

EXPLANATORY MEETING ON THE ACQUIS

AGENDA FOR CHAPTER 22: REGIONAL POLICY

Dates: 5 and 6 February 2019

Venue: Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek – Meeting Room 1A

Chair: Marc Jorna (DG NEAR)

Day 1: Tuesday 05 February 2019

08:45 - 09:30	Arrival of participants
09:30 - 10:00 Welcome	Welcome and opening remarks by the Chair – Marc JORNA
Opening speeches	Introductory statement by Lena ANDERSSON PENCH, Directorate D - European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation I, DG REGIO Introductory statement by Mr. Lluis PRATS, Head of Unit D.3-International Issues, DG EMPL Introductory statement by Mr. Armand SKAPI, Director Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Introductory statement by Mr. Bojan MARICHIKJ, Chief Negotiator
GENERAL INTRODUCTION	
10:00 – 10:20 Maria SOUMELA, (02 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	General principles of cohesion policy
Jader CANÈ, (F.1 Unit, DG	European Structural and Investments Funds (ESI Funds) and the Semester

Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion)	
1. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK	
10:20 – 10:40 Maria SOUMELA, (02 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	<p><u>Legislative architecture (Regulations, Delegated acts, Implementing acts, Decisions)</u></p> <p>The acquis under this chapter consists mostly of framework and implementing regulations, which do not require transposition into national legislation.</p> <p><u>European Structural and Investment Funds Regulations 2014-2020</u></p> <p>Common provisions regulation (CPR) laying down the common provisions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the European Regional Development Fund, • the European Social Fund, • the Cohesion Fund, • the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and • the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund <p>ERDF Regulation ESF Regulation Cohesion Fund Regulation ETC Regulation EGTC Regulation</p>
10:40 – 10:55	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
10:55 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:10 – 12:00 Maria SOUMELA (02 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	<p><u>Common Provisions Regulation, ERDF Regulation, CF Regulation</u></p> <p>Common provisions regulation (CPR) Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.¹</p>

¹ Annex 1

	<p>Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex See also additional declarations published in the Official Journal.</p> <hr/> <p>ERDF Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006.² Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex See also additional declarations published in the Official Journal.</p> <hr/> <p>Cohesion Fund Regulation Council Regulation (EU) No 1300/2013 of 17 December 2013 on the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006. Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex</p>
12:00 – 12:20	<u>ESF+ and the European Pillar of Social Rights</u>
Jader CANÈ (F.1 Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion)	<p>ESF Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006.³ Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex</p>
12:20-12:30	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-14:20	<u>ETC and EGTC Regulations</u>
Dirk PETERS (D.2 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	<p>ETC Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal.⁴ Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex</p>

² Annex 2

³ Annex 3

⁴ Annex 4

	<p>EGTC Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC).⁵ Full text of the regulation on Eur-Lex</p>
14:20 – 14:45	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
2. PROGRAMMING	
14:45 – 16:00	<p>Mathieu FICHTER (D1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Zuzana JAVORSKÁ (02 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Simona POHLOVA (D1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Giuseppe DI PAOLA (D1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Camelia Mihaela KOVACS (F1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p>
	<p><u>Programming (basic principles)</u> Programming Title III of Part Two of the CPR</p> <p><u>Ex-ante conditionalities</u> Article 19 and Annex XI of the CPR</p> <p><u>Smart specialisation strategies</u> Smart specialisation strategies Annex I of the CPR</p> <p><u>Macroregional strategies</u> Macro-regional strategies EU Strategy for Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) SWD(2014)190 final COM(2014) 357 final</p> <p><u>Major projects</u> Major projects Chapter II of Title II of Part Three of the CPR</p>

⁵ Annex 5

<p>Adam ABDULWAHAB (B.3 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Olivier BAUDELET (D2 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p>	<p><u>Financial instruments</u> Financial instruments Title IV of Part Two of the CPR</p> <p><u>Territorial dimension of cohesion policy</u> Chapter II and III of Title III of Part Two of the CPR Chapter II of the ERDF Regulation</p>
16:00-16:20	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
16:20-16:35	<i>Coffee break</i>
3. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	
<p>16:35-16:45</p> <p>Zuzana JAVORSKÁ (02, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p>	<p><u>Institutional framework</u> Responsibilities under shared management; Responsibilities of Member States; Commission powers and responsibilities Art. 73-75 of Chapter I of Title VIII of Part Two of the CPR Art. 122-124 of Chapter I of Title I of Part Four of the CPR Managing authority Art. 125 of Chapter II Of Title I of Part Four of the CPR Monitoring Committee Art. 47-49 of Chapter I of Title V of Part Two of the CPR</p>
16:45-17:00	<i>Questions and Answers</i>

Day 2: Wednesday 06 February 2019

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY	
<p>09:00 – 09:20</p> <p>Ann-Kerstin MYLEUS (E.1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p>	<p><u>Administrative capacity</u> Relevant articles in the CPR: Art. 4(5) on general principles; Art. 15(1)v on the Partnership Agreement Art. 52(2)f on progress report Art. 55(3)i on ex-ante evaluation Art. 58(1) on technical assistance at the initiative of COM Art. 59(1) on technical assistance of MS Art. 96(2)b.vii on the Operational Programmes Art. 111.4 (b) on the annual implementation report Article 125.3(d) on capacity of beneficiaries</p>
<p>09:20-09:35</p>	<p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
5. MONITORING, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION	
<p>09.35 – 10.25</p> <p>David ALBA (B.2 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p> <p>Mathieu FICHTER (02 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)</p>	<p><u>Monitoring system and indicators</u> Monitoring Part II, TITLE V, Chapter I of the CPR</p> <p><u>Performance framework and evaluation</u> Evaluation Part II, TITLE V, Chapter II of the CPR</p> <p><u>Annual reports</u> Relevant articles in the CPR: Art. 46(1) on Report on implementation of Financial Instruments Art. 50 on Implementation reports Art. 110(2)b on Functions of the monitoring committee Art. 111 on Implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal Art. 112 on Transmission of financial data Art. 125(2)(b) on Functions of the managing authority</p>

	<p>Art.135(4) on Deadlines for presentation of interim payment applications and for their payment Art. 141 on Submission of closure documents and payment of the final balance</p> <p>Relevant articles in ETC Regulation: Art. 14 on Implementation reports Relevant articles in ESF Regulation: Art. 15(iv) on Implementation reports for the Youth Employment Initiative</p>
10:25-10:40	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
10:40-10:55	<i>Coffee break</i>
6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	
10:55 – 11:10	<u>Financial management</u>
Miia JOUPPI (A.3 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	Financial management Title IX of Part Two, Title III of Part Three, Title II of Part Four of the CPR
11:10 – 11:25	<i>Questions and answers</i>
7. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS	
11:25– 12:45	<u>Management and control systems</u> <u>Audit and control mechanisms</u> Management and control Systems Functions of the MA: Art. 125 of the CPR Functions of the CA: Art. 126 of the CPR Functions of the AA: Art. 127;27;302 of the CPR and Annex IV of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014 of 3 March 2014 Interruptions, suspensions and financial corrections Art. 83; 142-147 of the CPR ; Art. 31 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014 of 3 March 2014
Miriam FERNANDEZ JUTZ (Directorate C, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	
Rafael LOPEZ SANCHEZ (Directorate C and C.1 Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy)	
12:45 – 13:00	<i>Questions and answers</i>
13:00– 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

8. VISIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION	
14:30 – 14:45	<u>Communication strategy</u> <u>Information and communication officer</u> <u>Responsibilities</u> Information and communication Part III, TITLE III, Chapter II of the CPR
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Questions and answers</i>
9. COHESION POLICY POST 2020	
15:00-15:15	<u>Principles and objectives of post 2020</u> Regional development and cohesion COM(2018) 375 COM/2018/372 final-2018/0197 (COD) COM/2018/374 final-2018/0199 (COD) COM/2018/373 final-2018/0198 (COD) SWD/2018/283 final-2018/0197(COD)
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Questions and answers</i>
15:30 – 15:35	<u>Public Administration Reform</u> Marc JORNA – Chair
15:35-16:00	<u>Closing remarks</u> Diana JABLONSKA, Head of C3 Unit, DG NEAR David CULLEN, Head of D3 Unit, DG NEAR Michela MATUELLA, Head of D4 Unit, DG NEAR