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# ***RBMV in Danube Region Programme***

***First experiences***

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# Who we are?



## Key priorities:

**Smart- Priority 1: A more competitive and smarter Danube Region**

**Green- Priority 2: A greener, low-carbon Danube Region**

**Social - Priority 3: A more social Danube Region**

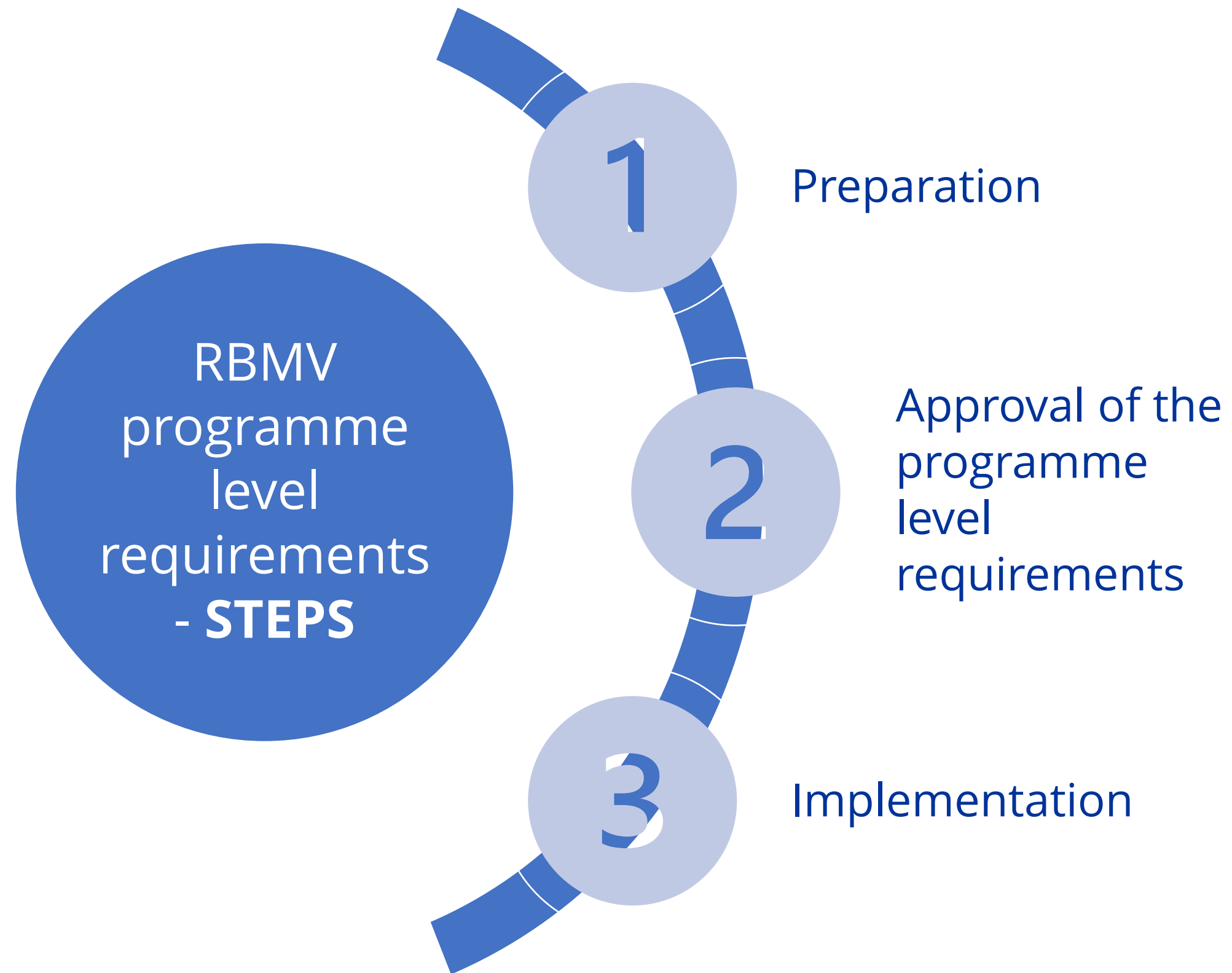
**Cooperation -Priority 4: A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region**

**Total budget: EUR 280 million**

**EU contribution: EUR 224 million**  
(80% Interreg fund)

**14 countries**

**9 MS, 3 IPA and 2 ENDICI**



# Programme level requirements for administrative verifications

**Staff cost:** all costs included in the first two partner reports are to be fully checked (no sampling possible);

**Travel and accommodation costs reported on real costs basis:** 100% check for each partner report is required (no sampling possible);

**Equipment:** equipment that form part of an investment listed in the application form have to be fully checked (no sampling possible);

**Infrastructure and works:** items that form part of an investment listed in the application form have to be fully checked (no sampling possible);

**Procurements and public procurement** (external expertise, equipment, infrastructure): above 10,000 EUR net contracted amount are to be fully checked (no sampling possible).

# Programme level requirements for administrative verifications

**The remaining items** in the list of expenditures that are not identified above (e.g. staff costs reported from the third reporting period, procurements below 10,000 EUR net, etc.) **shall be at least verified on a sample basis.**

A minimum of 10% (but not less than 2 items) of the remaining items at the level of each cost category (other than SCOs) shall be checked.

Using their **professional judgement**, **Controllers can extend the sample to** similar types of expenditure, to the whole cost category concerned or to **100% of the list of expenditure**. In such case, a detailed explanation should be provided in the report.

# Programme level requirements for on-the-spot verifications

## Methodology

- ❖ On-the-spot checks are performed for **all partners and for all partner reports**.
- ❖ On-the-spot checks are performed **at least once** during the project implementation for **all partners**. Additional on-the-spot checks are done on sample basis, according to the results of risk assessment.
- ❖ In case on-the-spot checks are carried **out on a sample basis**, the selection of the projects for on-the-spot checks has to be in line with the sampling method presented in the description of the national control system, and the selection has to be also documented.

## Programme level requirements

The risk-analysis shows that in the context of DRP **on-the-spot checks did not detect more errors than administrative checks**.

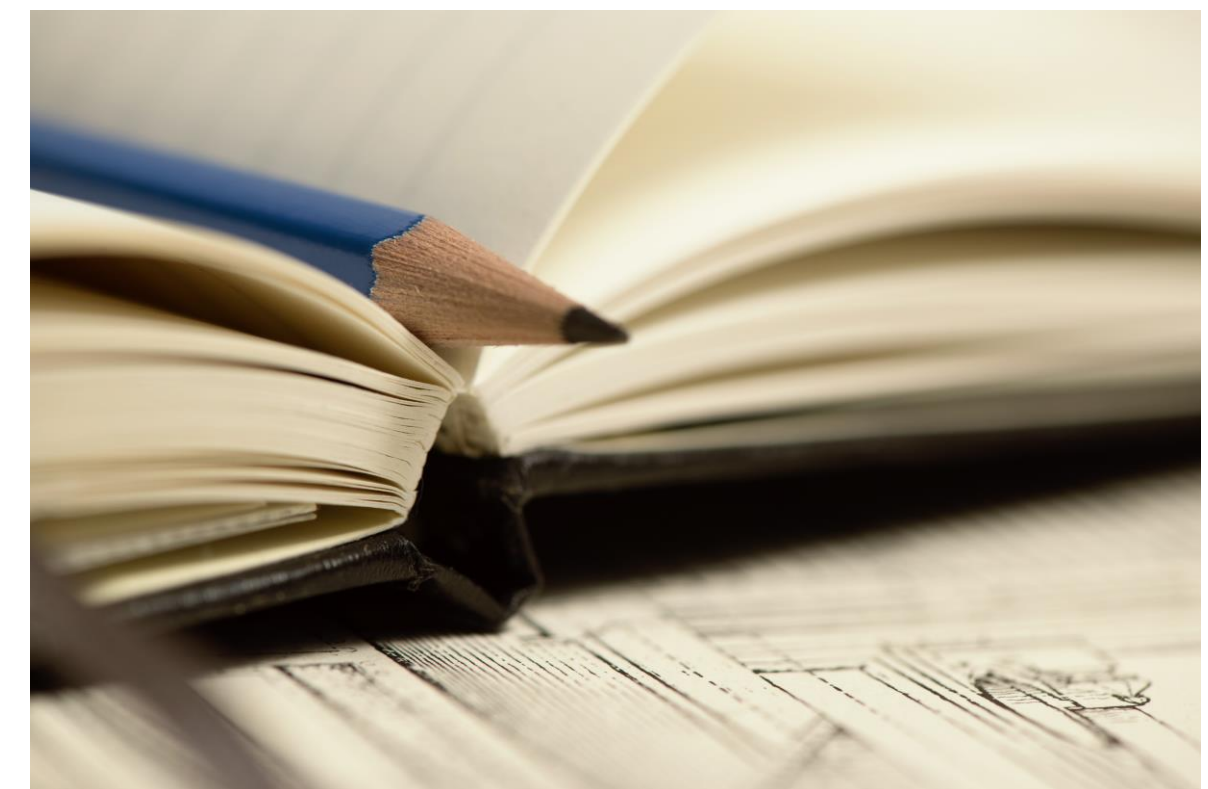
**The following items shall be checked on-the-spot** (checking the existence, i.e. technical and physical aspects of the project)

- ❖ **Thematic equipment and equipment forming part of an investment**
- ❖ **Infrastructure and works**



# First experiences:

1. Initially BA, DE and ME decided for 100% verification of expenditure
2. Currently DE is performing analyses at national level and full check of expenditure
3. Some PSs check 100% of items listed in the list of expenditure for at least two reporting periods to achieve a valid base for sampling and adapt risk-based methodology accordingly
4. First reports- no major issues detected



# Next steps:

1. Controllers` meeting- June 2025
2. System audit- 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2025





# **Danube Region Programme Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat**

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