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MANAGEMENT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES INTERREG PROGRAMMES 2021-2027

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Institutional Framework for Management Verification Procedures

1. - Regulation (EU) 2021/1060: Article 74
2. - Regulation (EU) 2021/1059: Article 46
3. - Regulation (EU) 2021/1059: Articles 38–44
4. - Ministerial Decision 45820/17.5.2023
5. - Decision C(2019) 3452 final/14.5.2019
6. - JMD on Financial Corrections for Interreg
7. - Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 «Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance / IPA III»

Primary Objectives of Management Verifications

- **Co-financed products/services delivered**
- **Compliance with laws/programme rules**
- **Accuracy of expenditure statement**
- **Eligible period and costs**
- **No double financing**

Actual Costs vs SCOs

Actual Costs:

- Costs incurred and paid
- Separate accounting system for all project transactions

SCOs:

- Relevant conditions fulfilled (based on the management verification guidelines)

General Framework For Management Verifications

- **Risk-based planning**
- **Detailed in Document "0.3" of MCS regarding the methodology for carrying out management verifications based on a Risk Assessment**
- **Implemented via MIS**

Administrative Verification Steps

- Submission of "Beneficiary Payment Claim" (BPC) via MIS (status "SUBMITTED"), preferably quarterly and if the expense exceeds €10,000
- Automatic "stratification" based on risk criteria
- Verification of sampled expenses by a controller (status becomes "VERIFIED")
- Required documents are stored/uploaded electronically in MIS (large files may be hosted on Google Drive)

Non-Sampled BPCs

- Finalized as Approved'
- No admin verification section needed

Administrative Verifications Details (1/2)

- ✓ Accuracy and completeness of supporting documents
- ✓ If missing documents are found, the controller informs the beneficiary via MIS to submit them within **5 working days**
- ✓ The results are recorded in the Administrative Verification Report
- ✓ Completed within **15 working days**

If no findings: BPC is marked as "Approved"

Administrative Verifications Details (2/2)

- ✓ If ineligible or irregular expenses are found, corrections, recovery, or payment reductions are imposed
- ✓ If findings don't have a financial impact, recommendations are issued

Preliminary Report and Objection Process

- ✓ Preliminary report submitted via MIS to the beneficiary **within 5 working days** of finalization in MIS (with the certification, table of expenditure, and control checklist).
- ✓ Beneficiary may submit objections or compliance evidence **within 5 working days**
- ✓ The controller reviews them within **10 working days**
- ✓ If needed, "on-the-spot" verification is planned. The verification report is finalized within **15 working days** from the "on-the-spot" date.

Final Report Approval and Follow-up

- ✓ Final report submitted to the beneficiary, via MIS, **within 5 working days** of finalization in MIS
- ✓ If recommendations are included, MA monitors compliance
- ✓ If irregular expenses are identified and corrections/recoveries are suggested, public funding must be reimbursed according to the Financial Corrections Decision (JMD)

On-the-spot Verifications: Control of Project Implementation (1/3)

- ✓ Scheduled semiannually, based on risk - By June 30 (1st half) and by December 31 (2nd half)

During "on-the-spot":

- ✓ Physical progress is checked
- ✓ The original documentation and accounting system are reviewed
- ✓ Expenses not verifiable administratively (e.g., equipment, infrastructure) are checked

On-the-spot Verifications: Control of Project Implementation (2/3)

- ✓ If supporting documents are missing, beneficiaries must submit them **within 5 working days**
- ✓ If needed during report drafting, further documents may be requested and submitted by the beneficiary within **5 working days**
- ✓ If no findings: the report is finalized and submitted to the beneficiary, via MIS, within **15 working days**

On-the-spot Verifications: Control of Project Implementation (3/3)

If Findings Exist:

- ✓ Preliminary report submitted to the beneficiary, via MIS, within **15 working days**
- ✓ Beneficiary may submit “objections” within **5 working days**
- ✓ The controller reviews objections within **10 working days**
- ✓ If more examination is needed, a supplementary verification may occur. In this case, the final report was completed within **10 working days** from the “supplementary verification” date
- ✓ Final report submitted to the beneficiary, via MIS, and recovery procedures are initiated if unjustified/illegal amounts were paid

Thank you for your attention

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