

Financial Management and Audit of EU Funds: Key elements from A to Z

DATE: 16, 17 and 18 March 2026

LOCATION:

Aristo meeting center
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About The Seminar

This seminar provides you an excellent opportunity to get a deep understanding of all the key elements for the management and audit of EU funds and is recommended for managing authorities, intermediate bodies, audit authorities and beneficiaries. In three days you increase your knowledge and practical skills extensively to be better prepared for dealing with the EU Funds in your own practice. The seminar is designed to equip participants with the essential tools and knowledge to ensure transparency, compliance, and accountability in the implementation of EU Structural and Investment Funds. Participants will explore key elements such as role of bodies, management and control system, eligibility rules and designing transparent evaluation and control, including risk-based processes. The seminar will also provide a comprehensive overview of audit approaches, including random-based, and system audits, while addressing the crucial differences and possibilities for cooperation between audit and control functions. Practical cases and exercises for key elements will be part of the course.

Program

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- 9.00 Introduction and additional specific needs
- 9.20 Overview of legal framework and management and control system
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Role of bodies and assurance model
- 11.45 Difference between audit and control; Calls for Proposals
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 Simplification and Control Mechanisms
- 14.30 Public Procurement, Risk based control work and practical
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 Work in groups
- 16.30 End of day 1

17 March 2026

- 9.00 Wrap up day 1
- 9.15 Development of a control strategy
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Audit Mechanisms and Audit Strategy
- 11.15 System audits
- 11.45 Audits of Operation
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 Audit findings and implications
- 14.30 Case study
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 Sampling and calculation of error rates
- 16.30 End of day 2

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- 9.00 Wrap up day 2
- 9.15 Annual Assurance package and audit of accounts
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Development of Checklists
- 11.45 How to link audit and control work
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 How to rely on work of other institutions; Audits of COM and ECA
- 14.30 IT Tools and Databases used for control and audit
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 Case study
- 16.00 Wrap-up on case study
- 16.30 End of day 3

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

Meet our speakers



Agnese Abula

Agnese Abula is senior expert of ESIF Audit Authority of Latvia. She has 20 years of experience in audit of EU Cohesion and Structural Funds. Her responsibilities, among others, are to perform ex-ante assessment on SCOs methodologies, audit of financial instruments and annual accounts as well as closure of 2014-2020 programming period. Agnese has a huge experience also with audits of operations and system audits as well as preparation on Annual Control Report and issuing Audit Opinion. In addition, Agnese has been a recognised lecturer for many years, e.g. for twinning projects and TAIEX activities.



Marianna Miklós Molnár, PhD.

Dr Marianna Miklós Molnár is expert in EU cohesion policy and currently works as the Strategic Director for National Development Centre of Hungary. In this role, she is responsible for multiannual program planning and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, international relations, and organizational development. Previously, she served as Deputy Head of the Audit Authority, where she developed audit strategies, prepared annual audit plans, and ensured compliance with EU requirements, while maintaining close cooperation with the European Commission.

Price and Registration

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Invoice

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Questions

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We are looking forward to welcoming you.
See U in Amsterdam!

