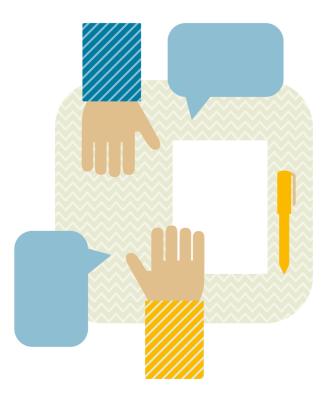


National Control (FLC) Workshop



Agenda 24-25 October 2017 Rome, Italy







Outlines

This workshop is a repetition of the event that was organised in Vienna in April 2016. Please note that the target group of this event are participants that were not attending the previous workshop. To keep the workshop efficient, we need to limit the participation per programme/country/institution to a maximum of two persons.

This workshop is dedicated to both – new and experienced representatives of National Control (FLC) institutions.

This draft Agenda aims at giving general overview of how the meeting is planned and structured. The final agenda will be available two weeks before the event.

Participants are encouraged to contact Interact if they identify a topic on the agenda for which they would like to share their practices/experience with a presentation.

Objectives

The main objective of this two-days meeting is to have a possibility to learn new practices and exchange experiences among participants. Together with colleagues from other countries participants will be able to identify common challenges in their daily work and share solutions and problem solving methods that can help increase the quality of control.

In addition to eligibility questions, the workshop will also provide a possibility to brainstorm on how to achieve efficiency when working on verifications and how to avoid duplication of work. Together we will also explore the professional role of controllers and aim at a common understanding of the different expectations of different stakeholders towards controllers and the tensions sometimes created by these expectations.

The workshop foresees active contributions from all participants, work in groups, with only brief presentations to introduce topics or practices.



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Day one	Tuesday, 24 October 2017
09.00 - 09.30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome and Expectations Aija Prince, Interact programme
10.00 - 10.30	National Control in ETC - Overview Katrin Stockhammer, Interact programme
	 By the end of this session, participants will have a shared understanding of: The regulatory framework and guidance 2014-2020 Hierarchy of rules Simplification
10.30 - 11.30	Eligibility and Verifications along Budget Lines Mattias Assmundson, Interact programme
	By the end of this session, participants will be able to explain the main rules and requirements that define the eligibility of costs
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee Break
12.00 - 13.00	Eligibility and Verifications along Budget Lines Mattias Assmundson, Interact programme
	Continuation of the session
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 - 15.15	Eligibility and Verifications (Case study) Aija Prince, Mattias Assmundson, Interact programme
	 By the end of the Case study, participants will have deepened their knowledge and shared understanding of: Eligible expenditure and ineligible expenditure Supporting documents required (and not required) for different expenditure items
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 - 16.15	Eligibility and Verifications (Continuation of the previous session)

Aija Prince, Mattias Assmundson, Interact programme



16.15 – 17.00 Role of a Controller – External Expectations (Group work) Katrin Stockhammer, Interact programme

By the end of the group work, participants will have arrived at a shared understanding of the different and sometimes contradicting expectations towards controllers on the side of different stakeholders.

- Day two Wednesday, 25 October 2017
- 08.30 09.00 Welcome Coffee
- 09.00 09.15 Recap of the Previous Day Aija Prince, Interact programme
- 09.15 10.00 Allocating Expenditure Items to Budget Lines (Group work) Florin Neculcea, Interact programme

By the end of the group work, participants will have deepened their understanding of items eligible under different budget lines

10.00 – 11.00 Risk-based Verifications and Sampling

Katrin Stockhammer, Interact programme

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand terminology
- Understand the regulatory framework and guidance 2014-2020
- Use the HIT risk assessment and sampling methodology based on a practical exercise
- **11.00 11.30** Coffee Break
- 11.30 12.00 Risk-based Verifications and Sampling

Til Seier (Joint Secretariat Interreg Germany – Netherland) Anamarija Ostojić, Andrijana Gavran (Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia)

12.00 – 13.00 Simplified Costs Options

Mattias Assmundson, Interact programme

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand how verifications of different types of simplified cost options should be performed
- Understand general issues concerning the use of flat rates and lump sums in Interreg projects



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- **13.00 14.00** Lunch Break
- 14.00 15.00Role of a Controller Role Clarity (Group work)
Katrin Stockhammer, Interact programme

By the end of this session, participants will have reached more clarity on how he/she wants to address the various expectations by different stakeholders.

- **15.00 15.30** Coffee Break
- 15.30 16.30 Summary, Outlook

End of Workshop