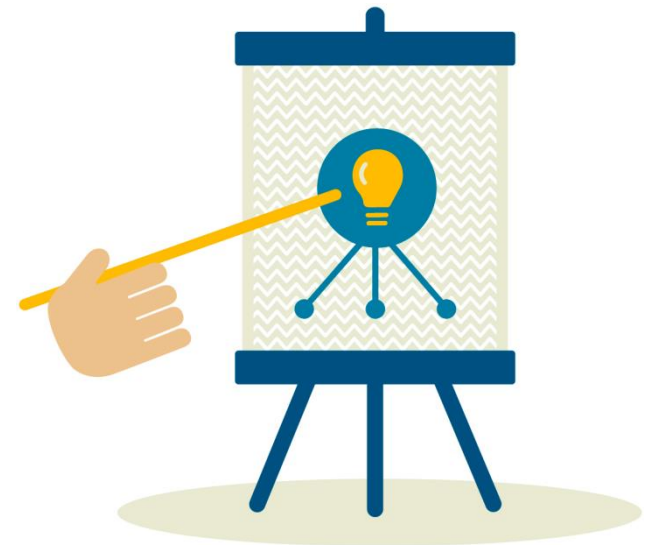


# Project Implementation - Management verifications

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# Different controls by different bodies



- Controller
- Lead beneficiary
- Joint Secretariat / Managing Authority
- Certifying Authority

# Management verifications

Control is often seen as a bottleneck:

- Quality and reliability of control **vs.** time and resources
- Some areas of control require specific expertise
  - State Aid
  - Public Procurement



# Scope of control



# Controller of the Lead Partner

## Duties of the Lead Partner:

- Expenditure by each project partner has been incurred for the **purpose** of the project implementation and corresponds to the activities agreed in the partnership
- Expenditure by each of the project partners has been **validated** by their controllers
- **Lead Partner forwards shares** of the funds to the project partners without unnecessary delays and in full

**Controllers of Lead Partners must verify that the Lead Partner complies with the above obligations.**

# Control of simplified cost options

No need to check original invoices, documents of equivalent probative value, payment proofs.

## Control of flat rates:

- Costs have been correctly **allocated** to a given category
- There is **no double declaration** of the same cost item
- The **flat rate** has been correctly **applied**
- The **amount** charged based on flat rate has been proportionally **adjusted** if the value of the category of costs to which it was applied had been modified
- If applicable, that **outsourcing** has been taken into account – *does not concern flat rates defined in Art. 19 Reg.1299/2013, and Art. 68.1 Reg. 1303/2013*

# Types of control checks

## **Administrative verifications (desk-based)**

can be performed at the controller's own premises

sampling of items is possible

## **On-the-spot verifications**

performed at the premises of the partner or other project-related site

on a sample basis

delivery of products/services, physical progress, EU publicity rules

Expenditure of a partner shall be verified within a period of three months.

## **On-the-spot verifications:**

- planned in advance/ notification given
- undertaken when the project/ activity is well under way
- not recommended for when the project/ activity has been completed
- driven by the nature of the project, amount of public support, and risk level





# Control systems

## Centralised

Public central body

Partner cannot choose the controller

Control finances by national/regional funds or TA

- No cost
- Experienced staff
- Same interpretation of eligibility rules for all partners

## Decentralised

Private control body

Partner chooses the controller but needs approval

Financed using the project budget

- Quick, with good proximity to the beneficiary

# Documenting controls

- Control certificate, report, checklist
- For Interreg: **HIT checklist developed by Interact is recommended**
- Photos of deliverables, copies of promotional material, etc. can be used for verifying publicity requirements



# Cooperation works

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