

System Audit in EUI - Introduction

- Certifying Authority – Development Agency of East-Flanders – located in Ghent, Belgium
Team of 7 (1 policy officer, 1 accountant, 4 experts and 1 administrative assistant)

Interreg III Interreg Vlaanderen-Nederland

Interreg IV Interreg France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen and Vlaanderen-Nederland

Interreg V Interreg Europe, North-West Europe, 2Seas, France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen and Vlaanderen-Nederland and UIA Initiative

Interreg VI Interreg Europe, North-West Europe, France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen and EUI

- What is EUI?

Contribution Agreement (own legislation)

Permanent Secretariat (PS) and Entrusted Entity (EE)

Different format for P.A. & Accounts

Total budget of € 450 million ERDF

3 payments per project (1st advance payment of 50%, 2nd advance payment of 30%, payment of max 20%)

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CA and BAF Network meeting
23/04/2024 – Vienna

System Audit EUI – Approach and overview

- System Audit by Ernst & Young France regarding KR 10 in February 2024
- Based on the “Interreg system audit checklist” - available on the Interact website
- Major challenges at the time:
 - No access to the monitoring system
 - No payments made
- Focus on procedures and working methods (very theoretical):
 - Making payments
 - Drawing up and submission of P.A. and Accounts
 - Systematic and timely data exchange with PS and EE
 - Internal checklists

System Audit EUI – Internal checklists

- Our checklist:
 - Checklist for payments
 - Checklist for corrections
 - Checklist for submission of P.A.
 - Checklist for submission of the Accounts

System Audit EUI – follow-up

- In the meantime
 - 13 payments (1st advance payment of 50%)
 - acces to the monitoring system
- Future:
 - by the end of April: E&Y will carry out a small sample check on payments made
 - processing in the monitoring system
 - internal checklist for payments
 - bankstatement
 - the overview of the ledger account of the project
 - the audit report is expected in May 2024
 - next year: follow-up audit