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- general considerations;
- timeline;
- methodology;
- evaluation by the EC
- remarks;

Audit of accounts – considerations

- Prework: designation audit and verification of the existence /completeness of procedures referring to, *inter alia*, drafting of the accounts, annual summary of audit/controls...
- Realistic audit schedule;
- Agreement (formal/informal) within Member State for keeping the deadlines;
- Constant co-operation with MA/CA;

Audit of accounts - timeline

- AA submits MA last audit report (after contradictory procedure);
- MA/CA delivers AA the draft of accounts + management declaration + annual summary;
- AA submits MA of the draft annual control report;
- MA/CA delivers AA the final version of accounts / declaration /summary;
- Fun with the SFC

Audit of accounts - methodology

- two phases of system audit;
 - 2nd phase: KR8 (MA) & KR13 (CA)
- Assurance on whether amounts indicated in the accounts are legal, regular and complete is taken from the audit of operation;

On the basis of selected sample (taken from the positive population), Audit Authority confirms, that the total eligible expenditure (art. 137 (1) (a) of 1303/2013 equals to expenditure covered by payment claims submitted to the EC

- checklists for every appendix to the accounts;

Audit of accounts - checklists

Exemplary questions:

- Are there any differences between the total amount reflected in the last interim payment claim, submitted on the basis of art. 135 p. 2 of 1303/2013 and the amount indicated in appendix 1?
- Are the differences adequately explained? (AA has to evaluate the explanation);
- Has the CA indicated in appendix 8 amounts corrected in current accounts, on the basis of the results of audit of operation, in accordance with art. 127 p.1 of 1303/2013?
- Has it been confirmed during audit of operation (positive sample) that the total eligible expenditure (art. 137 (1) (a) of 1303/2013) equals to expenditure covered by payment claims submitted to the EC.

Audit of accounts – evaluation by the EC

Examples of EC's questions:

- Why the irregular amount identified during audit of negative amounts is not indicated in the annual summary and in the appendix 8?
- The single amount indicated in appendix 8 is the sum of which partial amounts indicated in the annual summary?
- There's an amount in appendix 2 to the accounts which is not explained in the annual summary;
- The annual summary should provide EC with details regarding irregularities that were deducted in the appendix 8: at least which control/audit they resulted from, on which project/payment claim (remark based on the amount in appendix 8);
- The column about corrective measures in the annual summary indicates a comment from the MA, that it disagrees with the AA finding, but agrees to make a correction. Is it an amount under on-going assessment given the disagreement between institutions?

Audit of accounts – remarks

- time is very short for AA:
 - to complete all audits by 31st of October, so that MA / CA can reflect findings in annual summary of controls / audits and in accounts;
 - to draft the Annual Control Report before the end of the year (contradictory procedure with MA);
 - to write the final ACR on the basis of final versions of accounts and annual summary of controls/audit – two weeks in February;
 - to verify once again information uploaded into SFC by MA/CA and clarify potential differences;

It is crucial to ensure coherence and completeness of information provided in the number of files attached to the **ACR.**

Thank you for your attention