Registration and welcome coffee

Fraud and irregularities in Interreg

prevention, detection, reporting and follow-up

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Agenda
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Session 1 **Fraud, irregularity, conflict of interest**	Session 2 **From detection to corrections, and follow-up**	Lunch break **13:00 – 14:30**	Session 3 **Case study**	Session 4 **Public procurement and state aid**

Agenda
4/11/2026

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Session 5 **Reconnection and** **QAs from day one**	Session 6 **Fraud and irregularity in the proposed Post 2027 framework**	Lunch break **12:30 – 13:30**	Session 7 **Wrap up and take aways**	.

Objectives

Build a common understanding of irregularities, fraud, conflicts of interest,

Improve the ability to respond effectively from detection and assessment to reporting, follow-up, and financial corrections,

Exchange practical approaches through examples and peer learning.



Note for participants

Be active!
Share your examples and experience!
Jump in and share your thoughts!

Please!



Housekeeping

Catering: coffee and refreshments will be available just outside the room,

Lunch will be served on the ground floor at the restaurant,

Smoking is permitted only outside the building.

Thank you!

Participants
by programme body

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Interreg MA unit	13
Interreg JS unit	8
National Authority	7
Controller	6
Audit Authority	4
Body performing accounting function / CA	3
Anti-fraud unit / department	2

Participants by programme

	∑
IPA Adriatic-Ionian	3
Italy - Croatia	3
Baltic Sea Region	2
Estonia - Latvia	2
ESPON	2
Greece - Cyprus	2
Grande Région/Großregion	1
Central Baltic	1
Romania Hungary	1
POCTEFA (Spain - France - Andorra)	1
EURO MED	1
Greece - Italy	1
Slovenia - Austria	1
Slovenia - Croatia	1
Alpine Space	1
IPA South Adriatic	1
NEXT Black Sea Basin	1
Poland - Slovakia	1
Danube Transnational	1
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Topics
Selected by you

Topic	Ranking
Conflicts of interest	1
Identifying and assessing irregularities and suspected fraud	2
Audit findings and lessons learned	2
Public procurement irregularities and financial corrections	3
Reporting, correction and follow-up of irregularities	4

Challenges 1
Irregularities

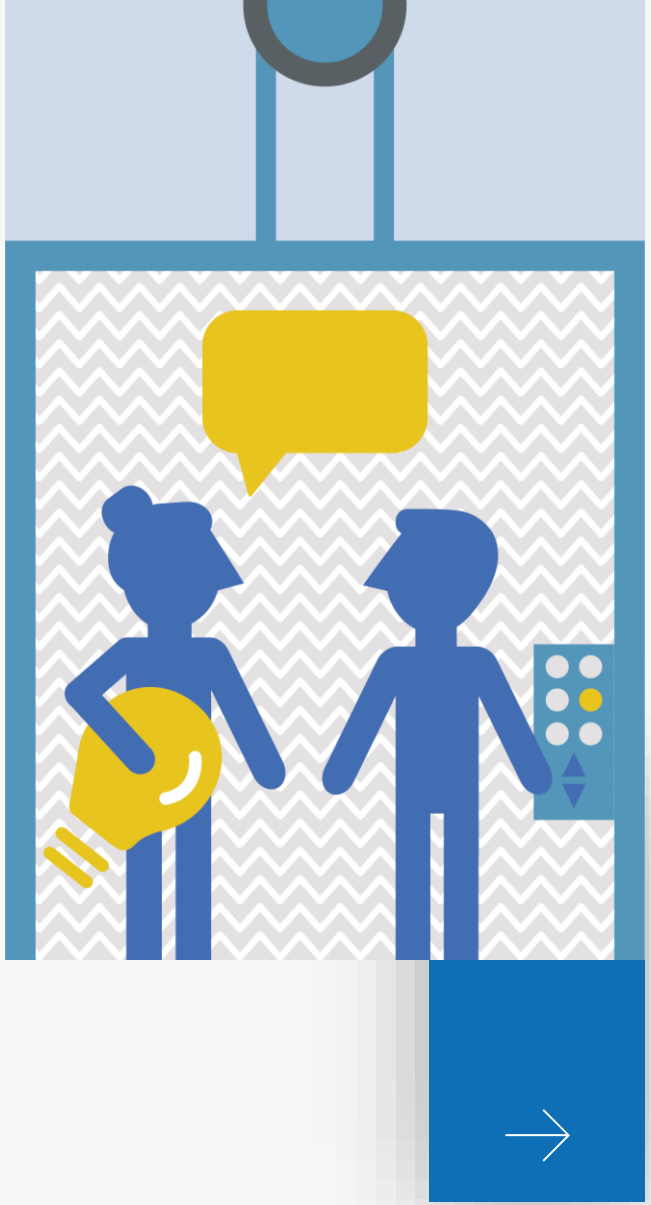
- Classification and thresholds.
- Evidence and timing
- Financial corrections
- Consistency across systems
- Reporting and follow-up.
- Examples

Challenges 2
Fraud

- Early detection
- Evidence of intent
- Escalation and roles
- Cooperation and information
- Prevention and capacity
- Several participants report that they have not encountered confirmed fraud cases

Challenges 3
Conflicts of interest

- Hidden or indirect relationships
- Declarations versus verification
- Practical definition and evidence
- Procurement and project selection
- Small markets and programme architecture
- Consistent, proportionate handling



Icebreaker

At the tables:

Name / Programme and programme body you represent

What brought you to this seminar today?



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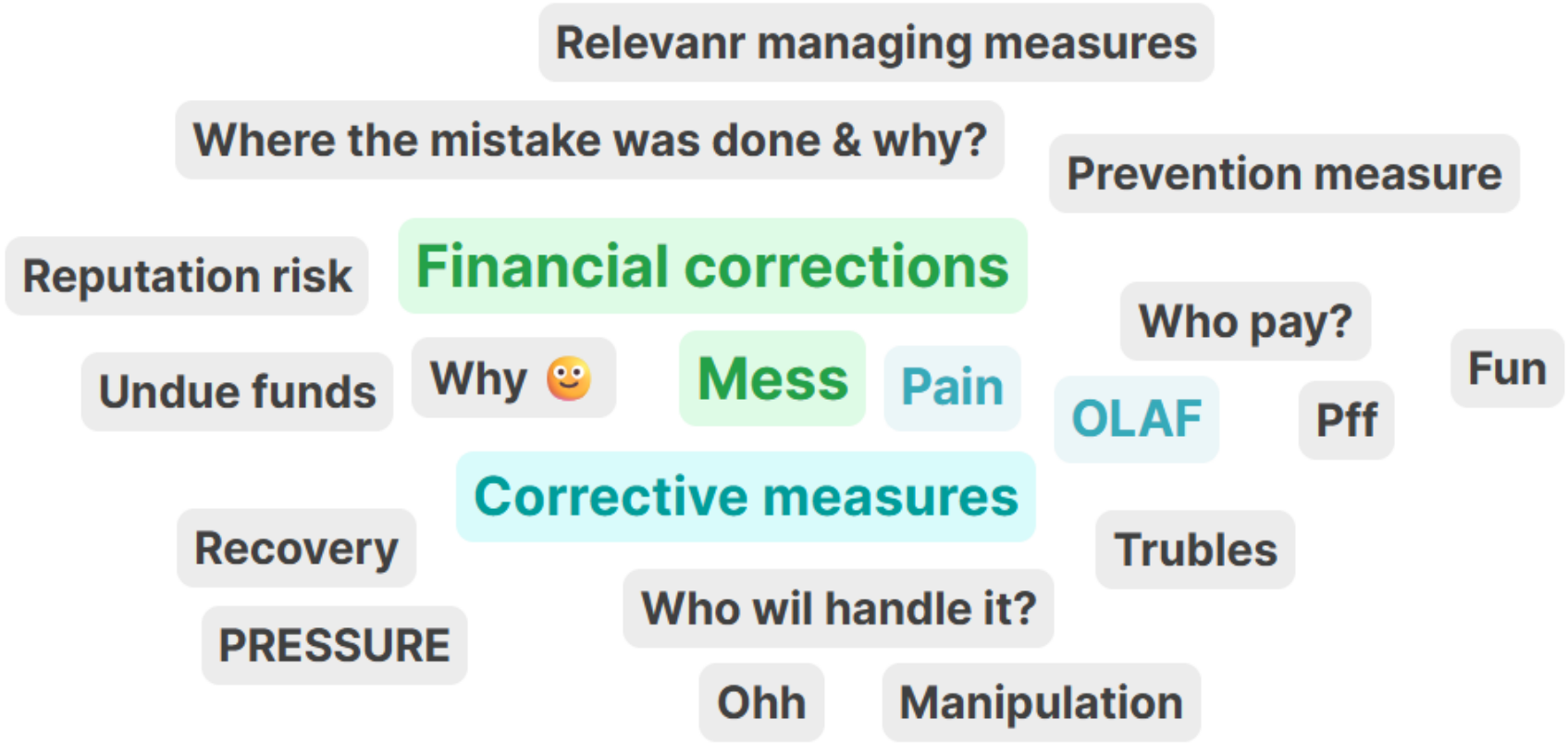
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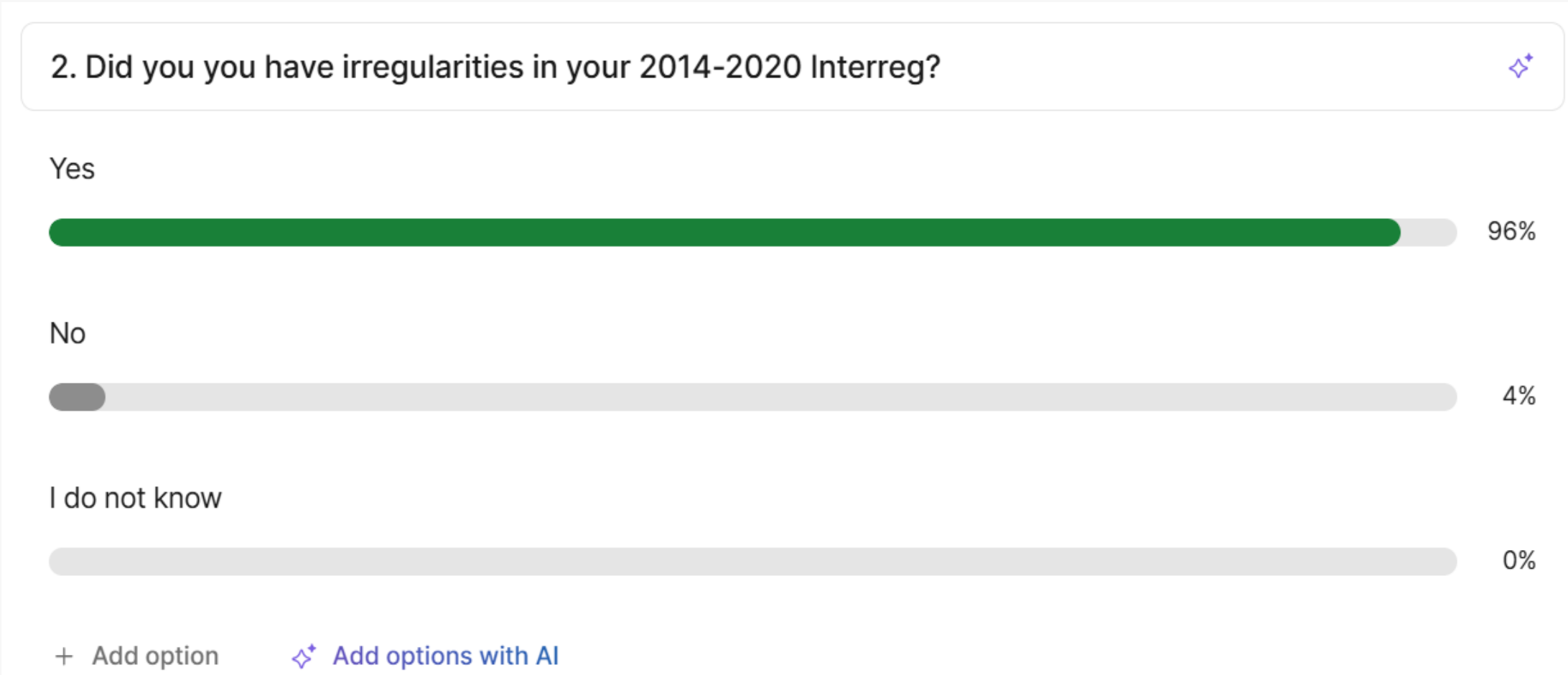




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2. Did you you have irregularities in your 2014-2020 Interreg?

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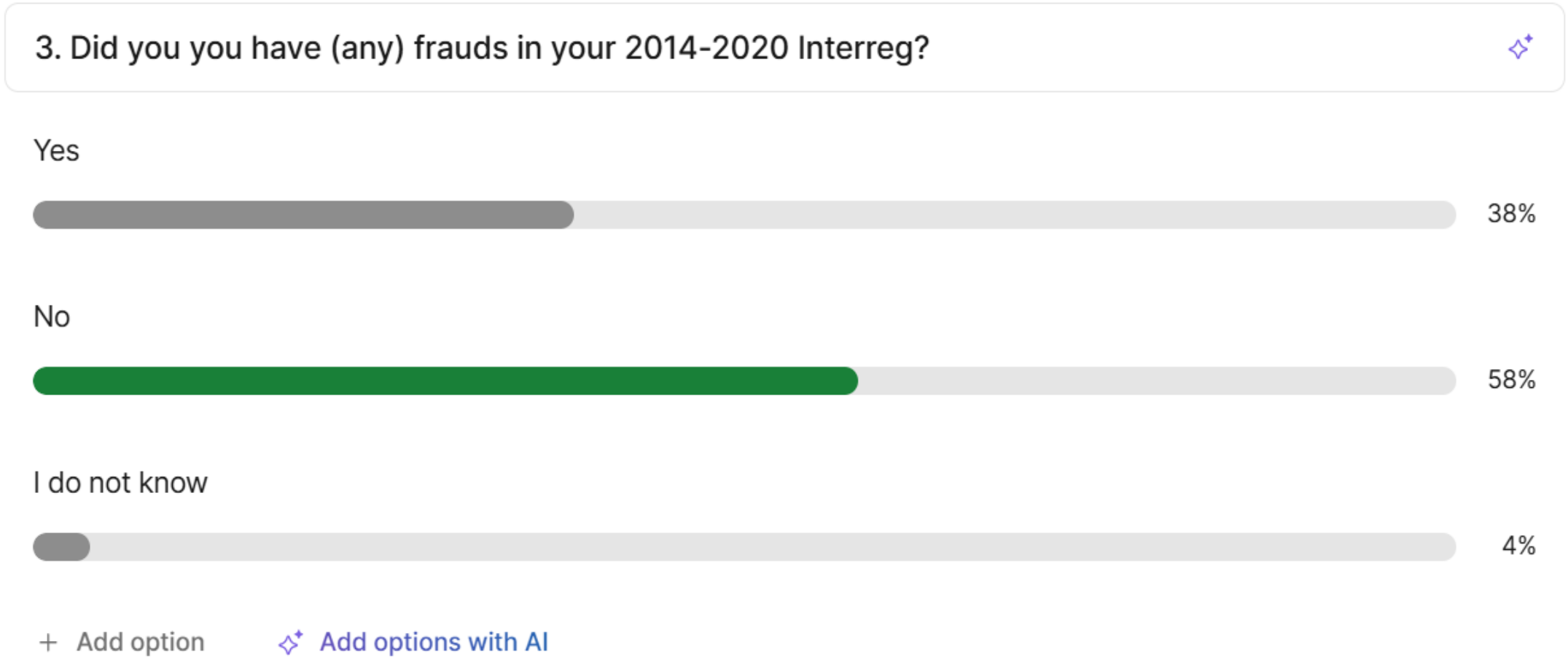


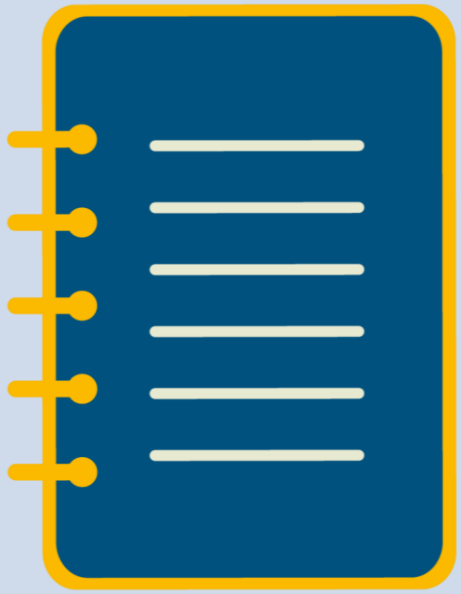


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3. Did you you have (any) frauds in your 2014-2020 Interreg?

App.sli.do (3) responses





Wrap-up and closure day one

Enjoy your evening and take in the sights of the city*!*

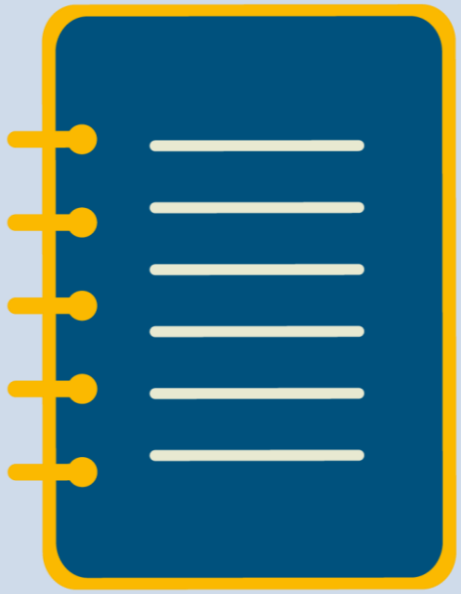
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Post 2027 (1)
Performance-based approach

- **Control scope:** what will management verifications and auditors actually check, and how will procurement, applicable law and legality/regularity be assessed if individual costs are not routinely reimbursed?
- **Detection without cost checks:** how can irregularities be detected if programmes are not expected to check underlying expenditure documents in the same way as under cost-based reimbursement?
- **Milestones and targets:** what evidence should document achievement, how should targets be verified, and what happens if an irregularity is identified after a project has achieved its targets?
- **Corrections and financial impact:** how should corrections work under P-BA, including cases where a milestone or target is not met, or a programme's own target may be affected?

Post 2027 (2)
Performance-based approach

- **Roles and assurance**: future role of first-level controllers, management verifications, auditors, national authorities and programme bodies; interaction between upper-level P-BA and lower-level simplified cost options or actual costs.
- **Harmonisation and guidance:** clearer definitions, common interpretations, risk-based and proportionate controls, a single-audit approach, training, data tools and practical guidance for programme staff and beneficiaries.
- **Additional interests** include AI and data-mining tools, fraud-risk management under simplified delivery models, reporting requirements, and the ongoing review of the EU anti-fraud architecture.



Wrap-up
and closure day two

Thank you!

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback and fill in our evaluation survey.



Meeting evaluation

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