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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 \(2023\)](#)



- › [Simplified Cost Options \(European Commission – ESF,SCO studies & guidance\)](#)



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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