

Controllers workshop



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Final Agenda

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Outlines

This workshop is designed for controllers who are responsible for performing management verifications in Interreg Programmes. We warmly welcome both newcomers and experienced controllers to take part in this event.

The workshop will cover key topics such as risk-based management verifications and the implications of first audit findings in Interreg, eligibility of expenditures, simplified cost options, irregularities, as well as state aid issues.

Emphasising the value of co-creation, the workshop invites participants to play an active role in 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.

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.



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Day One

Wednesday, 04 June 2025

local time

09.30 – 10.00

Arrival and Registration

10.00 – 10.15

Welcome and introduction

Interact programme

10.15 – 10.45

News and updates

Interact programme

- General updates relevant for Controllers
- Updates related to management verifications
- Outlook to post27

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

10.45 – 11.15

First audit results in Interreg

Interact programme

- Common sample for audit in Interreg Programmes
- Results of the first audits on operations

Objectives of the session: to explain the rules of the common sample and give an overview of the results of the first audits on operations in Interreg Programmes.

11.15 – 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 – 13.00

Irregularities and Anti-fraud

Interact programme and Participants (interactive workshop)

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Eligibility of expenditure and Simplified cost options

Interact programme and Participants (interactive workshop)

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

AI and Control: How emerging technologies are reshaping control work

Interact programme

Objectives of the session: to explore the potential impact of artificial intelligence on controllers' tasks and discuss threats and opportunities for controllers.

End of the first day!



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Day Two

Thursday, 05 June 2025

local time

09.00 – 09.30

Arrival

09.30 – 09.45

Reconnection and recap of the first day

Interact programme

09:45 – 11:15

Risk-based management verifications

Interact programme and Participants experience

- Experiences from applying RBMV
- Updates of RBMV methodology

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

Presentations from:

- Marika Kipinoinen, Controller, Regional Council of Lapland, Finland
- Branislav Miletic, Controller, Serbia
- Zoltán Ákos Pásztor, Controller, Hungary

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12:30

State aid

Interact Programme

- State aid in Interreg Programmes
- Implications of state aid rules on control work

Objective of the session: to give an overview of state aid rules and schemes available for Interreg Programmes and explain implications on control work.

12.30 – 13:00

Wrap-up and next steps

End of the meeting!