



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING of the EXPERT GROUP on ESIF (EGESIF)

12 December 2017 (9:30-17:30)

Brussels – Rue de la Loi 170, Charlemagne Building, room Lord Jenkins

### DRAFT AGENDA

	Agenda item	Progr. period	ESI Funds concerned	Other fora
1	<b>Draft Agenda</b>	-	-	-
2	<b>EIP evaluation study</b>	2014-2020	EAFRD	-
	<i>The European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI) was launched in 2012 to speed up innovation and foster a competitive and sustainable agricultural and forestry sector. The study identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the EIP-AGRI, opportunities and threats, and made recommendations to improve it. The Commission will present the key conclusions of the evaluation-study.</i>			
3	<b>Update on smart villages</b>	2014-2020	EAFRD	-
	<i>The Commission has launched a Smart Villages Action Plan on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 as part of its policies to foster development potential in rural areas with the help of the latest technology for connectivity and digitalisation. A new study will start soon on Smart Eco-Social Villages and a thematic working group on smart villages was launched this October. The presentation will provide delegations with an update of the initiative.</i>			
4	<b>Guidance for practitioners on the avoidance of the most common errors in public procurement of projects funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds - update</b>	2014-2020	All	-
	<i>The "Public Procurement Guidance for Practitioners on the avoidance of common errors in ESI Funded projects" was first published in 2015. However, the transposition period for the EU Public Procurement Directives of 2014 elapsed and most Member States transposed the new Directives in their national law. Therefore, the current version of the Guidance is updated to incorporate changes and new elements stemming from the new EU Directives. This presentation will give an overview of the updated Guidance and ask for MS feedback.</i>			
5	<b>High Level Group: summary of activities and the follow up</b>	2014-2020	All	-
	<i>The HLG Secretariat will provide a summary of the activities of the HLG, including the outcome of the last meeting. The Commission is looking forward to receiving reactions from EGESIF members to the post 2020 recommendations from the HLG. (As the previous discussion took place immediately after publication of the HLG proposals, it was too early for a more in depth discussion.)</i>			

6	Information on progress indicators for major projects	2014-2020	ERDF, CF	-
	In order to enhance the monitoring of major project implementation, the CPR requested to define financial and physical indicators for monitoring implementation progress in the Application Form. The Commission will advise delegations on how to correctly include physical indicators for monitoring progress in the SFC2014 module for major projects.			
7	Information about performance framework modifications	2014-2020	All	-
	The Commission will inform Member States about the approach taken for the assessment of the requests to revise milestones and targets in the performance framework, as well as invite Member States to submit requests for performance framework modifications no later than 30/06/2018. Complying with this recommendation will contribute to safeguarding the credibility of the performance framework and ensure timely treatment of amendment requests.			
Cocktail and lunch break 13:00-14:30 <sup>1</sup>				
8	Best practice in Simplified Cost Option design – collaboration between MA and AA of ESI Funds SCO data collection options	2014-2020	All	-
	A key element in designing and implementing SCOs is close collaboration between managing and audit authorities. Within this session, which is a follow-up to the discussion on SCOs at the 22nd EGESIF, the Commission aims with the participation of speakers from Northern Ireland and the Netherlands to showcase how such collaboration works in practice. Member States will be welcome to share their experience on a number of issues described in the background note. The Commission also wishes to explore data collection possibilities on the use of SCOs with Member States.			
9	A study ‘Macro-regional strategies and their links with cohesion policy’	2014-2020	All	-
	The study aims at examining to what extent the strategies contribute to coordination and synergies between ESIF and other EU policies and instruments, their socio-economic impact, as well as achievements. It also looks at the potential of the macro-regional approach to contribute to the future cohesion policy. The presentation will inform delegations about the main findings of the study and share good practices identified.			
10	AOB	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> No lunch will be served. Participants are to have lunch on their own initiative.