

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

from the perspective of the CA

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Interact Seminar Annual accounts – piece of cake or a deal breaker
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About us



- Province of East Flanders (BE) = Certifying Authority since Interreg III
- Development Agency East Flanders = Certifying Cell
- Team based in Ghent
 - 2 policy officers (leading and supporting)
 - 2 accountants
 - 5 experts
 - 1 administrative assistant

5 Interreg programmes:

- 2 Seas (4 MS)
- Europe (28 MS + NO + CH)
- France–Wallonia–Flanders (2 MS)
- North-West Europe (7 MS + CH)
- Flanders–The Netherlands (2 MS)

1 Initiative: Urban Innovative Actions



Total expenditure claimed so far

2 Seas	17 158 038,38 EUR
Europe	34 539 551,59 EUR
France–Wallonia–Flanders	5 719 245,44 EUR
North-West Europe	13 325 921,22 EUR
Flanders–The Netherlands	32 893 761,41 EUR

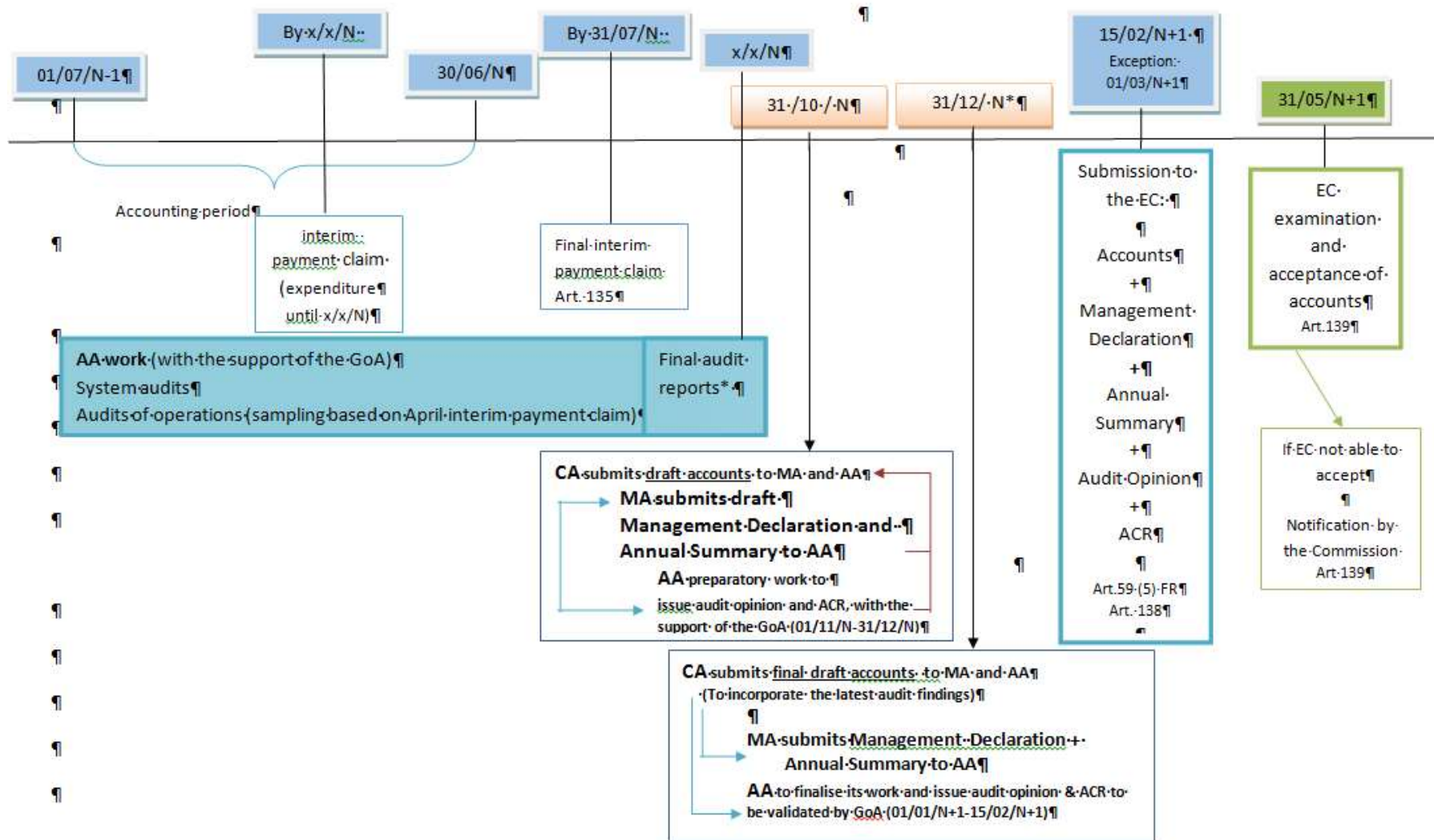
Resources to deal with annual accounts

1. Regulation (EU)
2. Timeline annual closure of accounts (MA/AA/CA)
3. List sample for audits of operations (AA)
4. IT-monitoring system (MA)
5. On going assessment (AA/MA)
6. Interim and Final Payment Claims (CA)
7. Flow-chart accounts (CA)
8. Accountancy (CA)

1. Regulation:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 of 22 September 2014
- EGESIF_15_0017-02 “Guidance for Member States on amounts withdrawn, recovered, to be recovered and irrecoverable amounts”
- EGESIF_15_0018-02 “Guidance for Member States on preparation, examination and acceptance of accounts”

2. Timeline annual closure of accounts:



*The last final audit reports are available at the latest 5 working days before the submission of the draft accounts, management declaration and annual summary.

Sets dates for:

- Last IPC of the accounting year
- List sample for audits of operations
- FPC = no new expenditure
- Final audit reports
- Draft accounts
- Final accounts
- Assurance Package

3. List sample for audits of operations:

- Priority axe, (number) and name of the project
- Audited project partner
- Amount controlled TEC
- *Preferably:*
 - *controlled amount ERDF*
 - *IPC in which the expenditure is declared to EC*

4. IT-monitoring system:

- Priority axe, (number) and name of the project
- Withdrawal or recovery
- Amount TEC / ERDF of the irregularity
- Corresponding public contribution
- Date of validation by MA

- Accounting year in which the expenditure is declared to EC
- Number and/or date of IPC
- Final audit report / nature of finding
- Ineligible amount is recovered, to be recovered or irrecoverable
- Follow-up of recovery/repayment

5. On going assessment :

AA

Not finalised audit report

MA

Complementary sample, on going quality control, ...

- Amount TEC / ERDF
- Corresponding public contribution
- Date of deadline draft / final accounts

6. Interim and Final Payment Claims:

Overview of corrections in certified expenditure in relation to each accounting year

7. Flow-chart for accounts:

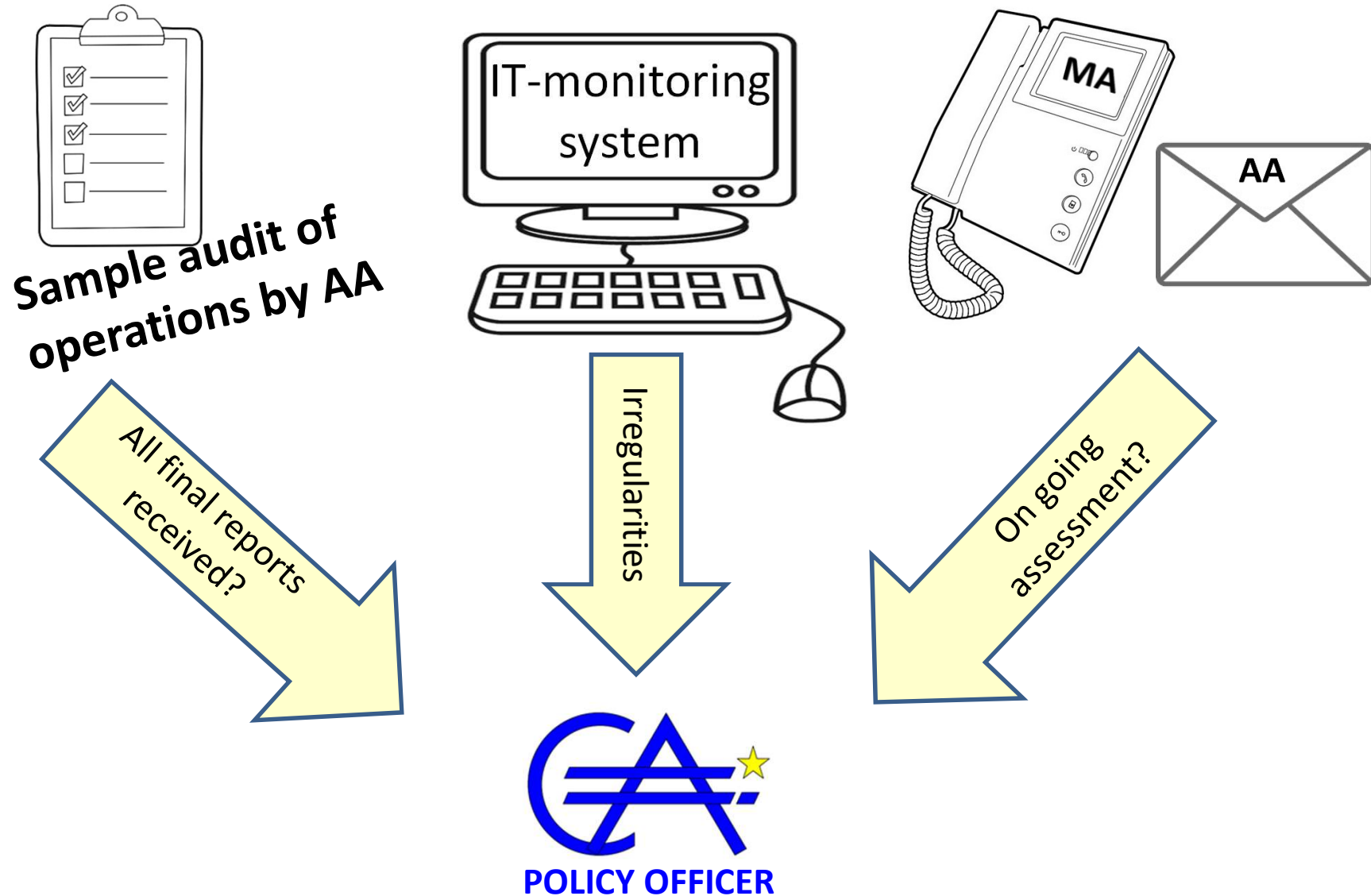
Identification of the irregularity for submission in the correct appendix of Annex VII

8. Accountancy CA:

Reconciliation of ERDF-amount (and date) in relation to each accounting year

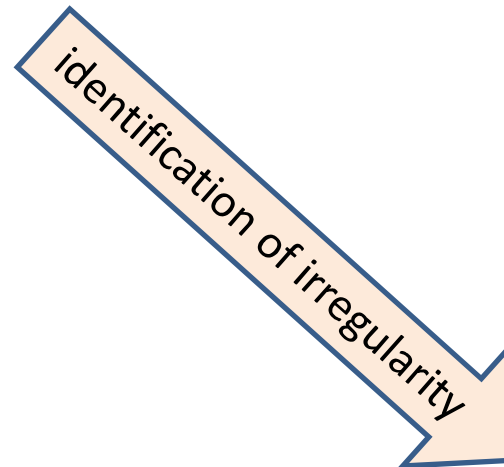
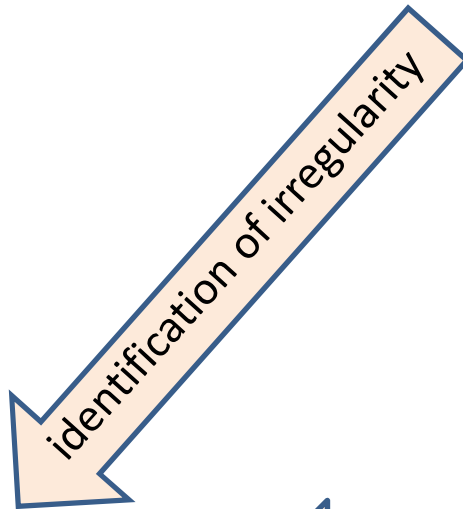


submission of annual accounts by CA

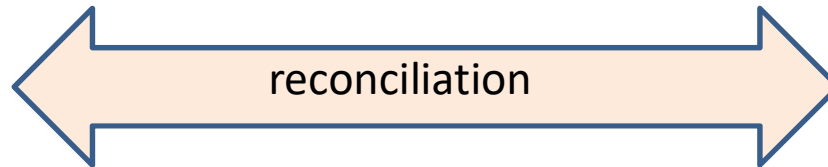




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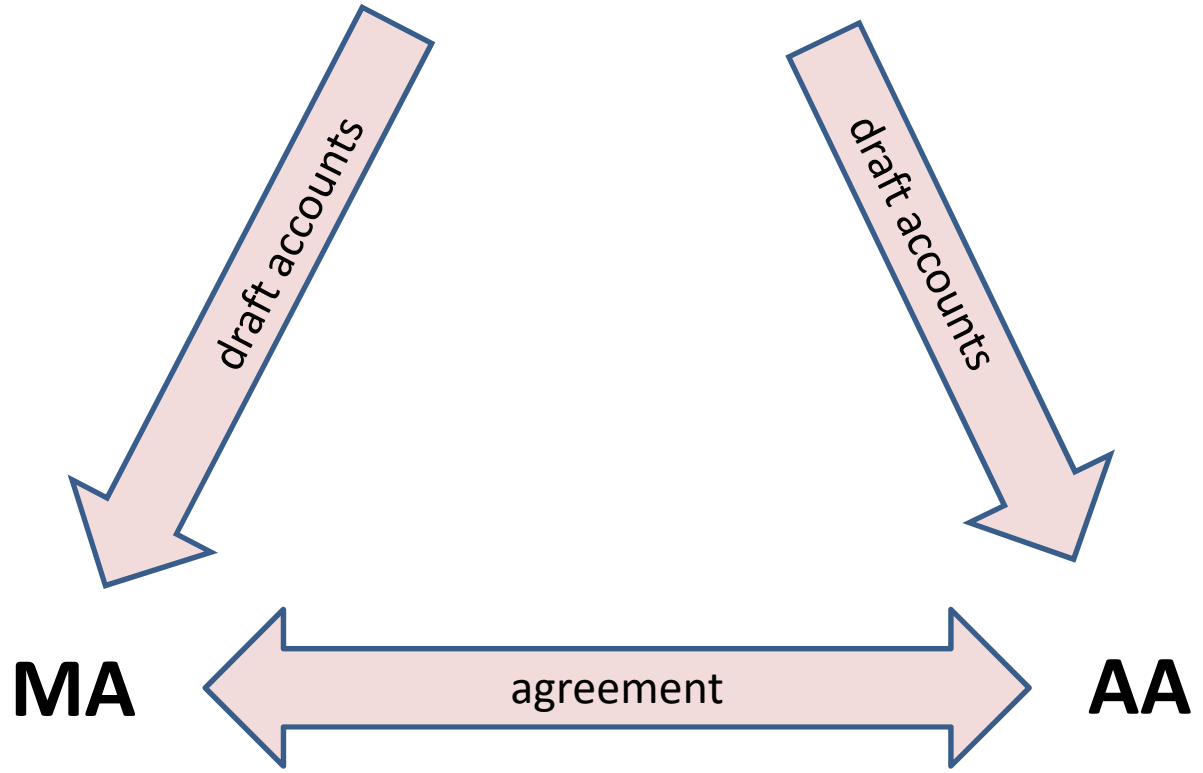
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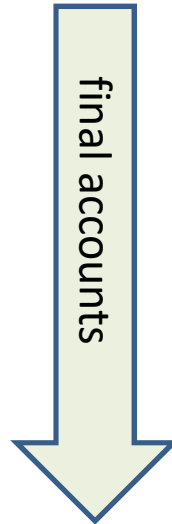


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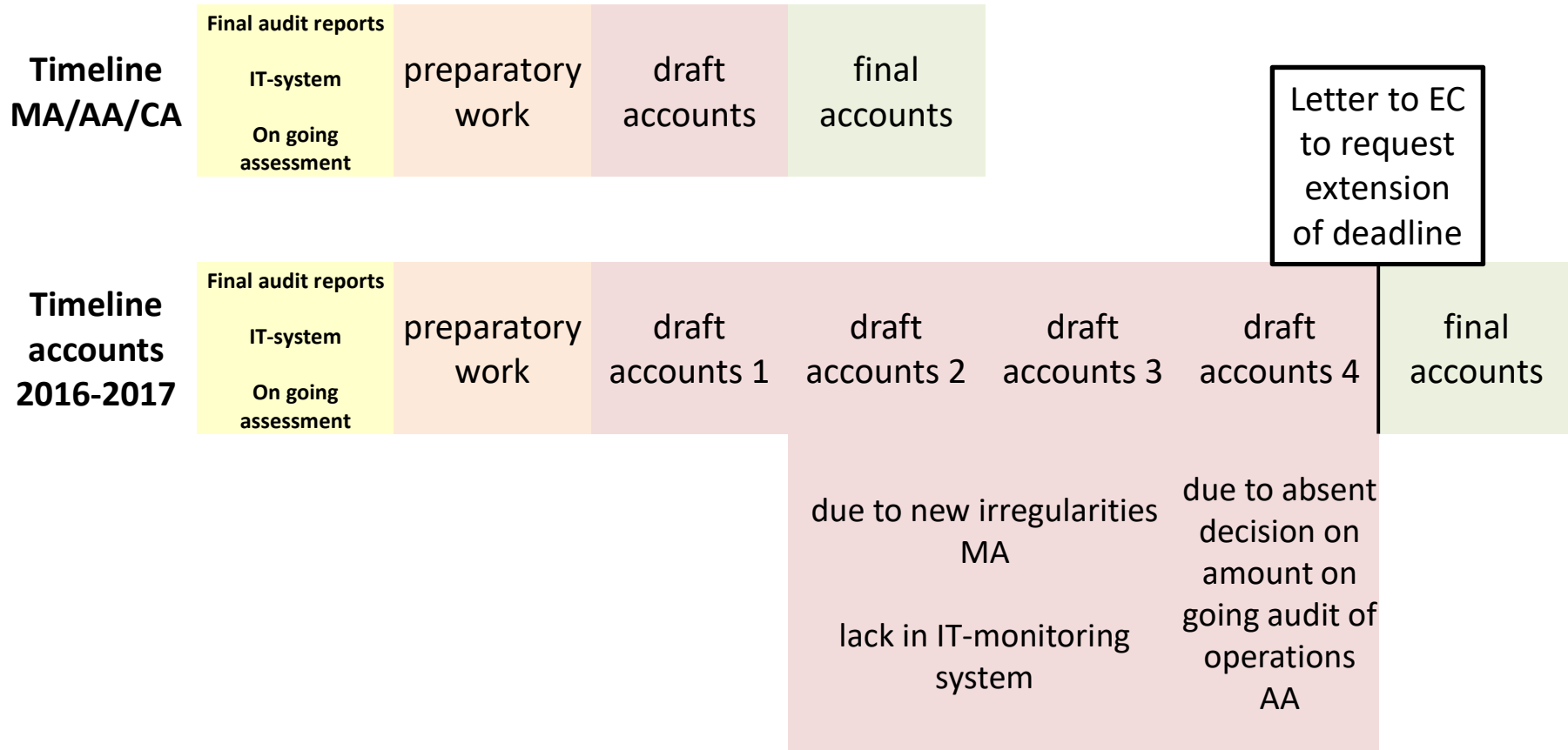


What was good:

- Final audit reports on time
- Clear findings on audit of operations
- Reconciliation CA
- Submission in SFC

To improve:

- Timeline - respecting deadlines



- IT monitoring system - visibility of irregularities

Questions?

- Our questions:
 - What about the flat rate correction: who makes the calculation, when and by whom is it corrected?
 - Will there be problems for EC (SFC) if the FPC of an accounting year is lower than the latest IPC, if only negative lines (corrections) are included in the FPC?
- Your questions?



Thank you for your attention!