



## DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification

### 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of DG REGIO Transnational Network (TN) on Simplification

**27 - 28 November 2025 – Prague**

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

## Agenda

| Day 1: Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 9:00 – 9:30<br>CET <sup>1</sup>                  | Registrations and welcome coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:30 – 9:40<br>CET                               | <b>Welcome by the host Member State</b><br><i>Ing. Jiří Fojtík (General Director, Section Financial Management and Audit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic)</i>                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9:40 – 9:50<br>CET                               | <b>Introduction to the meeting</b><br>Introducing the agenda of the meeting: objectives and activities.<br><i>Sabine Vandermotten (Deputy Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')</i><br><i>Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i>                    |
| SESSION I – Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9:50 – 10:05<br>CET                              | <b>I.1 – State of play of FNLC</b><br>Presenting the state of play of FNLC in ERDF/CF/JTF programmes.<br><i>Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure'</i>                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:05 – 10:35<br>CET                             | <b>I.2 – FNLC practices</b><br>Presenting concrete examples on how FNLC schemes have been developed and implemented under ERDF/CF/JTF programmes.<br><i>Presentations by TN members</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:35 – 11:05<br>CET                             | <b>I.3 – Frequently asked questions around FNLC</b><br>Sharing the most frequent questions asked by Member States with regard to the design, implementation and audit of FNLC.<br><i>Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure' and of EC REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion</i> |
| 11:05 – 11:25<br>CET                             | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

<sup>1</sup> Central European Time

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| 11:25 – 11:55<br>CET                                         | <b>I.4 – Q&amp;A on FNLC</b><br><br>In this session, a panel of TN members and representatives of the European Commission is invited to address participants' questions on FNLC design and implementation.<br><br><i>Q&amp;A session with EC representatives and TN members</i>           |
| <b>SESSION II – Performance-based approaches in EU Funds</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:55 – 12:25<br>CET                                         | <b>II.1 – Social Climate Fund</b><br><br>Presenting an overview of the main provisions and principles regulating the Social Climate Fund.<br><br><i>Representatives of EC-DG EMPL G.2 'Social Climate Fund, European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, Social innovation'</i>                |
| 12:25 – 13:00<br>CET                                         | <b>II.2 – Social Climate Fund in practice</b><br><br>Presenting concrete examples on how the Social Climate Fund is being implemented by EU Member States.<br><br><i>Presentations by TN members</i>                                                                                      |
| 13:00 – 14:15<br>CET                                         | <b>Lunch break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 14:15 – 14:30<br>CET                                         | <b>II.3 – Introducing the world café on 'lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds'</b><br><br>Presenting the rationale and functioning of the world café session.<br><br><i>Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i>        |
| 14:30 – 15:10<br>CET                                         | <b>II.4 – World café on 'lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds' - part 1</b><br><br>Participants discuss in a world café session a <b>first set of topics</b> around lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds.<br><br><i>World café</i>  |
| 15:10 – 15:30<br>CET                                         | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15:30 – 16:45<br>CET                                         | <b>II.5 – World café on 'lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds' - part 2</b><br><br>Participants discuss in a world café session a <b>second set of topics</b> around lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds.<br><br><i>World café</i> |
| 19:00 CET                                                    | <b>TN dinner</b><br><br>The TN dinner will take place at the <b>Červený Jelen</b> restaurant - <i>Hybernská 5, Prague 1</i>                                                                                                                                                               |

## Day 2: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

9:00 – 9:30 CET Registrations and welcome coffee

9:30 – 10:30  
CET

### II.6 – Panel discussion on ‘lessons learned on performance-based delivery modes in EU funds’

The outcomes of the world café session are reported back and discussed in plenary.

*Reporting back and discussion in plenary*

10:30 – 10:50  
CET

### Audit of simplification measures in practice

*Presentation by representatives of the host Member State*

## SESSION III – Closure of 2021-2027 programmes

10:50 – 11:20  
CET

### III.1 – Introducing the discussion on closure of 2021-2027 programmes

Introducing the session by presenting key legal and procedural references around closure of ERDF/CF/JTF programmes for the 2021-2027 programming period and the outcomes of the multi-country workshop held in conjunction with the TN meeting.

*Representatives of EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’*

*Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)*

11:20 – 11:40  
CET

### Coffee break

11:40 – 12:05  
CET

### III.2 – Closure of 2021-2027 programmes: group discussions

Participants are invited to discuss in groups the key issues and solutions around closure of 2021-2027 programmes.

*Group discussions*

12:05 – 12:50  
CET

### III.3 – Closure of 2021-2027 programmes: panel discussion

The outcomes of group discussions carried out in session III.2 are addressed in plenary, within a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission.

*Panel discussions with EC representatives*

## SESSION IV – Next steps

12:50 – 12:55  
CET

### IV.1 – Updating the Work Plan & planning the next meetings

- Recap of the main decisions, ideas and proposals.
- Planning the next meeting and activities.
- Updating the TN’s Work Plan.

*Luca Santin (Coordinator, DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)*

12:55 – 13:00  
CET

### Closing remarks

*Sabine Vandermotten (Deputy Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 ‘Better implementation and closure’) and representatives of the host Member State*

13:00 – 14:00  
CET

### Lunch