

## Winter Academy

# Verifications and Audit of ESI Funds. Innovative Toolbox outlooking on the New MFF

 08 - 10 December 2021 | Vienna

Fee: 1900 EUR (excl. VAT)

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## DESCRIPTION

### PROGRAMME

During this Winter Academy we will have an interactive workshop based on realistic cases, you will work with new, innovative instruments and develop an approach that will help you to make the management control, verifications and audits of ESI Funds even more efficient and successful.

### THE ACADEMY WILL HELP YOU TO

- Innovate your risk analysis / risk management and use of data analysis
- Innovate your way of thinking when preparing and performing verifications and audits
- Use of sophisticated audit software and use of practical data bases
- Innovate your presentation
- Use of professional scepticism and use of official certification marks
- Application of declarations of conformity

## PROGRAMME

08.30      Welcome Coffee

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09.00      Welcome of the Participants

Introduction of the Participants

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09.15      Main changes and new elements in the EC regulations for the programming period 2021-2027

- Common rules for all funds: CF, EMFF, ERDF, ESF, AMIF, BMVI, ISF;
- New requirements related to the management verifications and audit;
- Proportionate management verifications based on risk assessment and single audit principle;
- What are the conditions to reduce the verifications and audits?;
- Risk management strategy of the Managing Authority;
- New challenges and expectations from the proportional anti-fraud measures of the Managing Authority. How to achieve the right balance between the effectiveness and cost of the control?;
- Lead fund principle in the verifications;
- Specific challenges related to the verifications and audit of territorial cooperation programmes;
- New approach in the audits of the European Commission

**Radoslav Nedyalkov**, CGAP, chief auditor

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10.45      Coffee Break

Networking

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11.15

## Lessons learnt from the programming period 2014-2020

- Gaps and weaknesses in the selection of project proposals;
- System errors and omissions in the management verifications;
- Preventive and detective controls;
- Analysis of the effectiveness of the controls based on the experience from the programming period 2014-2020;
- Guidelines and best practices from EC and OLAF;
- Preparation of adequate and effective action plans in case of systems errors detected. Experience from member states;
- Irregularities and fraud. How to detect fraud indicators?;
- Audit findings;
- Financial corrections. How to determine fair and proportional financial corrections? Comparison of the practices of different member states. Approach and practices of the EC in determination of the financial corrections.
- What to expect from the new programming period?

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12.45

Lunch

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14.15

## Problem solving session

- Exercise: Case studies
- Questions and Discussions

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16.00

End of Day I

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17.30 Walking tour in Vienna and a Dinner

Walking tour and a get together dinner in a Restaurant in Vienna

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08.30 Welcome Coffee

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09.00 New High Tech Tools, Software and Instruments

- New High Tech Tools, software and Instruments for efficient and effective Management and Control Systems, Management Verifications and Audits Introduction
- Use and existence of expensive materials and consumables in New Control Tools
- Demonstrations and lifelike cases and practices

**Jo Kremers**, Expert on combating Irregularities

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10.30 Coffee Break

Networking

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11.00 Innovate your Risk Management

**The Risk management** of the changing characters of subsidised projects:

- Innovation
- new Intellectual Property
- Digitisation
- special attention for reputation and image.

- What are the lessons learned in risk management the last decades, all over the world.
- How to make use of these lessons learned in setting up and using professional risk management in the new period.

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12.30      **Lunch**

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13.30      **Use of Social Media and Aggregation Sites**

Use of social media and aggregation sites, as instruments and sources for Management and control systems and audits for:

- collecting technical information
  - getting information about realization and implementation of Projects
  - Checking the realization of Projects in accordance with the project objectives
  - fitting Audits in the proposals of the Commission for lighter controls and the extension of the “single audit” principle, to avoid duplication of checks
- + Demonstrations and cases

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15.00      **Audit Software for Audits**

- Introduction and use of Sophisticated audit software for MCS, MVs and Audits; in order to innovate these
  - Focused on efficiency and effectiveness of MCS , MVs and audits; ingredients for lighter controls and the extension of the “single audit” principle, to avoid duplication of checks.
- + Demonstrations and cases

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16.30

End of Day 2

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08.30

Welcome Coffee

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09.00

Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence

- Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence as new approaches and instruments for efficient and effective MCS, verifications and audits.
- Practical cases; improve your risk analysis, and be creative in its follow up , by use of data analytics

**+ lifelike cases**

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10.30

Coffee Break

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11.00

## Introduction and use of Central Databases

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For more efficient and effective MCS, verifications and audits. So lighter controls and audits.

+ **Demonstrations and cases**

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12.30      **Lunch**

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13.30      **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.

+ **valuable case from the past**

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15.00      **Innovate your way and skills for the presentation**

**Innovate your way and skills for the presentation of the results of your control** and audit activities; catch the attention of the stakeholders by a more professional and attractive way. Present the results of the case under agenda item 6 mentioned, in a professional and attractive presentation

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16.00      **Innovate your way of THINKING**

Innovate your way of THINKING; get loose of that traditional way of thinking; Improve your skills and be more successful in risk analysis, verifications and audits  
An individual game; with 30 cases

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17.00

### End of the Academy

Handing out of the Certificates and a Good bye coffee

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## EXPERTS

- **Jo Kremers**  
Expert on combating Irregularities
  - **Radoslav Nedyalkov**  
Expert on Audit of ESI Funds
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## VENUE

### 4\* Hotel in Vienna

#### **Next to the training materials the trainign fee is covering:**

- a) the Catering during the training (3 Coffee Breaks and a Lunch every day);
- b) a get together dinner in a restaurant in Vienna