



DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification

National workshop on Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) and Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC)

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 enhance the knowledge of Czech authorities around Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) and Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC) and to address key issues that may limit the use of simplification measures in the Czech Republic for the 2021-2027 period.

In particular, the event aims to:

- Present key information relevant for the design, implementation and audit of SCOs and FNLC.
- Address issues and proposals around SCOs and FNLC, selected by Czech authorities.

8:45 – 9:15 CET¹	Registrations and welcome coffee
9:15 – 9:20 CET	Welcome by the host Member State ▪ <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>
9:20 – 9:25 CET	Introduction to the meeting Introducing the agenda of the workshop: objectives and activities. ▪ <i>Sabine Vandermotten (Deputy Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')</i> ▪ <i>Luca Santin (Coordinator of DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification)</i>
9:25 – 10:05 CET	1. Design and implementation of SCOs and FNLC This session aims introducing the discussion on the design and implementation of SCOs and FNLC, by presenting a brief overview of the uptake of the two simplification measures in EU Member States and key provisions and recommendations relevant for the setting up and using SCOs and FNLC in Czech programmes. ▪ <i>Representatives of DG REGIO and DG EMPL</i>
10:05 – 10:30 CET	2. Audit of SCOs and FNLC Presenting an overview of the audit approach for SCOs and FNLC as well as examples of audit findings related to the design and implementation of the two simplification measures. ▪ <i>Representatives of EC-REGIO-EMPL Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion</i>

¹ Central European Time

10:30 – 10:45 CET	3. State of play of SCOs and FNLC in the Czech Republic Overview of the state of play of SCOs in Czech programmes for the 2021-2027 programming period and possibilities for the use of FNLC (types of operations which would be suitable to be covered by FNLC). ▪ <i>Presentation by Czech representatives</i>
10:45 – 11:05 CET	Coffee break
11:05 – 11:35 CET	4. Key issues and questions on SCOs and FNLC: group discussion Participants are divided into groups to address the following questions: 1. <i>What are the key practical issues (and questions) that should be addressed to facilitate a wider use of SCOs in the Czech Republic?</i> 2. <i>What issues are hindering the use of FNLC by Czech authorities and what questions would you like to address to the European Commission around the design, implementation and audit of FNLC?</i> ▪ <i>Group discussions</i>
11:35 – 12:25 CET	5. Key issues and questions on SCOs and FNLC: panel discussion The key issues and proposals identified in session 4 are addressed by representatives of the European Commission and of DG REGIO Transnational Network on Simplification. ▪ <i>Panel discussion with EC representatives, facilitated by Luca Santin</i>
12:25 – 12:30 CET	Concluding remarks ▪ <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> ▪ <i>Sabine Vandermotten (Deputy Head of Unit, EC-DG REGIO F.1 'Better implementation and closure')</i>