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CHANGES

(SOLID Funds) Modification of validation rule 2.14 - Annual Programme Closure

The system checks the Annex 5 of the Table 1 (in Euro only) in order to verify if a new EC Decision is required. In effect, a new EC Decision is required when:

The sum of the positive changes in the <u>Committed</u> EU Contribution at the level of the Member State (MS) - Technical Assistance <u>included</u> - is greater than 10% of the Total <u>Programmed</u> EU Contribution - Technical Assistance **included**.

For EBF with Special Transit Scheme actions, this is true when the validation applied over the Normal Actions is true or, when the validation applied over the Special Transit Scheme Actions is true. When a new EC Decision is required:

- for non-euro countries, the system generates a 'warning' message (non-blocking),
- for euro countries issue, the system generates a 'error' message (blocking).

In the version 4.8.4., the Technical Assistance was **excluded** from this calculation.

(SOLID Funds) Update of co-financing rates - Annual Programmes

The system applies the maximum possible rate taking into account the update of the co-financing rates.

The new general rule for the increase of the co-financing rates is applicable to the following MS, as detailed in the table hereunder:

MS	AP Year	Limit Date of Revision	Applied
RO	2011	31/03/2013	
RO	2012	31/03/2013	
RO	2013	31/03/2013	
PT	2011	31/03/2013	
PT	2012	31/03/2014	
PT	2013	31/03/2015	
GR	2011	31/03/2013	
GR	2012	31/03/2014	



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GR	2013	31/03/2015	
IE	2011	31/03/2013	
IE	2012	31/03/2014	
IE	2013	31/03/2015	
ES	2011	31/03/2013	
ES	2012	31/03/2014	
ES	2013	31/03/2015	

Consequently:

- The increased co-financing rates Member States list has been modified in order to be updateable since it can regularly change,
- In case of Annual Programmes revisions, the system is to check whether the MS and Annual Programme year is in the list and that the current date is ≤ to the Limit Date of Revision.
- In case of an Annual Programme Closure, it is to be known if the revision with application of the increased rates was applied to the Annual Programme. This information will be maintained in the 'Applied' column. Thus, in Annual Programme Closures, the system is to check whether the MS and Annual Programme year is in the list and that the 'Applied' is true.

The validation rule 2.12 will check that the maximum EU Contribution rates are for:

(Updates noted in bold blue)

- Technical Assistance: 100%
- Special Transit Scheme Actions: 100%
- Emergency Measures Actions: 80% or 100% if the MS benefits from the increased cofinancing rate (valid only for the action)
- Fixed Amount for Resettlement Actions: 100% (fixed amounts)
- Actions of MS covered by Cohesion Fund (BG, ES, GR, PT, RO, EUR10): 75% or 95% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate as covered by Cohesion Fund (valid for all actions)
- Actions referring to Specific Priorities: 75% or 95% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate (valid only for the action)
- All other Actions: 50% or 70% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate

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 (SOLID Funds) Update of co-financing rates - Annual Programme Closures -Final EU Contribution (column h)

In the <u>Euro</u> and <u>local currency tables</u>, the validation rules for the Final EU Contribution ceilings (column h) for the actions have been updated as follows

(Updates noted in bold blue)

- For non-TA Actions, the smaller of the 2 or amounts below :
 - 1. 'EU Contribution' [Committed at Level of the MS], column (e),

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- 2. X% of 'Total Eligible Costs' [Actual Figures Accepted by the Responsible Authority], column (g), where X% is to be determined in the following order:
 - If an action is of the type Special Transit Scheme or Resettlement: 100%
 - If an action is of the type Emergency Measure: 80% or 100% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate (valid only for the action)
 - If the Member State is part of the Cohesion countries (BG, ES, GR, PT, RO, EUR10): 75% or 100% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate as covered by Cohesion Fund (valid for all actions)
 - If it is a Specific Priority: 75% or 95% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate (valid only for the action)
 - Else: 50% or 70% if the MS benefits from the increased cofinancing rate
- 3. Non-Profit principle, which will not checked in case of Technical Assistance, Special Transit Scheme and Resettlement actions:
 - 'Total Eligible Costs' [column (g)] 'Contributions from Third Parties'
 [column (j)] 'Receipts Generated by Project' [column (k)]
- (SOLID Funds) Co-financing rates have been updated Closure of Annual Programmes - Corrected Final EU Contribution (column p)

[Acceptance of Technical report by the EC]

In the <u>Euro table</u>, the validation rule for the Corrected Final EU Contribution rates (column p) for the actions have been updated as follows

(Updates noted in bold blue)

- For non-TA Actions, the smaller of the 2 or amounts below:
 - 1. 'EU Contribution' [Committed at Level of the MS], column (e),
 - 2. X% of 'Total Eligible Costs' [Actual Figures Accepted by the Responsible Authority], column (g) + Corrected co-financing rate (column o), where X% is to be determined in the following order:
 - If a corrected co-financing rate (column o) exists, use this percentage,
 - If an action is of the type Special Transit Scheme or Resettlement: 100%
 - If an action is of the type Emergency Measure: 80% or 100% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate (valid only for the action)
 - If the Member State is part of the Cohesion countries: (BG, ES, GR, PT, RO, EUR10): 75% or 100% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate as covered by Cohesion Fund (valid for all actions)
 - If it is a Specific Priority: 75% or 95% if the MS benefits from the increased co-financing rate (valid only for the action)
 - Else: 50% or 70% if the MS benefits from the increased cofinancing rate



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- 3. Non-Profit principle, which will not checked in case of Technical Assistance, Special Transit Scheme and Resettlement actions:
 - 'Total Eligible Costs' [column (g)] 'Contributions from Third Parties'
 [column (j)] 'Receipts Generated by Project' [column (k)]

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(IPA) Modification of validation rule 2.18

The validation rule 2.8 has been modified, as described below:

The system validates that the Statement of Expenditure per year only contains all years between the Eligibility start year and the smallest of current year and [Eligibility End Year + 15 months] (C2, C3 and C4). Otherwise, the system generates an 'error' message.