



FINLAND

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National control system: **Centralised**

Selection of the controller:

There is a central control body in Finland where all Finnish lead partners (LPs)/project partners (PPs) submit their partner reports and related expenditure including supporting documents for validation.

Control body:

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Qualification of the controller:

The controllers validating the expenditure of the LP/PP must fulfil the requirements set in the Programme Manual. In addition, the controllers have to have working experience in controlling projects co-financed



by Structural funds, a relevant degree, good knowledge of relevant EU legislation, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme rules, relevant national rules, accounting principles and good knowledge of English language.

Designation of the controller:

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment appointed a Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council as a central body to carry out the controls in accordance with article 46 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1059 (Interreg). A separate Interreg Projects Control Unit within the Department of Regional Development / EU regional and structural policy programme, Grants Administration Body implements the functions of the controller in Finland.

Costs of the control:

The controls for the Finnish LPs/PPs are carried out by the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council and financed from the state budget.

On-the-spot checks:

The control body will organise on-the-spot checks on a sample basis using a risk-based approach and professional judgement.

Attachment(s):