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## Financing the European Green Transition

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### The two-day hybrid workshop focuses on:

- ✓ Understanding the Investment Challenge of Climate Neutrality
- ✓ Group Work: Experience Exchange
- ✓ How to Use EU Financial Instruments for Climate Neutrality (incl. Practical Examples)
- ✓ Climate Neutrality Funding by Member States and the Private Sector – State Aid Rules and Taxonomy Regulation
- ✓ Best Practice Example
- ✓ EU Energy & Climate Policies and Support Programmes – An Auditor's Perspective

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## General Information

### Overview

Our hybrid workshop will provide you with essential information on the correct implementation of EU Funds in compliance with State aid and public procurement rules.

Our experts will guide you through the implementation of operational programmes and EU-funded projects, ensuring that expenditures comply with EU and national State aid and public procurement rules and procedures. You will be made aware of *de minimis* rules, Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI), General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), Guidelines and notification procedures. Public procurement rules will also be thoroughly examined, together with relevant procedures and potential violation risks in handling irregularities and financial corrections.

Throughout the event, you will receive guidance on any doubts you might have and you will be encouraged to actively participate in the debates and exchange best practices.

### Target Group

- EU funds experts from bodies that might benefit from Green Deal funding, such as:
  - Managing Authorities;
  - Audit Authorities;
  - Certifying Authorities;
  - Intermediate Bodies;
  - National ministries and agencies;
  - Regional and local governments;
  - City councils;
- National and Regional Development Agencies;
- Auditors from National and Regional Audit Authorities;
- Private companies acting as contractors for the implementation of EU funded projects;
- Lawyers and consultants specialised in public affairs;
- Private and Public Banks;
- Consulting companies providing support to national authorities.



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## Programme

### Day 1

09:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

#### 10:00 **Understanding the Investment Challenge of Climate Neutrality** (incl. 30-min Coffee Break)

- Overview on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027
- Budgets in support of the Green Deal (Cohesion policy funds, InvestEU, Horizon)
- Initiatives supporting the Green Deal (Farm to Fork, Bauhaus, Climate Pact)
- Related strategies such as blue economy, plastic strategy, forestry strategy etc.
- How to address all these different elements
- Overview on authorities managing the different budgets

**Christine Hamza,**  
M&E Factory, Vienna, Austria

12:30 Lunch Break

#### 14:00 **Group Work: Experience Exchange**

- How to prepare and, if possible, implement the funds and financial instruments related to the Green Deal
- How to coordinate among different funds and financial instruments in the Member States

**Christine Hamza,**  
M&E Factory, Vienna, Austria

15:00 Coffee break

#### 15:30 **How to Use EU Financial Instruments for Climate Neutrality** (incl. Practical Examples)

- Overview on financial instruments for ESI Funds
- How to use ESI Funds to leverage financing for climate neutrality
- Ex-ante assessment
- Main challenges
- Lessons learnt from 2014-2020

**Márk Bató,**  
National Coordinating Body of ESI Funds, Prime Minister's Office, Budapest

16:30 End of Day 1

### Day 2

#### 09:00 **Climate Neutrality Funding by Member States and the Private Sector – State Aid Rules and Taxonomy Regulation**

- Guidelines on state aid for climate, environmental protection and energy (CEEAG):
- Overview over scope and compatibility criteria
- Taxonomy-Regulation: The reorientation of private investment towards more sustainable technologies and business and its link to simplifying state aid assessments
- Overview on the updated/envisaged updates of the general block exemption regulation (GBER)

**Clemens Holtmann,**  
Senior Counsel at Redeker Sellner Dahs, Brussels  
**Simone Lünenbürger,**  
Senior Counsel at Redeker Sellner Dahs, Brussels

11:00 Short Coffee Break

#### 11:15 **Best Practice Example**

Case Study on the H2Global instrument for the market ramp-up of green hydrogen and its derivatives in Europe (State Aid case SA.62619)

**Clemens Holtmann, & Simone Lünenbürger**

12:00 Lunch Break

#### 13:30 **EU Energy & Climate Policies and Support Programmes – An Auditor's Perspective** (incl. 30-minute Coffee Break)

- Audit of performance in EU programmes and projects by the European Court of Auditors
  - What is performance auditing?
    - Different types of audit: Financial, compliance and performance audit
  - Performance audit concepts, approaches and methodologies
  - Similarities and differences vs Evaluation
- Best practices in EU-funded energy and climate projects
  - Typical findings from previous audits on the whole project cycle
  - Lessons learnt for future measures
- Discussion, Q&A

**Kurt Bungartz,**  
Principal Auditor, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg

16:00 End of the Course and Distribution of Certificates

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## Register

### Participation fee face-to-face in Stockholm

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 1.240,-** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 1.640,-** (excl. VAT).

### Participation fee online

- 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).

\*VAT will be added if applicable

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Cancellations should be made in writing per post or fax. Please note that the full fee will be charged for cancellations received after 16 June 2022. 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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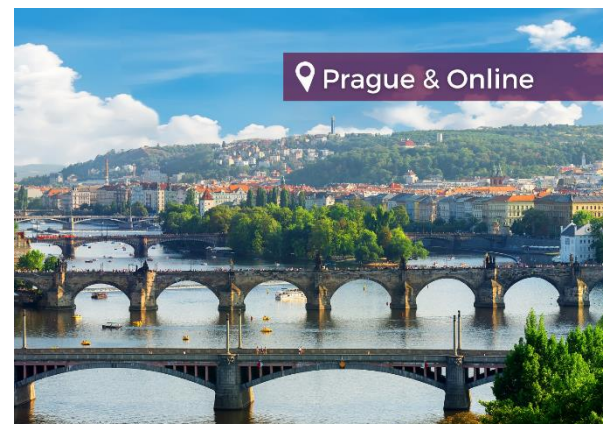
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## Upcoming Event

### Summer Course: Irregularities and Fraud in ESI & IPA Funds and AMIF/ISF/BMVI

18-20 July 2022

Join us in Prague or online for our Summer Course to better face the daily challenges in your work with ESI, IPA and Migration & Security (AMIF/ISF/BMVI) funds. You will be able to analyse case studies, to discuss and solve practical problems with our experts and to exchange best practices with other participants.



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