

Interactive Online Course

Programme and Financial Management of EU Funds 2021-2027

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Day 1:

Programme Management of EU Funds 2021-2027

Session I: Comparing Programming Period 2014 – 2020 with 2021 – 2027 – What Will Actually Change?

Session II: ESIF for Emergency Measures 2014-2020 – Impact on the New Programmes?

Session III: Getting Ready for the New Programming Period from Practitioners' Perspective

- Preparing for the New Programming Period from the Managing Authority Point of View
- How to Successfully Prepare a Draft Operational Programme
- Effective Negotiation with the European Commission

Day 2:

Financial Management and Control of EU Funds 2021-2027

Session IV: Challenges Ahead in 2021-2027 – How to Strengthen Control Activities in the New Programming Period?

- Strengthening and Improving Verification Activities – Challenges for Managing Authorities
- Challenges Related to Audit Authorities in the Programming Period 2021 – 2027
- New Monitoring and Reporting Requirements 2021-2027

General Information

Overview

The new 2021 – 2027 programming period introduces some **considerable changes in the financial allocation and control system of EU Funds**. The current **amendment of the 2014-2020 regulations, caused by COVID-19**, will additionally affect the Financial Management and Control System of the New Programming Period 2021-2027. Our experts will help you understand how these **novelties will affect your day-to-day work**. Moreover, this course comes exactly at the right time when you are **working on and negotiating your Operational Programmes**. What do the **new draft Regulations propose on programming, selection of priorities and indicators, and financial management of Operational Programmes**? Our speakers will share their recommendations on **how to fill in the Operational Programmes Template** and provide their experience when it comes to **negotiating Operational Programmes with the European Commission**. They will assist in overcoming possible challenges using their rich experience gained throughout previous years.

Methodology

An interactive online course by Lexxion Publisher combines **presentations, cases studies and discussions on practical problems**. All **speakers present live via video and audio**. Participants are actively involved in the online courses. By offering our participants the possibility to **use their microphones and cameras during the whole course**, we aim to **recreate the atmosphere of a face-to-face Lexxion course**. We encourage our participants to **ask questions in real time and to take part in live discussions** with speakers and other participants. Additionally, we offer **breakout sessions**, as part of this format, where participants **work in smaller groups on real-life cases and exercises**. During these exercises, participants have the technical possibility to see other group members and talk to them (using microphone and camera). There are ample opportunities for the participants to **present their own problematic issues, discuss and solve them with the speakers and participants** from other Member States.

Target Group

- Representatives from public authorities in charge of management, control and audit of EU Funds, especially from:
 - Managing Authorities
 - Responsible Authorities
 - Intermediate Bodies
 - Delegated Authorities
 - Certifying Authorities
 - Audit Authorities
- EU Funds experts from regional and local authorities
- Beneficiaries of EU funded projects, i.e.: Private and public companies, associations, research institutes
- International, national and local associations and networks
- Public and private banks
- Consultants

09:00 Welcome from Lexxion Publisher and Introduction Round

**Session I:
Comparing Programming Period 2014-2020 with 2021-2027 –
What Will Actually Change?**

09:30 **Overview of EU Funds in 2021-2027**

- The new legal framework of CPR
- Seven shared management funds
- Which challenges will the new Programming Period bring?
- Simplification
- Simplified designation process
- Novelties in roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved
- New criteria in the allocation method

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Deputy Director of EU Funds Audit Department,
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**Session II:
ESIF for Emergency Measures 2014-2020 – Impact on the New
Programmes?**

- 10:30
- How will the health emergency impact the new Operational Programmes?
 - What are the key aspects of the amended Regulations (CRII, CRII+, REACT-EU)?

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Member of the Board of Directors, Austrian Institute
for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning (ÖIR),
Vienna

11:15 Virtual coffee break

**Session III:
Getting Ready for the New Programming Period from
Practitioners' Perspective**

11:30 **Preparing for the New Programming Period from the
Managing Authority Point of View**

- On what should managing authority focus during the preparation process?
- How to avoid delays?
- Lessons learnt from preparation for 2014-2020

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Vienna

12:30 Virtual lunch break

13:15 **Practical Workshop: How to Successfully Prepare a
Draft Operational Programme**

- Lessons learnt from 2014 – 2020
- From Partnership Agreement to Operational Programme?
- Programme architecture
- Budget allocation
- Results to be achieved
- The new OP template

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14:30 **Effective Negotiation with the European
Commission**

- How to prepare and plan your negotiations?
- What is important to be successful in your negotiations?

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for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning (ÖIR),
Vienna

15:00 End of Day 1

Session IV: Challenges Ahead – How to Strengthen Control Activities in the New Programming Period?

09:30 Strengthening and Improving Verification Activities – Challenges for Managing Authorities

- The Novelties in respect to verifications and control
- New rules in eligibility of expenditure
- What are the main changes in responsibilities and who will take over the accounting function?
- Risk-based management verifications
- Simplified Cost Options
- New rules for Technical Assistance
- Further issues to be discussed with the speaker

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Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Romania

11:00 Virtual coffee Break

11:15 Challenges Related to Audit Authorities in the Programming Period 2021 – 2027

- Are there any changes in the scope of system audits, audits of operations and audits of accounts?
- Consequences in case of use of the enhanced proportionate arrangements
- Challenges of ex-ante assessment of the SCO methodology
- Further issues to be discussed

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12:45 Lunch Break

13:45 New Monitoring and Reporting Requirements 2021-2027

- Results orientation
- Real time reporting
- The new Performance Framework
- Mid-term review

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15:00 End of the online course

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Zoom is our interactive online course platform. In order to join our course, please check your device compatibility first.

What do you need in order to join the online course?

- ✓ Speakers, Microphone; Camera is possible, if you would like to be seen during the course
- ✓ A wired connection is strongly recommended.
- ✓ If your internet connection doesn't work, you can join the course by telephone, using a dial-in number. In this case there might be additional telephone costs.

How to join the online course?

- ✓ Choose the computer from which you would like to follow the online course.
- ✓ Please test your microphone and camera in advance. For this please install zoom and follow [these](#) instructions
- ✓ In order to join the live online course, please open the URL link, which you receive from us. Please [install](#) the zoom, if not done yet
- ✓ Click on "Join a Meeting", enter your full name, so that we could recognize you, and wait in the waiting room, until our host will let you in
- ✓ Use your headset and camera

Minimum system requirements are as follows:

- ✓ **Operating System:** Windows 7 or later; Mac OS X 10.12 or later, Linux.
- ✓ **Browser:** The most recently-published versions of Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari, or Opera.
- ✓ **High-speed internet:** A consistent, high-speed connection is required. Mobile tethering, hotspots, slow or inconsistent public Wi-Fi networks may create latency when using video conferencing.

FAQ

Why do I need to register before the online course starts?

Thank you for registering! This not only helps us to communicate with you in regard to technical issues but it helps you to network with your fellow course participants.

Will the live course be recorded?

Please ask the responsible event manager.

Do I need a camera?

It is recommended to have a camera for more comfortable communication with the speakers and other participants.

Do I need a microphone?

Since this is an interactive online course, yes.

Do I need to install anything?

Yes, you should install Zoom app. Please click on the URL link, which you receive from us. It will automatically prompt to download the app.

Can I ask questions during the live course?

Yes, you can ask your questions live by using your microphone and camera. You can speak to all participants at the same time as you may have experienced in Skype.

When can I enter the live course I'm attending?

Please enter Zoom 10 minutes before start. Our host will let you in in due time.

May I leave the online course and come back later?

Yes, just log in at a later time during the course.

May I access via Phone?

Yes, you can. Participating via phone means you can listen only..

Can't find invitation?

Please check your spam-folder. You should also ask your colleague from the IT department to 'whitelist' us. For more details please ask the corresponding conference manager, who will be happy to help you.

I failed the Firewall System Check – what can I do?

All requirements can be found [here](#).

I failed the Audio Output System Test – what can I do?

If you are using headphones or external speakers, try unplugging them. Please unmute your device. Test your speakers [here](#) to find out if they work.

I would like to participate but I'm waiting for an approval. Can I order a ticket on the day of the online course?

Sure. Please message online@lexxion.eu. We need to have a separate testing before the start of the online course.

My email address has changed – can I still participate?

Sure. Please provide us with your updated email address; you will then receive a new invitation.

How do I contact the host of the online course?

online@lexxion.eu is happy to help you.

Registration

Participation fee

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 790** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 990** (excl. VAT).

The German VAT of 19% will be added, if applicable

Newsletter subscription

- Please send me information about Structural and Investment Funds issues for free. I may unsubscribe from this service any time.

Cancellations

Cancellations should be made in writing per post or fax. Please note that the full fee will be charged in case of no show at the online event or for cancellations received after 15 September 2020. Nomination of a substitute remains possible without any additional costs. For more detailed information, scope and conduct of contract as well as cancellation policy, please check the Terms & Conditions on our website.

Please register with:



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Upcoming event:

Summer Course:

Irregularities and Fraud in EU Funds and Public Procurement: Experiences from ESI Funds, AMIF/ISF and IPA Funds

9-11 September 2020 | Online

During this Summer Course you will learn about differences between errors, irregularities and fraud, about common types of irregularities, about irregularities resulted from State aid, about Simplified Cost Options and irregularities, and how to proceed with irregularities and financial corrections. Irregularities and Fraud, resulted from Public Procurement will be the topic of the second day. We will also discuss remedial actions to be undertaken in order to prevent irregularities and fraud in any form. The third day will be devoted to anti-fraud cycle and detecting and combating of fraud in management of EU Funds.