

Controllers workshop



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FINAL Agenda

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Outlines

This workshop targets controllers performing management verifications. We invite new staff as well as experienced controllers to join the workshop.

From the controllers' perspective, we will look at the novelties concerning the 2021-2027 period and focus on the main changes in management verifications.

This time Interact will use an opportunity to gather feedback from controllers on the Matrix of costs project that is ongoing in Interact and the Controllers module in Jems.

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

Due to the workshop's popularity among controllers, we can accept only two participants from one institution/country.

Objectives

The exchange of experience among controllers is at the heart of this one-and-a-half-day workshop. Together with colleagues from other countries, you will be able to identify common challenges in your daily work and share solutions that can be handy in your daily work.

The workshop foresees active contributions from all participants. We will work in groups with only brief presentations introducing topics or practices.



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Day One

Tuesday, 16 May 2023

08.30 – 09.00

Registration and welcome coffee/ tea

09.00 – 09.15

Introduction, objectives, technicalities

Interact programme

09.15 – 10.00

What is new in the legal framework (focus on management verifications), incl. Q&A

Interact programme

- EC Reflection note on RBMV, changes and main points of attention
- Other finance-related updates (e.g., VAT, SCOs)

Objectives of the session: to give an update on the most recent developments in the legal framework and relevant hot topics.

10.00 – 10.30

Matrix of costs

Interact programme

- State of play – work done by the working group so far
- Next steps

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00

Matrix of costs (continuation)

Interact programme and controllers

- Practical work in groups

Objectives of the session: to collect practical examples of expenditures that can be used to feed the Matrix of costs and to discuss interesting verification cases.

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch break

13.00 – 14.30

Detection of irregularities and fraud cases. Reporting. Case studies

Andon Tashukov, Coordinator of Team Expenditure and Corruption at The European Public Prosecutor's Office

- Legal framework of irregularity and fraud with EU Funds.
- Irregularity reporting and the role of controllers
- How to identify fraud – red flags
- Case studies

Objectives of the session: to learn about the new player in the EU's anti—fraud landscape: the EPPO: mandate, functions and importance for the ETC programmes. Furthermore, to understand the legal framework in the fight against fraud (definitions, roles and responsibilities of controllers in detecting fraud cases and how to prevent irregularities. Session includes presentation and work in groups.



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14.30 – 15.00

Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00

Controllers module in monitoring system Jems

Interact programme

- Risk-based management verifications (RBMV) in Jems
- Results of the Controllers User tests
- Demo of the Control Module

Objectives of the session: to introduce controllers to the newly developed features of the Control Module and gather feedback on the improvements.

16.00 – 17.00

Topic/s suggested by controllers from the Registration

- Arachne (*Przemyslaw.Kniaziuk, Interact Programme*)
- State aid (*Grzegorz Golda, Interact Programme*)
- Communication from perspective of controllers (*Arkam Ograk, Interact programme*)

End of the first day!

Day Two

Wednesday, 17 May 2023

08.45 – 09.00

Reconnection and recap on Day 1

09.00 – 09.30

HIT methodology & Maps of methodologies for RBMV

Interact programme

Objectives of the session: to give an overview of the different approaches developed for risk-based management verifications in different Member States and programmes and to remind about the HIT methodology and HIT approach.

09.30 – 10.30

Controllers' perspective on the RBMV methodologies

- *Viktor Stoyanov, Head of First Level Control (FLC) Unit, Romania*
- *Inga Kramaz, Pawel Nowikowski, Chief specialists, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy, Poland*

Objectives of the session: to reflect on the controllers' perspective on the development process and to share first experiences with the application of the risk-based approach to management verifications.

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break



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11.00 – 12.45

Case study, work in groups

Objectives of the session: to work with the practical application of methodologies for risk-based management verifications.

12.45 – 13.00

Wrap-up and next steps

13.00 – 14.00

Farewell lunch