



# LATVIA

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**National control system:**      **Centralised**

### **Selection of the controller:**

There is a central control body in Latvia where all Latvian lead partners (LPs)/project partners (PPs) submit their partner reports with real costs and related expenditures including supporting documents for validation.

### **Control body:**

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development  
Investment Supervision Department  
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The list of the 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 website: [https://www.varam.gov.lv/lv/darbinieki?items\\_per\\_page=20&structures\[57\\_62\]=57\\_62&structures\[56\\_64\]=56\\_64](https://www.varam.gov.lv/lv/darbinieki?items_per_page=20&structures[57_62]=57_62&structures[56_64]=56_64)

### **Qualification of the controller:**

The controller validating the expenditure of the LP/PP must fulfil the requirements set in the Programme Manual. In addition, the controller has to have a degree in enterprise management/finances/economics/accounting/audit or law and at least 3 years of professional experience in control of EU co-financed projects, knowledge of National legislation (e.g. public procurement, accountancy, taxes), the EU/ERDF regulatory framework, and the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme rules/requirements. The leading controllers have up to 10 years of working experience in the financial control of Structural funds.



### **Designation of the controller:**

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development is an appointed central body to carry out the controls in accordance with article 46 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1059 (Interreg) and provides financial control function in accordance with Article 6, part 2 of Law on the Management of the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) programmes for the 2021 – 2027 programming period in Latvia. Investment Supervision Department is delegated to implement financial control function within the Ministry in accordance with the internal procedure. The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development updates the contacts on its website.

### **Costs of the control:**

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

### **Further information:**

<https://www.interreg.lv/lv/projektu-istenotajiem/finansu-kontrole-2021-2027/finansu-kontrole--interreg-baltijas-juras-regiona-programma/>