

AutumnAcademy

Verification and Audit of EU Funds, RRF and Green Deal: Innovative Risk Analysis and Anti-Fraud Cycle

 09 - 11 October 2024 | Porto

Fee: 1900 EUR (excl. VAT)

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Payment method: Invoice

DESCRIPTION

In times of crisis and distress, it is even more important than ever to ensure that projects funded by the European Union are used effectively and efficiently to bring the expected and so much needed relief and green evolution to our economy. Ensuring that this happens is the main goal of the management and control systems of EU Funds, RRF and Green Deal.

At ESIFA, we want to provide you with the newest knowledge and sophisticated tools to innovate in risk management and selection of operations, management verifications, implementation of effective and proportional anti-fraud measures. Participation in this workshop will enable you and your team to excel in system and operation audits.

The workshop will provide you with knowledge and practice on:

- the newest intelligence tools and techniques,
- robotics and sophisticated devices,
- special software and data analysis,
- risk scoring tools.

Participants will be provided with the opportunity to learn how to think unconventionally in risk analysis while performing verifications and audits. You will develop your expertise in thinking 'like a fraudster' to catch the fraudster willing to abuse EU Funds by analyzing and sharing real cases of fraud and corruption.

After the completion of the first day of the Workshop, we are inviting participants to a get-together dinner and a walking tour in Porto

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 9 October 2024

08.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.00 Welcome of the Participants

Introduction of the Participants

09.20 Introduction of the PROGRAM

- Introduction and start of the 2023 ESI Funds INNOVATION Lab;
- Forming of mixed Teams;
- Introduction of Risk Management ; the methodology, the likelihood and impact of risks; risk mitigation and risk appetite
- Real world cases

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10.40 Coffee Break

Networking

11.10 Risk Management (RM) and ESI Funds, RRF and Green Deal

- A Case : "RM : the Carbon Footprint and Green Deal";
- Team Work and presentations;

- Innovation in Risk Management ESI Funds, RRF and Green Deal by introduction and use of new innovative tools : Risk Scoring Tools;
- A practicum by use of laptops

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12.30 Lunch

13.45 Risk Management (RM) and Fraud Risk Management (FRM)

- Introduction : FRM and the Principles and Standards of the EU;
- Start of the 2023 Anti-Fraud SKILLS Lab for TEAMS;
- The Essentials of FRM related to ESI Funds, RRF, Just Transition and Green Deal;
- A Case “FRM : Transition and Green Deal”; Team Work;
- Several other real world cases ; Team Work

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15.45 End of Day I

19.00 a get-together Dinner and a Walking Tour in Porto

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Thursday 10 October 2024

09.00 New High Tech Tools, Software and Instruments to Innovate the Management & Control Systems and the Anti-Fraud Cycle / Practicum I

- Introduction of the NEWEST Innovative Intelligence Tools and Techniques to INNOVATE in:
 - selection of operations;
 - management verifications;
 - audits;
 - and anti-fraud and corruption in ESI Funds, RRF and Transition & Green Deal
- Practicum I Demonstrations and lifelike cases and practices (**bring your laptop**)

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10.30 Coffee Break

Networking

11.00 Practicum II Demonstrations and lifelike cases and practices

bring your laptop

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12.30 Lunch

13.30 Innovate the Management & Control Systems and the Anti-Fraud Cycle by use of DATA ANALYTICS

Use of DATA ANALYTICS as part of management verifications, audits and investigations

- Introduction : Identify Trends, Patterns, Anomalies, and Exceptions within data & detect digital “fingerprints” of fraudsters;

- A real case : An EU Funded Energy Saving project;
- Perform a risk analysis;
- Based on the results the use of software for data analytics;
- Internal and external data;
- Aggregation sites

Innovate your Way of THINKING, your Observation and Analysis SKILLS

Get loose of that traditional way of thinking;

Improve your skills and be more successful in risk analysis, verifications and audits

Real world Cases and Team Work:

- Case 1 : an EU Funded project, a Sports Stadium
- Case 2 : Infrastructure Projects and CORRUPTION, anda famous Pop Song
- Case 3 : an EU Funded Project, Collusion and Forgery

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16.30

End of Day 2

Friday 11 October 2024

09.00

Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and High Tech devices

- Introduction : Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and High Tech devices as new Tools and Techniques for efficient and effective MCS, verifications, audits and investigations;
- Practical Tools and Techniques for ESI Funds, RRF and Green Deal, also in times of crisis;
- examples of practical applications

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10.30

Coffee Break

Networking

11.00

Investigative interviewing

- An introduction and the main outlines in a period in which attention to abuse (fraud and corruption) of subsidy funds will again be required;
- A case and Team Work Research;
- Preparation of an attractive Team presentation;
- Presentations by teams

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12.30

Lunch

13.30

Start of the NEW, 2023 Anti-Fraud & Corruption SKILLS Lab

An interactive Team Game (part2) and An Individual Game

- improvement and strengthening of the Team Work Skills, Observation Competences, Analysis Strength, Creativity and a Healthy Scepticism;
- Many realistic cases and personal skills tests
- At the End "The Winner (Individual and Team) is.....".

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16.30

Award Ceremony Winners of The ESI Funds INNOVATION and ANTI_FRAUD SKILLS Labs

17.00

End of the Academy

Handing out of the Certificates

EXPERTS

- **Jo Kremers**

Expert on combating Irregularities

- **José Eduardo Baptista**

Event Manager

VENUE

Mercure Porto Centro Santa Catarina

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4049-028 Porto

Next to the training materials the training fee is covering:

- a) the Catering during the training (3 Coffee Breaks and a Lunch every day);
- b) a Walking Tour in Porto in the evening of the First Day of the Training;
- c) get-together dinner in a Restaurant in Porto in the evening of the 1st Day