

First level control system of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region

LATVIA

FLC system:	Centralised
Controller selection:	There is a central first level control body in Latvia where all Latvian LPs/PPs submit their progress reports and related expenditure including supporting documents for validation.
First level control body:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Investment Supervision Department Territorial Cooperation Projects Control Division Peldu street 25, Riga, LV-1494, Latvia Ms Kristīne Ruskule Tel.: +371 66016772 Email: fki@varam.gov.lv ; kristine.ruskule@varam.gov.lv

The list of the first level controllers (civil servants who work in the ministry) is held by the Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, and is available for public at the ministry's web-site:

<http://www.varam.gov.lv/lat/kontakti/darb/pud/?doc=11953>

Controller's qualification:	The first level controller validating the expenditure and activities of the LP/PP must fulfil the requirements set in the Programme Manual. In addition he/she has to have at least one year of professional working experience in the corresponding field. The controllers have experience with Structural Funds audit, tax audit and tax fraud investigation, banking and accountancy. The leading controllers have Master degrees of Social sciences, particularly in Economics, European studies and Business administration. They have up to 7 years of working experience in financial control of Structural funds. The controllers have knowledge of national legislation, the EU/ERDF regulatory framework, the Interreg Baltic Sea
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Region rules/requirements and appropriate knowledge of English language. Controller designation: The first level control body is appointed on national level and is supervised by the ministry. The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development updates the contacts on its website.

Controller approbation:

The first level control body is appointed on national level and is supervised by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.

Costs of the FLC:

The first level controls are for the Latvian LPs/PPs carried out free of charge by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.