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Management & control; and management verifications

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Lot 3: Training on cohesion policy 2014–2020

Dates

5-6 November 2014

4-5 December 2014

Programme

DAY ONE

08.30 **Registration**

09.00 **Welcome and introduction to the seminar**
 DG Regio

09.15 **Management and control systems**
 Dermot Byrne, Head Audit Authority, Republic of Ireland

- Overall architecture of management and control systems, general principles and functions of authorities (MA, CA and AA); reinforced accountability of managing authority and delegation of functions to Intermediate Bodies; Monitoring of designation process; Implications of E-cohesion for audit

Question and answer session

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 **Annual assurance and irregularities**
 Dermot Byrne, Head Audit Authority, Republic of Ireland and Gerard Doherty

- Annual assurance process: annual accounts, documents to be submitted by 15 February to the Commission, interruptions, suspensions, treatment of irregularities, annual closure of accounts, financial corrections including net financial corrections by the Commission, Risk assessment for fraud and corruption

Question and answer session

12.30 Lunch

14.00 **Management verifications in structural funds and Public Procurement**
 Gerard Doherty, Audit Authority, Republic of Ireland

Workshop

15.45 Coffee break

16.00 **Audit activities**
 Dermot Byrne, Head Audit Authority

- Audit strategy, system audits, audit on IT systems/output indicators audits of operations, annual audit opinion and control report, thematic audit (state aid/public procurement)

Question and answers session

17.30 **Question and answers session**

18.00 **End of the day**

DAY TWO

09.00 **Review of day one and introduction to day two**
 DG Regio

09.15 **Financial management**
 Robin Smail, Visiting Expert EIPA

- Financial management: programme finance and financing plans, commitments, pre-financing, payment applications and calculation of interim payments, automatic de-commitment, the new accounting year, annual accounts, payment of balance, forecasts, payment of public contribution to beneficiaries, revenues generated
- Financial allocations and the performance framework; Operations and expenditure categories

Questions and answers session

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 **Workshops: Budgets and targets for the Performance Framework; Revenue generating projects, calculation of the grant**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 **Eligibility of expenditure**
 Marco Lopriore, Senior Lecturer, EIPA

- Durability, Publicity, Sound Financial Management, Geographic location, In Kind contributions, Depreciations, SME definition, Availability of documents

Question and answer session

15.30 Coffee Break

15.45 **Simplified cost options**
 Elsa Kmiecik, DG Employment, Policy Officer - ESF and Cohesion policy development, analysis and coordination

17:30 **Question and answer session**

18:00 **End of seminar**