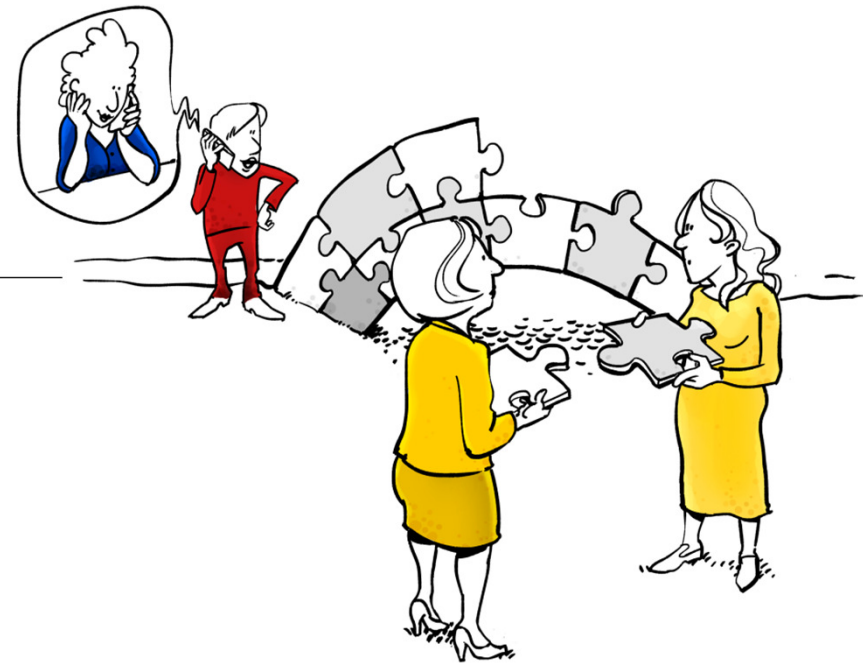# Project Implementation -
Management Verifications

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Management verifications – I

Ensures that:	Controller checks that:
products and services have been delivered	the costs claimed are real costs (with some exceptions)
expenditure has been paid	the activities really took place (e.g., participant lists from seminars)
it complies with applicable law	the rules are being followed (e.g., evidence of public procurement procedures).
conditions for support of the operational programme.	

Management verifications – II

Control is often seen as a bottleneck:

• Quality and reliability of control **vs.** time and resources

• Some areas of control require specific expertise
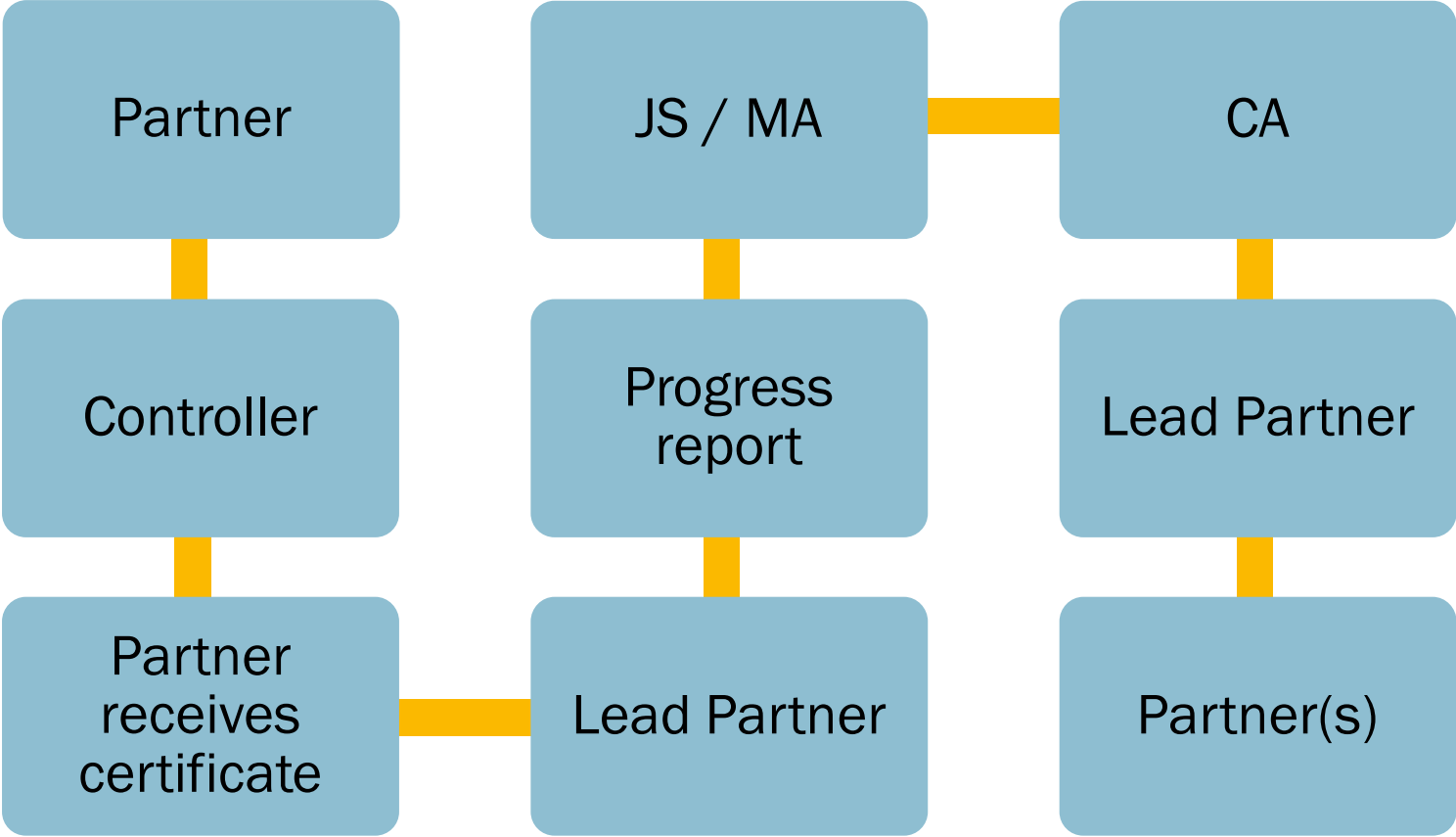 – State Aid
  – Public Procurement

Different controls by different bodies

- Controller

- Lead beneficiary

- Joint Sectretariat / Managing Authority

- Certifying Authority
  - Claiming from European Commission

Management verification process

Partner	JS / MA	CA
Controller	Progress report	Lead Partner
Partner receives certificate	Lead Partner	Partner(s)

Administrative checks vs. On-the-spot checks

- **Administrative verifications** (i.e., desk-based verifications)
  - Can be performed by Controllers at their own premises.
  - Sampling of items is possible.

- **On-the-spot verifications** of operations.
  - Control checks undertaken by Controllers at the premises of a Beneficiary, or any other project-related site.
  - Sampling of items is possible.

Centralised vs. decentralised control systems

Centralised Control System	Decentralised Control System
Public Control Body	Private Control Body
Beneficiary cannot choose the controller	Beneficiary chooses the controller but needs approval
Control is financed by national/regional funds or programme's TA • No cost • Experienced staff • Same interpretation of eligibility rules for all partners	Decentralised at project partner level • Financed using the project budget as eligible project cost • Quick with good proximity to the beneficiary

How to build a good relationship with your controller?

- How can the beneficiary help in the control process to limit the costs?

- How do we avoid wasting time?

- What is your experience of reporting and control?

- What are your experiences of avoiding conflicts between the controller and the management of the project?

- What are the key success criteria for a good relationship between the First Level Controller and the management of the project?

Cooperation works

All materials will be available on:

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