

Second audit support network meeting



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Outlines

In many cases staff at MA/JS level supports their audit authority to facilitate the “ground work” of the audit cycle (preparation, implementation and follow-up). Considering the continuously increasing complexity of audit work and the even more challenging timeframe (annual closure) programmes seemed to be forced to dedicate more and more resources to audit work. To close a gap and mirror the existing exchange and networking forums were established for audit authorities themselves (EC, Interact), the audit support network was established.

The general objective of the network is to provide a platform for concerned staff at MA/JS level to exchange experiences, spread good practices, increase capacity and work towards harmonised approaches (where possible) in the area of audits. With increased knowledge and shared experiences the network can help to drive relevant developments and establish practices towards their stakeholders. It seems relevant to establish a space for MA/JS level to discuss for instance the audit cycle, keeping the timeline, performance audits, implementation of corrections or categories of errors.

Objectives

The main objective of this 1-day meeting is to have the possibility to exchange experience from a programme’s point of view on lessons learnt so far. Topics addressed will include the delivery of the assurance package (reflections and on-going points for discussion), (national) quality checks as well as AA requirements with regard to public partner contributions. The afternoon session will be dedicated to post 2020 and the new elements proposed in the legislation.

Together with colleagues from other programmes, participants will be able to identify common challenges in their daily work and share solutions.



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Day one

Tuesday, 12 November 2019

09.00 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 – 10.00

Introduction & reflection from Interact's AA network meeting (28 May, Marseille) and other relevant events
Interact & Round table discussion

10.00 – 11.30

Assurance package – exchange of experiences

- Reflection on assurance package submitted exchanging experience, discuss hot topics, open points
- On-going audits: anything to report, anything to share?
- National checks and their implications for the assurance package

Coffee break incl.

Round table discussion

At the end of the session participants will be informed about the different challenges (and solutions) programmes faced when submitting the assurance package

11.30 – 12.30

Various topics – depending on needs collecting with registration

Topics which could be addressed:

- SCOs: Audits of SCOs: is this still an issue?
- Match funding/partner contributions: Public match funding/partner contributions: legal requirements & AA requirements - challenges & solutions?

Round table discussion

At the end of the session participants will have had a chance to exchange on topics which they like to share or which might require some external perspective.

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 16.00

Post 2020 – putting the new elements for audits into practice

- audit of operations set-up: discussion and reflection:
 - o is the approach clear?
 - o elements missing?
 - o what would the data have to look like?
 - o harmonisation (link to HIT)
 - templates (audit reports, checklists, notifications)
 - procedures
 - audit strategy
- Liabilities (state of play)
- risk-based approach for management verifications & audits

Coffee break incl.

Round table discussion

At the end of the participants will have discussed the EC proposal and agreed on next steps.

16.00 – 16.30

AOB, wrap-up & next steps – end of meeting



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Practicalities

Venue

Madrid, venue tbc