

# Payment Cycle



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# Objectives of the presentation

1. Main simplifications
2. Main achievements
3. Questions raised by beneficiaries
4. Other actions for discussion
5. Break-out session content



# 1. Main simplifications

## I. Decision model

- One single decision instead of annual slices
- Annual cycle: one single document in order to decide on further actions → ASR → delivered by 31 March at the latest → permit decision on time on:
  - new instalment
  - further pre-financing
  - eligibility for interim financial statement

## II. Budget breakdown modifications

- More flexible
- Only on final calculations
- No modification of the Commission decision



# 1. Main simplifications

## III. Harmonised templates for financial statements

- ASR for the technical part
- Only actual costs for the period – not budgeted or cumulated ones
- Clear guidelines embedded into the template
- Prevent inclusion of VAT of ineligible costs
- Use electronic documents to accelerate the processing
- **Send to [TENEA-financial-report@ec.europa.eu](mailto:TENEA-financial-report@ec.europa.eu)**

## IV. Financial analysis process

- Sampling: limited documents transmitted
- Extrapolation methodology if limited error rate



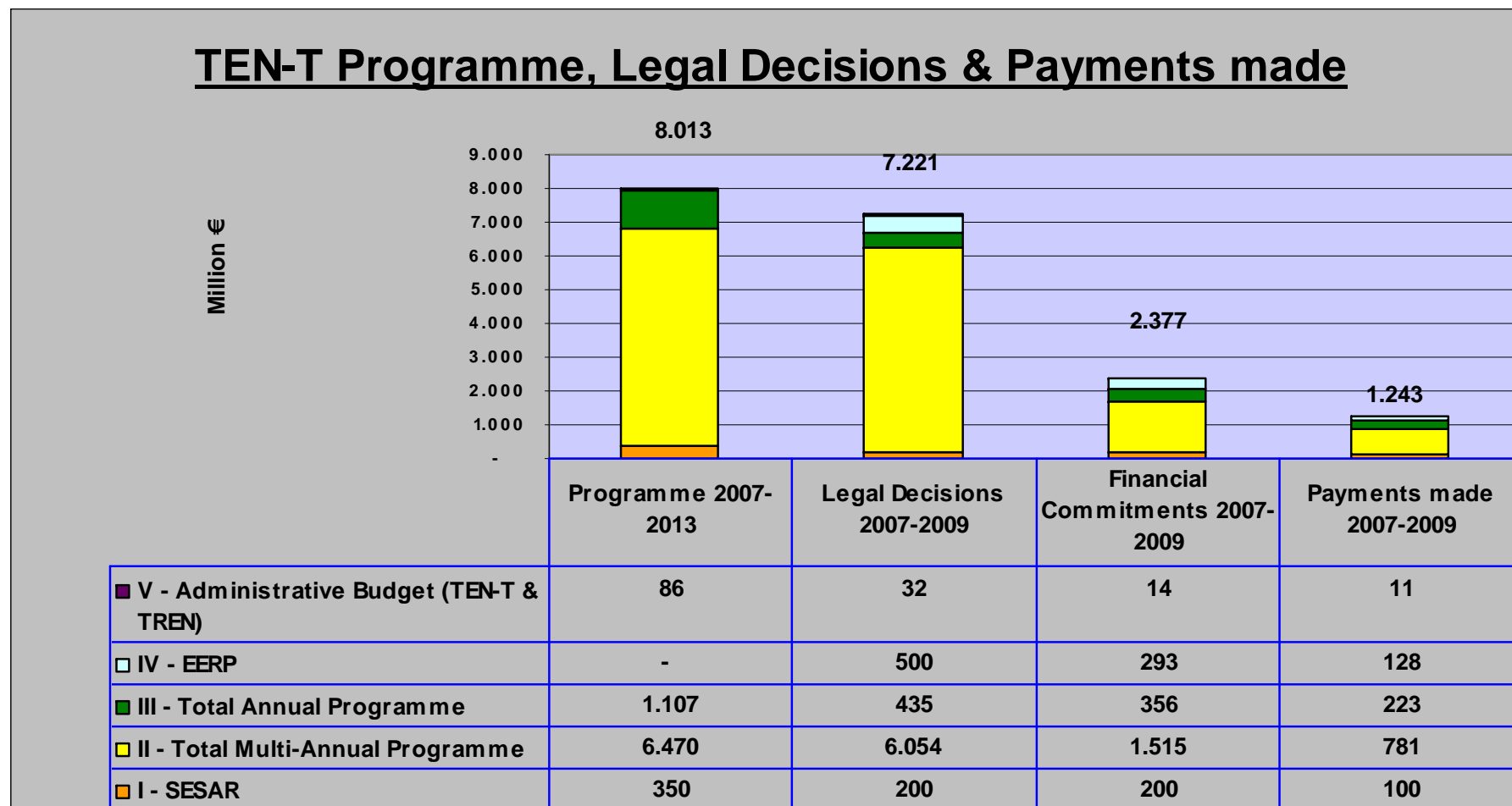
## 2. Main achievements

### Concrete results thanks to:

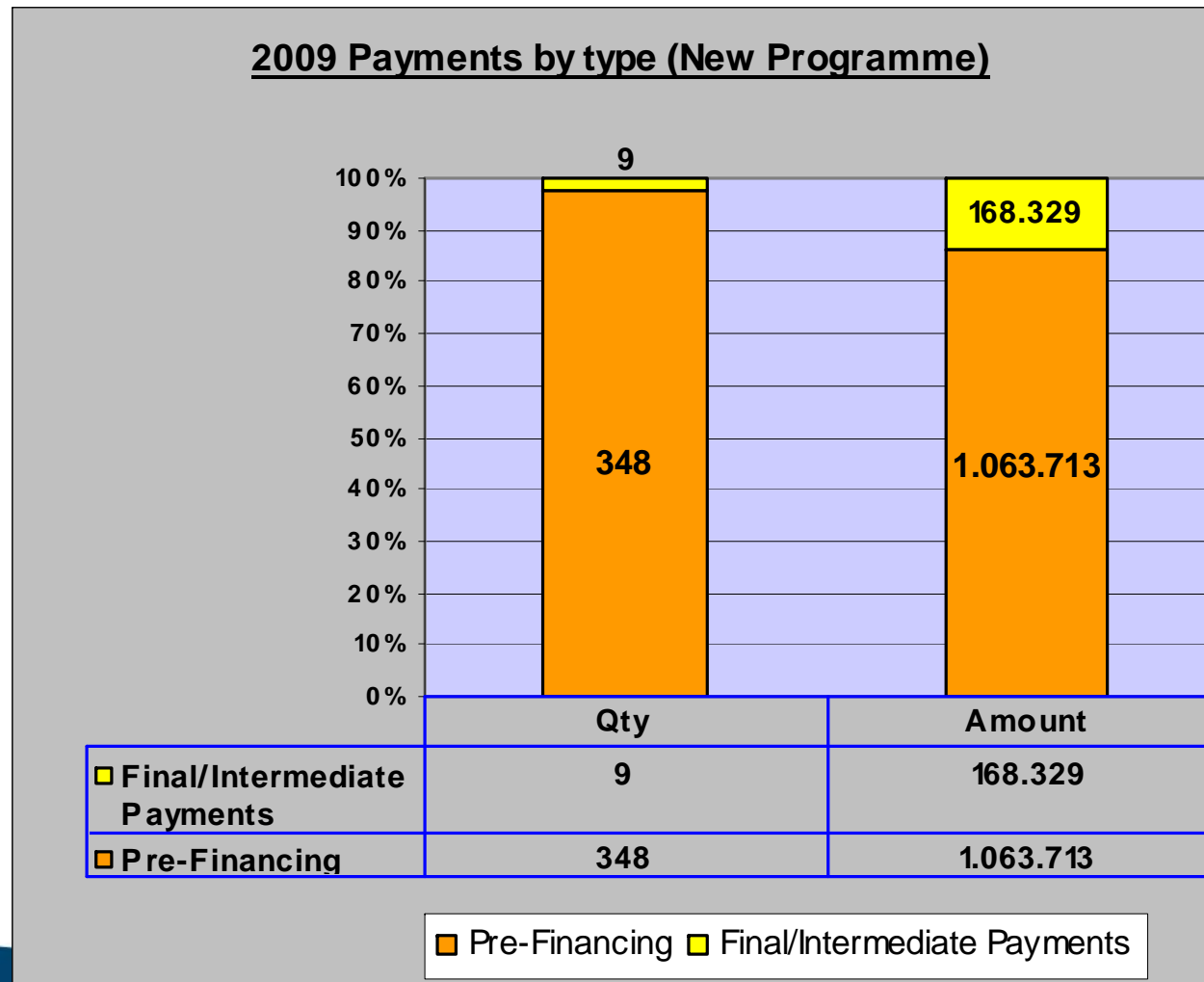
- Simplification
- Anticipation and better follow up
- Improved working methodology



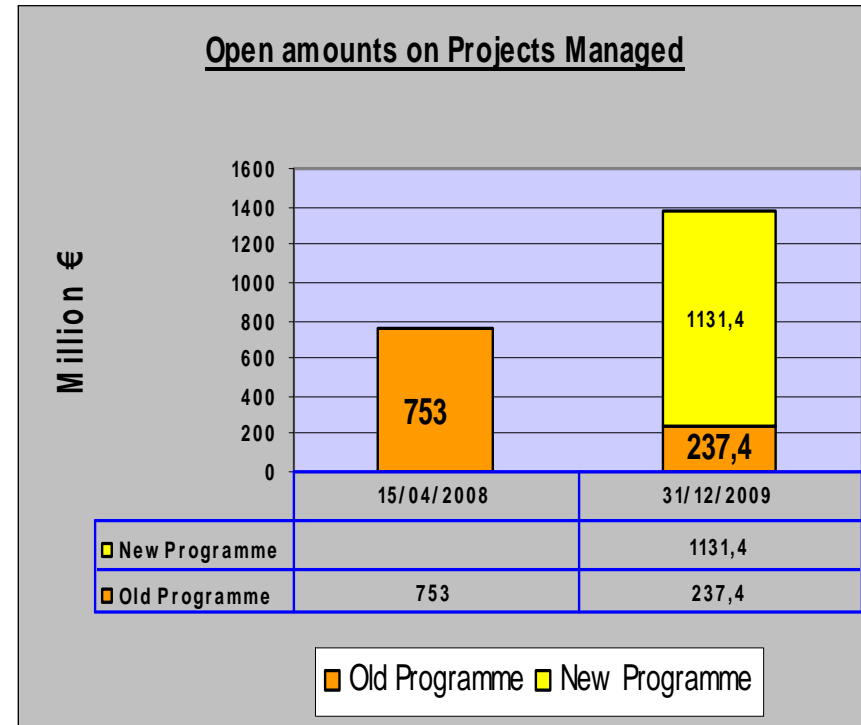
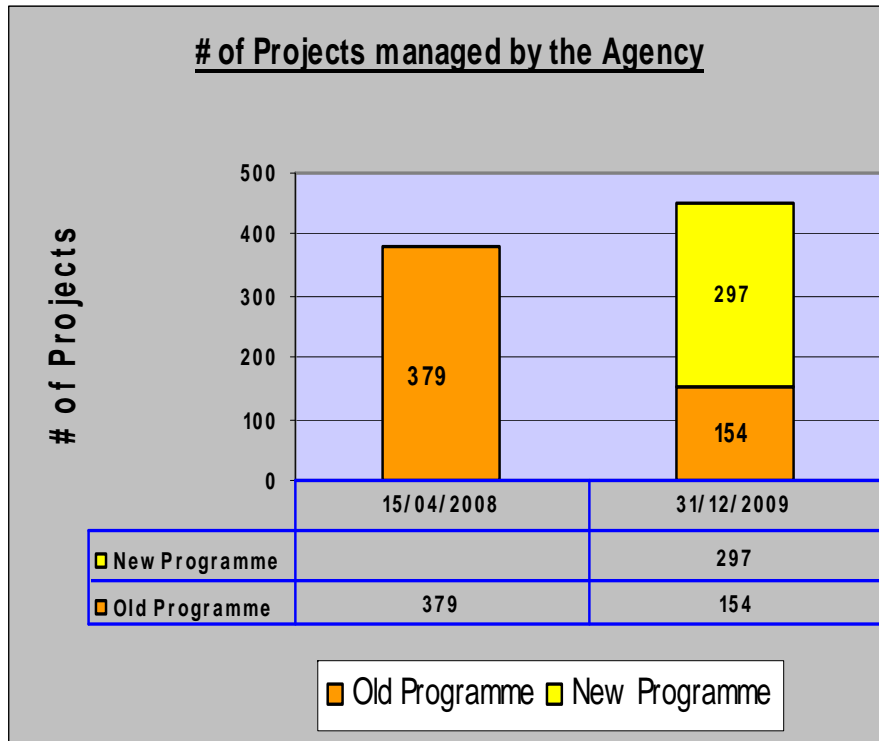
## 2. Main achievements: programme execution



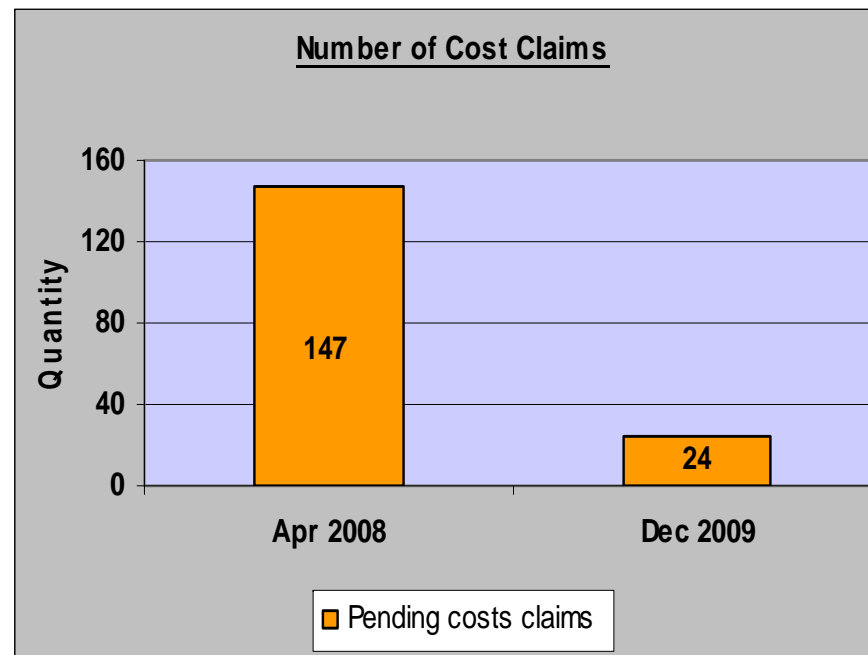
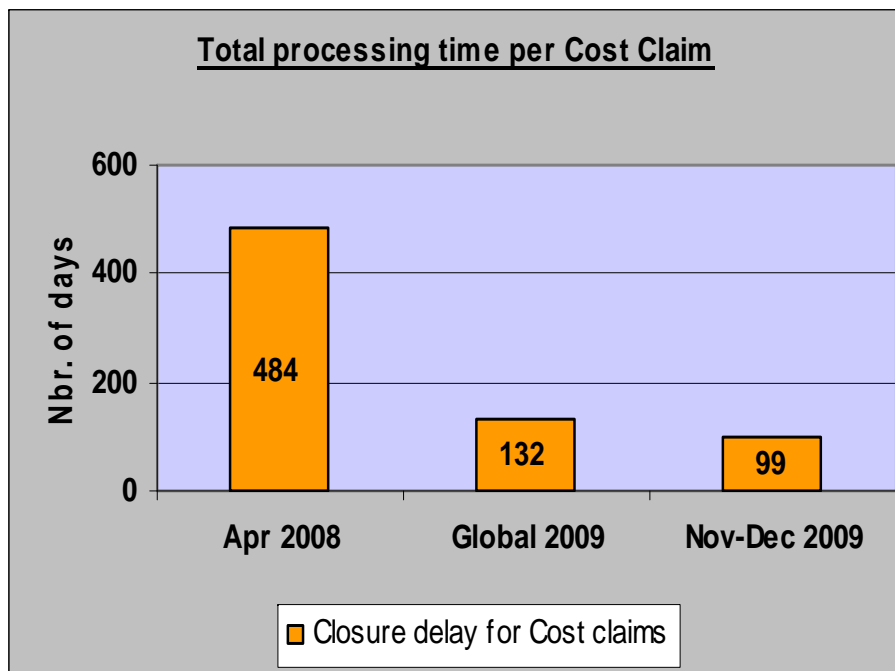
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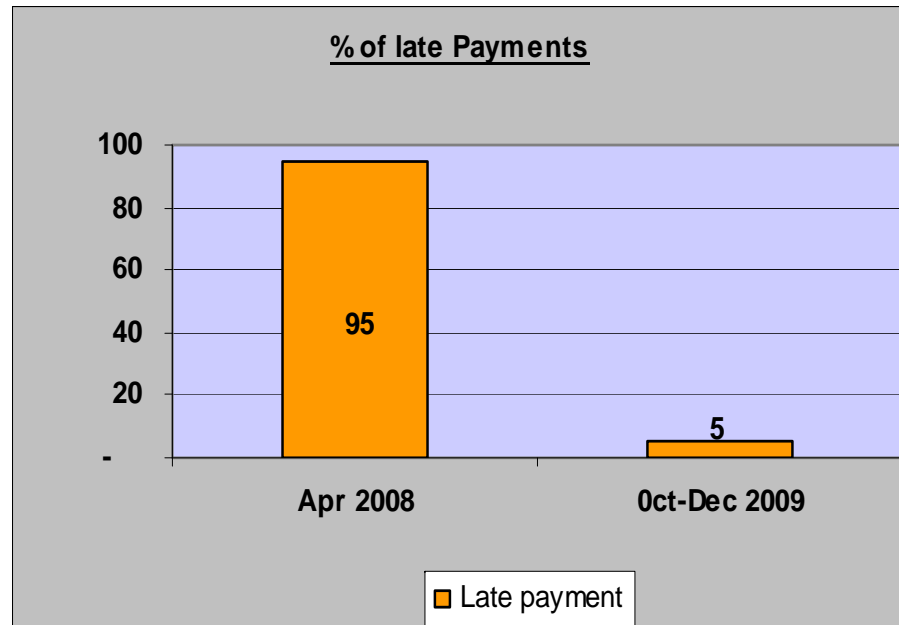
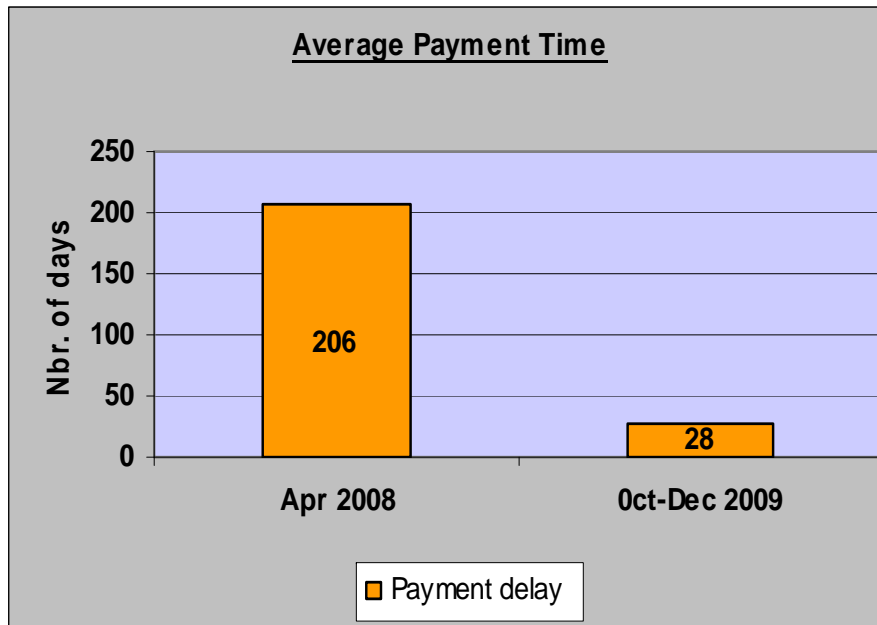
## 2. Main achievements: reduced backlog



## 2. Main achievements: faster treatment of cost claims



## 2. Main achievements: faster payments



# 3. Questions raised by beneficiaries

## Proposed for discussion in the break-out session

- **Perception of administrative burden**
  - Different treatment of files by the Agency?
  - Shorter delays to answer requests for additional information?
  - Harmonised reporting templates
  - National auditing
- **Scheduling projects' financing**
- **Audit requirements**

## Others not proposed for discussion in the break-out session

- **Use of national currencies**
- **Implementing bodies**
- **Interest on pre-financing**
- **Public procurement**



## 4. Other points for discussion

- **Exploit synergies** between beneficiaries' internal needs vs Agency's needs
- **Improved communication** → Better understanding between the Agency and beneficiaries
- **Other:**
  - Better use of audit results – system audits
  - Scheduling projects' financing
  - External audit certificates



# 5. Break-out session

*Constraints: (legal framework: Council regulation, Commission decision)*

- Improved communication for better understanding between Agency and beneficiaries
  - Perception of administrative burden
  - Audit requirements and use of audit results
  - Scheduling projects' financing
  - Needs for guidance
  - Reminder policy
- Exploit synergies: beneficiaries' internal needs vs Agency's needs
  - Changes in the harmonised reports and further simplifications?
  - External audit certificates/national auditing
- Others?
  - Public procurement
  - (Implementing bodies?)
  - (Interests on prefinancings?)



# Thank you for your attention!



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