



fi-compass event series

EC regulatory framework on financial instruments under European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

Selection of bodies implementing financial instruments under ESIF

Brussels, Tuesday, 27 September 2016

Programme





Background of event

The European Commission has recently published the [Guidance for Member States on the selection of bodies implementing financial instruments](#) under European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). The guidance provides clarifications about the procedures for selecting bodies to whom the managing authorities may entrust the financial instruments implementation tasks as foreseen in Article 38(4) (b) of the Common Provisions Regulation. Managing authorities need to comply with all applicable laws, including public procurement, when selecting these bodies.



Objectives

fi-compass is organising an event that aims to:

- Accommodate the need of *fi-compass* stakeholders for guidance on the rules for selection of bodies implementing financial instruments under ESIF;
- Enable participants to understand the implications and opportunities of the recently adopted EC Regulatory Guidance on selection of bodies implementing financial instruments under ESIF and to apply the legal provisions in practice; and
- Facilitate networking of participants and provide them with the opportunity to discuss this topic.



Methodology

The event will consist of:

- Presentations by experts from the European Commission; and
- Questions and answer sessions following the presentations.



Audience

The event targets in particular:

- ESIF managing authorities and other authorities directly involved in the implementation of ESIF financial instruments, as well as
- Bodies implementing or considering implementing financial instruments under ESIF programmes and financial intermediaries.

If capacity allows, other stakeholders working with financial instruments under ESIF may also attend the event.

Venue

Hotel Sofitel Brussels Europe

Place Jourdan 1

1040 Brussels

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Language

The event will take place in English.

Registration

Online registrations for this event will close on Friday, 23 September 2016.

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After registering online through the www.fi-compass.eu website, registrants will receive an automatic email acknowledging receipt of their registration. This message is not a confirmation of participation. Within two weeks after application the registrants will be informed by a separate email whether or not they can attend the event. The decision will be based on available seats, targeted audience and balanced representation of Member States and organisations.

Costs

Registration is free. Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation costs. In case of unforeseen circumstances such as force majeure or low participant numbers, the event might be moved to a different date or cancelled. In this case, registered participants will be informed immediately via email. The reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses or work hours lost will not be possible.



Agenda

Brussels, 27 September 2016 (Tuesday)

Address: Sofitel Brussels Europe, Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

Moderator: Desmond Gardner, member of the *fi-compass* expert group

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10:00 – 10:05 **Welcome**
European Commission - DG REGIO (*Stefan APPEL*)
- 10:05 – 10:30 **Overview of the guidance for Member States on the selection of bodies implementing financial instruments (2016/C 276/01)**
European Commission - DG REGIO (*Carole MANCEL-BLANCHARD*)
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Selection of bodies implementing financial instruments on the basis of the exceptions foreseen by the Directive 2014/24/EU and the TFEU:**
- EIB, EIF, International Financial Institutions
 - In-house award
 - Inter-administrative cooperation
- European Commission - DG REGIO (*Carole MANCEL-BLANCHARD*) and DG GROW (*François ARBAULT*)
- 11:15 – 11:45 *Coffee break with networking opportunity*
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Q&A**
European Commission - DG REGIO and DG GROW
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break with networking opportunity*
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Selection of bodies implementing financial instruments on the basis of the tendering procedures foreseen by the Directive 2014/24/EU; common mistakes and good practice**
Q&A
European Commission - DG GROW (*Sandro CAVRAK*) and DG REGIO (*Anna-Lena ZADEMACH-SCHWIERZ*)
- 16:00 – 16:15 Final remarks



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