



Seminar on reporting process

09. September 2024



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- Project report key issues
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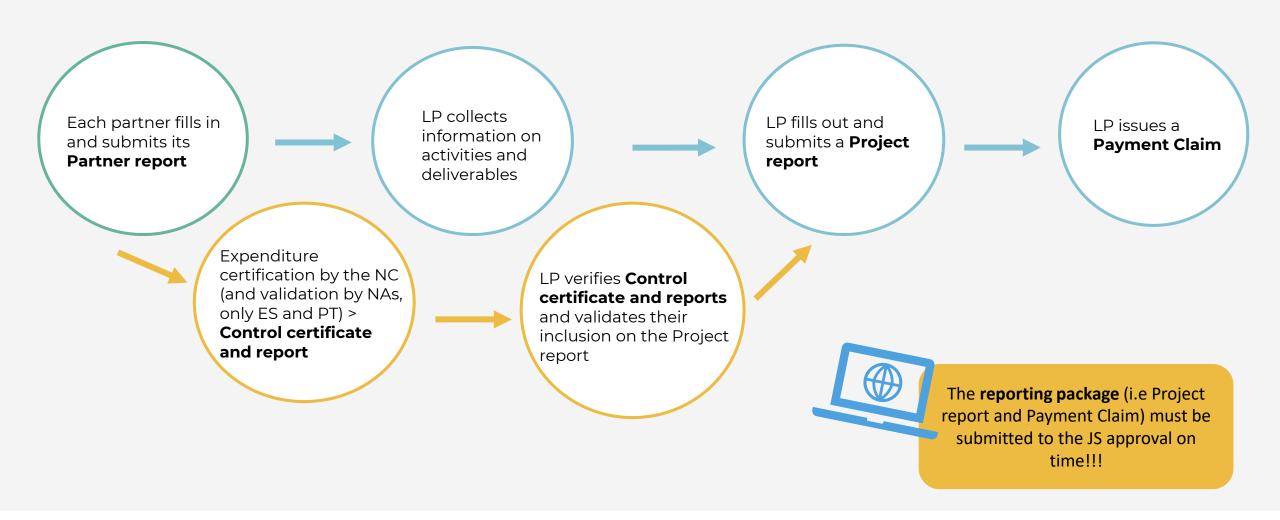






Reporting overview

Creation of the Reporting package





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Life cycle of a Reporting Package

The Reporting package includes:

- Project report
- Control package
 - Payment claim
- Report on ineligible expenditure (if needed)



The **Reporting Package** is sent to the **JS**



The **JS** performs the <u>completeness</u>, <u>activities</u>, and <u>financial check</u> based on a risk analysis, and prepares the payment orders



The MA validates the payment orders to be addressed to the Accounting Authority



The **Accounting Authority** carries out the payments directly in favour of each partner



Reporting overview

Role and responsibility of the Lead Partner in the Reporting process

Before submitting the Project Report LP MUST ensure that:

Payment Claim statement from the LP

- the expenditure reported by all partners results from implementing the project (> list of expenditures).
- the signed version of the Control Report and Certificate is available for each PP (> controller work/ Overview and finalise).
- Member State Control Report from Spain and Portugal is available (> controller work/
 Overview and finalise).
- a tangible system to prevent double-funding and to identify project expenditures exists for each Project Partner and is described in the control checklist(s) (> Control checklists).
- the cumulated certified amount for each Project Partner is less or equal to the available budget (> Project Report / financial overview).
- **no anomalies have been detected** among expenditure and activities > otherwise, the report on ineligible costs must be filled and attached to the Project report (**project report annexes**).









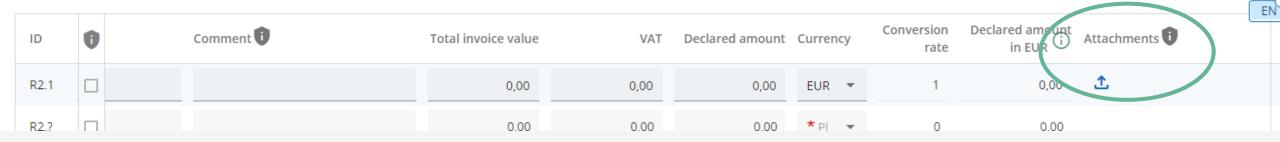
Financial reporting: where to add the attachments

Please consult your NCP for any doubts concerning the audit trail

You can add **ONE** attachment to each expenditure **(ZIP file or merged PDF)**

List of expenditures

Currencies and conversion rates are taken from InforEuro, the European Commission's official monthly accounting rates. The monthly rates are automatically updated until the month when the Partner Report is first submitted verification. If your Local currency is EUR, your expenditure shall be reported in EUR only.



ATTENTION: You must firstly SAVE the expenditure, and you shall **upload** the attachment **ONLY AFTER SAVING**

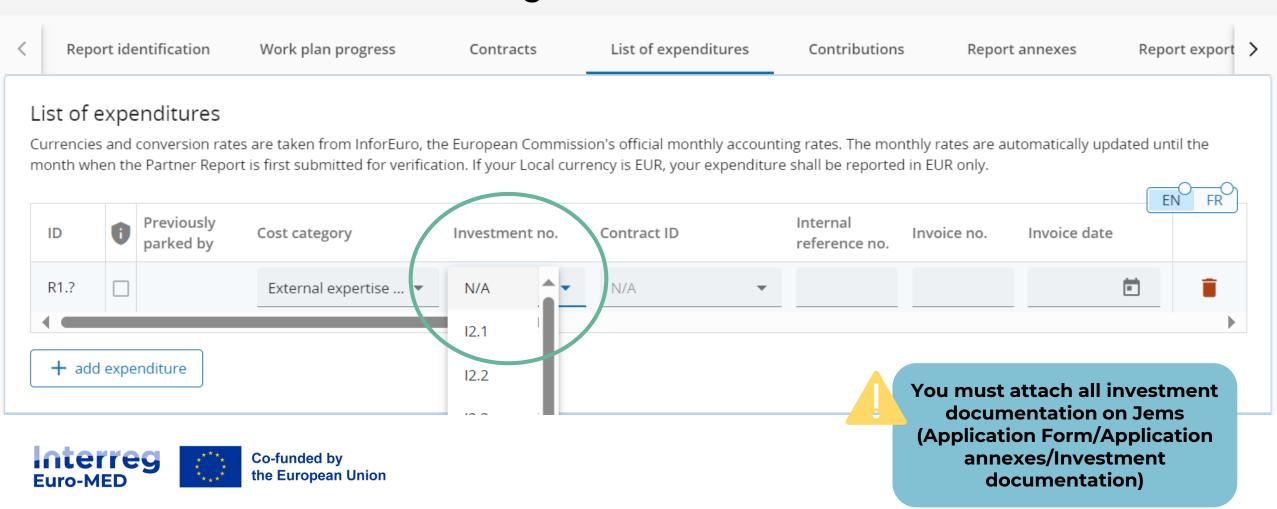






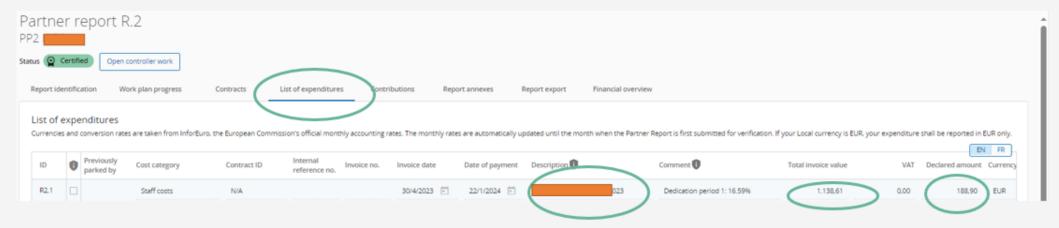
Financial reporting: expenditures related to investments

ATTENTION: You must select the investment number for any expenditure related to a budgeted investment



Reporting staff costs





Staff cost declaration expectations:

- 1 line per staff member (SM) per period
- Description: include SM name, the months covered, and percentage
- Total invoice value: report total wage (=100%)
- Declared amount: report the claimed wage



The task assignment document (TAD) corresponding to each staff member must be attached to the "partner details" section of each partner





Staff costs - Points of attention

 The percentage allocated to the Project by each staff member cannot be changed during the period.

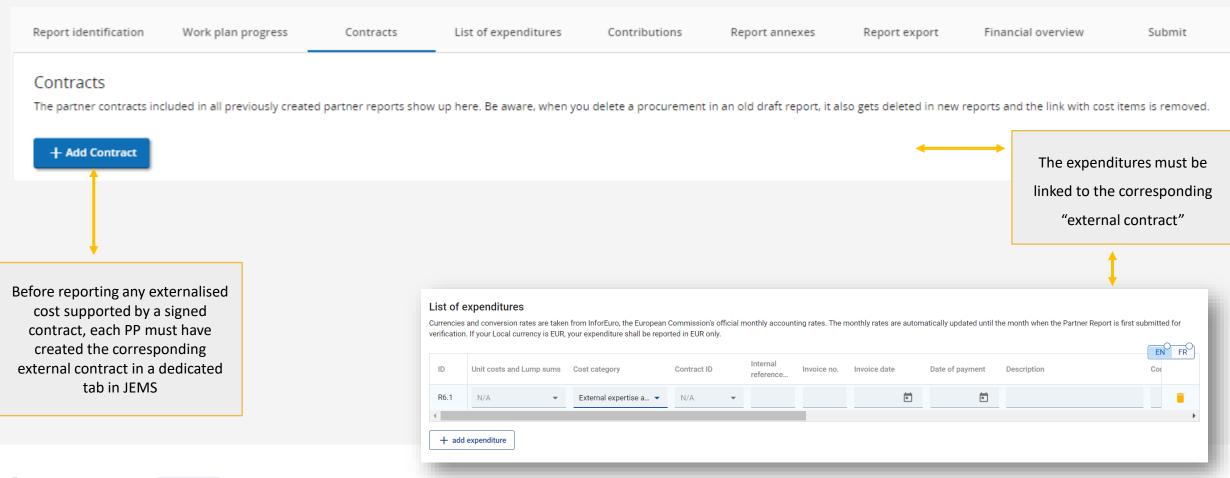
If the dedication of a staff member to the project changes from one month to the other, the percentage should reflect the average work time of the employee along the period.

- Always indicate in the "description" field the months covered by the reported staff cost, especially if it covers more months.
- Do not use the "internal reference number" field for describing the expenditure (it
 is not readable for the JS). Use the "description" one.
- Only 1 method exists to calculate eligible staff costs; there is no need to add it to the description.



External contracts

First step before declaring externalised expenditures: provide the external contracts!







External contracts - Points of attention

- Contracts must be reported only once; they will be included automatically in the following Partner reports.
- It is mandatory to provide the beneficial owner data of each contractor (First name, Last name, Date of birth, VAT number)
- It is mandatory to report subcontracts, if existing, (Contract name, reference number, amount, supplier name, VAT number)
- Recommendation: if no contract has been signed for an externalised expenditure, you can indicate it in the description field. Otherwise, the information might be requested during JS verification.

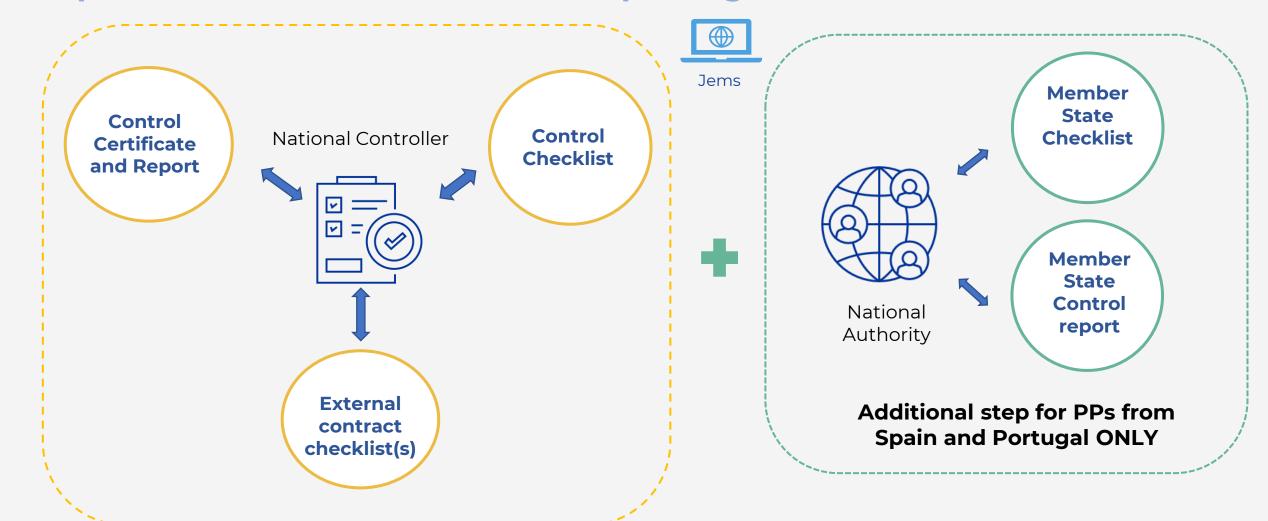








Composition of a receivable "control package"

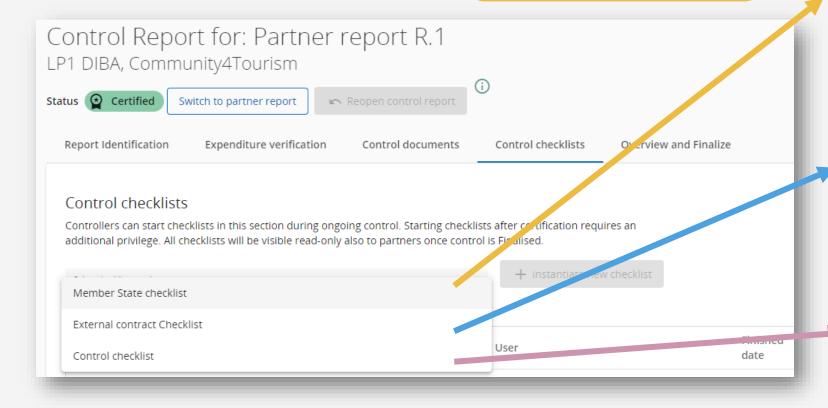






Control checklists

The LP **must** check and ensure that all checklists are complete and in "finished" status before including a certificate in a Project report



Member State Checklist SP and PT (only

for Spanish and Portuguese PPs): After the end of the control work and before the submission of the payment claim.

- rew external contract Checklist: One for every new external contract linked to the expenditures (NC must add the contract id in the "comment" field).
- Control checklist: Redline for the control task! It contains questions on:
 - Accounting system
 - Bank account
 - Audit trail





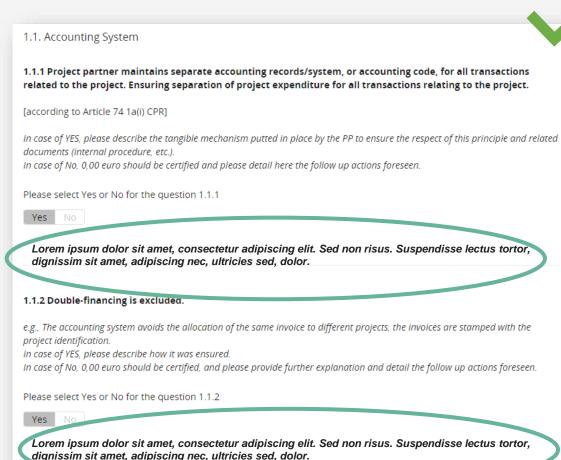
Control checklists



Control checklist: for the 2 first questions, if answer is YES, a justification MUST be provided.

MAKE SURE IT IS THERE

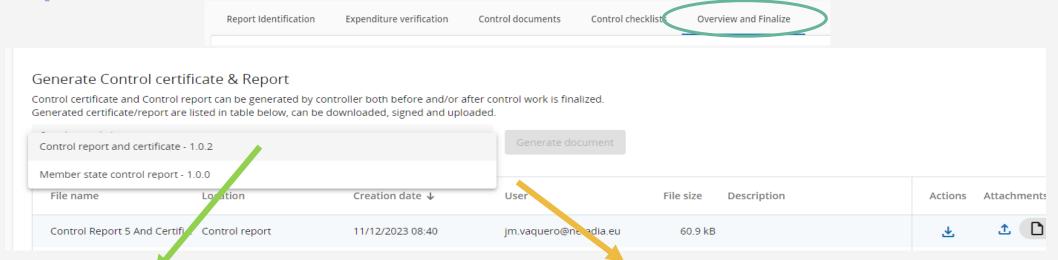
1.1. Accounting System 1.1.1 Project partner maintains separate accounting records/system, or accounting code, for all transactions related to the project. Ensuring separation of project expenditure for all transactions relating to the project. [according to Article 74 1a(i) CPR] In case of YES, please describe the tangible mechanism putted in place by the PP to ensure the respect of this principle and related documents (internal procedure, etc.). In case of No, 0,00 euro should be certified and please detail here the follow up actions foreseen. Please select Yes or No for the question 1.1.1 Yes No 1.1.2 Double-financing is excluded. e.g., The accounting system avoids the allocation of the same invoice to different projects, the invoices are stamped with the project identification. In case of YES, please describe how it was ensured. In case of No, 0,00 euro should be certified, and please provide further explanation and detail the follow up actions foreseen. Please select Yes or No for the question 1.1.2 Yes No







Control report and certificate



Control report and certificate:

Generated, downloaded and signed by the NC or reviewer

National Control
Certificate and Report
must be generated
AFTER finalising the
control work



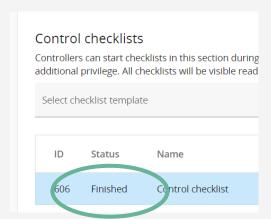
Member State control report (only for

Spanish and Portuguese PPs): generated, downloaded, **signed** and uploaded by the National Authority.





Control work – points of attention



NC must finalise 'finished status' the checklist before finalising the
control work and generating the control report and certificate (reopening the control work doesn't allow to re-open the control
checklist!)

Same procedure for MS checklist

- If RBSM was NOT used all expenditure checked must be selected as part of the sample! Otherwise, the control report may contain some discrepancies.
 - re-opening finalised control work JS, for justified reasons only (attention: it is only possible to re-open if the certificate has not been included in a Project report)





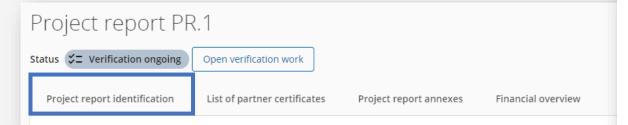




Project Report – key issues

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Activity reporting



The "**Project report identification**" tab: basic information to evaluate the progress of the project during the period.

It MUST BE FILLED IN and includes:

- Highlights of main achievements
- Outputs and results overview (automatically filled)
- Project problems and deviations (includes carbon footprint, only for full reporting)
- Target groups: only for full reporting



Highlights of main achievements

Please describe project progress up to now including specific objectives reached and main outputs highlighting also the added-value of the cooperation. The summary should highlight main achievement and understandable for non-specialists.

Full and partial reporting!!



Outputs and results overview

Programme Result Indicator 31PSI: Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders

Programme Result Indicator 31104: Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

Project performance monitoring

If applicable, please describe and justify any problems and deviations including delays from the work plan presented in the application form and the solutions found. Please also detail any deviations in the spending profile compared to the amounts indicated in the application form. In case of specific problem, mention the name of the PP concerned.



Please provide the carbon footprint analysis required in the project manual (II.E.vii) (full reporting only)



Target groups

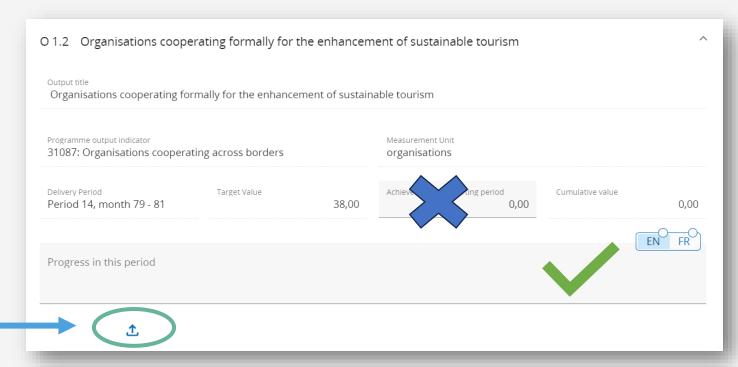
In the table below, you will see a list of the target groups you indicated in the application form. Please explain for each target group in what way and to what extent they were involved in your project in this reporting period.

Project Report - key issues

Reporting on outputs, results and indicators

- The LP collects information from the PPs and includes it on the Project Report in a synthetize way
- Quantitative information on indicators performance is provided during final reporting ONLY
- The LP must follow all reporting requirements and criteria set by the programme.
- Key deliverables and outputs (a.k.a. key productions) must be uploaded on Jems.





Please check that productions respect the Programme manual requirements before uploading!!!

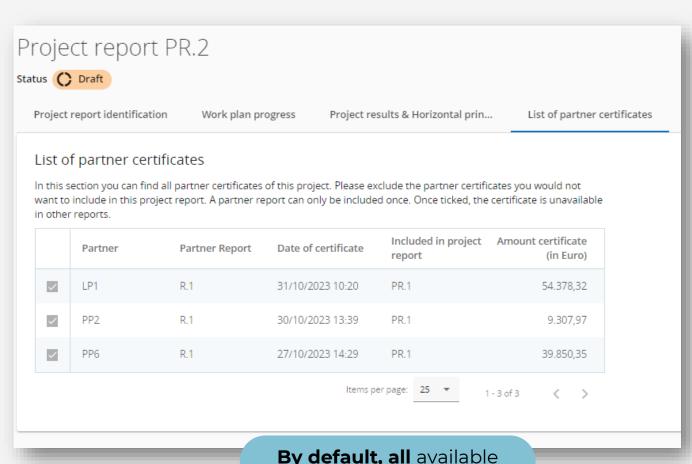


Project Report – key issuesFinancial reporting

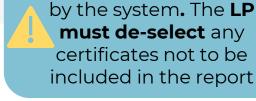
In the "**list of partner certificates**" section, the LP, after verification of the expenditures, selects the certificates whose reimbursement will be requested through the Payment Claim.

Only complete certificates, with all corresponding documentation duly filled and attached must be included in the project report.

The "financial overview" section presents summary of all the expenditure included in the report, and any eventual amount deducted by the NCs.



certificates are selected





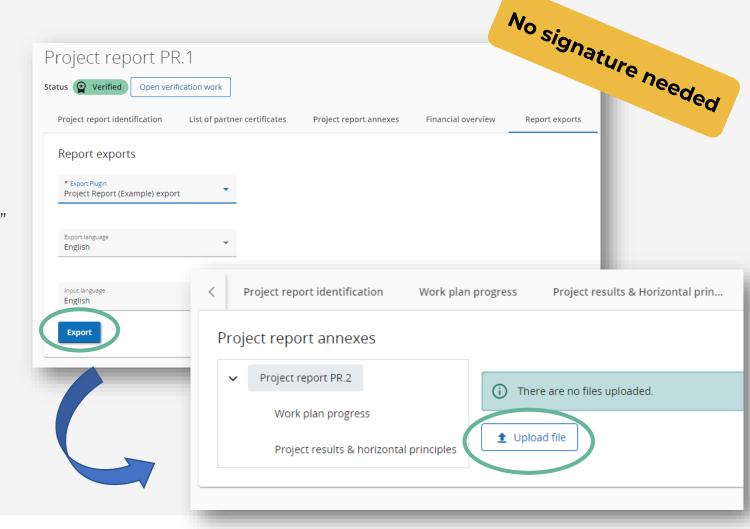
Project Report – key issues

Project Report submission and Payment Claim

Before the submission of the Project Report, the LP must generate and attach the "PAYMENT CLAIM", a document which represents the official reimbursement request for the Interreg Funds corresponding to the certificates included in the Partner Report.

The document can be generated in the "report exports" section, and it must be uploaded in the "Project report annexes" section.

If there are **anomalies** in the expenditures to be reported to the JS, the LP must fill in an **Ineligible Expenditure Report**, which can be generated and uploaded in a similar way (note: report still not available on Jems, work on progress; please ask your PO if you need it).













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YES

- Should a PP not be able to produce a National Control Certificate and Report in time, expenditures can be submitted in the following Reporting Period!
- Parked expenditures can be resubmitted by PP in the following reporting period
- If the Control work is submitted and needs to be re-opened, an express request must be sent by the NC to LP and JS.
- The use of the official languages of the programme in Jems is mandatory!

A submitted Partner report can be reopened, but this doesn't allow the partner to add or remove any expenditure. Only some data of already included expenditures, such as category, amount or description, can be modified (and only for the most recently created report!).

NO

- It is not possible to include costs that have been paid out after the end of the reporting period of a progress report.
 They can be included in future reports.
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Once the JS verification has started, it is not possible to re-open the Project report.











Clarification Rounds

The JS executes a risk-based verification

MA/JS Reporting Package check Vérification du Reporting Package par l'AG/SC

Project Acronym – Reporting Package N° XX

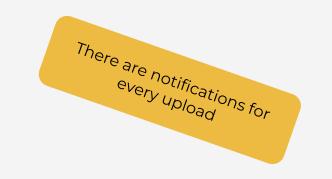
N°	Partenaire concerné – Partner concerned	Questions à clarifier – Questions to be clarified	Réponse Chef de File – Lead <u>partner's answer</u>	Clarifié (Oui/Non) Clarified (Yes/Not) Follow-up				
Completeness Check								
1.								
2.								
Coherence check								
Risky area(s) identified								
3.								
4.								
Coherence Activity check								
5.								
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Financial check								
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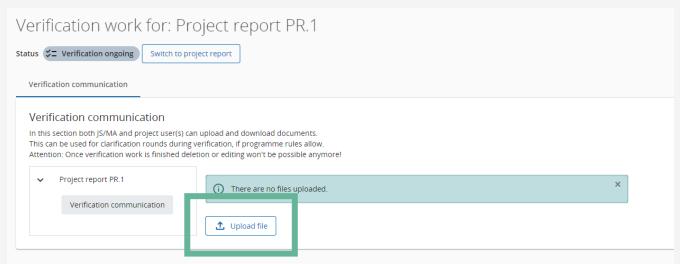




Clarification Rounds

During verification, exchanges JS - LP are 100% carried out through JEMS





- Project Officer Q&A: **ACRONYM_Q&A_RPOX_VIJS**, afterwards V2, V3... until FINAL.
- LP Reply: **ACRONYM_Q&A_RPOX_VILP**, afterwards V2, V3... until FINAL.
- Attachments sent by the LP: ACRONYME_Q&A_RPOX_VX_N° question.

Once the final Q&A is uploaded all the intermediary ones can be deleted





Post-verification final overview

Verification work for: Project report PR.1



Verification communication

Overview

The JS can deduct ineligible amounts, as a results of its own verification, or under request from the LP and/or the NA (for Spanish and Portuguese PPs only).

Overview of verification work for current project report (Euro)

This is the summary of the verification work only for current Project report.

The amounts displayed in this table include flat rates calculated on top for each partner, apart from the column included in verification sample.

Total deducted amounts are calculated as: Total eligible after control - Total eligible after verification - Parked in current report, thus every potential rounding differences will always go to Total deducted in current report column. In some cases, Total deducted may differ from Deducted JS + Deducted NA, due to rounding.

Partner report ID	Partner Total eligible after control (in Euro)	Included in verification	% sampled of total without	Parked in current report (i)	Deducted JS	Deducted NA (ES/PT)	Deducted amount in EUR	Total eligible after verification	% after verification /
Total	0,00 without flat rates 0,00	0,00	%	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	%

Total eligible after verification of current report, broken down per financing sources (Euro)

This is the breakdown of amounts eligible after verification of current report, broken down per financing sources and per partner report included in this project report.

Totals are used as calculation basis. They are the amounts after verification of the project report, including all deductions made in Project expenditure verification tab & flat rates, if any.

Partner Partner Report	Partner contribution (i)	Public contribution (i)	Automatic public contribution (i)	Private contribution (i)	Total(i)
Total	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00











Key information on payments

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- New obligation*: beneficial owner(s) data (name, date of birth, VAT number) of the partner should be provided in case of private partners (Jems: Contracting /Partner details /Ultimate Beneficial Owner(s))
- Single bank account principle: all Interreg Fund reimbursements must be made to a single bank account, even if a partner is involved in several Interreg Euro-MED projects (Jems: Contracting/Partner details/Bank details)
- New code for each partner: Partner code for payment is distributed with the cooperation
 of the AcA, and it cannot be changed! (Jems: Application Form/B Project partners/B.1.1
 Partner identity/Legal and financial information



^{*}Article 72(1)(e) and Annex XVII CPR





Thank you! Merci!







