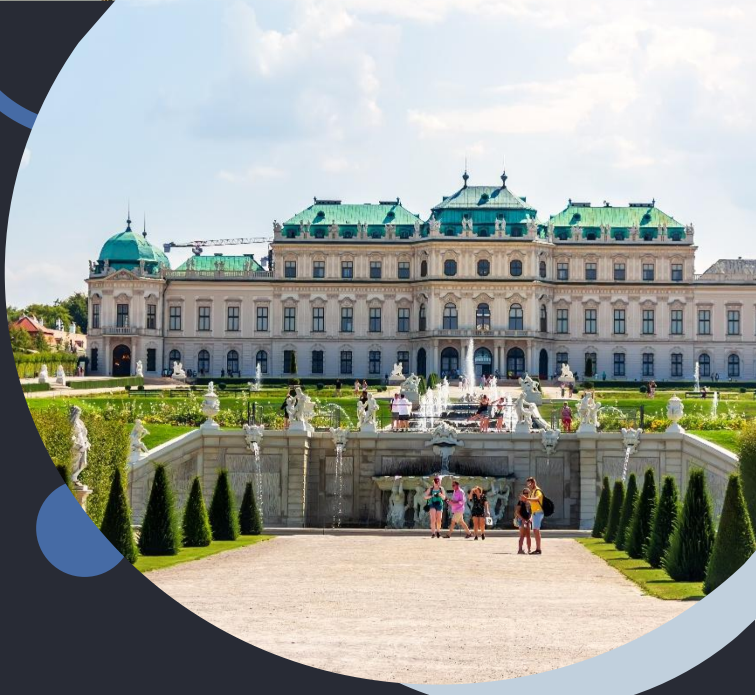
Effective prevention and detection of Irregularities, Fraud and Conflict of Interests



DATE: 7 – 8 December 2026
LOCATION:
Kremslehner Hotel Regina
Rooseveltplatz 15, A-1090 Vienna, Austria

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 two-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

7 December 2026

09.00	Welcome and introduction of the participants
09.30	Key concepts and principles of management and control systems
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	Financial regulation on member states tasks on irregularities as well as on fraudulent actions
11:45	Nature of irregularities and difference to systematic irregularities
12.30	Lunch break
13:30	Assurance model and why working hand in hand is essential
14.15	Why is enhancement of detection capacity necessary?
15.00	Coffee break
15.15	Active (and legal) error rate reduction – clues to organize your timeline proactively
16.30	End of day 1

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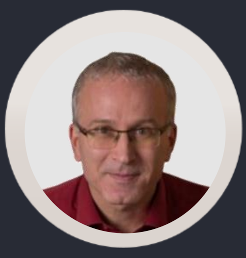
09.00	Wrap up day 1
09.15	Risk based management verifications approach
10.00	Risk based control work combined with representative samples
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	Control and audit – differences in sampling techniques
11:30	Different types of errors and irregularities
12.00	Control and audit strategies and techniques to detect errors and irregularities, including AI
12.30	Lunch break
13.30	Anti-corruption and fraud measures
14.30	Strategies to strengthen audit and control skills
15.00	Coffee break
15.15	Case study – real examples of Irregularities, Fraud and Conflict of Interest
16:15	Q&A and closure 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



dr. Balázs Dencső

Key Lecturer

Balázs Dencső is Director General of the Directorate General for Audit of European funds (Audit Authority) in Hungary and has extensive experience in the area of cohesion and structural funds. He delivered since 2003 trainings and specific supports for Managing and Certifying Authorities, Intermediate Bodies, Audit Authorities, beneficiaries and others about management & control systems, audits of EU funded programmes and projects, with special regard to public procurement.

Patrick Wamper

Key Lecturer

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 € 1.195 excluding VAT for early booking (before 2 November 2026). Afterwards the price is € 1.395 excluding VAT.

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Invoice

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Questions

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