

## Finalising Programming & Financial Management and Control of EU Funds 2021-2027

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### The two-day interactive online course focuses on the following topics:

- ✓ EU Funds 2021-2027: Comparing two programming periods
- ✓ ESIF for emergency measures 2014-2020: Impact on the new Programmes?
- ✓ How to modify your Operational Programmes during negotiations with the European Commission?
- ✓ Strengthening and improving verification activities – Managing Authority perspective
- ✓ Changes related to Audit Authorities in the new programming period
- ✓ Main findings of the previous programming period and lessons learnt for the programming period 2021-2027
- ✓ New monitoring and reporting requirements
- ✓ Evaluation in the new programming period

## Overview

The new 2021 – 2027 programming period introduces some **considerable changes in the financial allocation and management and control system of EU Funds**. The **2020 amendment of the 2014-2020 regulations, caused by COVID-19**, will additionally **affect the financial management and control system of the new programming period 2021-2027**. Our experts will help you to understand how these **novelties will affect your day-to-day work** in the future. Moreover, this course comes exactly at the right time when you are **finalising and negotiating your Operational Programmes with the European Commission**. **How to modify your Operational Programmes during the negotiation process? Which comments are the most relevant and how to implement them?** Our experts will help you to overcome possible challenges using their rich experience gained throughout previous years.

## Methodology

An interactive online course by Lexxion Publisher combines presentations, cases studies and discussions on practical problems. All **speakers present live** via video and audio. **Participants are actively involved** in the online courses. By offering our participants the possibility to **use their microphones and cameras** during the whole course, we aim to recreate the atmosphere of a face-to-face Lexxion course. We encourage our participants to **ask questions in real time and to take part in live discussions** with speakers and other participants. Additionally, we offer **breakout sessions**, as part of this format, where **participants work in smaller groups on real-life cases and exercises**. During these exercises, participants have the technical possibility to see other group members and talk to them (using microphone and camera). There are ample opportunities for the **participants to present their own problematic issues**, discuss and solve them with the speakers and participants from other Member States.

## Target Group

- Representatives from public authorities in charge of management, control and audit of EU Funds, especially from:
  - Managing Authorities
  - Responsible Authorities
  - Intermediate Bodies
  - Delegated Authorities
  - Certifying Authorities
  - Audit Authorities
- EU Funds experts from regional and local authorities
- Beneficiaries of EU funded projects, i.e.: Private and public companies, associations, research institutes
- International, national and local associations and networks
- Public and private banks
- Consultants Private and Public Banks

**Programme Day 1**

09:00 Welcome from Lexxion Publisher, Introduction Round among the Participants

**09:30 Session I: Comparing Programming Period 2014-2020 with 2021-2027 – What Will Actually Change?**

- The new legal framework of CPR
- Seven shared management funds
- Which challenges will the new programming period bring?
- Simplification
- Simplified designation process
- Novelties in roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved
- New criteria in the allocation method

**Bernd Schuh**, Executive Director, Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning (ÖIR), Vienna

10:30 Coffee Break

**10:45 Session II: ESIF for Emergency Measures 2014-2020 – Impact on the New Programmes?**

- What is the impact of the COVID health emergency on the new Operational Programmes?
- What are the key aspects of the COVID recovery activities (CRII, CRII+, REACT-EU, RRF)?

**Bernd Schuh**

12:00 Lunch Break

**12:30 Session III: Finalising Programming: How to Modify your Operational Programmes during Negotiation with the European Commission?**

This session will take place in form of the dialogue and exchange between different Member States. We will discuss the following questions:

- How far are you in the process of finalising Operational Programmes in your country?
- What is important to be successful in your negotiations?
- How to modify your Operational Programmes during negotiation process with the European Commission?
- Which comments are the most relevant and have to be strictly followed?

**Alina Ploae**, Counsellor in the Managing Authority for Romania-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme and INTERREG IPA Cross border Cooperation Romania Serbia Programme, Directorate -MA for European Territorial Cooperation Programmes

14:00 Coffee Break

**Session IV: Financial Management and Control of EU Funds in 2021-2027**

**14:10 Strengthening and Improving Verification Activities in the New Programming Period – Challenges for Managing Authorities**

- Novelties in respect to verifications and control
- Risk management strategy
- Proportionate management verifications based on risk assessment
- New rules in eligibility of expenditure
- What are the main changes in responsibilities and who will take over the accounting function?
- Risk-based management verifications
- Simplified Cost Options
- New rules for Technical Assistance

**Alina Ploae**

16:00 End of Day 1

**Programme Day 2**

**09:30 Challenges Related to Audit Authorities in the  
Programming Period 2021 – 2027**

- Are there any changes in the scope of system audits, audits of operations and audits of accounts?
- Consequences in case of use of the enhanced proportionate arrangements
- Challenges of ex-ante assessment of the SCO methodology, which will become compulsory in the new programming period
- Further issues to be discussed

**Olga Guza**, Deputy Director of EU Funds Audit Department, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia

11.00 Coffee break

**11:15 Main Findings of the Programming Period 2014-  
2020 and Lessons Learnt for 2021-2027**

This session will be organised in form of a dialogue. We will exchange experience on the following topics:

- Which main findings did you have in your country in 2014-2020?
- What did you learn out of these findings?
- How to prevent such findings in the future?

**Olga Guza**

12:15 Lunch Break

**12:45 New Monitoring and Reporting Requirements  
2021-2027**

- Results orientation
- Real time reporting
- The new Performance Framework
- Mid-term review
- Practical exercises on monitoring and implementation of a specific project

**Alina Ploae**

14.15 Coffee Break

**14:30 Evaluation in the New Programming Period**

**Bernd Schuh**, Executive Director, Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning (ÖIR), Vienna

15:15 End of the Online Course



## Questions & Answers

**Zoom is our interactive online course platform. In order to join our course, please check your device compatibility first.**

### **What do you need in order to join the online course?**

- ✓ Speakers, Microphone; Camera is possible, if you would like to be seen during the course
- ✓ A wired connection is strongly recommended.
- ✓ If your internet connection doesn't work, you can join the course by telephone, using a dial-in number. In this case there might be additional telephone costs.

### **How to join the online course?**

- ✓ Choose the computer from which you would like to follow the online course.
- ✓ Please test your microphone and camera in advance. For this please install zoom and follow [these](#) instructions
- ✓ In order to join the live online course, please open the URL link, which you receive from us. Please [install](#) the zoom, if not done yet
- ✓ Click on "Join a Meeting", enter your full name, so that we could recognize you, and wait in the waiting room, until our host will let you in
- ✓ Use your headset and camera

### **Minimum system requirements are as follows:**

- ✓ **Operating System:** Windows 7 or later; Mac OS X 10.12 or later, Linux.
- ✓ **Browser:** The most recently-published versions of Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari, or Opera.
- ✓ **High-speed internet:** A consistent, high-speed connection is required. Mobile tethering, hotspots, slow or inconsistent public Wi-Fi networks may create latency when using video conferencing.

## FAQ

### **Why do I need to register before the online course starts?**

Thank you for registering! This not only helps us to communicate with you in regard to technical issues but it helps you to network with your fellow course participants.

### **Will the live course be recorded?**

Please ask the responsible event manager.

### **Do I need a camera?**

It is recommended to have a camera for more comfortable communication with the speakers and other participants.

### **Do I need a microphone?**

Since this is an interactive online course, yes.

### **Do I need to install anything?**

Yes, you should install Zoom app. Please click on the URL link, which you receive from us. It will automatically prompt to download the app.

### **Can I ask questions during the live course?**

Yes, you can ask your questions live by using your microphone and camera. You can speak to all participants at the same time as you may have experienced in Skype.

### **When can I enter the live course I'm attending?**

Please enter Zoom 10 minutes before start. Our host will let you in in due time.

### **May I leave the online course and come back later?**

Yes, just log in at a later time during the course.

### **May I access via Phone?**

Yes, you can. Participating via phone means you can listen only..

### **Can't find invitation?**

Please check your spam-folder. You should also ask your colleague from the IT department to 'whitelist' us. For more details please ask the corresponding conference manager, who will be happy to help you.

### **I failed the Firewall System Check – what can I do?**

All requirements can be found [here](#).

### **I failed the Audio Output System Test – what can I do?**

If you are using headphones or external speakers, try unplugging them. Please unmute your device. Test your speakers [here](#) to find out if they work.

### **I would like to participate but I'm waiting for an approval. Can I order a ticket on the day of the online course?**

Sure. Please message [online@lexxion.eu](mailto:online@lexxion.eu). We need to have a separate testing before the start of the online course.

### **My email address has changed – can I still participate?**

Sure. Please provide us with your updated email address; you will then receive a new invitation.

### **How do I contact the host of the online course?**

[online@lexxion.eu](mailto:online@lexxion.eu) is happy to help you.



## Registration

### Participation fee

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 990** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 1.290** (excl. VAT).

The German VAT of 19% will be added, if applicable

### 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 in case of no show at the online event or for cancellations received after 16 February 2021. Nomination of a substitute remains possible without any additional costs. For more detailed information, scope and conduct of contract as well as cancellation policy, please check the Terms & Conditions on our website.

### Please register with:



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### Upcoming event:

#### Hybrid Course:

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On the way to a green, digital, resilient and innovative Europe 2021-2027, it is crucial not only to select and implement the projects, which fit into the framework of the European Commission about innovative, resilient, digital and green Europe, but also to use new, innovative approaches and instruments for the controlling activities of this kind of projects. Join us and we will help you to achieve these objectives!