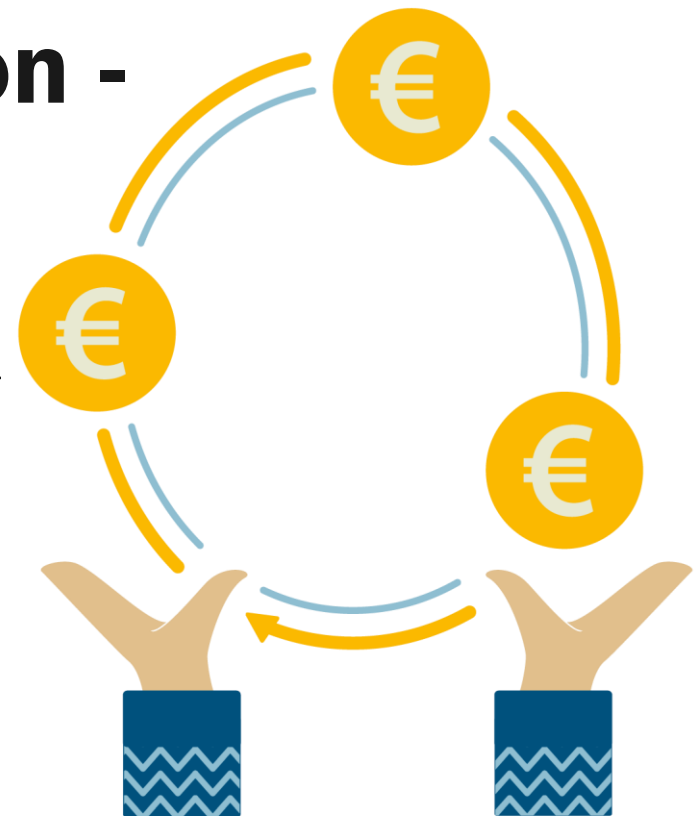


# Project Implementation - Audit and Financial Corrections

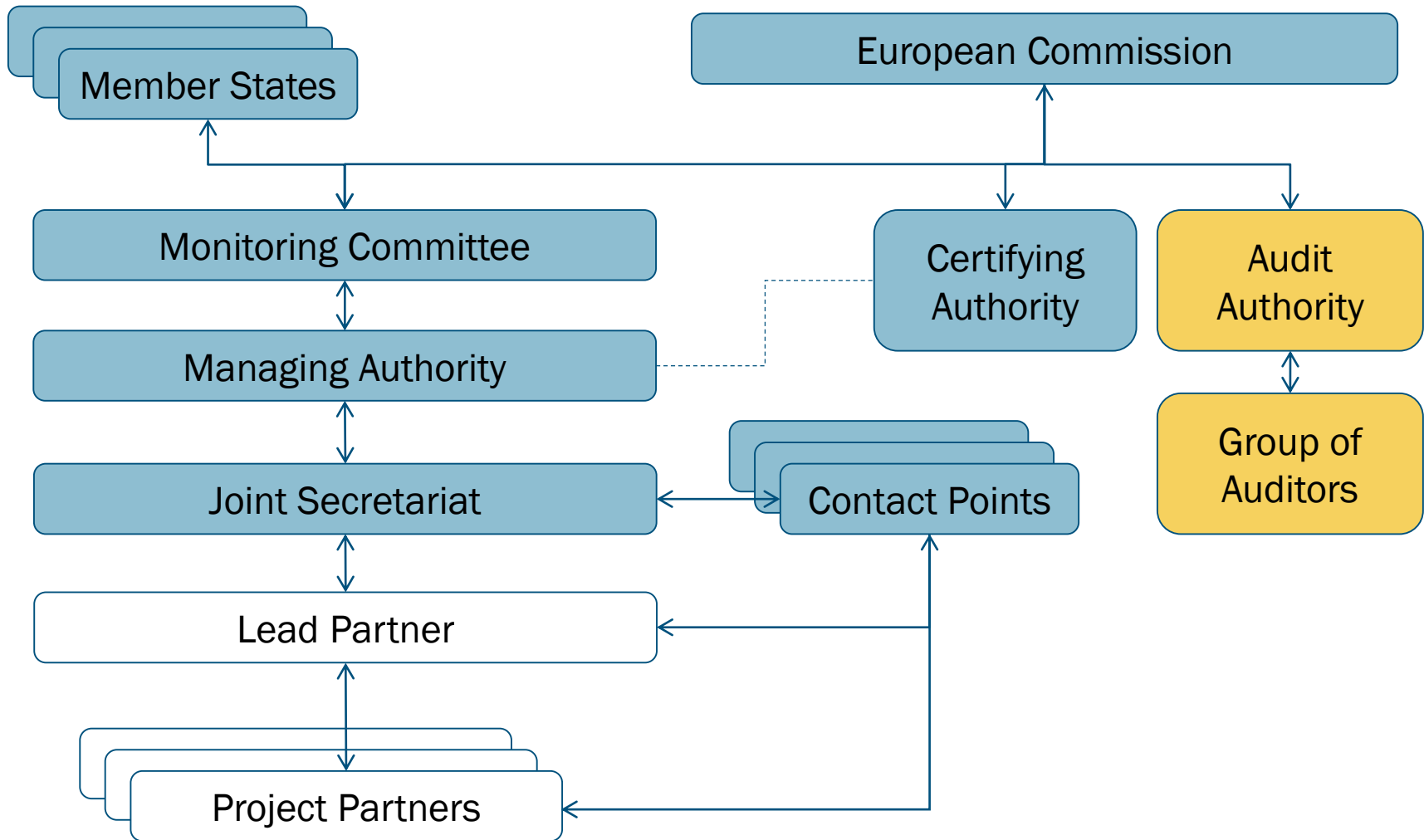
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# Audit and control bodies



# Audit Authority (AA)

<b>Function</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Works independently	Verifies the successful implementation
Located in the same Member State as the MA	Ensures that audits are carried out on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• management and control system,</li><li>• sample of operations</li><li>• annual accounts</li></ul>

# Group of Auditors (GoA)

<b>Function</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Supports Audit Authority	Performs and organises second level control
Representatives from each country in the programme	

# Audit of operations

## Purpose

Accuracy

Reliability

Eligibility

## Procedure/Outcomes

Once a year

Contradiction

Irregularities

Interruption

# Audit of operations – what does it mean for a project?

Once project or partner is sampled to be audited:

- Information on when auditors come
- All documents ready to be inspected
- Person at partner institution delegated to “serve” auditors
- Audit report with findings shared with the Partner
- Recommendations to be implemented

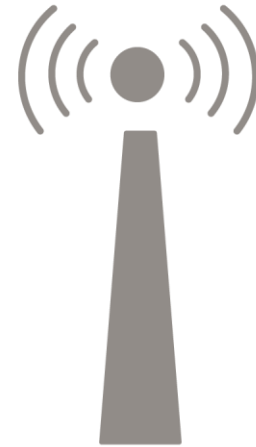


# Financial errors

Ineligible expenditure that is NOT deemed an irregularity:

- corrected before the submission MA/JS;
- deducted by the MA/JS;
- addressed by the CA

Errors do not decrease the project budget.



# Irregularities

An ineligible amount that was **already included** in the claim to the European Commission is considered an irregularity.

- One-off or systematic
- Require programme level corrections in the form of withdrawals or recoveries.
- Can affect the project implementation:
  - further checks and/or
  - repayment of funds.

Irregularities decrease the project budget.



# Irregularities – 2% error rate

- Sample of operations – size of the sample relates to amount claimed from COM
- Total value of the sample
- Maximum 2 % at the programme level
  - yearly
  - at programme closure.



Irregularities do not decrease the programme budget if recovered or withdrawn.

# Cooperation works

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