

# Management verifications in Interreg

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**27-28 September 2018**  
**Limassol, Cyprus**

**The workshop is co-financed by the Interreg V-A Greece Cyprus and the Interreg V-B Balkan Med Programs**



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### **Outlines**

Following the needs assessment led throughout the Southern Member States, the need for a “Train the FLCs” workshop on the topic “Management verifications in Interreg” was identified. The target group of the workshop are the first level controllers (FLCs) and their staff for INTERREG V-A Greece-Cyprus 2014-2020 and INTERREG V-B BALKAN-MEDITERRANEAN 2014-2020 programmes.

The training is organised by the Directorate General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development (DG EPCD) in its capacity as an FLC Approbation Body in cooperation with Interact, Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariats of the two Programmes.

### **Objectives**

The main objective of this two-day workshop is to harmonise the different levels of knowledge on the subject of National Control.

Participants will have the possibility to learn new practices and exchange experiences among participants, to identify common challenges in daily work and to share problem-solving methods that can increase the quality of control.

The workshop foresees active contributions from all participants, work in groups, with brief presentations to introduce topics or practices.



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Day one	27 September 2018
9.00 – 9.30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.30 – 10.00	Welcome and expectations Mary Ioannou, DG European Programmes, Interact programme
10.00 - 10.30	National Control in ETC - Overview Interact programme  By the end of this session, participants will have a shared understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulatory framework and guidance 2014-2020</li><li>• Responsibilities for management verifications</li><li>• Financial management and control obligations</li><li>• Role of the controller and the scope of verifications</li><li>• Hierarchy of rules</li></ul>
10.30 – 11.00	Presentation for FLC description of the Management & Control System for both programmes C Christodoulou, MA of the programmes Greece-Cyprus and Balkan-Mediterranean  By the end of this session, participants will have a shared understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FLC description of the Management &amp; Control System</li></ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Presentation for each programme specifics MA/JS of the programme Greece-Cyprus  By the end of this session, participants will have a common understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programmes specific requirements</li><li>• Examples of their use in programmes</li></ul>
12.00 – 12.30	Presentation for each programme specifics MA/JS of the programme Balkan Med  By the end of this session, participants will have a common understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programmes specific requirements</li><li>• Examples of their use in programmes</li></ul>
12.30 -13.00	Cyprus approbation body for FLCs Mary Ioannou, DG EPCD By the end of this session participants will have a shared understanding on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How is the control body assigned?</li><li>• National procedures and lesson learned</li></ul>



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- 13.00 – 14.00 Break
- 14.00 – 14.40 Presentation for Management Verifications for both programmes  
C. Christodoulou, MA of the Programmes
- By the end of this session participants will have a shared understanding on:
- Management Verifications Manual - Eligibility
- 14.40 – 15:15 Presentation for Management Verifications procedures  
D. Karavatos, MA of the Programmes
- Programme MCS FLC procedures and common FLC documents
- 15:15 - 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 16:30 Presentation for Management Verifications for both programmes  
MA, Name Surname of MIS - OPS
- Management Information System (OPS)
- 16.30 – 17.00 Questions & Answers
- Day two 28 September 2018
- 9.00 – 9.15 Recap of the Previous Day  
Name, Surname, Interact
- 9.15 – 09.45 Management and Control Systems and the issue of “Fraud”  
(MA of the programmes Greece-Cyprus Balkan-Mediterranean)
- “Programme Management and Control Systems: The CBC “EL-CY” and the TN “BalkanMed”, Eleni Katsiyianni, Head of Unit A’, MA
  - “The Anti-Fraud Strategy of the “EL-CY” and the “BalkanMed”, Symela Pasalidou, Unit A’, MA
  - “Anti-Fraud and the First Level Controllers: EC guidance and core Legal Issues in practice”, Athanasios Vladikas, Unit A’, MA
- By the end of this session participants will have a shared understanding of:
- Description of the management control systems
  - *The Anti-Fraud Strategy of the “EL-CY” and the “BalkanMed*
  - Prevention measures for detecting, correcting irregularities, anti-fraud measures
- 09.45 -10.05 Conflicts of interest and irregularities  
MA, FLC Unit, Th. Salonidis
- By the end of this session participants will be able to understand:
- EU Cocof documents on financial corrections – conflicts of interest in public procurement



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10.05 - 11.10

Public Procurement  
Maria Pavlou, Directorate of Public Procurement

By the end of this session participants will be able to:

- Public procurements specifics
- Legality check – self-assessment questionnaire
- Common Errors

11.10 - 11.40

Coffee break

11.40 - 12.10

Eligibility and Verifications along budget lines (group exercise)  
Interact programme

By the end of this session, participants will have deepened their understanding of eligible items under different budget lines.

12.10 - 13.40

Eligibility and Verifications (case study)  
Interact programme

By the end of the Case study, participants will have deepened their knowledge and shared an understanding of:

- Eligible expenditure and ineligible expenditure
- Evidence of expenditures and supporting documents required (and not required) for different expenditure items.
- Staff costs

13.40 - 14.40

Break

14.40 - 15.10

Simplified Cost Options for FLCs  
Interact programme

By the end of this session participants will be able to:

- Understand how verification of different types of simplified costs options should be performed
- Understand different concepts and general issues concerning the use of simplified costs options

15.10-16.00

How do you calculate staff costs? (group exercise)  
Interact programme

By the end of the exercise, participants will deepen their understanding of calculating staff costs and to compare the different methods.

16.00

AOB  
Wrap up, next steps, closure of the event



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### Practicalities

The event will be held in English.

Participation in the workshop is free of charge.

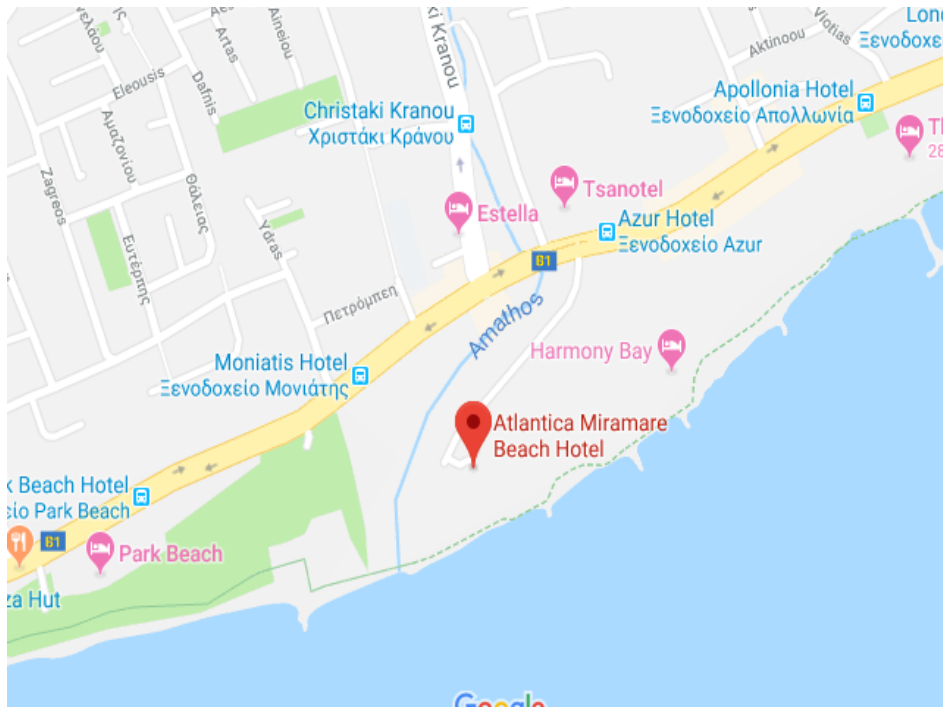
Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

**Should you not be able to participate, please inform us as soon as possible!**

### Venue

Atlantica Miramare Beach Hotel  
11 Amerikanas Str,  
4060 Yermasoyia.

### Accommodation



**Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements!**

DG EPCD has arranged to pre-booked some rooms, with the agreed rate of €145,00 with breakfast. However, participants should make the arrangements and communicate directly to the hotel by 15/09/2018 and tell them about

the arrangement of DG EPCD before your reservation. For more possibilities see also: [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) [www.hrs.com](http://www.hrs.com) or similar hotel booking websites.



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We look forward to meeting you in Limassol!