

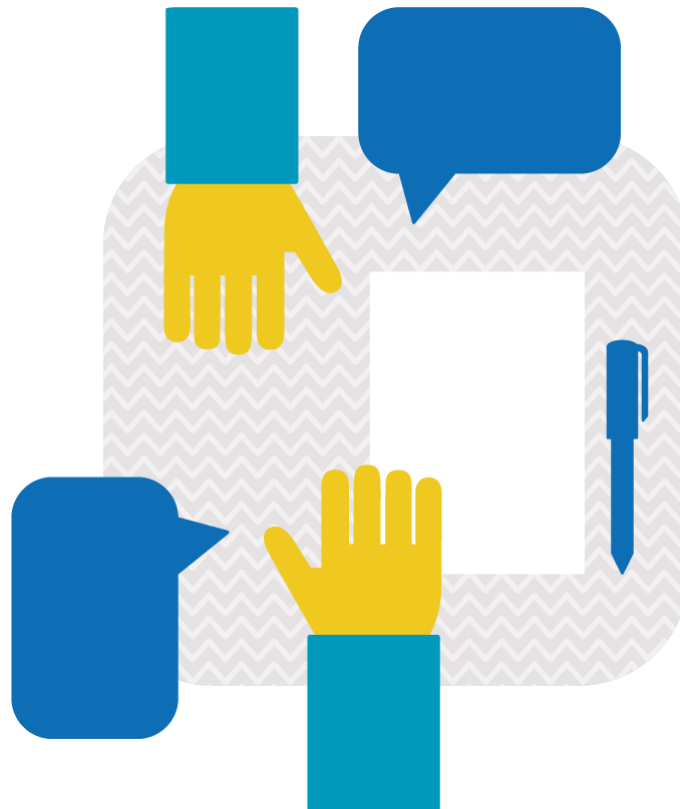
Controllers workshop



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FINAL Agenda

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Outlines

This workshop is tailored for controllers tasked with performing management verifications. We extend a warm invitation to both newcomers and experienced controllers to partake in this event.

From the perspective of controllers, we will delve into the latest developments for the 2021-2027 period, placing a specific emphasis on significant changes in management verifications.

During this workshop, participants will seize the unique opportunity to engage in discussions concerning eligibility cases, acquire practical experience in fraud and irregularities detection, and familiarise themselves with the application of communication rules. Additionally, we will address potential issues for verification, identify challenges, and explore practical solutions.

Due to the workshop's popularity among controllers, we regret that we can only accommodate a maximum of two participants from each institution or country.

Objectives

At the heart of this one-and-a-half-day workshop lies the ethos of exchanging experiences among controllers.

By collaborating with colleagues from different countries, you will have the opportunity to identify shared challenges encountered in your daily roles and explore practical solutions that can significantly enhance your day-to-day work.

This workshop encourages active participation from all attendees. We will facilitate group discussions and encourage brief presentations that introduce topics or share best practices. This interactive approach will cultivate a dynamic and enriching learning environment.

Importance of Co-Creation

This workshop underscores **the importance of co-creation**, wherein participants actively contribute to shaping the agenda and discussions. We encourage participants to indicate topics of interest during registration, allowing us to tailor the agenda to meet their needs.

Moreover, participants are invited to suggest what they could share with the group - be it best practices or experiences. This inclusive approach ensures that the workshop fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange among all attendees.



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Day One

Wednesday, 15 May 2024

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and welcome

09.30 – 10.00

Introduction, objectives, technicalities

Interact programme

10.00 – 11.00

News and updates in the legal frameworks

Interact programme

- 2021-2027 general updates
- Annual event
- Riga event
- Updates related to management verifications

Objectives of the session: to give an update on the most recent developments in the legal framework and relevant hot topics.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Eligibility of expenditure

Interact programme and participants

- Practical work in groups, case study
- Cost categorisation challenge in Estonia, Imbi Uusjarv, Estonia

Objectives of the session: To exchange and discuss practical eligibility cases from the controller's perspective.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Detection, investigation and prosecution of fraud

Andon Tashukov, Coordinator of Team Expenditure Fraud and Corruption, Operation's Unit at The European Public Prosecutor's Office

- Legal and Policy overview in the new EPPO-dominated landscape
 - Status quo in the fight against fraud.
 - Expenditure fraud – what is this, and how do we approach it?
 - Comparative view between verifications, audits, administrative investigations and criminal investigations
- Practical insights from the Anti-Fraud Cycle: focus on detection and investigation
 - Cross-border investigations – approaches and difficulties
 - Case studies
 - How to identify fraud on our desk – red flags and useful practices, etc.

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break



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16.00 – 17.00

Risk-based management verifications, approaches

Participants experience

- Decentralised Risk-Based Management Verifications – PEACEPLUS, Oonagh Bradley
- The risk-based approach of Interreg Belgium - The Netherlands, Laure Vanroy

End of the first day!

Day Two

Thursday, 16 May 2024

09.00 – 09.30

Reconnection and recap of the first day

09.30 – 10:30

Risk-based management verifications, first results

- First experiences from applying RBMV in Interreg programmes managed by Poland, Inga Kramaz, Pawel Nowikowski
- First results of the implementation of RBMV methodology, Neven Vajnaht

Objectives of the session: participants are invited to share their first practical application of RBMV and its results.

10:30 – 11:00

Interact Academy, Management verifications (MV) certified training

- Interact Academy
- State of play of the training
- Gather input for the content of the training

Objective of the session: Introduce the participants with the Interact plans regarding the MV training and gather input for the content

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12:30

Control & communications

Arkam Ograk, Interact programme

- Interreg communication rules in practice, Interreg brand in use, challenges in application on various material, events and other communication rules
- Group work

Objectives of the session: Learn about the application of communication rules and potential issues for verification and identify the challenges and practical solutions

12.30 – 12:45

Wrap-up and next steps

End of the meeting!