



Preparing for the Post-2027 Era — Enhancing Efficiency and Integrity in EU Fund Management: Mastering Simplified Cost Options (SCOs), Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC), and Anti-Fraud Frameworks

Day 1 – Simplified Funding Approaches (SCOs & FNLC)

Focus: Simplification and Efficiency

09:00 – 09:30

Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 10:30 – Opening Session

Introduction to Simplified Funding Models in the post-2027 context

- Why simplification matters for the 2028–2034 MFF
- The rising relevance of SCOs and FNLC
- Lessons learned from Structural Funds and the RRF/NRRP

10:30 – 10:45 – Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 – Session 1

Simplified Cost Options (SCOs): methods, application, and use cases

- Types of SCOs: unit costs, lump sums, flat rates
- Defining and justifying methodologies
- Practical examples from EU Funds

12:00 – 13:00 – Lunch

13:00 – 14:45 – Session 2

Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC): shifting from costs to results

- Output-/outcome-based logic and links to reforms
- Eligibility conditions, milestone structures, auditability
- Practical examples from EU Funds and RRF/NRRP

14:45 – 15:00 – Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:15 – Session 3

Interactive Group Workshop: SCO & FNLC Case Studies

- works on **specific case studies**:
 - SCO design (unit cost, lump sum, flat rate examples)
 - FNLC design (milestones, indicators, verification paths)
- Facilitated discussion on feasibility, risks, and auditability

Day 2 – Governance & Integrity (Management, Control, Anti-Fraud)

Focus: Governance, Controls, Integrity and Anti-Fraud

09:00 – 10:30 – Session 4

Building Robust Management & Control Systems (MCS) post 2027

- Architecture of MCS
- Responsibilities, reporting, and supervisory functions
- Lessons from the RRF and Cohesion Policy

10:30 – 10:45 – Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 – Session 5

Anti-Fraud Frameworks: tools, methodologies, and technologies

- Fraud risk assessment and red flags
- Preventive, detective, and corrective measures
- European best practices and IT Systems

12:00 – 13:00 – Lunch

13:00 – 14:15 – Session 6

Looking Ahead: integrity, simplification, and results under the 2028–2034 MFF

- Evolution of MCS and funding logic in the next programming period
- Innovations for transparency, control, and performance
- Policy priorities and readiness for the next programming period

14:15 – 14:30 – Coffee Break

14:30 – 16:00 – Session 7

Workshop

Completion of an Anti-Fraud Self-Assessment Risk Tool

- Introduction to the structure of a Self-Assessment Risk Tool
- Step-by-step completion together with participants
- Scoring of risks and identification of mitigating actions
- Discussion on proportionality and integration into MCS

