

Finance advisory for Croatia



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Agenda

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Target group

The target group for this event is restricted to representatives of Interreg programmes National Authorities, Managing Authorities, Joint Secretariats, National control and Audit Authorities working in Croatia.

Objectives

The main objective of this 1,5 day meeting is to have the possibility to learn new practices and exchange experiences among participants. Together with colleagues, participants will be able to identify common challenges in their daily work and share solutions and problem solving methods.

This workshop is a targeted advisory for Croatia. It centres around a mix of training and discussion sessions, covering various pre-defined topics such as project assessment, public procurement, irregularities and fraud, risk-based sampling and changes expected post2020. Another topic will be the Omnibus regulation and associated simplifications that can be implemented already in this period.

Participants will also get to know the risk scoring tool Arachne and exchange on its practical use in Interreg. Practical work will encompass financial corrections for public procurement, risk-based management verifications and post2020 simplifications. Experts from a CBC and a transnational Programme will provide first-hand experience on project selection and implementation as well as the use of Arachne for scoring certain risks.

The workshop foresees active contributions from all participants, including work in groups.



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Day one

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome and Expectations

Interact

10.00 – 11.00

Project assessment, selection and contracting - experience sharing

Krzysztof Kolanowski, Interreg Polska – Sachsen programme

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00

Project implementation - experience sharing

Anna Wiktor, Mirjana Dominović, Interreg Central Europe,

12.00 – 12.30

Irregularities and frauds

Przemyslaw Kniaziuk, Interact

During this session participants will:

- obtain information about irregularities
- familiarise themselves with the typology of errors
- know different practices related to treating irregularities below 250 EUR
- know results of a study on anti-fraud measures put in place by Member States

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.15

How to determine financial correction in public procurements?

Aija Prince, Interact programme

During this session, participants will:

- discuss main principles of the guidelines for determining public procurement financial corrections
- understand cases when Guidelines for determining public procurement financial corrections should be applied
- practice the application of the Guidelines with practical examples

14.15 – 15.00

Irregularities prevention using Arachne tool

Luc Molemans, European Commission

During this session participants will learn about Arachne, the risk scoring tool offered by the European Commission.

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break



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15.30 – 15.50 **Fraud-prevention practices (including use of Arachne), experience sharing**

Anna Wiktor, Interreg Central Europe

15.50 – 16.50 **Risk-based Verifications and Sampling**
Katrin Stockhammer, Interact programme

During this session, participants will:

- learn about the regulatory framework and guidance 2014-2020 on risk-based verifications and sampling
- start developing their own sampling methodology

Day two **Wednesday, 20 March 2019**

09.00 – 09.15 **Recap of day 1**

09.15 – 10.00 **Omnibus regulation, what is new?**
Mattias Assmundson, Interact

During this session, participants will obtain information on changes related to the Omnibus regulation. Special focus will be on management verifications.

10.00 – 11.00 **Draft legal framework for Interreg Post2020, what will change?**
Mattias Assmundson, Interact

During this session, participants will:

- learn about the draft post2020 Interreg regulatory framework;
- have a chance to exchange and reflect on the proposed regulations for the next programming period;
- get familiar with the major differences between current and next programming period

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.30 **How can post2020 work in practice? (work in groups)**
Interact

During this session, participants will discuss potential practical implications of the draft regulatory framework.

12.30 – 12.45 **Summary and end of the advisory event**

12.45 – 13.45 **Lunch Break**