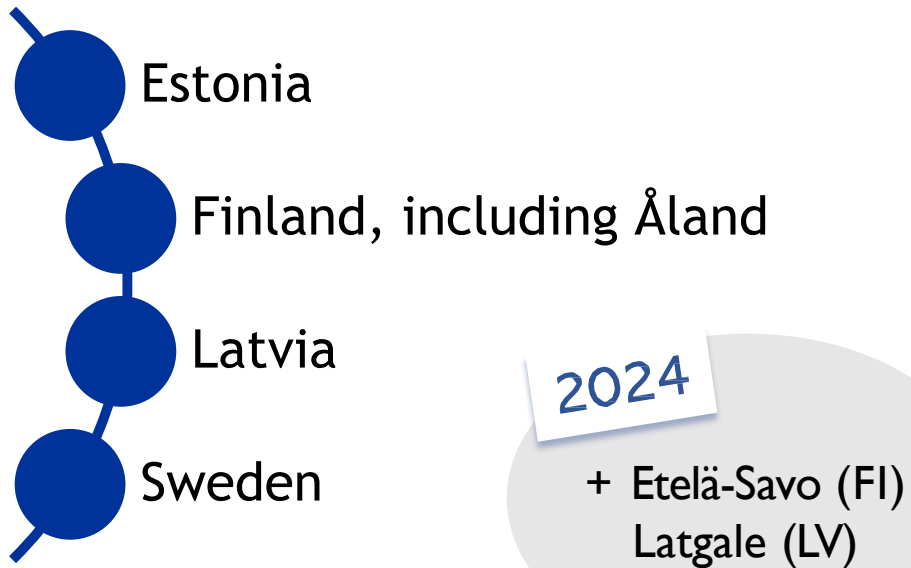


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Experiences from EC compliance audit

Name | Date | Online

Programme area 2021-2027



Background

- One of the first programmes to make payment claims to EC
- Submitted data for the common audit sample
- > Letter received through SFC (without read rights)

Simplifications – basic principles

- Continuation of existing and proven simplifications
- Harmonisation among Interreg projects
- Full use of SCO's

Simplifications - off-the-shelf

- Office and administration flat rate
- Travel and accommodation flat rate

Simplifications - CB own

- Staff costs - Staff costs hourly rate SSUC
 - Baltic Sea Region developed, taken over according to Professional judgement methodology
- Project events - Standard Scale of Unit Cost (per country and per day of the event)
 - Created from scratch
- Project management equipment - Standard Scale of Unit Cost (per hour worked)
 - Created from scratch
- Preparation costs lump sum
 - 2014-2020 period as basis, indexation

Audit process

- Audit of audit authority, but
- Trickled down to Managing Authority
- Communication mainly between AA and COM

What was audited

- 3 of 4 own SCOs, namely:
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In the middle of the audit

- The audit work went to the very end (beginning?)
- Very detailed audit work
- Documents submitted and a meeting organised
- A feeling that our explanations were understood,
- But?

Audit outcomes and lessons learnt

- No audit findings for CB
- Overall, few findings or corrections
- The audit report was on a general level
- Potential issues were handled very delicately

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A wide-angle photograph of a beach with many smooth, dark grey and black stones in the foreground. The ocean is visible in the background under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Thank You!



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