Management of Simple and Multi programs

Review of operational differences

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Regulation (EU) No 1144/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014

Multi: one common approach and system under CHAFEA

One regulation two systems : Different managment practices could lead to distortion and differences for applicants

Simple : 28 different National Authorities with their own practices and management

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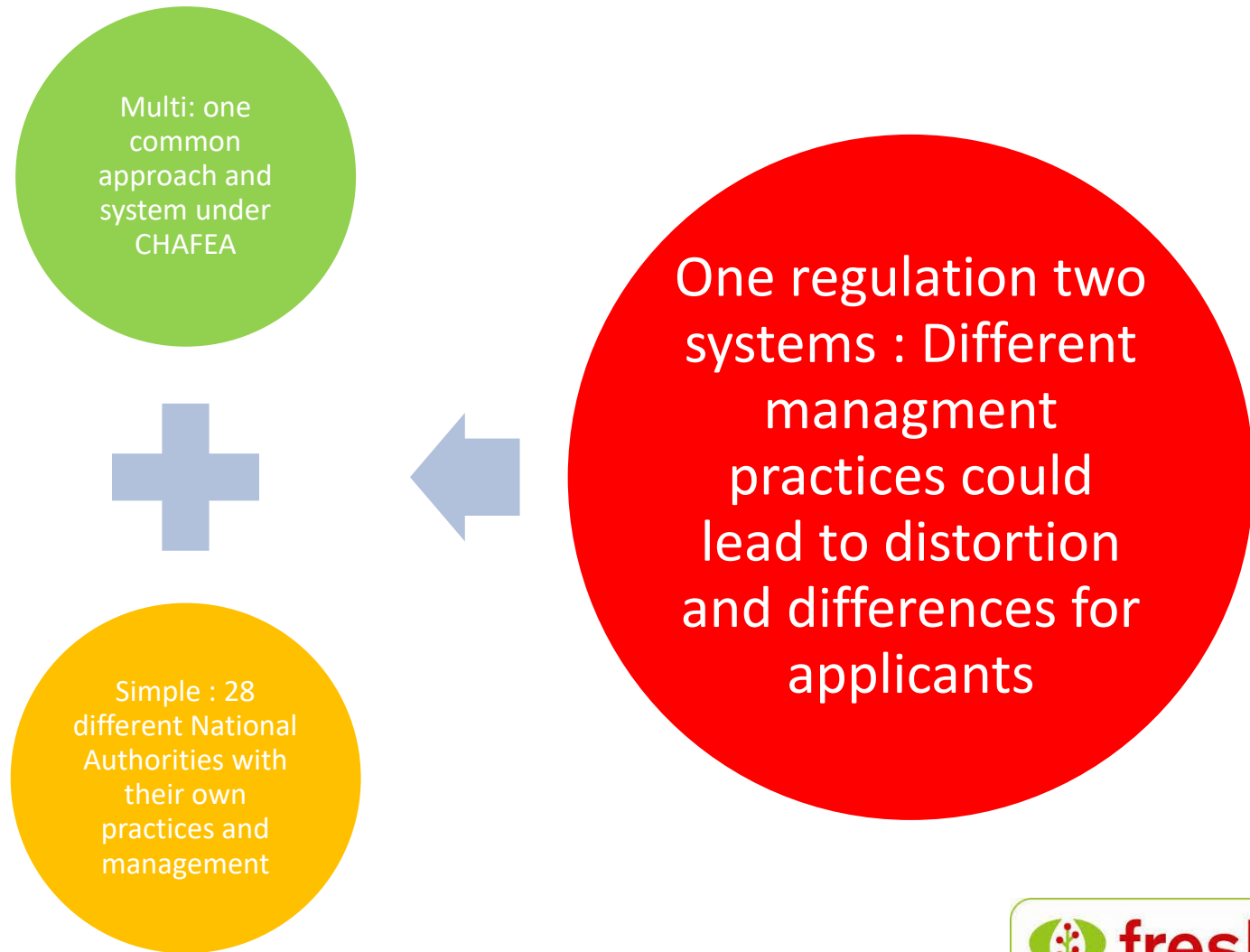
Contact persons

Multi

- Dedicated CHAFEA project officer
- Rapid return on questions
- Kick off meeting with CHAFEA coordiantor => some informal meetings possible during project with beneficiaries on accounting issues, on reporting procedures & accuracy, on closing activities

Simple

- Not always a dedicated persons
- Use of mailbox – longer retur period
- Usually no Kick-off meeting and meetings only upon request
- Not always direct response as sometimes national authorities need to consult EU institutons for interpretation

Data interchange public- private

Multi

- Dedicated portal
- SEDIA system (*Single Electronic data Interchange Area*)
- Centralized electronic reporting : all reports, accounting documents, invoices and receipts shall be uploaded.
- CHAFEA communicates via PEC directly with the partners with necessary indications to correct mistakes.
- The beneficiary knows in real time the progress of procedure and the stage in which its project is located.

Simple

- Usually no national web system for reporting
- Use of paper to report – lack of digital reporting is detrimental & more costly => All reports must be sent in paper format and in original copy.
- Extend the CHAFEA Multi portal to Simple?

Management criteria

Multi	Simple
Precise points and parameters for the management	Usually, no precise points and parameters for the management
Clarity prevent problem of interpretation	Absence of clear guidelines, rules could be interpreted differently but some steps are taken to reply to questions on template,..
Dedicated section on portal with FAQ	Some MS are developing FAQ , but also template for reporting

Adjusments of contracts

Multi

- Flexibility
- Ex: adpating contract in case of commercial changes leading to shift of budget from one year to the other

Simple

- Rigidity
- Sticking to legal requirements , though some MS are introducing some flexibility e.g. among activities already listed or in case of force majeure

Graphic design and visuals

Multi	Simple

• Campaing visual creator to verify the correctness of realized materials
 	
• Visuals layout need to be approved prior to the campaing by CHAFEA for 3 Y campaign
 	
• Variations possible without further notice
 	
• Delivareable submitted with the graphic charter, visuals and communication strategy
	• Usage of the CHAFEA Campaing visual creator
	
	• Different MS approach on visuals and materials :
	
	  • Systematic validations of all visuals and materials
	
	  • Repeated procedure in case of variation
	
	  • Only submission but no validation by authorithies
	
	  • No submission but in case of doubt consultation is possible

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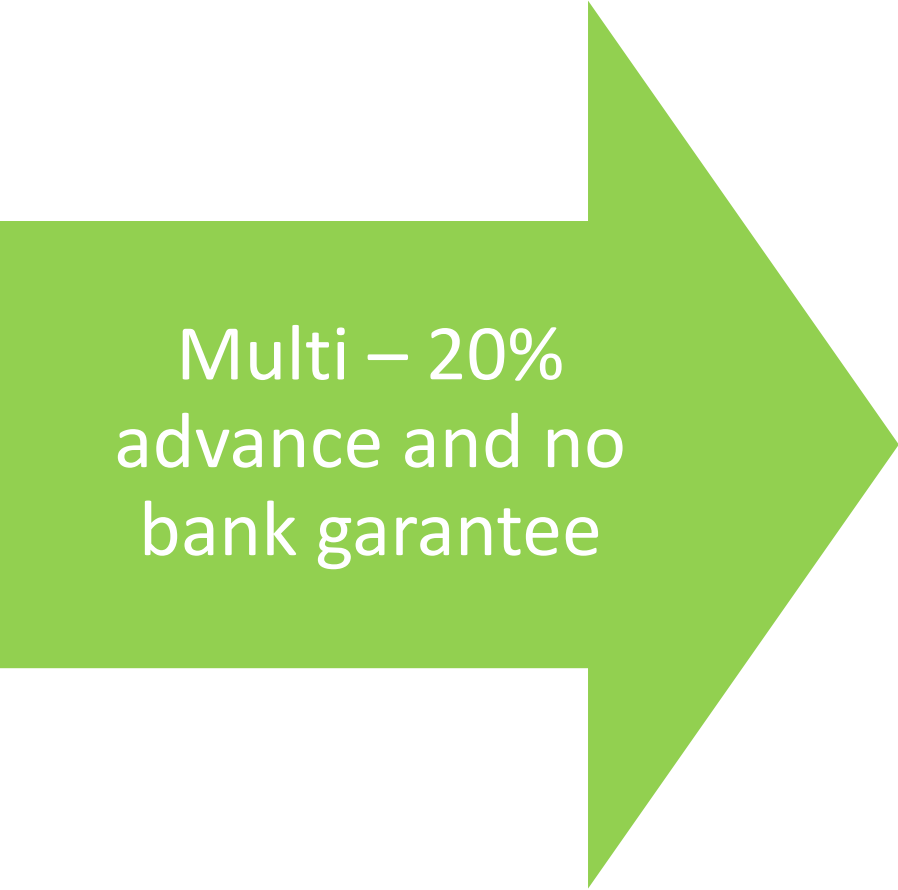
Notification of activities and planning

Multi

- Planing notified to CHAFEA annually but no systematic prior notification of activities needed
- Communication is mandatory only in case some activities are not operated during the year of reference (but not if changes during the same year)

Simple

- Some MS required systematic notification of all activities within certain deadline prior to the activities
- Some other MS does not required such prior notification

Financing –bank garantee

Multi – 20% advance and no bank garantee

Simple -20% advance and bank garantee or cash deposit needed

Controls

Multi Controls

- Timing and methods of action are defined
- But still risk is to receive budget cuts at the end of project period that can generate negative consequences for beneficiary

Simple Controls

- In some cases, timing and methods of action are not defined
- Increase risk is to receive budget cuts at the end of project period that can generate negative consequences for beneficiary

CONCLUSION

- Greater flexibility for multi to achieve activities as effectively as possible => same flexibility and management methods needed for simple programs managed by national authorities and move away from MS rigitiy in interpreting the regulations

- Homogeneity and coherence of management to avoid a distortion effect and market discrepancy. As a concrete steps, the SEDIA web site should be in place also for Simple Programs.

- Common interpretative guidelines of European Commission to national authorities would be appropriate.

- In multi programs are run with certain level of "*customization*" thanks to the assignment of the Project Officer, giving real time ad hoc feedback within the context of the project. Procedures, timing and construction guidelines are clearly defined to avoid losing resources.

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Thanks for the attention