



# FIRST RESULTS

Risk-based management verifications methodology in INTERREG VI-A ITALY-SLOVENIA 2021-2027 Programme

FRANCESCO SINICCO  
INTERREG VI-A ITALY-SLOVENIA 2021-2027  
National controller





## INTRODUCTION



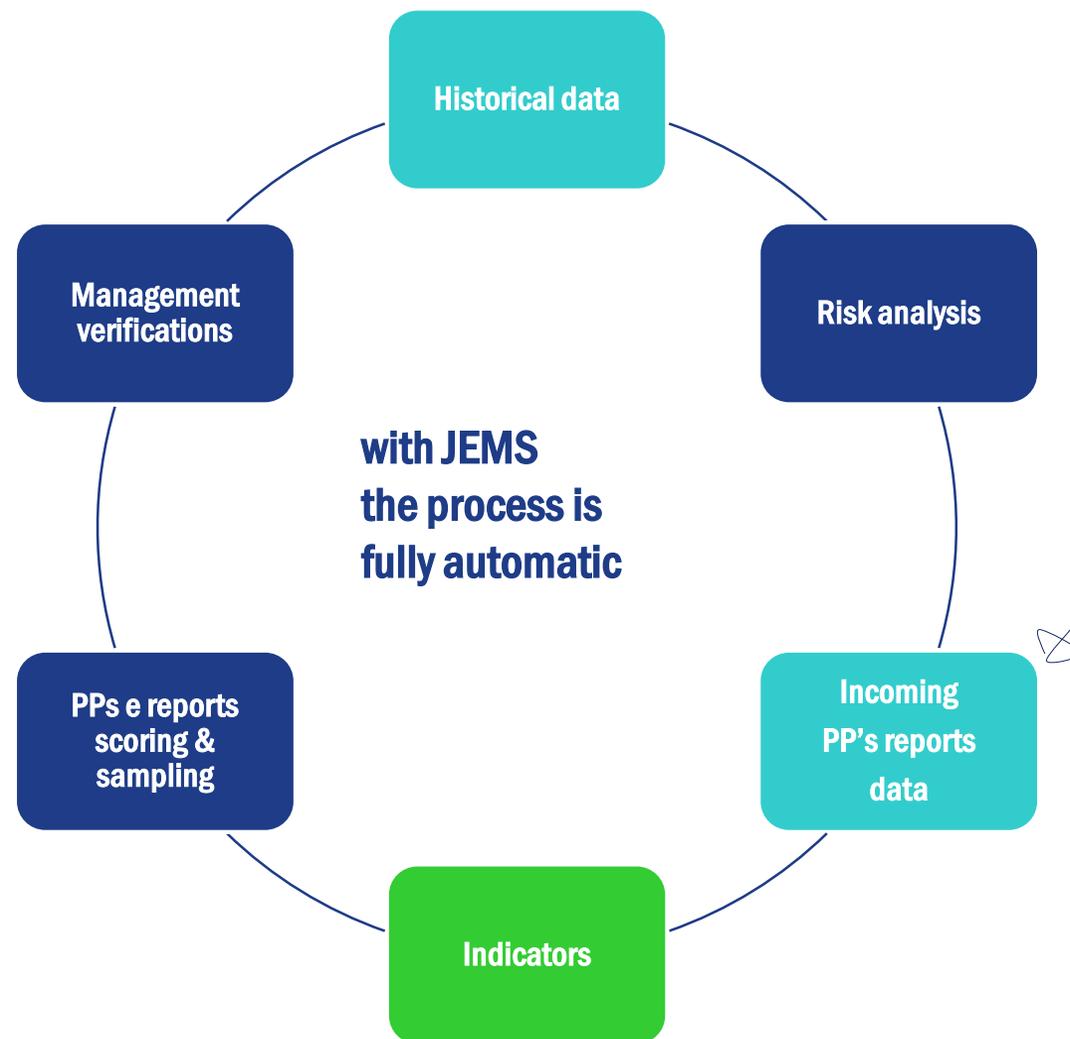
### Historical data:

- impact of error per reporting methodology, per BL and per single errors



### Incoming reports data:

- presence/absence of previous control
- reported expenditure amount
- budget variance from scheduled - -
- presence of public procurement





## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

R.1 - Reporting methodology

R.2 - Errors within the last validated PP report

R.3 - Errors in all validated PP reports

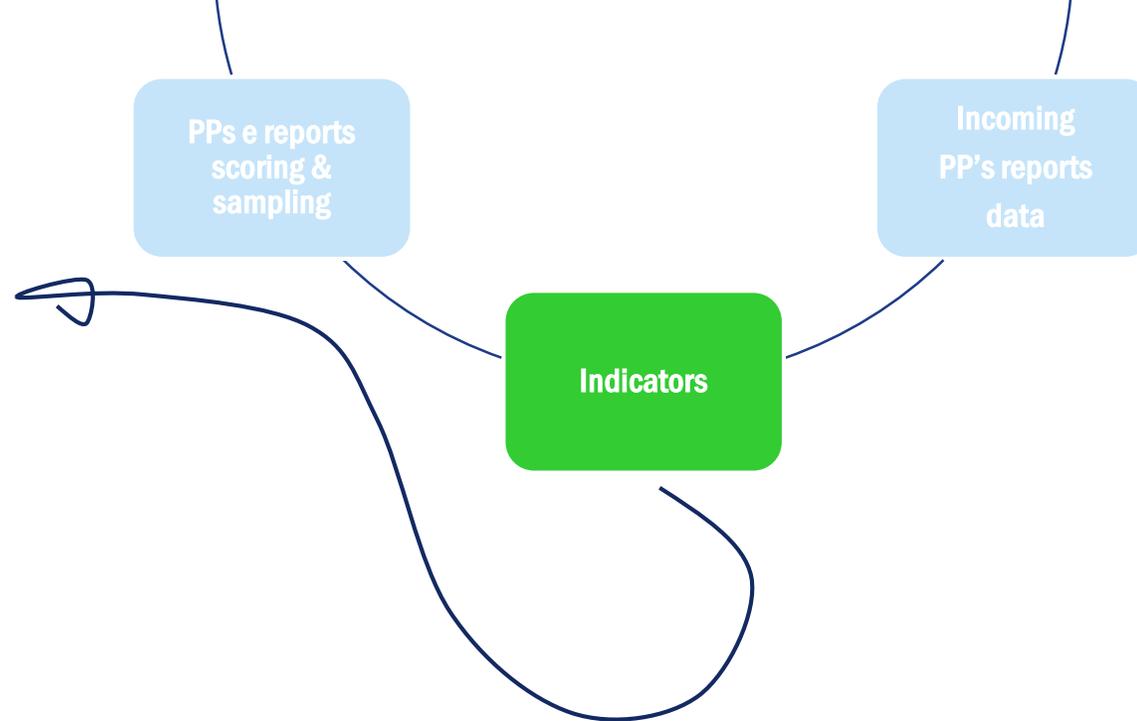
### Single indicators

R.4 - Presence/absence of previous control

R.5 - Reported expenditure amount

R.6 - Budget variance from scheduled

R.7 - Presence/absence of public procurement



In other terms, how we  
put a weight on data



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

#### R.1 – Reporting methodology

#### R.2 – Errors within the last validated PP report

#### R.3 – Errors in all validated PP reports

guess what?

**we assumed that flat rates  
are not risky**

guess what?

**historical data tell us that real costs is  
the riskier reporting method**

what we look at

**the impact of errors in % terms for  
real costs and standard unit costs**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

#### R.1 – Reporting methodology

quick overview impact Real costs and SUC

% of error on tot BL1 expenses: **7,63%**

% of error on tot BL1 SUC expenses: **2,52 %**

% of error on tot BL4 expenses: **5,58%**

% of error on tot BL5 expenses: **1,10%**

% of error on tot BL6 expenses: **0,00%**

we have valued this data within an **intermediate** threshold table



0% to 2%	0 point
up to 5%	2 points
over 5%	4 points

e.g. of REAL COSTS in BL1 + BL4

Report score: **4 + 4 = 8**

e.g. of SUC in BL1 + REAL COSTS in BL5 + BL6

Report score: **2 + 0 + 0 = 2**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

Compound indicators

R.1 – Reporting methodology

e.g. of report score as previous slide

in case of **REAL COSTS** in **BL1 + BL4**

Report score:  $4 + 4 = 8$

we have valued this data within a **definitive** threshold table

score 0	0
up to 4	2
up to 6	4
up to 8	6
over 8	8

R.1 = 6



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

R.1 - Reporting methodology

**R.2 - Errors within the last validated PP report**

R.3 - Errors in all validated PP reports

guess what?

**we analyse errors data in terms of  
quantity (€) and frequency (n° of errors)**

what we look at

**the results of previous management  
verifications has a weight**

ace in the hole

**we listed all the errors and code them  
to be able to easily analyse JEMS data  
over the reporting periods**



Error 1-h = Expenditure incurred outside the period of eligibility

## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

Compound indicators

R.2 – Errors within the last validated PP report

quick overview of **ERROR PERCENTAGE** (e.g.)

### QUANTITY

% of error 1-h quantity on total quantity in € 27.456,39 /

190.921,58 = **14%**

### FREQUENCY

% of error 1-h frequency on total n° of error

14 / 92 = **15%**

we have valued this data within an **intermediate** threshold table

0% to 2%	0
up to 10%	2
over 10%	4

### Error 1-h QUANTITY + FREQUENCY

$$4 + 4 = 8$$

in case of more errors within the report the system add up the points



Error 1-h = Expenditure incurred outside the period of eligibility

## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

Compound indicators

R.2 – Errors within the last validated PP report

we have valued this data within a **definitive** threshold table

score 0 to 3	0
up to 6	3
over 6	6

e.g. of report score as previous slide

in the case of the **1-h error**, the  
percentage weight is valued  
with the maximum score: **8**

**R.2 = 6**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

R.1 - Reporting methodology

R.2 - Errors within the last validated PP report

R.3 - Errors in all validated PP reports

guess what?

**the process to get the score works like the previous one**

What we look at

**now we take a look to all the previous PP's report**

ace in the hole

**this time, the score is divided by the number of PP's validated reports**



**Error 1-h** = Expenditure incurred outside the period of eligibility  
**Error 1-i** = Expenditure outside the eligibility area

## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

Compound indicators

R.3 – Errors in all validated PP reports

we have valued this data within an **intermediate** threshold table

0% to 2%	0
up to 10%	2
over 10%	4

quick overview of **ERROR PERCENTAGE** (e.g.)

### QUANTITY

% of error 1-h = **14%**

% of error 1-i = **16%**

### FREQUENCY

% of error 1-h = **15%**

% of error 1-i = **3%**

Error 1-h (quantity + frequency)

$$4 + 4 = 8$$

Error 1-i (quantity + frequency)

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

**14**



**Error 1-h** = Expenditure incurred outside the period of eligibility  
**Error 1-i** = Expenditure outside the eligibility area

## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

Compound indicators

R.3 – Errors in all validated PP reports

we have valued this data within a **definitive** threshold table

score 0 to 3	0
up to 6	1
over 6	2

e.g. of report score as previous slide

score is **divided** by the number of PP's validated reports, let's say **3**, sooo:

**Total score / n° of validated report**

in our case **14 / 3 = 4,66**

**R.3 = 1**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Compound indicators

In summary, the results given by  
the  
“compound indicators”:

R.1

R.2

R.3

at a glance

**ongoing risk analysis  
over reporting periods  
binding different type of data**

guess what?

**the system is updated automatically by the  
national controller findings**

what we look at

**we can easily take a look on PP's  
profile over time**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

R.4 – Presence/absence of previous control

R.5 – Reported expenditure amount

R.6 – Budget variance from scheduled

R.7 – Presence/absence of public procurement

guess what?

**unlike in the past, we need to think in terms of low, medium, high risk**

what we look at

**we need a balance between the approach based on the historical data and the “current” report’s data**

ace in the hole

**a project partner's report enters the system with a profile based on its features**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

R.4 – Presence/absence of previous control

R.5 – Reported expenditure amount

R.6 – Budget variance from scheduled

R.7 – Presence/absence of public procurement

we have valued this data within the table

Yes!	0
No!	8



**in case we missed to meet a PP's  
at least once**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

R.4 - Presence/absence of previous control

**R.5 - Reported expenditure amount**

R.6 - Budget variance from scheduled

R.7 - Presence/absence of public procurement

we have valued this data within the **table**

up to 5.000,00 €	0
up to 10.000,00 €	1
up to 20.000,00 €	2
up to 30.000,00 €	3
up to 40.000,00 €	4
and so on	5, 6, 7, 8, 9



**in case that there is  
a lot of work done to be checked**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

R.4 - Presence/absence of previous control

R.5 - Reported expenditure amount

**R.6 - Budget variance from scheduled**

R.7 - Presence/absence of public procurement

we have valued this data within the table

up to 10%	0
up to 20%	1
over 20%	2



**in case that there is  
not so work done**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

R.4 - Presence/absence of previous control

R.5 - Reported expenditure amount

R.6 - Budget variance from scheduled

**R.7 - Presence/absence of public procurement**

we have valued this data within the table

up to 1	1
up to 2	2
over 2	3



**Of course, anyone knows that there's a thing between  
national controller and public procurement**



## 1. SELECTING INDICATORS

### Single indicators

In summary, the results given  
by the  
“single indicators”:

R.4

R.5

R.6

R.7

at a glance

**we have information about a PP's report  
before seeing him**

guess what?

**the indicators are simple but we need to  
understand how to balance them to get what we  
want  
step by step**

what we look at

**We look at focusing on substantial risks**



## 2. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

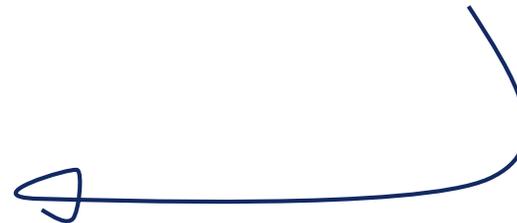
**JEMS is amazing, look at this link:**

`jems.it/swagger-ui.html#/`

guess what?

**all those data are automatically extracted by JEMS and applied to the reports received in the reporting sessions.**

**Yeah, but how?**





## 2. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

**what you can do at this  
link:**



**A LOT OF PRESETTED QUERIES TO THE SYSTEM**



**DOWNLOADS OF JSON FILE, THAT IF STORED PROPERLY THEY CAN BE USED WITH EXCEL**



**TO DEVELOP AN EXCEL BASED SYSTEM ABLE TO AGGREGATE ALL DATA AND...**



**...TO DO QUERIES ON YOUR OWN**



## 2. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

### useful tips:



**FOR THE SYSTEM TO WORK, IT IS NECESSARY TO FOCUS CAREFULLY ON EACH BOX TO BE FILLED**



**IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPILE JEMS'S BOXES PROPERLY SO THAT RETURNS RELIABLE DATA**



**ANYWHERE THERE'S A FILLABLE BOX YOU CAN COLLECT VALUABLE DATA, EVEN FROM CHECKLISTS**



## 2. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

### Process at a glance:

#### 1. Accessing the Jems API

URL: `jems.co.uk/swagger-ui.html#/`

Functionality: Querying the system and returning JSON files.

#### 2. Saving JSON files

Saving Logic: Structure organised in folders.

Usage: JSON files ready for analysis in Excel.

#### 3. Integration with Excel

Development of VBA code:

Querying the system via Interact API.

Saving of answers in .json files.

Opening files in Excel:

Using query functionality for data analysis.

## 2. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

Thanks to our colleague **Danijel Ferlez**  
for making this work,  
you deserve your pizza

but the job is still not finished...





### 3. RANKING & SAMPLE

Now our sampling universe is completed  
and we are able to put down the ranking:

Partner	Report number	Project acronym	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Totale score	Ranking	NUTS
ANK	3	POSEIDONE	6	0	6	2	8	1	3	26	1	Slovenija (SI)
VEGAL	4	POSEIDONE	4	8	0	0	8	2	3	25	2	Italia (IT)
GAL Carso	3	KRAS-CARSO II	6	0	6	2	8	2	0	24	3	Italia (IT)
SB IZOLA	2	AidMIRE	6	0	6	2	8	0	1	23	4	Slovenija (SI)
SB Izola	3	X-BRAIN	6	0	6	2	8	0	0	22	5	Slovenija (SI)
OHK	2	ENGREEN 2	6	0	6	2	7	0	1	21	5	Slovenija (SI)
Regione FVG	1	DATIS	6	8	0	0	6	2	0	22	5	Slovenija (SI)
Regionale Operative	2	GRENNAT	6	8	0	0	6	1	0	21	8	Slovenija (SI)
Cooperativa	3	ADRIONCYCLETOU	6	8	0	0	7	0	0	21	8	Slovenija (SI)
DEOS d.o.o.	2	CrossCare 2	6	0	6	2	7	0	0	21	8	Slovenija (SI)
Regione FVG	3	ADRIONCYCLETOU	4	8	0	0	6	0	3	21	11	Italia (IT)
STAR	2	POSEIDONE	2	8	0	0	7	2	2	20	12	Italia (IT)
STRUN	3	POSEIDONE	6	0	6	2	5	1	0	20	13	Slovenija (SI)
KIS	2	IRRIGAVIT	6	0	6	2	6	0	0	20	13	Slovenija (SI)
Fundacija	1	BeWoP	6	8	0	0	4	2	0	20	13	Slovenija (SI)
AGRARIA	2	BeBlue	6	0	6	2	4	0	2	20	13	Slovenija (SI)
CORILA	3	POSEIDONE	6	0	3	1	8	1	0	20	17	Italia (IT)
INFOR	1	Karst Firewall 5.0	6	8	0	0	5	0	0	19	18	Italia (IT)
PRC	3	ADRIONCYCLETOU	6	8	0	0	4	0	1	19	18	Slovenija (SI)
788	1	POSEIDONE	6	0	6	2	5	0	0	19	18	Slovenija (SI)

ranking

	Partner	Report number	Project acronym	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Totale score	Ranking	NUTS
●	ANK	3	POSEIDONE	6	0	6	2	8	1	3	26	1	Slovenija (SI)
●	VEGAL	3	POSEIDONE	4	8	0	0	8	2	3	25	2	Italia (IT)
●	GAL Carso	3	KRAS-CARSO II	6	0	6	2	8	2	0	24	3	Italia (IT)
●	SB IZOLA	2	AidMIRE	6	0	6	2	8	0	1	23	4	Slovenija (SI)
●	SB Izola	3	X-BRAIN	6	0	6	2	8	0	0	22	5	Slovenija (SI)



### 3. RANKING & SAMPLE

Here we go, the sample includes 30% of the period's expenditure

Reporting period	3
Submitted reports	270
Expenditure submitted	7.838.329,21 €
Report sampled	104
Expenditure sampled	4.529.288,17 €
Amount not sampled	3.309.041,04 €

we extend the control from 30% to 58% obtaining a "control group" of the period's expenditure



### 3. RANKING & SAMPLE

since we want to understand what  
we will eventually miss within the system



Foto di [OpenClipart-Vectors](#) da [Pixabay](#)



## 4. CONTROL

**it's time to start the check**





# thank you for your attention

francesco.sinicco@regione.fvg.it

SEGUICI / *SLEDI NAM:*



[www.ita-slo.eu](http://www.ita-slo.eu)



[facebook.com/interregitaslo/](https://facebook.com/interregitaslo/)



[instagram.com/interregitaslo/](https://instagram.com/interregitaslo/)



[twitter.com/InterregITASLO](https://twitter.com/InterregITASLO)



[youtube.com/@interregitalyslovenia](https://youtube.com/@interregitalyslovenia)



[linkedin.com/company/interregitaslo/](https://linkedin.com/company/interregitaslo/)