the CAP new delivery model to adjust and flex systems to accommodate small scale interventions, including LEADER
- Good communication and good co-ordination between LAGs, MA, PA and NNs key to building trust and developing a 'TEAM LEADER' approach





Sources of information



> ENRD LEADER Thematic Lab: LEADER funding made simpler – using SCOs in the transition period and under the CAP Strategic Plans (2021)



> ENRD Workshop on LEADER Simplification (2018)



FAMENET, Annual MA meeting - simplifying delivery & the use of SCOs (2023)









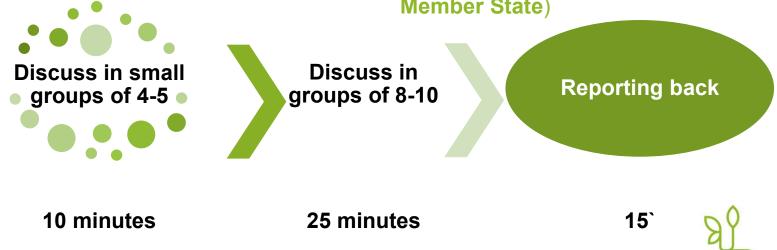
Interactive session and plenary discussion of conclusions

Purpose

to identify the key considerations to making simplified cost options and simplification work for LEADER/CLLD

Questions

- What do you think are the most effective approaches to simplification of LEADER? (agree in your group the top two or three effective approaches)
- Do you have any good practice examples of simplification in LEADER? (agree in your group the top two or three examples – indicate the Member State)





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