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(First Level) Control Interreg V-A Romania- Hungary

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What is new in this period?

- I. **Common FLC Manual – used by the FLC Units **in** Hungary and Romania**
- II. **State Aid Schemes**

**Rules on eligibility of expenditure
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary**



I. Common FLC Manual

- The purpose of the Common (First Level) Manual is to ensure the coherence between the Romanian and Hungarian First Level Control, providing basic guidance to the First Level Controllers involved in the verification of expenditure declared by Project Beneficiaries (PB) of the normal and strategic projects, financed under Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.**

□ The Manual was approved by both Member States :

The common agreement on the verifications falling under the responsibility of the Member States takes the form of:

- ❖ carrying out mandatory 100% administrative verifications (desk-based check of reported documents uploaded in eMS);
- ❖ carrying out on-the-spot checks if the case according to national rules/legislation;
- ❖ determining detailed rules/processes (procedures) at national level according to national rules/legislation.

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- The Manual is available on Programme website www.interreg-rohu
 - Interreg V-A Romania-Ungaria Programme uses eMS as monitoring system
 - The FLC work is **conducted (performed)** in the eMS. The FLC checks are to be documented in the eMS.

The Manual describes:

1. The Control Process

- ❖ Administrative verification
- ❖ On-the-spot checks
- ❖ Rights in the eMS
- ❖ Check lists for the FLC



2. Verification of expenditure

- ❖ Eligibility principles
- ❖ Verification of procurement; Verification of State Aid; Verification of environment protection, equal opportunity, double financing, publicity rule, project revenues
- ❖ Irregularities/Fraud
- ❖ Complaints

3. Using eMS System

- ❖ Verification of a partner report – List of Expenditure



II. State Aid – relevant in case of Calls with possible State aid incidence

The four situations identified at Programme level, as regards State aid incidence in relation to eligible actions, are the following:

- ❖ activities that are State aid free;
- ❖ activities that imply the entrustment of a Service of General Economic Interest (SGEI) or SGEI under EU Regulation 1370/2007;

II. State Aid

- ❖ activities eligible under GBER scheme (identified options: culture or local infrastructure);
- ❖ activities that can be financed under *De minimis* scheme.



Verification of State aid

The FLC will ensure a sound verification on State aid, based on specific checklists.

Verification will focus mainly on the following aspects:

- ❖ for projects approved as not having State aid incidence: the respect of all the initial conditions (including declared elements and information);



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- ❖ for projects approved with State aid specific provisions (including *de minimis*): the respect, during project implementation, of all relevant conditions related to State aid clauses foreseen in the subsidy contract, with a particular focus on the situations of indirect aid.



Thank you for your attention.

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