Case studies

Double funding

Case 1

During the assessment of a project proposal, you discover that the applicant has participated in projects financed under Horizon Europe, the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), and Interreg. Some of the proposed activities appear similar to activities carried out in those projects.

How would you check that there is no double funding?

What evidence would you request from the applicant to demonstrate the absence of double funding?

Where would you carry out these checks?

Case 2

A deliverable submitted for reimbursement appears substantially identical to a report produced under a previous project by the same beneficiary, with only minor modifications.

How would you verify whether the work has already been financed?

What else would you do?

What could a potential financial corrections look like?

Case 3

You discover that a partner received a national grant covering personnel costs for developing a digital platform. The staff costs are also being declared as SCOs under an Interreg project involving the development of that platform.

Does this constitute double funding? What information would you need to confirm your assessment?

Case 4

One of the partners you are checking has participated in:

- An RRF project financed through Financing Not Linked to Costs (FNLC), where they were paid based on outputs produced, and
- A standard Interreg project, where costs have been declared and reimbursed.

The beneficiary received EUR 100 000 under an FNLC scheme for developing and delivering a digital database. The same database is later reported as an output in an Interreg project and the associated development costs are declared for reimbursement.

In case your check confirms double funding, would you apply a financial correction? If so, how much?

What else would you do?

Case 5

During verification of expenditure, you discover that an invoice from an external consultant has been partially charged to an Interreg project and partially to a Horizon Europe project. The beneficiary claims that the consultant worked on both projects.

What documents would you request?

How would you verify the allocation methodology?

Under what circumstances would this be legitimate?

When would it become double funding?