


two days workshop

Durability of Operations in ESI Funds. Practitioner's Toolbox

 11 - 12 November 2021 | Lisbon

Fee: 1050 EUR (excl. VAT)

VAT will be added when applicable

Payment method: Invoice

DESCRIPTION

The European Union, to ensure efficiency, fairness and sustainable impact of the intervention of the ESI Funds has created and updated provisions guaranteeing the durability of investments in business activities and infrastructure, avoiding the use of ESIF for undue advantages. The experience of various EU member countries has shown that this period of five years is the most appropriate minimum period to be used, except for cases where state aid rules provide for a different period.

However, it has been decided to shorten this period down to three years when the investment concerns the maintenance of investment or jobs created by SMEs.

Violation of these rules requires the return of some or all of the ESIF funds. In special cases, the ESIF contributions have to be reimbursed, if, within ten years of the final payment to the beneficiary, the production activity is relocated outside the European Union. There were ESF supported projects exempted from the general durability requirement.

Individual EU countries present their experience in implementing these principles for both the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 periods. It is worth mentioning that amounts unduly paid should be recovered and should be the subject to procedures applicable to irregularities.

The subject of durability is difficult and important, but it can be presented interestingly and understandably. Meet the experts and learn from their experience. Verify your knowledge about project durability during the training.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 11 November 2021

08.30 Registration and welcome coffee

09.00 Welcome note from ESI Funds Academy, welcome note from Chair
Introduction round

09.30 The term: durability of operations

- Durability of project in 2000-2006 and 2007-2013 periods and durability of operations in 2014-2020 period
- Basic documents regulating the durability of a project financed from EU funds

Artur Bartoszewicz, PhD, Warsaw School of Economics

10.30 Coffee break
Networking

11.00 Projects covered by the control of durability of operations - period and scope of control

Assessment of the possibility of making changes to the project during its durability algorithm of procedure:

- Basic modification
- Change in the nature of infrastructure ownership

- Cessation of activity
- Impact on the nature or conditions of the operation
- Getting unjustified benefits

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12.00 Lunch

13.00 Sanctions for the beneficiary related to the total or partial non-compliance with the project sustainability rules

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14.30 Coffee Break

Networking

15.00 Other control areas and responsibilities of the beneficiary after completion of the project

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16.30 Walking tour to discover the heart of Lisbon

Walking tour to discover the heart of Lisbon (60-90 minutes)

Starting point: Praca Dom Pedro IV

Guide: expert on urban planning

09.00

Durability of operations – A practical approach

- Where does experience come from?
- Forthcoming changes in relation to financial perspective 2021-2027
- Case studies – durability of operations

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10.30

Coffee break

Networking

11.00

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12.30

Lunch

13.30

How to maintain the durability of the project and avoid reimbursement of funding in the project

- Practical advice
- Discussion

15.00

End of the Workshop

Handing out of the certificates and a good bye coffee

EXPERTS

- **Artur Bartoszewicz, Ph.D**

Expert on planning and multi-annual programming standards

VENUE

4* Hotel in Lisbon Hotel Açores Lisboa

Av. Columbano Bordalo Pinheiro 3, 1070-060 Lisboa, Portugal

<https://www.bensaude.pt/hotelacoreslisboa/en/>

Next to the training materials the trainign fee is covering:

- a) the Catering during the training (3 Coffee Breaks and a Lunch every day);
- b) a Walking Tour in Lisbon in the evening of the First Day of the Training.