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Technical Assistance in Estonia

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Overview of two periods

2014-2020

Budget: 108 MEUR (3% of the Operational Programme)

Planning: state budget based process

Reimbursement on the basis of actual costs

Simplification: flat rate for indirect costs 15% or 25% of eligible direct staff costs

2021-2027

Budget: Ca 98 MEUR (CF 2,5%, ERDF 3,5%, ESF 4%)

Planning: state budget based process

Flat rate of certified costs

Various alternatives for implementing a flat rate for technical assistance at national level

We analyzed how much money an activity costs and how many FTE's are needed. For example in 2019 the average number of FTEs was 297 and in the new period the maximum FTE will be approximately 230.

We found the main activities to be funded:

- **Publicity**
- **Surveys and evaluations supporting the implementation of the Operational Programme**
- **Development/administration of the register of structural assistance, and introduction of e-solutions**
- **Activities related to audits**
- **Activities related to personnel management and development, including the training and development of employees involved in the management of structural funds**
- **Staff costs and missions of the managing-, certifying- and audit authorities and 1st and 2nd level implementing bodies**
- **Stakeholder training**

Each activity has its own limit and the analysis is based on Technical Assistance data for 2016-2019.

Various alternatives for implementing a flat rate for technical assistance at national level

Options:

- **Nationally we distribute money on the basis of limits and FTEs.**
- **Additional funds will be provided as part of the state budget process → budget implementation is not controlled, but activities are expected SAP codes are used to track expenditure.**
- **Reimbursement on the basis of actual costs.**



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Thank you!

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