

AA network meeting



Agenda

29-30 May 2018

Hotel Barceló Valencia

Av. de Francia 11, 46023 Valencia





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Outlines

Back in 2009 Interact created the network of Audit Authorities and members of Group of Auditors of Interreg programmes. This network has met in Lisbon, Paris, Vienna, Dublin, Athens, Dubrovnik, Budapest and on Malta.

The networking meeting brings together exclusively the Audit Authorities and Group of Auditors' members of Interreg programmes and provides therefore a unique platform for exchange and collaboration. As it also goes beyond the technical meetings for ESIF programmes organised by the European Commission and any individual meetings it allows to focus on audit issues linked to cooperation programmes. The meeting provides also to exchange with the European Commission auditors about the “hot topics” of the moment.

This meeting will not be different in this respect and a strong participation from the European Commission will be guaranteed, as usual. The issues selected so far are annual accounts, gold-plating, omnibus regulation. There will be discussions on the post 2020 programme control and audit set up.

Objectives

The general aim of the meeting is to exchange among AAs their practices about their daily work and also to exchange with the European Commission auditors about the “hot topics” of the moment. The objective is also to discuss particular challenges that auditors of the ETC programmes may experience as for example the submission of the assurance package.

Further objectives of the meeting are to exchange experiences and increase knowledge on the submission of annual accounts, address gold-plating and show the changes relevant for Interreg in the upcoming omnibus regulation. Moreover, as the draft regulations of the next programming period will be published on 28 May, the meeting is also a good occasion to have a first discussion on the post 2020 programme control and audit set up.



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Day one

Tuesday, 29 May 2018

08.30 – 09.00

Registration and welcome coffee

09.00 – 09.15

Welcome and introduction

Andreu Iranzo Navarro, Generalitat Valenciana

*Claude Tournier, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3
Interact*

09.15 – 10.00

Assurance package: First assessment exercise on ACR based on the new model 2014-2020

Claude Tournier, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3

Typology of errors: Advantages of a harmonised approach

Rafael Lopez Sanchez, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C1

Q&A

Through this session participants will be informed about the results of the assessment of the 2017 assurance package by the European Commission. Furthermore, the advantages of a harmonised approach with regard to the typology of errors will be explained.

10.00 – 11.00

Annual Summary & annual accounts - programme experiences so far (3 presentations)

Małgorzata Zdunek, Interact

Mart Pechter, Ministry of Finance of Estonia, Audit Authority

Rafał Długolecki, Ministry of Finance Poland, Audit Authority

Q&A

After this session, participants will have gained knowledge on other programme's experiences with this part of the assurance package (procedure, reporting, overlaps, redundancies, timing).

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Special focus: system audits and audits on operations in Interreg programmes

Antonio-Mihai Ciobanu, Romanian Court of Accounts, Audit Authority

Valentina Vissan, Managing Authority for the Romania-Bulgaria Programme

Johanna März, Joint Secretariat, North-West Europe Programme

Conclusions

Salvatore Faraci, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3



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Q&A

Currently only a limited number of programmes have concluded audits, hence the presentations and the discussions will help the participants to gain further insight on experiences made so far.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 14.45 **How to approach gold plating**
Katja Ecke, Interact

Q&A

With this session, participants will be made aware of the issue of gold plating practices in Interreg programmes and how they can contribute to tackle it.

14.45 – 15.30 **Specific updates:**

- **Omnibus Regulation on SCOs**
- **Audit of SCOs : The basics**

Isabel Pardo García, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3

Q&A

This session will give participants the opportunity to learn and discuss the changes coming from the updated CPR Regulation (part of the omnibus package) and the impact on auditing SCOs, as well as clarifying the principles when checking SCOs.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.45 **General Data Protection Regulation**
Przemysław Kniaziuk, Interact

Q&A

With this session, participants will be informed about the impact of the legal framework.

18.00 **Leaving for evening networking activity**



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Day two **Wednesday, 30 May 2018**

09.00 – 09.15 **Recap of day 1**

09.15 – 11.30 **Commission's 2020 proposal on Interreg features**
Rafael Lopez Sanchez, European Commission, DG REGIO - Audit C1

Workshop Discussions

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.30 **Commission's 2020 proposal on Interreg features** (cont.)
Plenary session – reflecting the results of the workshop discussions

After this session, participants will have learned about the legal frame proposal for the next programming period and will have had a chance to reflect and discuss the relevant proposals.

12.30 – 13.00 **AOB**

- **How to use Communities?**
- **Next meeting**

Przemyslaw Kniaziuk, Interact

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break (end of meeting)**