



## DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification

### Multi-country workshop on “Closure of 2021-2027 programmes”

**26 November 2025 – Prague**

**Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Kongresová 1655/1, Prague, 140 69 Czech Republic**

### Agenda

#### Purpose and specific objectives of the workshop:

The purpose of the event is to pave the way for enhancing simplification and legal certainty around the 2021-2027 closure framework, capitalising the lesson learnt from the closure of 2014-2020 programmes.

In particular, the event aims to:

- Present the main topics and issues discussed around closure of 2014-2020 programmes.
- Identify preliminary proposals for the 2021-2027 closure framework.
- Steer the work of the TN around closure.

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| <b>14:00 – 14:30<br/>CET<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Registrations and welcome coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>14:30 – 14:35<br/>CET</b>             | <b>Welcome by the host Member State</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Mgr. Karolína Primasová (Head of Unit, Unit Methodological and Legal Support for AA, Audit of OPTA and Home Affairs Funds, Ministry of Finance)</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>14:35 – 14:40<br/>CET</b>             | <b>Introduction to the workshop</b> <p>Introducing the agenda of the workshop: objectives and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Sabine Vandermotten (Deputy Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’)</i></li><li>▪ <i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>14:40 – 15:10<br/>CET</b>             | <b>1. Introduction on closure of programmes: 2014-2020 and 2021-2027</b> <p>This session aims to introduce the group discussions, by presenting key outcomes of the ongoing experience with the 2014-2020 closure and the main aspects involved in the 2021-2027 closure framework. The session also serves to present the rationale of the group discussions and the discussion points that will be addressed by participants in subsequent sessions 2 and 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Representatives of DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’</i></li></ul> |
| <b>15:10 – 15:40<br/>CET</b>             | <b>2. Group discussions on ‘closure of 2014-2020 programmes’</b> <p>Participants are invited to discuss in groups a first set of topics relevant for closure of 2014-2020 programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Group discussions</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

<sup>1</sup> Central European Time

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| <b>15:40 – 15:55<br/>CET</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>15:55 – 16:30<br/>CET</b> | <p><b>3. Group discussions on ‘closure of 2021-2027 programmes’</b></p> <p>Participants are invited to discuss in groups a second set of topics, relevant for closure of 2021-2027 programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Group discussions</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>16:30 – 17:25<br/>CET</b> | <p><b>4. Panel discussion</b></p> <p>The outcomes of group discussions (sessions 2 and 3) are presented in plenary and addressed in a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission. The panel discussion will serve to pave the way for enhancing simplification and legal certainty around the 2021-2027 closure framework, capitalising the lesson learnt from the closure of 2014-2020 programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission, facilitated by Luca Santin (Coordinator of DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>17:25 – 17:30<br/>CET</b> | <p><b>5. Conclusions to be presented at the TN meeting</b></p> <p>Identifying the key conclusions of the workshop, to be presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the TN, based on the outcomes of the groups and panel discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Representatives of the European Commission and Luca Santin (Coordinator of DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |