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Fight against EU frauds: the Experience of the Republic of Serbia

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Implementation of EU funds in Republic of Serbia

MANAGEMENT MODES

- Centralised management
- Decentralised management
- Shared management

RESPONSABILITIES of Serbian European Integrations Office in different management modes regarding irregularities and fraud



Decentralised management

On national level - the final stages of preparation for the decentralized system of EU funds implementation

The national institutions dealing with EU funds are developing an irregularity network

Department inside the Ministry of internal affairs will act as AFCOS (anti-fraud coordination service)

Reporting to EC and OLAF for all funds except the CBC programmes in shared management will be coordinated on the national level.



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Shared management programmes

SEIO is the National Authority of the Programme

Responsible to ensure the functioning of the control and management system, including receiving signals of suspicion of irregularities and fraud, detection, further checks and reporting towards partner Member State, EC and OLAF.

Coordination with Managing Authority situated in the Member State.



Shared management programmes

Subsidy contract signed by the project partners regulates the obligations regarding irregularities nad funds recovery

Initiative to have a document that will bind Serbian partners to repay funds unduly paid, recovered from the national budget

Audit Authority



Prevention of irregularities and fraud

- Legal framework
- Transparent and simple written procedures for the treatment of irregularities and fraud
- Informed beneficiaries and public (what, who, consequences)
- Open lines for irregularities and fraud signals
- Regular communication among bodies dealing with irregularities and fraud
- Exchange of experiences



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Internal control

Staff traine and informed

Statemet of Awareness and Code of Ethics

Obligation of all civil servants and publci officials to

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segregation of duties

Anonymous signals

Irregularity officers network on the national level



Reporting

- Regular Quarterly Report
- Immediate Report
- Nil Report

Guidelines for the completion of standard form for quarterly communication of irregularities in connection with the IPA (OLAF)



Corrective measures

- Expenditures not reimbursed (entirely or in accordance with *COCOF GUIDELINES*)
- Recovery of funds
- Decrease of the approved funds
- Off setting
- Exclusion of the šartner
- Termination of the contrast



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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Since the system was established, the Serbian European Integrations Office dealt with 15 different cases of suspected irregularities.

6 cases - no base for suspicion

6 cases – errors

2 cases - irregularly paid funds and the Members States were informed to start the recovery procedures

1 case of suspected fraud and the DG Regio and OLAF were informed through Immediate Report.



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