

Training Seminar for Partners and Auditors The role of Control Contact Points (CCC)

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CCPs play a key role in:

Validation of auditors

Supporting the MA in its verifications

Supporting the MA in the on the spot checks



Validation of Auditors by the CCP

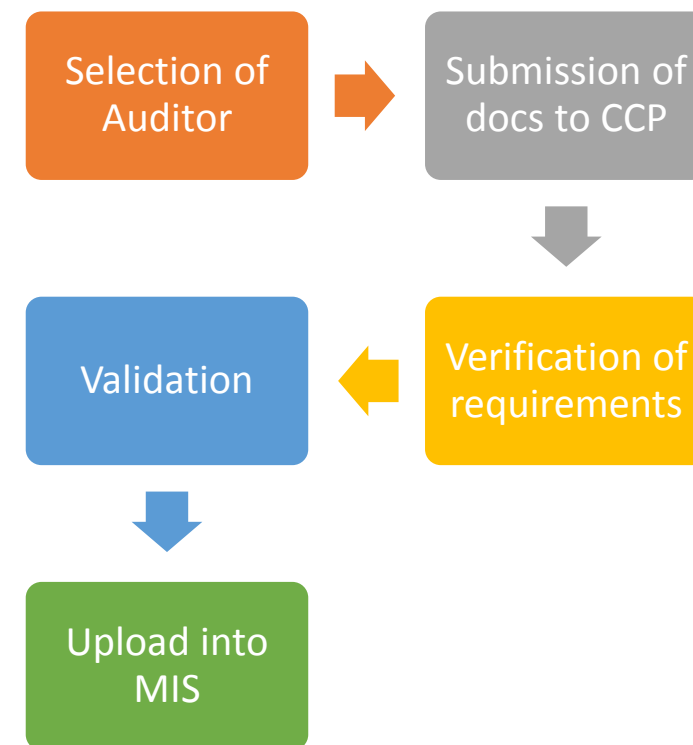
Common functions

The LB/partner **informs the CCP** of the selected Auditor

The **CCP verifies** that the proposed auditor satisfies the Programme and national requirements

The CCP **validates the proposed auditor** and **informs the MA** (optional)

The PP sends the **the certification of validation to the LB to be uploaded** on the MIS



CCP support functions to the MA

The CCP could be requested to support the MA as foreseen by:

Article 32 of IR 897/2014

Paragraph 2: *“For the purpose of carrying out verifications throughout the whole programme area, the Managing Authority may be assisted by the Control Contact Points. (...).”*



The supporting activity consists of:

- (a) providing clarifications within the administrative verifications for each payment request by beneficiaries*
- (b) Participating in the on-the-spot project verifications.*



Quality Control: administrative checks

How the CCPs will assist the MA:

- providing information on **specific national rules, procedures** etc.
- the AUTH Unit of the MA may decide to request support from one or several Control Contact Points (CCPs), in which case it will issue a request for clarification.
- CCPs will prepare the reply to these clarifications and send it the Authorising Unit, as an additional element for the decision to be taken.



The LB/PP **must send** the Interim/Final reports to the CCPs as well as the Audit reports and relevant annexes to enable CCP to carry **out its quality checks** as the case may be

On-the-spot checks

On-the-spot verifications will be carried out **on a sample basis and at least once during the lifetime** of each financed project, considering risk factors such as:

- ✓ the kind of project (standard, strategic, capitalization);
- ✓ the project budget;
- ✓ the size and geographical representation of the partnership;
- ✓ the categories of beneficiaries and partners (public/private profit/non-profit);
- ✓ the number of projects implemented by the beneficiary;
- ✓ the state of play;
- ✓ specific costs categories having a high fraud or corruption risk level, such as staff and/or services;
- ✓ any critical points or problems arisen in the project implementation.

In brief, don't forget to:

- ✓ Obtain the validation from the CCP for your auditor before signing the Expenditure Verification Contract
- ✓ Inform your CCP of any important change regarding your auditor during the project life
- ✓ Send the Interim/Financial Reports to your CCP as well as the Audit Reports
- ✓ Provide the CCP with any additional document upon request
- ✓ Be available and ready for an on-the-spot check at any time during the project implementation



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