

AA network meeting



Agenda

28 May 2019

Radisson Blu Hotel, Marseille Vieux Port
38-40 Quai Rive Neuve, 13007 Marseille, France





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Outlines

It has been 10 years ago since we created a network for auditors and Group of Auditors members who audit Interreg programmes and focus on specific Interreg related problems. The Interact network complements discussions that take place in the Homologues Group and Technical Meetings organised by the European Commission.

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. It also goes beyond the technical meetings for ESIF programmes organised by the European Commission and any individual meetings it allows to focus on specific audit issues linked to cooperation programmes (including ENI and IPA 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.

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 or the application of the typology of errors.

Further objectives of the meeting are to exchange experiences and increase knowledge on the auditing simplified cost options which are used by an increasing number of programmes. Also the application of the new financial corrections guidelines will be tested in practice.

Moreover, the meeting is also a good occasion to sum up and continue the discussion on the post 2020 programme control and audit set up.



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Tuesday, 28 May 2019

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and welcome coffee

09.30 – 09.45 **Welcome and introduction**
Interact

09.45 – 11.00 **Report from assessment exercise on ACR for 2018**
Claude Tournier, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3

Results from the typology of errors exercise
Salvatore Faraci, European Commission, DG REGIO – Audit C3

**Major irregularity reported in the Annual Accounts - case study -
Central Baltic Programme**
Florence Aalto, Audit Authority, Interreg Central Baltic Programme

Audits in Mediterranean Programme
*Ludivine Lavoine, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Mediterranean
Programme*

Annual accounts, report from CA network
Małgorzata Zdunek, Interact

Q&A

The objective of this session is to have a global view at the results from Annual Control Reports submitted all across Europe and also see an estimated total error rate at European level. Further objective is to study the results of audit on operations in a programme and by a specific Audit Authority.

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Special focus: Simplified cost options**

Programmes' presentations:

Interreg Europe Programme
Virginia Moscadelli, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Europe Programme

Interreg Mediterranean Programme
*Bárbara López Villamate, Joint Secretariat, Interreg
Mediterranean Programme*

Case study



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Discussion

Q&A

The objective of this session is to analyse and compare how programmes apply in real life the simplified cost options and how to audit them. This exercise will be supported by a case study which will be followed by the subsequent discussion on what the role of different levels of controls should be.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 **Updated guidelines for determining financial corrections**

Przemysław Kniaziuk, Florin Neculcea, Interact

The objective of this session is to learn the provisions of the latest version of the new guidelines for determining financial corrections approved on 14 May 2019. The case study will focus on some specific public procurement irregularities and the application of corresponding rates of financial corrections from the updated guidelines.

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 **General updates and post 2020**

MA/JS on-going controls of the Interreg Central Europe Programme

Helga Portelli, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Central Europe Programme

State of play of financial implementation of Interreg CBC programmes

Małgorzata Zdunek, Interact

The update on post 2020

Katja Ecke, Interact

The objective of the last session is to learn about the latest developments related to audits, fraud prevention etc. The second objective is to summarise post 2020 discussions related to the functions of Audit Authority and Group of Auditors and focus on the ongoing positioning for points beyond audit, which still have an impact on the assurance, e.g. management verifications MS responsibility vs MA responsibility.

19.30 Networking dinner