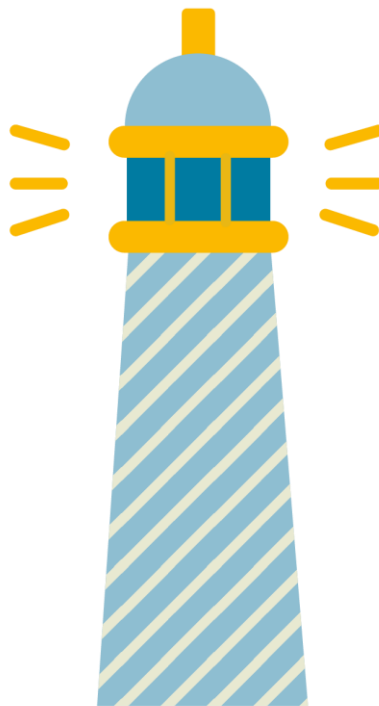


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FINAL Agenda
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Outline

This workshop is targeting national controllers (FLC). We invite new staff as well as experienced national controllers to join the workshop.

This time we will focus on simplification in Interreg as well as verification of simplified cost options (SCOs) and public procurement. Another focus will be on expected changes in post 2020 and the development of common checklists, control reports, certificates and a risk-based sampling methodology for all controllers in the next period.

To ensure effective exchange of experience, we need to limit participation to a maximum of two people per institution. We will also strive for a good mix of programmes and countries.

Participants are encouraged to contact Interact if they identify a topic on the agenda for which they would like to share their practices/experience with a short presentation!

Objectives

As always exchange of experience among controllers is at the heart of this 1,5 days workshop. Together with colleagues from other countries you will be able to identify common challenges in your daily work and share solutions that can help focus your work. In doing so, fraud and irregularities as well as SCOs and public procurement are of central importance as common experience is gained in this period and new practices in Programmes are evolving around the Omnibus regulation.

Another objective is to give participants the opportunity to provide input to the development of Harmonised Implementation Tools (HITs) for national controllers for post 2020. Some controllers are using HIT tools in this period while others are new to the process. The objective of revisiting the existing tools is to streamline them, adapt them to the new regulatory framework and promote the use of common tools among controllers.

Related to this, we will also explore the future role of controllers and aim at a common understanding of key factors that simplify control and increase legal certainty for controllers.

The workshop foresees active contributions from all participants. We will be working in groups with only brief presentations to introduce topics or practices.



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Day one

Tuesday, 14 May 2019

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome and Expectations

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10.00 – 10.30

Omnibus regulation, what is new?

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During this session, participants will obtain information on changes related to the Omnibus regulation. Special focus will be on simplified cost options.

10.30 – 11.00

Draft legal framework for Interreg Post2020, what will change?

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During this session, participants will:

- learn about the draft post2020 Interreg regulatory framework
- exchange on the draft regulations and discuss proposed changes

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.00

Verification of SCOs

During this session, participants will:

- explore how to verify expenditure that has been declared by using SCOs
- exchange on practices already used

12.00 – 13.00

Simplification in Interreg

During this session, participants will:

- work in groups on issues that could be simplified but often are not
- discuss mechanisms complicating procedures and how to address them.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.20

Anti-Fraud strategy and cases of allegations of fraud in the ETC Programmes, experience sharing

Athanasios Vladikas, Ministry of Economy and Development, MA of European Territorial Cooperation programmes, Thessaloniki, Greece

14.20 – 15.10

How to determine financial correction in public procurements?

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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

15.10 – 15.30 **At the crossroads between corrections and advices – examples how control body in Croatia deals with common mistakes in public procurement**
Andrijana Gavran, Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds

15.30 – 16.00 **Introduction to Harmonised Implementation Tools (HITs) for management Verifications**
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During this session, participants will:

- get to know the HIT process
- hear about the HITs planned for management verifications and future plans for harmonization

16.00 – 17.00 **Role of national controller in Post2020 (Group work)**
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During this session, participants will:

- brainstorm what they would want to spend their time/focus on, when controlling reports?
- think what their role can be in future

Day two **Wednesday, 15 May 2019**

09.00 – 09.15 **Recap of day 1**

09.15 – 10.15 **HIT 1: Develop a common sampling methodology**
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During this session, participants will:

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

10.15 – 10.30 **Example of sampling methodology, experience sharing**
Piotr Pijas, Centrum Projektów Europejskich

10.30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**



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11:00 – 12:30

HIT 2: National Control Checklist, Report and Certificate

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During this session, participants will:

- provide input on what should stay and what should be amended in the national control HIT documents for post 2020

12.30 – 13.00

HIT 3: What else should be harmonized?

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Summary, Outlook

End of Workshop

Lunch Break