


Spring Academy

Closing of the Operational Programmes: Making it Easy

 08 - 10 May 2024 | Porto

Fee: 1900 EUR (excl. VAT)

VAT will be added when applicable

Payment method: Invoice

DESCRIPTION

It is time of wrapping up the Operational Programmes. How to plan the process to reconcile with the implementation of the new Multiannual Financial Framework, programming, and implementation of the Next Generation EU (NGEU)? How to best address issues concerning the eligibility of expenditures and completion of actions? How to draw your ultimate timeline?

As administrative capacity in ESI Funds Management is limited, also because of COVID-19 and the EU recovery measures, the key matter is careful and thorough planning. Participating in our two-day workshop will respond to all your questions and doubts on **how to succeed with the closing process**. And because in ESIFA we believe that learning has to be practical in order to be beneficial, our expert Artur Bartoszewicz will discuss with you real case studies and best practices arising.

The workshop will cover the following issues

- Lessons from the experience for the next programming period: closing of the operational programs 2014-2020;
- Preparing for Programme Closure 2021-2027 in practice: legal framework and guidelines;
- Relationship with the Commission;
- Eligible expenditure at closure and public aid;
- Certified statement of final expenditure, final payment application.

Who is the workshop for

- Representatives from Public Authorities in charge of Financial Management, Control, and Audit, especially

from:

- Managing Authorities;
- Certifying Authorities;
- Audit Authorities;
- Intermediate Bodies.
- ESI Funds experts from regional and local authorities;
- Beneficiaries of EU funded projects, i.e.: private and public companies, associations, research institutes;
- Public and private banks;
- International, national and local associations and networks;
- Consultants.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 8 May 2024

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| 09.00 | Closing of the operational programs 2007 - 2013: Lessons from the past experience for the next programming period |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Closure general principles;■ What were the problems encountered during the closure of the previous Operational Programmes (2007-2013)? |
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| 10.30 | Coffee break |
| | Coffee break and networking |
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| 11.00 | Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Identification of Issues;■ Law basics;■ The end date for eligibility of expenditure and completion of activities;■ Obligations for closed projects; |

- Case study / Best practice.

12.30 Lunch

13.45 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

- Guidelines on the closure of operational programmes;
- Closure Planning;
- Project Closure;
- Case study / Best practice.

15.15 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

- Programme Issues;
- Resources for Closure;
- Case study / Best practice.

16.30 End of the Official Programme Day One

18.00 Walking Tour and a networking dinner in Porto

Thursday 9 May 2024

09.00 Warmup round and starting quiz

09.30 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

- Closure Planning – Timeline;
 - Relationship with the Commission;
 - Final implementation report;
 - Case study / Best practice.
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10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

- Eligible expenditure at closure and public aid;
 - Closing documents;
 - Closure declaration;
 - Case study.
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12.30 Lunch

13.30 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

- Decommitment;
- Common rules for payments;
- Certified statement of final expenditure, final payment application;

- Case study / Best practice.

15.15 End of the 2. Day of the Training

Friday 10 May 2024

09.00 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

Case study / Best practice

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Workshop - Preparing for Programme Closure 2014-2020 in practice

Case study / Best practice

00.30 Lunch

14.00 Summary of Main Points, Lessons to be Drawn and Advice, and Final Comments by Participants

14.30

End of the Academy

Handing out of the certificates

EXPERTS

- **Artur Bartoszewicz, Ph.D**

Expert on planning and multi-annual programming standards

- **José Eduardo Baptista**

Event Manager

VENUE

Mercure Porto Centro Santa Catarina

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4049-028 Porto

Next to the training materials the training fee is covering:

- a) the Catering during the training (3 Coffee Breaks and a Lunch every day);
- b) a Walking Tour in Porto in the evening of the First Day of the Training;
- c) get-together dinner in a Restaurant in Porto in the evening of the 1st Day