**ETC Closure event**

Programme Closure 2007-2013

21 January 2015 | Madrid, Spain

DRAFT Agenda

Date **21.01.2015**

Venue **Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas**

 **Pº de la Castellana, 272, 28071-Madrid**

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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration and morning coffee |
| 09.00 – 09.15 | Welcome and introductionINTERACT  |
| 09.15 – 09.50 | **Programme Closure 2007-2013: (presentation)****EC Guidelines on Closure 2007-2013: Basic elements, requirements and recent updates for the Guidelines (10% of flexibility)**Lynsey Moore, Andreas von Busch, Unit of Operational Efficiency, DG Regional and Urban Policy, EC  |
| 09.50 – 10.30 | **ETC Closure: Experiences from 2000-2006 and lessons learnt (presentation)** Nathalie Verschelde, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Cross-border Co-operation Unit, EC |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break |
| 11.00 – 13.00 | **Specific aspects to take into account in Programme Closure 2007-2013: (presentation + questions from the audience)*** How to deal with “Out of area spent” (10% and 20 % rule)
* The option of 10% flexibility at the priority level (regulation 1297/2013)
* Electronic submission of closure documentation via SFC
* Equalling out average spending rate on programme priority level for programmes with more than one co-financing rate

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch  |
| 14.00– 15.30 | **Managing Authorities’ and JTS’ perspective to the Programme Closure:** Preparations towards Closure (presentations + discussion )Isabelle Roger and Fernando Chofre, SUDOE programmeCarmen Hernández, Spain-Portugal programme Liina Luup, Central Baltic programme**Audit Authorities’ perspective to the Programme Closure:**How to prepare for the Closure declaration and final control report (presentations + discussion)Mercedes Vega, IGAE (Spanish AA) Rafal Manikowski, Ministry of Finance (Polish AA)  |
| 15.30 – 16.30 | **Question and Answer session on ETC Closure 2007-2013 (prepared questions + round table discussions + questions for the panel)*** Programmes’ questions and comments on ETC specific issues
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| 16.30 - 16.45 | Closing remarks, end of the event |

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