

# Controllers workshop

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FINAL Agenda

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### **Outlines**

This workshop is designed for controllers who are responsible for performing management verifications. We extend a warm invitation to both new staff and experienced controllers to participate in this event.

From the controllers' perspective, we will delve into the latest developments for the 2021-2027 period, with a specific focus on the significant changes in management verifications.

During this workshop, participants will have the unique opportunity to engage in discussions related to eligibility cases, gain practical experience in applying various risk-based management verification methodologies, and receive hands-on training on the Controllers module in Jems.

**Please note that participation for each day separately is enabled, as the second day will entirely focus on the Control module in Jems.**

**We encourage participants to reach out to Interact if they wish to share their practices and experiences on a specific topic listed in the agenda by delivering a brief presentation.**

In light of the workshop's popularity among controllers, we regret that we can only accommodate a maximum of two participants from each institution or country.

### **Objectives**

At the core of this one-and-a-half-day workshop lies the spirit of exchanging experiences among controllers. Collaborating with colleagues from different countries, you will have the opportunity to identify shared challenges encountered in your daily roles and explore practical solutions that can greatly benefit your day-to-day work.

This workshop encourages active participation from all attendees. We will facilitate group discussions and encourage brief presentations introducing topics or sharing best practices. This interactive approach will foster a dynamic and enriching learning environment.



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### Day One

**Tuesday, 21 November 2023**

**09.00 – 09.30**

Registration and welcome coffee/ tea

**09.30 – 10.00**

#### **Introduction, objectives, technicalities**

*Interact programme*

**10.00 – 10.30**

#### **News and updates in the legal frameworks**

*Interact programme*

- 2014-2020 closure
- 2021-2027 general updates

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

**10.30 – 11.00**

#### **Matrix of costs update**

*Interact programme*

- new Matrix of costs 2021-2027 revealed
- next steps

Objectives of the session: To present the new Matrix of costs and to share plans for 2024.

**11.00 – 11.30**

Coffee break

**11.30 – 13.00**

#### **Eligibility of expenditure**

*Interact programme and controllers*

- Practical work in groups, case study

Objectives of the session: To exchange and discuss practical eligibility cases from the controller's perspective.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Lunch break**

**14.00 – 15.30**

#### **Risk-based management verifications (RBMV) in Interreg**

*Presentations from the participants*

- Auditors perspective on RBMV, Martin de Witte and Carlo Louter, Finance Ministry, Netherlands
- RBMV methodology, Hungarian experience, Virágh Péter, Hungarian Control Department
- Process of developing RBMV methodology, Greek experience, Karavatos Dimitris, Management Authority of "Interreg 2021-2027", Unit C' – Management Verifications



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Objectives of the session: the session aims to encourage reflection on the RBMV development process from controllers' perspectives and facilitate the sharing of audit authorities' insights into their involvement in RBMV methodology development. Additionally, it may explore initial experiences with the risk-based approach to management verifications if applicable.

**15.30 – 16.00**

Coffee break

**16.00 – 17.00**

### **Risk-based management verifications, exchange of practice**

*Practical work in groups*

Objectives of the session: have an opportunity to discuss the challenges and solutions related to developing RBMV methodologies.

**17.00 – 17.30**

### **Virtual on-the-spot**

Elvina Georgieva, Iliya Veleov, Bulgaria

Objectives of the session: Introduce the participants to the practice of on-the-spot checks in Bulgaria

*End of the first day!*

## **Day Two**

### **Wednesday, 22 November 2023**

**09.00 – 09.30**

Reconnection and recap on Day 1

**09.30 – 12.30**

### **The Control Module in Jems, training (incl. Coffee break)**

*Interact programme*

- Jems timeline
- Business logic
- Main differences with eMS
- Introduction to the group work
- Group work, hands-on

Objectives of the session: provide participants with an understanding of the Control Module within Jems, including its key features and functions. Explore the Jems timeline, business logic, and its distinctive features compared to eMS, to ensure a comprehensive understanding. Facilitate hands-on group work session, allowing participants to apply their knowledge and interact with the Control Module in Jems, gaining practical experience.

**12.30 – 13.00**

Wrap-up and Next steps

*End of the meeting!*