

The New Financial Control

*Making better prevention, detection and correction of errors,
irregularities and suspected fraud*

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- Learning objective
 - Making more efficient and effective checks
- Learning points
 - Lesson from the past: key irregularities and fraud, key alerts from auditors, key obstacles to closure and where they come from, key steps to ensure full and balance closure (process and planning)
 - Specific problems and discussion of best practices
 - Operations closed? Phasing and functional operations
 - Specific issues about beneficiaries/recipients/outputs and results
 - Identifying the right and important indicators
 - Dealing with bottlenecks for the solution of irregularities: investigations, audits and checks
 - Ensuring sound prevention, detection & corrections
 - Closing specific operations and checks after closure : durability
 - Improving sampling methods
 - Dealing with suspended / corrected operations
 - Adjusting the Management & Control system.
- Special points
 - Discussions, group work, cases and examples



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Senior Management, Control & Verification Expert

- International expert, consulting governments receiving EU financing
 - Setting up & streamlining national management & control systems, rules & procedures for management verification function under ESIF (Lithuania, Croatia), IPA (Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania), Cross-Border Cooperation/ ENI (Ukraine, Georgia)
 - Strategic planning & performance management (Turkey, Lithuania)
- Consultant for national programming 2021—2030 Lithuania
- Previously, Director of ESIF Projects Department at the Central Project Management Agency, Intermediate Body (1st level control) in Lithuania
 - Managing projects & programmes funded by EU Structural Funds, covering three programming periods in Lithuania (2004-2006, 2007-2013, and 2014-2020)
 - Scope of the programmes in charge varied from 1 to 2 billion euro
- Currently, Chief advisor to the Chancellor of the Government Office of Lithuania
 - Strategic management of public investments, national implementation system



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Senior International Management and Control Expert

- Key international Expert
 - Management and control systems
 - Indicators and performance measurement (data collection)
 - Simplification and economical, social and environmental strategies
- Former Head of TA Team
 - Programming, negotiations with EC, management & control systems
- Trainer and Consultant for European Institutions, Managing and Certifying Authorities, IB and Implementing Agencies
- Currently working for Member States for technical assistance
 - Design of logframes and selection of indicators
 - Calculation and implementation of SCOs
 - Recommendations about simplification and efficiency of systems

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DAY 1

Registration

9:00-9:30

Morning session

9.30 to 12.30

Step 1: Clear definitions and overview of the new verification framework

- Errors, irregularities and fraud definitions and 2019/21 most frequent ones
- New Regulations and new Guidance: effects on procedures and tools
- Verification as irregularity prevention measure through project cycle: from application to project closure through contract and payment claims

Step 2: The role of verification officer and professional judgment

- Types of checks (desk-based and on the spot)
- Risk consideration and the concept of reasonable assurance
- Minimising excessive checks : through scope or sampling?
- Sampling operations, payment claims and expenditures : examples

Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Afternoon session

14.00 to 16.30

Step 3: Payment conditions and contract modification

- Clear and simple Grant Contract conditions - key to more reliable verifications: from logframe to expenditure, deliverables, indicators and payments.
- Changes during implementation: adjustment or amendment?

Step 4: Products and services to be delivered and the issue of quality

- How to check?
- Checks on the spot / on documents : making better synergies

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DAY 2

Morning session

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Step 5: The real and simplified costs options

- Overview on real cost types (cost actually incurred, contributions in kind, depreciations) and simplified cost options (flat rate, unit costs and lump sums)
- Application to ESF+, ERDF, BMVI, ISF and ETC
- Calculation and collection of data
- Combination of options
- Risks, including double financing, and success conditions

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Step 6: Case study and role play: Group work about errors and irregularities

- Presentation of the case study : products / laws and costs to be respected
- Detection of errors and list of findings
- Reporting of errors and suspected irregularities
- Suspected fraud: how to react?

Step 7: Working on Case Studies correction

- Discussion about the case studies
- Decisions about corrections and follow-ups
- Consequences on processes and tools (preventing systemic errors)
- Full Action Plan

Prices

Days	Total net amount €	Discounts	Including
Face-to-face			
2-day	1109,00	15% early registration (up to 2 months before the event) ; 10% for 2 or more participants from the same institution	Training material; breaks, lunches and 1 dinner for the 4 and 5-day Seminars, full access to ETCP platform and quizzes, certificate of qualification
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