

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme

Annex 16: Functions of the managing authority

The managing authority in particular:

- Ensures to manage the cooperation programme in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;
- Supports the monitoring committee and provides it with the information it requires to carry out its tasks, in particular data relating to the progress of the cooperation programme in achieving its objectives, financial data and data relating to indicators and milestones;
- Draws up and, after approval by the monitoring committee, submits to the Commission annual and final implementation reports;
- Makes available to project partners information that is relevant to the execution of their tasks and the implementation of their operations and ensures that the beneficiaries are provided with a document setting out the conditions for support for each operation including the specific requirements concerning the products or services to be delivered under the operation, the financing plan, and the time-limit for execution;
- Establishes a system to record and store in computerised form data on each project necessary for monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verification and audit, including data on individual participants in operations, where applicable;
- Ensures that the data referred to in the point above is collected, entered and stored in the system;
- Draws up for the approval of the monitoring committee, appropriate project selection procedures and criteria that are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure the contribution of operations to the achievement of the specific objectives and results of the relevant priority axes, and that take into account the general principles set out in Articles 7 and 8 of the CPR;
- Ensures that selected operations fall within the programme scope and objectives and can be attributed to a category of intervention identified in the priority axis or axes of the programme and determines the category of intervention to which the expenditure of an operation shall be attributed;
- Verifies, in close collaboration with the Member State, that the beneficiary has the administrative, financial and operational capacity to fulfil the defined conditions before project approval and sets appropriate measures;
- Verifies that, where the operation has started before the submission of an application for funding to the managing authority, applicable Union and national rules relevant to the operation have been complied with;
- Ensures that an applicant does not receive support from the funds where it has been, or should have been, subject to a procedure of recovery in accordance with Article 71 of the CPR following the relocation of a productive activity within the Union;
- Verifies that the expenditure of each lead partner and project partner participating in the operation has been verified by the designated controller (Article 23(4) of the ETC Regulation);

- Ensures that administrative verifications in respect of each application for reimbursement by beneficiaries and on-the-spot verifications of operations are carried out by the authorised and responsible bodies;
- Puts in place effective and proportionate anti-fraud measures taking into account the risks identified;
- Ensure to set up a procedure that all documents regarding expenditure and audits required to ensure an adequate audit trail are held in accordance with the requirements of Article 72(g) of the CPR;
- Draws up the management declaration and annual summary referred to in Article 59(5) and of the Financial Regulation;
- Transmits financial data in line with Article 112 of the CPR.