

Strengthen your Risk Management and the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Cycle within EU Funds in your Member State: Challenge for 2021-2027

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Jo Kremers, Former Senior Audit Manager, Central Audit Services, Ministry of Finance, The Hague. He is a certified public auditor as well as a certified IT auditor. The last 13 years Senior Audit Manager in the Audit Authority for ESI Funds. In the preceding 30 years he has been working in the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration as an external auditor, fraud investigator and internal auditor. His Anti-Fraud and Corruption Game is awarded by the European Commission. He is lecturer, trainer and speaker at national and international institutes. Working as an expert in many international, EU and World Bank funded projects, he has gained notable experience in strengthening the internal control and audit function in the public sector in several (candidate) EU Member States.

The two-day advanced workshop focuses on the following topics:

- ✓ The Anti-fraud Cycle: Implementing Effective and Proportionate Anti-fraud Measures
- ✓ Conducting Fraud Risk Assessment and Risk Analysis
- ✓ Detection and Correction of Fraud & Corruption
- ✓ Best Practice
- ✓ Live Demonstrations: Exercises on How to Use Sophisticated Audit Software to Detect Irregularities and Fraud

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General Information

Overview

Fraud and corruption dramatically harm the economy, public finances as well as the reputation and credibility of the institutions involved. With the use of new technologies, fraudsters encounter more **complex forms and practices of fraud and corruption, which are hardly traceable**. Controls and audits, especially if not set up or performed effectively, are cost-intensive and lengthy. Institutions must be aware of these risks and need to implement proactive measures and tools to effectively prevent and detect fraud and corruption. First level controllers, (risk) managers and auditors need to be aware of **preventive and detective measures and anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategies**. Public institutions should enable and empower their employees to **understand the principles and signals of fraud and corruption**, should know how to report them and should be conscious of their impact.

We are happy to present this **one-off and very special edition of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Game by Jo Kremers**, with the motto: *“a day without laughter is a day wasted”*. This advanced level training is a highly interactive and engaging game, which was developed with the **aim to build the capacity of EU Funds Authorities to prevent, detect and combat fraud and corruption at different stages**. This game was created by Jo Kremers, former Senior Audit Manager of the Dutch Ministry of Finance, relying on his extensive experience as auditor and fraud investigator for the private and public sectors.

This totally New version has **the character of an Escape Room Game**, to be played **on the spot in mysterious Venice**. In order **to invest in the set up and especially the strengthening of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Cycle for EU Funds**, *participants will experience with their team a unique, suspenseful and intense adventure!!!!*

Target Group

- Representatives from public authorities in charge of management and control of ESI Funds, especially from:
 - Managing Authorities
 - Certifying Authorities
 - Audit Authorities
 - Intermediate Bodies
- ESI Funds experts from regional and local authorities and experts involved in ETC Programme
- Auditors controlling and auditing ESI Funds programmes and projects
- Experts from EU, National and regional Courts of Audit
- Experts from Institutions involved in implementation of ESI funds
- Consultants and lawyers specialised on ESI Funds
- Beneficiaries of EU funded projects



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Programme Day 1-3

Day 1

- 08:45 Registration & Welcome Coffee
- 09:00 Welcome note by Lexxion and Chair, Introduction Round

Topics and activities of Day 1:

- Take part in a team or form your own team (you could form a team with your own colleagues), because this event is also a perfect opportunity for team building activity! Make sure to bring your colleagues!
- Brainteaser Game focused on the strengthening of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Cycle
- Desk research based on the outcome of the Brainteaser Game
- Team multi media presentation, which will contain the results of the Brainteaser Game and the desk research
- Introduction and script for the second day

17:30 End of Day 1

18:00 Common dinner with all the participants and speaker (in respect of all necessary hygiene requirements)

Day 2

09:00 Topics and activities of Day 2:

- Start of the second day, a briefing
- All teams will go for an on the spot visit, by boat, to perform an on the spot research, by using a camera, a tablet or a smartphone as well as interviews;
- a unique, suspenseful and intense adventure in mysterious Venice
- Processing the results and performing a further desk research
- Input for your multi media presentation

17:00 End of Day 2

Day 3

09:00 Topics and activities of Day 3:

- Finalization of the desk research and set up of the multi media presentation
- Multi media presentations by the teams
- Cases and good practices related to the on-the-spot research; and a link to the anti-fraud cycles in the Member States
- An Award for the best presentation

15:30 End of the 3-day version of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Game and distribution of Certificates



with Jo Kremers

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Register

Venue

Exclusive Venue in the Centre of Venice

Participation fee

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 2.430,00** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 2.830,00** (excl. VAT).

22% Italian VAT will be added where applicable.

The participation fees include the workshop material, drinks and snacks during the breaks and lunch.

Newsletter subscription

- Please send me information about Structural and Investment Funds issues for free. I may unsubscribe from this service any time.

Cancellations

Cancellations should be made in writing per post or fax. Please note that the full fee will be charged for cancellations received after 22 September 2021. Nomination of a substitute remains possible. A cancellation arising by reason of too small a number of participants is effected no later than two weeks prior to the seminar. In this case the participation fee will be refunded. A requirement for reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses as well as loss of working hours is not possible, unless such costs result from wantonly negligent or deliberate behaviour on the part of the organiser. For more detailed information, scope and conduct of contract as well as cancellation policy, please check the Terms & Conditions on our website.

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