ESTONIA

National control system: Centralised

Selection of the controller:

There is a central control body in Estonia where all Estonian 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 controller validating the expenditures of the LP/PP must fulfil the requirements set in the Programme Manual. The control specialist must have work experience in similar assignments (preferably at least 3 years in financial management or auditing/controlling of projects co-financed with EU funds) and/or higher education (preferably in finance or economy). Good English language skills and minimum knowledge of EU legislation is required.

Designation of the controller:

The Parliament has appointed a body to carry out the control in Estonia by law (23.02.2022, 2021-2027 European Union Cohesion and Internal Security Policy Funds Implementation Act). A separate division in the State Shared Service Center, Grants Implementing Department, Interreg Control and Regional Development Division, implements the functions of the controller in Estonia. Public procurements are checked by procurement experts, located in the State Shared Service Center, Grants Development Department, Grant Managing Division.

Costs of the control:

The controls for the Estonian LPs/PPs are carried out by the State Shared Service Center 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.