



Decentralised Risk-Based Management Verification



Special EU Programmes Body

- Cross-border Body set up under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement
- The agreement is between the Government of Ireland and the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- The agreement was signed in March 1999
- Led to the establishment of the North South Bodies





PEACEPLUS Programme (2021-2027)

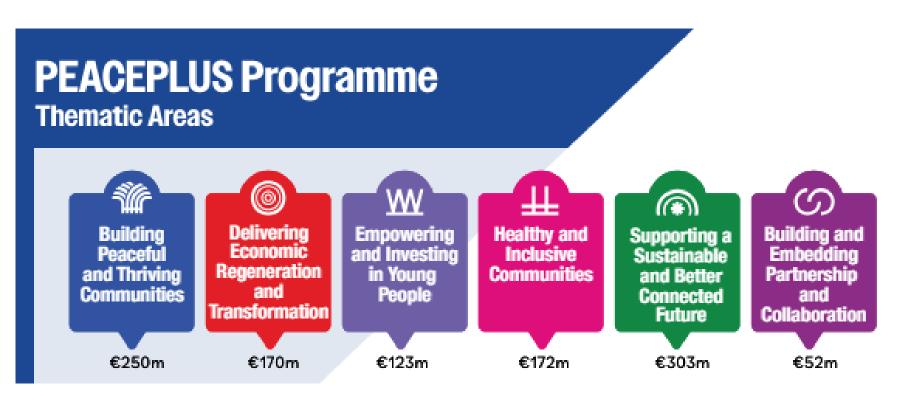
- Building on the legacy of previous programmes
- €1.14 billion
- Up to 80% max ERDF funding (100% grants available)
- Provides investment for social, economic and environmental development
- Programme area: Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland
- Participation from partners outside the area





PEACEPLUS Programme (2021-2017)

Six themes, 22 investment areas







Management Verifications

Previous programmes

- Centralised approach had been adopted

Challenges

- large number of project
- various size and scale
- internal resources (organizational head count)
- weakness at the project level
- gold plating of requirements





Management Verification 2021-2027

Management Verifications will be carried out externally by controllers appointed from procured.

MA will approbate all Controllers prior to appointment

MA have developed a Risk Based Sampling Methodology

MA will train and support external Controllers in the risk-based approach to management verification.



External controller will apply the methodology to quarterly reports for each project



Quality Assurance

The Managing Authority have a supervision role in the Management Verification process, an internal team has been established, areas of responsibility include:

- Ongoing training to both external controllers and projects (various forms)
- Perform checks on a sample basis on expenditure certified by Controllers
- Management of Irregular expenditure to inform the periodic review of risk-based sampling methodology
- Perform reviews as required by internal / external audits





Risk Based Sampling Methodology

Following a risk assessment, the following methodology has been put in place.

- 1. Professional Judgement
- 2. Risky Items
- 3. Random Sampling (if required to meet minimum sample size required)
- 4. Extended sample (if errors identified in the above).





We require your assistance.

- Do you think there are risks with a decentralised approach?
- If so, how can they be managed?
- What advice would you give a newly appointed external controller?





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