

two days workshop

Technical Assistance in ESI Funds How to become more effective?

 19 - 20 September 2019 | Lisbon

Fee: 1050 EUR (excl. VAT)

VAT will be added when applicable

Payment method: Invoice

DESCRIPTION

The correct usage of Technical Assistance (TA) is a key to ensure your Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) projects are running smoothly. One on-going key issue is the distinction between eligible and non-eligible costs. In TA they may appear as flat rates for indirect costs. In this context, a major question that occurs is how to audit SCOs. In addition, the European Commission emphasizes the high importance of including indicators to measure performance. This puts high pressure on TA officers who need to develop methods on how to collect, measure, analyze and monitor indicators the best way. Practitioners ask themselves whether it is useful to apply performance indicators, especially for TA. Next, to know-how on monitoring and evaluation, TA managers need also to develop further their soft skills. It is their task to manage e.g. training for ESIF experts and support programme managers. Therefore they need strong communication and negotiation skills.

After completing the official program of the first day of the Workshop the ESI Funds Academy is inviting the participants on the thursday afternoon to a walking tour to discover the heart of Lisbon with our urban expert Jerome Crozy.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 19 September 2019

09.00 Registration and welcome coffee

09.30 Welcome by the ESI Funds Academy and the Chair & Introduction Round

10.00 Technical Assistance for the Implementation of ESI Funds

- Technical Assistance at the initiative of the Member States (Art. 59)
- Designing of Technical Assistance – key elements
- Lessons learnt for the next programming period

Chair, **Urszula Wójcik**, Chief Expert on Technical Assistance in Public Administration, Poland

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 How to deal with financial aspects and control TA?

- Eligibility of expenditure
- Verification of the claim
- On the spot checks
- External audits/controls
- Electronic data system

+ practical exercise

Speaker: **Ioana Mindru**

Expert on European Economy and Finances

12.30

Lunch

13.30

Management of Technical Assistance. Today and after 2020

- Main actors involved in TA
 - Possibilities of absorption in Technical Assistance: How to increase absorption rate?
 - How to simplify the use of TA? – SCO in TA
 - **TA after 2020**
 - What are the New Regulations for years 2021-2027
 - How will TA develop in the future?
- + case studies on SCO in TA

Speaker, Urszula Wójcik Chief Expert on Technical Assistance in Public Administration, Poland

15.00

Coffee break

15.30

Technical Assistance for Building Administrative Capacity

- Lessons learnt: the challenges and the solutions found
 - The importance of good institutional set-up
 - The specificity of administration: how to make it work to our advantage?
 - How to support beneficiaries and partners with TA money?
- + best practices and case studies

Speaker: **Ioana Mindru**

Expert on European Economy and Finances

17.00

End of the official Program of Day I

18.00 [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: Jerome Crozy, expert on urban planning

Friday 20 September 2019

09.00 [Welcome Coffee](#)

09.30 [Evaluation of Technical Assistance](#)

- Evaluation during the programming period (art. 56, CPR)
- How to develop appropriate questions for TA evaluation?
- How is progress tracked? Analysis of key indicators applicable for TA
- What factors contribute to the impact of TA and how to measure it effectively?

Ms Polina Licheva, Financial management department Operational Program Good Governance
Directorate Council of Ministers, Republic of Bulgaria

11.00 [Coffee Break](#)

11.30 [New Tools for Management of ESI Funds + Case Studies](#)

Software solutions for daily collecting, processing and analyzing data for reporting the progress
Case Studies: projects related to developing national informational systems.

Ms Polina Licheva, Financial management department Operational Program Good Governance

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Case Studies of Technical Assistance best practices

Projects on Institutional capacity building

Gabriel Culea, Expert on administrative and on-the-spot verification of ESI Funds from Romania

14.00 Coffee Break

14.30 practical exercise

practical exercise for the participants to develop in a small groups a budget on a chosen scenario

- information campaign relevant for their home institution
- projects related to building the administrative capacity

Presentation and feedback on the ideas

Gabriel Culea, Expert on administrative and on-the-spot verification of ESI Funds from Romania

15.30 End of the seminar, handing out of the certificates

EXPERTS

- **Polina Licheva**
Expert on Technical Assistance
 - **Jérôme Crozy**
Expert on EU Management
 - **Urszula Wójcik**
Expert on Technical Assistance and Simplified Cost Options
 - **Gabriel Culea**
Expert on administrative and on-the-spot verification of ESI Funds
 - **Ioana Mindru**
Expert on European Economy and Finances
-

VENUE

4* Hotel in Lisbon
Hotel Açores Lisboa
Av. Columbano Bordalo Pinheiro 3, 1070-060 Lisboa, Portugal
<https://www.bensaude.pt/hotelacoreslisboa/en/>