



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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

21 March 2018 (10:00-17:30) VM-2, room 2 - Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels

#### DRAFT AGENDA

	Agenda item and description	Progr. period	ESI Funds concerned	Other fora
1	<b>Draft Agenda</b>	-	-	-
2	<b>Implementation of Joint Communication Actions – Member State examples and lessons for the future</b>  <i>The Commission will provide an update on the implementation of the 7 Joint Communication Actions and the ongoing communication campaigns. Selected Member States will present practical examples from the implementation of one of the actions in their national context. The session will be followed by a Q&amp;A and a discussion on the future implementation (actions planned for 2018) and a follow-up at national and EU levels.</i>	2014-2020	ERDF, CF, ESF	-
3	<b>Charter on good audit practices</b>  <i>Following the recommendations issued by the High Level Group monitoring simplification in relation to cross-cutting audit issues as well as the discussions and workshops organised during the Homologues Group meeting in Tallinn in September 2017 prepared by representatives of audit authorities from around 15 Member States, the DG REGIO Audit Directorate prepared a summary of the conclusions reached in the form of a Charter on good practices promoted by the Audit Community when carrying out audits under Cohesion Policy, EMFF and FEAD. The Charter was sent to audit authorities on 9 February and is now at their disposal for use, promotion and further dissemination – e.g., as agreed by audit authorities, through publication on their website or attached to their audit charter / audit strategy.</i>  <i>Most of these good practices stem from audit standards and should therefore already be in place in the Member States but some good practices can be further promoted in the daily work of audit authorities and Commission auditors. Having such a Charter and common objectives in writing will contribute to the continuous professional development of the audit services and to an even better understanding between auditors and auditees in relation to the overall audit cycle. The Commission will give a presentation on the key elements of the document.</i>	2014-2020	ERDF, CF, ESF, EMFF	Technical meeting with AAs
4	<b>Conditions for eligibility of VAT under ESIF rules in the 2014-2020 programming period</b>  <i>This note follows up the ECA's recommendation to the Commission to provide guidance to Member States on the notion of recoverable VAT for beneficiaries of the ESI Funds. The note clarifies the notion of recoverable VAT, laid down in Article 69(3)(c) CPR, in the context of the 2014-2020 programming period. The notion of recoverable VAT determines the eligibility of VAT expenses for co-financing through the ESI Funds. The Commission will present the draft guidance note to delegations.</i>	2014-2020	All	-
<b>Lunch break 13:00-14:30<sup>1</sup></b>				
5	<b>Performance review and its implications</b>  <i>The Commission will inform delegations about the approach agreed among the four ESIF DGs to address procedural challenges posed by the performance review to be undertaken in 2019.</i>	2014-2020	All	-

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

	<b>Follow-up of the rescEU package: results of screening of Operational Programmes</b>	2014-2020	ERDF, CF	-
6	<p><i>On 23 November 2017 the College adopted a Communication on Strengthening EU Disaster Management: rescEU. Solidarity with Responsibility and a legislative proposal to revise the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (<a href="#">COM(2017) 773</a> and <a href="#">COM(2017) 772</a>). Disaster management has received high-level political attention after the various natural disasters in the summer of 2017. The <a href="#">rescEU</a> package includes several measures covering all types of natural disasters and the Commission is keen on progressing on several of them before the start of the next forest fire season. In that context, the Commission committed to screen planned investments in all relevant programmes and discuss possible changes with Member States. DG REGIO and DG ECHO will present the key elements of the rescEU proposal, the link with ESIF, as well as the main conclusions of the screening of cohesion policy programmes.</i></p>			
7	<b>Communication on the future CAP and its new delivery model</b>	2014-2020 2020+	EAFRD	-
	<p><i>The Commission will give a presentation about the communication on the future of the CAP with a specific focus on the idea of a new delivery model for the CAP shifting from a focus on compliance towards a focus on performance.</i></p>			
8	<b>AOB</b>	-	-	-