

First audit support network meeting



Draft Agenda - 31 May 2018

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Outlines

In many cases staff at MA/JS level supports their audit authority to facilitate the “ground work” of the audit cycle (preparation, implementation and follow-up). Considering the continuously increasing complexity of audit work and the even more challenging timeframe (annual closure) programmes seemed to be forced to dedicate more and more resources to audit work. To close a gap and mirror the existing exchange and networking forums were established for audit authorities themselves (EC, Interact), the audit support network was established.

The general objective of the network is to provide a platform for concerned staff at MA/JS level to exchange experiences, spread good practices, increase capacity and work towards harmonised approaches (where possible) in the area of audits. With increased knowledge and shared experiences the network can help to drive relevant developments and establish practices towards their stakeholders. It seems relevant to establish a space for MA/JS level to discuss for instance the audit cycle, keeping the timeline, performance audits, implementation of corrections or categories of errors.

Objectives

The main objective of this 1-day meeting is to have the possibility to exchange experience from a programme’s point of view (JS/MA) on lessons learnt so far. Topics addressed will include the delivery of the assurance package (documents, timing, findings, problems faced and solutions found), the question of harmonisation and common standards – helpful or obstacle?, as well as reflections on the requirements of 2014-2020 period and what should be changed in the next programming period. Together with colleagues from other programmes, participants will be able to identify common challenges in their daily work and share solutions.



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Day one

Tuesday, 31 May 2018

08.45 – 09.00

Registration

09.00 – 10.00

Introduction & reflection from the AA network meeting (29 & 30 May)

Interact & Round table discussion

10.00 – 11.00

Assurance package – exchange of experiences

Round table discussion

At the end of the session participants will be informed about the different challenges (and solutions) programmes faced when submitting the assurance package

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

Harmonisation and common standards – helpful or obstacle?

Round table discussion

At the end of the session participants will have concluded on the advantages and disadvantages of harmonisation and common standards for audit work in Interreg.

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 14.30

Post 2020 – EC proposals and programmes' wishes

Round table discussion

At the end of the participants will have discussed EC proposals (draft Regulations to be published on 29 May) and see to what extent those match with their needs/reality.

14.30 – 15.00

AOB

15.00

End of meeting



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Practicalities

Venue

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