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First level control system in Croatia

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CBC in Croatia

Under IPA II component:

a) Programmes with EU member states

- Slovenia – Croatia
- Hungary – Croatia
- Adriatic

b) Programmes with IPA countries

- Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia – Serbia
- Croatia – Montenegro

c) Transnational programmes

- South East Europe
- Mediterranean

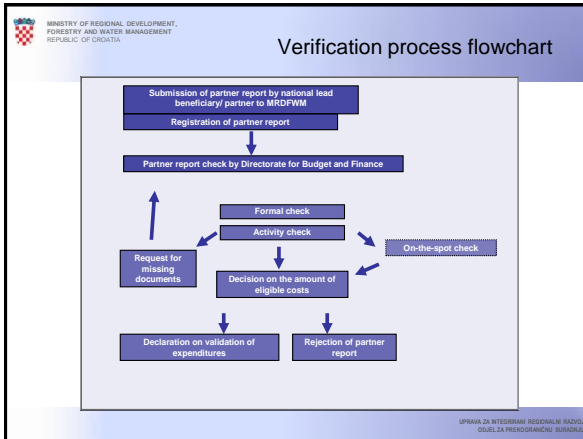
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Establishment

- ✓ Croatia will set up a **centralised control system**.
- ✓ Control will be carried out by the Directorate for Budget and Finance in the Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management (MRDFWM).
- ✓ The controllers employed in the Directorate for Budget, Finances and Accounting (Budget and Accounting Sector) will carry out verification of expenditures and will be responsible for issuing declarations on validation of expenditures.
- ✓ Control activities will be fulfilled within separate directorate in MRDFWM and are organisationally and functionally independent from other units of MRDFWM, in particular from the Directorate for Integrated Regional Development, which was involved in programming IPA CBC Programmes

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National co-financing

- ✓ National co-financing is verified through the verification of costs incurred
- ✓ Copy of a declaration on validation of expenditures is sent to Department for Budget, MRDFWM and then to the State Treasury
- ✓ Payment is received before the IPA funds (shorter procedure)

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Quality insurance

The following tools will be used to ensure constant and high-level quality of the control activities:

- ✓ Guidelines and checklists for control will be prepared by the Directorate for Budget and Finance in line with the eligibility rules of a Programme and Croatian national legislation
- ✓ Operational Manual for the staff of the Directorate for Budget and Finance Independent will be prepared by the Directorate for Budget and Finance to ensure the adequate audit trail of the procedures
- ✓ Trainings will be provided for the controllers in co-operation with the Hungarian control body
- ✓ Trainings and individual consultations will be provided for the Croatian lead partners/project partners
- ✓ Directorate for Integrated Regional Development will be responsible for the elaboration and operation of a quality assurance system, aiming to supervise the work of controllers in Directorate for Budget and Finance in order to guarantee that tasks are being fulfilled.


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Issues to deal with

- ✓ Right profile for a controller
- ✓ Proper education
- ✓ First level control for TA costs
- ✓ Transfer of experience to other programmes (IPA – IPA); other components
- ✓ FLC for Transnational programmes
- ✓ Horizontal services
- ✓ Specific national rules and regulations

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Thank you for your attention!

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