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AA network meeting



Agenda, 14-15 June 2017

The Palace Hotel, High Street
Sliema, Malta



European Regional Development Fund



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Outlines and objectives

Back in 2009 INTERACT created the network of Audit Authorities and members of Group of Auditors of Interreg /European Territorial Cooperation programmes. This network has met in Lisbon, Paris, Vienna, Dublin, Athens, Dubrovnik and Budapest. And will continue to meet in Malta in 2017 and all around Europe in the upcoming years.

The aim of those meetings is to exchange among AAs their practices about their daily work and also to exchange with the European Commission auditors about the “hot topics” of the moment. This years’ meeting will not be different in this respect and we have secured a strong participation from the European Commission. The issues selected so far are final reports of the period 2007-2013, designation, models of assurance, anti-fraud measures, simplified costs options, etc.

A bit of a novelty is that the second day will be organised as back-to-back event with Certifying Authorities network meeting in order to share some sessions together.

Audit and Certifying Authorities are highly dependent on each other in the process of submission of annual accounts. The objective of this part of the event is to bring these stakeholders together in order to create a better understanding on each other’s role both in control process and in the process of submission of annual accounts.



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Timetable – 14 June 2017

08.30 – 09.00	Morning coffee and registration
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome and introduction 1.1 Amanda Zammit – Director General, Internal Audit & Investigations Department (Cabinet Office), Office of the Prime Minister 1.2 Claude Tournier - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission
09.15 – 11.00	Overview of the results of the audit activities during 2016 and 1st quarter 2017 by the European Commission 2.1 Final control Reports 2017: State of Play on Closure 2007-2013 Claude Tournier - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission 2.2 Update on the designation process Maria Auxiliadora Valpuesta Contreras - DG REGIO, Unit D2 - Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders 2.3 New model of Assurance: Accounts 2.4 Audit strategies Claude Tournier - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission 2.5 Debriefing on Arachne seminar, update Isabel Pardo Garcia - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	State Aid in Interreg 2014-2020 programmes 3.1 Dealing with State aid in Interreg programmes Salvatore Faraci - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission 3.2.1 Programme strategies for State aid Przemyslaw Kniaziuk, Interact 3.2.2 Programme case studies using the example of the Managing Authority Hauts-de-France Petra Geitner, Ilaria Piazza, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Europe 3.3 State aid from Audit Authority perspective Kaur Siruli, Head of the Financial Control Department, Ministry of Finance of Estonia



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13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Simplification in audit context

4.1 Report from the Working Group on SCOs - Simplified cost options in cooperation programmes: Application, control and audit

Mattias Assmundson - Interact

4.2 SCOs in Central Baltic Programme

Merike Niitepöld – Central Baltic Programme

4.3 Audit approach improving simplification

Isabel Pardo Garcia - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

Programme performance: a topic for auditors

5.1 Enquiry Planning Memorandum on Performance Data Reliability Audit (PDRA)

Isabel Pardo Garcia - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission

5.2 Audit of performance indicators

Steve Lewis - European Funds Audit Team, Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office of Welsh Government



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08.30 – 09.00	Morning coffee and registration
09.00 – 09.15	Introduction to the joint session of the Audit and Certifying Authorities Claude Tournier, DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission Przemyslaw Kniaziuk, Interact
09.15 – 09.45	1.1 Assurance package 2014 – 2020 Feedback & overview by the Commission Claude Tournier - DG REGIO, Audit Unit, European Commission
09.45 – 10.45	1.2 Case study presentation on the successful process maps for submission of accounts Roberts Jansons - Audit Authority of Central Baltic programme
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.15	Workshop on the understanding of each other's role on the successful process towards submission of annual accounts Moderated by Interact
12.15 – 13.00	Joint session on presentation of the results of the workshops Moderated by Interact
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break (end of meeting)