

Enhancing detection capacity for Irregularities, Fraud and Conflict of Interests



DATE: 23 – 25 March 2026

LOCATION:

The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk,
International Financial Services
Centre, Dublin

About The Seminar

The European Commission requires Member States to take action to enhance their detection capacities. This should lead to more effective and reliable control systems, which are essential for ensuring the proper use of EU funds and for preventing and detecting irregularities and fraud. This three-day seminar provides practical tools and insights for developing an action plan to strengthen detection capacities in audits and controls — particularly in the context of limited resources and complex administrative structures.

Participants will explore key regulatory requirements, risk-based control approaches, and the interplay between audit and management control systems. The programme covers both technical methods (e.g. sampling techniques, AI-supported control activities) and organisational strategies aimed at improving the overall integrity and performance of EU fund management.

Through expert-led sessions and case-based discussions, the seminar supports professionals from managing, certifying, and audit authorities in enhancing their operational effectiveness and in building resilient control environments.

Program

23 March 2026

24 March 2026

25 March 2026

09.00	Welcome and introduction of the participants
09.30	Introduction to Control and Audit – history and motivation
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	Key concepts and principles of management and control systems
12:00	Role and Function of Audit to a comprehensive system
12.30	Lunch break
13:30	Why enhancing detection capabilities is necessary
14.15	Key principles of the assurance model and why working hand in hand is essential
15.00	Tea break
15.15	Active (and legal) error rate reduction – clues to organize your timeline proactively
16.30	End of day 1

09.00	Wrap up day 1
09.15	How to organize control work effectively when running low on capacities?
10.00	Risk based management verifications approach
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	Risk universe and mitigating measures
11:30	Risk based control work combined with representative samples
12.00	Control and audit – differences in sampling techniques
12.30	Lunch break
13:30	Importance of strong detection mechanisms in EU fund management
14.30	Strategies to strengthen audit and control skills
15.00	Tea break
15.15	From A to Z expectations and requirements for successful control measures
16:00	Use of AI when doing control and audit work
16:30	End of day 2

09.00	Wrap up day 2
09.30	Financial regulation on member states tasks on irregularities as well as on fraudulent actions
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	When to report: Nature of irregularities and difference to systematic irregularities
12.00	Categorisation of errors – Different types of irregularities and ways to detect them
12.30	Lunch break
13:30	Purpose and limits of management and control system including conflict of interests
14.30	Tea break
15.00	Anti-corruption and fraud measures
15.15	Audit strategies and techniques to detect irregularities
16:00	End of seminar

The topics on the agenda will be presented and discussed with practical cases / situations to achieve a maximum learning experience.

Meet our speakers



Goran Zakanji

Key Lecturer



Patrick Wamper

Key Lecturer

Goran Zakanji is heading ESF unit in Croatian Audit Authority. He participated in a number of international projects, providing advisory services in Europe, Asia and Africa. He works as a lecturer for different international companies in various areas covered with CPR. His current responsibility is within Single Audit Authority, which covers all EU Funds in Croatia. He was engaged in all ESI and Agricultural Funds in three Programming Periods.

Patrick Wamper is currently heading the budget department in the Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs in North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. He built up knowledge in EU's structural funds since 2002. Until 2018 he headed the ERDF Audit Authority within the MoF NRW and since then he headed a department acting as Managing Authority for ESF NRW until end 2023. He has broad experience as lecturer in public and private entities in the field of structural funds. Patrick was involved in the planning of control and audit measures for several programming periods.

Price and Registration

The price of this seminar is € 1.795 excluding VAT for early booking (before 21 February 2026). Afterwards the price is € 1.995 excluding VAT.

You are welcome to reserve your seat(s). For this, please book via our website <http://www.seeu-academy.eu> or send an email to: registration@seeu-academy.eu

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Full name / Institution / email / mobile number / invoice address

Invoice

The invoice will be sent after the registration and is to be paid within 14 days (and ultimately one week in advance of the seminar).

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Cancellation of participation must be in writing and is free of charge up to 14 days before the start of the event. In case of no-show or cancellation later than two weeks before the date of the event, the entire event price plus VAT is due.

Questions

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We are looking forward to welcoming you.
See you in Dublin!

