



NORWAY

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National control system: **Decentralised**

Selection of the controller:

The lead partners (LP) or project partners (PP) are free to appoint an independent and qualified **internal** or **external** controller. Internal controllers must be independent from the unit in charge of project finances and activities. The controller can be public or private. The selection must follow the public procurement rules applicable in Norway.

Based on the template "Specification of the controller", filled in by the LP/PP and the controller, the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development will evaluate whether the controller satisfies the criteria for becoming a controller in the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme.

The main rule for being registered as a controller will be the title of Registered Public Accountant or State Authorised Public Accountant as sanctioned by the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway.

These bodies satisfy national audit guidelines for public organisations. Approval from the central designation body will be needed in each instance.

Qualification of the controller:

The controller validating the expenditure of the LP/PP must fulfil the requirements set in the Programme Manual. The controller has to comply with the following:

- relevant degrees or work experience;
- knowledge of English language;
- knowledge of EU and Norwegian regulations/rules, such as public procurement;
- knowledge of the Baltic Sea Region Programme rules
- requirement to meet the standards on independence from the beneficiary

Designation of the controller:

Before the first expenditure can be validated and reported, the LPs/PPs will be required to propose a controller to the designation body. The controlled LP/PP submits a specification of the controller to the



designation body. The designation body checks if the controller fulfils the requirements and confirms each particular controller by a so-called “designation certificate”.

Designation body:

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Costs of the control:

The LP/PP pays the controller a fee for controls which is laid down in the contract between the LP/PP and the controller. These costs can be reported as part of the project expenditure and co-financed by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme.

On-the-spot checks:

The controllers are highly recommended to carry out verification on-the-spot of the given project partner at least once during the project’s lifetime, especially in the case where the partner is reporting equipment/infrastructure and work costs related to a pilot action. On-the-spot verifications may be organised at the premises of the project partner, at project events/meetings and at the place of physical project output.

Attachment(s):

- Specification of the controller template to be completed and signed by the LP/PP and FLC