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# Decentralised Risk-Based Management Verification



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# 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

## PEACEPLUS Programme Thematic Areas



**Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities**

€250m



**Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation**

€170m



**Empowering and Investing in Young People**

€123m



**Healthy and Inclusive Communities**

€172m



**Supporting a Sustainable and Better Connected Future**

€303m



**Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration**

€52m



# 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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