

Seminar 2: Strengthening Management and Control Systems

Enhanced Detection of Irregularities in Real Costs, SCOs and Conflicts of Interest

Detailed agenda with expert information and training schedule

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€1,435

per participant

Early Bird: €1,219.75

Dates & Locations



Rome

25-27 March 2026



Madrid

14-16 October 2026

Leading Experts



Jan Riener - Senior Auditor and EU Funds Control Systems Expert

20+ years in European Structural and Investment Funds • ERDF Audit Authority • Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) • EU Twinning projects experience



Renata Piecyk - EU Funds Expert

20+ years in European Structural and Investment Funds • Expertise in eligibility, simplified cost options (SCOs), avoiding irregularities and financial corrections • Former manager in Managing Authority

 3 days intensive training

Key Questions Addressed

- How to detect irregularities in different cost reimbursement methodologies?
- What are the red flags in SCO applications?
- How to identify and manage conflicts of interest effectively?
- What role does technology play in risk management and detection?

Primary Focus

Control Systems & Audit

Who Should Attend

Auditors, Controllers, Verification Officers, Managing Authority control staff

Key Topics Covered

- Conflict of interest detection
 - On-the-spot verification techniques
 - Automated control systems
 - SCO verification & AI tools
 - Risk management strategies
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Detailed Agenda

Day 1 - Foundations and Risk-Based Approaches

10 sessions

08:30-09:00

Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00-10:30

MODULE 1.1: Setting the Framework

Welcome and expectations mapping • Legislative framework overview • Key definitions

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-12:30

MODULE 1.2: Learning from the Past

OLAF reports 2020-2024 • Top 10 irregularities in EU fund management • Case Study: The Cascade Effect • Group exercise

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:15

MODULE 2.1: Risk-Based Management Systems

Risk assessment methodology • Building a risk matrix • Red flags library • Interactive Workshop: Building Your Risk Matrix

15:15-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-16:25

MODULE 2.2: Sampling Strategies that Work

Regulatory requirements • Statistical sampling methods • Sample size determination • Case Study: The Sampling Dilemma

16:25-17:00

MODULE 2.3: Practical Exercise

Risk and Sampling Integration - Combined Exercise with realistic portfolio

17:00

Day 1 Closing

Day 2 - Deep Dives into Critical Areas



9 sessions

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09:00-10:30

MODULE 3.1: Legal Framework - Conflict of Interest

Article 61 Financial Regulation • OLAF guidance and CJEU case law • Types of conflicts • Case Study: The Hidden Connection

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-12:00

MODULE 3.2: Detection Methods and Tools

Declaration forms • OSINT techniques • Red flags checklist • Interactive Workshop: Digital Detective Work

12:00-12:30

MODULE 3.3: Management and Remediation

Immediate actions • Mitigation measures vs. financial corrections • Preventive measures

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:30

SESSION 4: Technology for Risk Management

AI/Web Solution Demonstration • Automated Risk Scoring Engine • Conflict of Interest Detection Module • Real-time Compliance Monitoring Dashboard

15:30-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-17:00

MODULE 5: Simplified Cost Options Verification

SCO methodologies • Benefits and SCO in new framework • Common errors • Workshop: SCO Red Flags Exercise

17:00

Day 2 Closing

Day 3 - Practical Implementation and Integration



6 sessions

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09:00-10:30

MODULE 6: Verification Visit Planning

Preparing the verification mission • Sampling and targeting strategies • Communication protocols • Workshop: Planning a Verification Mission

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-12:30

MODULE 7: On-the-Spot Verification Techniques

Document review procedures • Interview techniques • Physical verification methods • Role Play Exercise: Mini Verification Scenarios

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-16:30

MODULE 8: Major Role Play Exercise

Comprehensive On-the-Spot Verification Simulation • Full verification cycle • Planted irregularities • Comprehensive Debriefing

16:30-17:00

CLOSING SESSION

Building Excellence and Action Planning • Individual reflection • Certificate presentation

Registration & Contact

How to Register

Visit our website or contact us directly to secure your place.

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- ✓ **10% Group Discount** - For 2 or more participants from the same organization
- ✓ **Certificate of Qualification** - Issued upon completion of each seminar

What's Included

Included:

- All training materials and documentation
- ETCP Certificate of Qualification
- Coffee breaks and lunches during training
- Networking dinner (where indicated)

Not Included:

- Accommodation and hotel expenses
- Travel costs to and from venue
- Evening meals (except networking dinners)
- Personal incidental expenses