



**Information on the  
Control Systems  
in the Partner States of the  
Danube Transnational  
Programme**

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## 1. Control procedure in the Danube Transnational Programme

- 1) Each Project Partner as well as the Lead Partner (in this case the Lead Partner is also considered as Project Partner) has to submit a Partner Report to declare its expenditure relevant for a reporting period for validation to the responsible Controller through the electronic data exchange system of the Programme. **Each project partner as well as the Lead Partner is responsible separately for having its expenditure validated by the responsible Controller in its Partner State.** The Lead Partner is not requested to appoint a controller for checking the expenditure declared by the project partners, thus the Controller of the Lead Partner does not issue a Control Certificate covering the entire validated expenditure of the whole partnership.
- 2) **The Controller verifies the expenditure** declared by the Project Partner/Lead Partner in the system, on the basis of the invoices or accounting documents of equivalent probative value, verifies the delivery of the products and services co-financed, the soundness of the expenditure declared, and the compliance of such expenditure with EU rules and relevant national rules.
- 3) After verification, **the Controller issues the Control Certificate** generated by the system.
- 4) After the verification is finalised by the Controller in the system, **the Project Partner has to submit the Partner Report and the Control Certificate to the Lead Partner** through the system.
- 5) **The Lead Partner based on the Partner Reports submitted prepares the Progress Report in the system.** The Lead Partner also prepares the **Application for Reimbursement**, the expenditure verified by the Controllers (i.e. financial data of the Control Certificate) is automatically aggregated to project level providing the data of the Application for Reimbursement.
- 6) The Lead Partner has to submit the **Progress Report and the Application for Reimbursement** to the MA/JS **within a period of 3 months from the end of each reporting period** through the system.

## 2. Control Systems in the Partner States

According to Article 23 (4) of the Regulation EC No 1299/2013 (ETC Regulation) each Partner State shall set up a control system to validate the expenditure at national level. For this purpose each Partner State shall formally designate the Controller responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each project partner participating in the project (the “Controller”).

The control system is **centralised in 10 Partner States** of the Danube Transnational Programme, including **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine**, and a **decentralised control system** is set up in 4 Partner States including **Austria, Bulgaria, Germany and Moldova**.

The control costs are financed by national public sources in case of centralised control systems except Croatia, therefore the verification of expenditure is ensured free for the project partners coming from these Partner States. In case of the decentralised systems and centralised system in Croatia, the control costs are planned to be paid by the project partners from their project budget.

## Partner State: AUSTRIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by AUSTRIA?</b>	<b>DECENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>Designated Controller (Control coordination body):</b>	
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Austria has chosen to implement a <b>decentralised control system</b>. The “15a-Agreement” (the Agreement between federal and regional level pursuant to Art. 15a of the Federal Constitutional Act on the Management and Control System in Austria for the Structural Funds period 2014-2020) constitutes the legal basis for the organisation of the control system in Austria. In Art. 7(2), the allocation of project partners to first level controllers is regulated according to the beneficiaries’ legal status, their legal and/or management control body or according to national public co-financing.</p> <p>According to the Austrian management and control system, the project partner has to approach the responsible public control body with the Form B – “Declaration of agreement of the Austrian beneficiary regarding the execution of First Level Control“ in which the beneficiary/ project partner also confirms to follow the respective European Regulations, the programme and national rules during the project implementation and reporting process as well as other national provisions,</p> <p>The formally signed form B by the beneficiary/ project partner has to be sent to the responsible public control body defined by Art. 7(2) of the 15a Agreement as well as the control coordination body for information purposes. After receipt of the signed Form B, the public control body decides either to take over the First Level Control by itself or to externalize to an external controller of the pool.</p>

A list of nominated public and private first level controllers is established at national level. From this list the project partners will be able to see which first level controller they can refer to.

Further information and the list of nominated first level controllers can be found under the following link:  
<http://www.oerok.gv.at/eu-kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich.html>

## CONTROL COSTS

**The control costs have to be borne by the Lead Beneficiary/Project partner** and can be reported as eligible cost within the project under Budget line 4 “External expertise and service costs” providing that these costs were budgeted and approved in the subsidy contract by the Managing Authority.

On the basis of the offers and concluded framework agreement (duration of 5 years) with the certified public accountant offices/ audit firms, costs for controls will amount between 6.5% to 7% of total reported costs by the beneficiary plus 20% VAT. Additionally, a one-time lump sum of € 1.900 to € 2.000 plus 20% VAT per beneficiary will be invoiced.

The assignment for the audit on operations/ control tasks per project partner is standardized (Form D) and was provided by the Control Coordination Body to the public control bodies (bodies mentioned in par. 7 a) to d) of 15a Agreement who can assign external controllers to carry out the control tasks). It is foreseen that the invoices of control costs will be directly issued to and paid by the controlled beneficiaries.

## Partner State: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Which model of Control System is set up by BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA?	CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Bosnia and Herzegovina set up a <b>centralised control system</b>. Division for financing of EU Programmes and Projects - Central Financing and Contracting Unit (CFCU) within the Ministry of Finance and Treasury is the designated Control Body.</p>
CONTROL COSTS
<p>Control activities provided by CFCU are <b>free of charge</b> for the Bosnia and Herzegovina's project partners.</p>



## Partner State: BULGARIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by BULGARIA?</b>	<b>DECENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>Designated Controller (Control coordination body):</b>	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>The Republic of Bulgaria implements a <b>decentralized control system</b>.</p> <p>The verification of expenditures for of the Bulgarian partners in DTP projects falls under the responsibility of "Territorial Cooperation Management" Directorate (TCM Directorate). The general features of the Bulgarian control system are outlined in "Manual of Territorial Cooperation Management Directorate for management of the INTERREG Programmes" hereinafter referred as the "Manual" (version 8.2, approved with Administrative Order ref. No RD 02-14-859/08.10.2020).</p> <p>In accordance with the adopted Council of Ministers' Decree № 247/14 August 2014 the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works is responsible for selection of external controllers who will perform verification of expenditures (first level control) of Bulgarian project partners.</p> <p>Based on a submitted request from Bulgarian Partner, the controller will be designated from a short list of external independent controllers established beforehand and authorised by the TCM Directorate. The procedure for nomination and designation of controller from the list is outlined in Chapter IV of the Manual and in Part III of the Internal rules.</p>

## CONTROL COSTS

**The control costs will be borne by the Lead Beneficiary/Project partner** and thus reported as eligible cost within the project under Budget line 4 “External expertise and service costs”.

The FLC expenditures shall not exceed 102.27 EUR per month or 613.59 EUR for a 6 month reporting period. The contract between the project partner and the nominated Controller determines the exact remuneration payable by the partner to the controller.

## Partner State: CROATIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by CROATIA?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>Designated Controller (Control body):</b>	
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Croatia has set up a <b>centralised control system</b>.</p> <p>In centralised control systems, a central body is appointed to carry out the control activities in accordance with article 23 (4) of the ETC Regulation No 1299/2013 and with reference to article 125 (4),(5) and (6) of the CPR Regulation No 1303/2013.</p> <p>In the financial perspective 2014-2020, the control tasks were carried out by the Croatian Control Body - Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia until 31 December 2018.</p> <p>Based on Government Conclusion from 2 August 2018, the merger of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia with the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds has entered into force via the Law on Amendments to the Law on Organization and Scope of Ministries and Other Central Bodies of Public Administration on 1 January 2019.</p> <p>The modification of Government Regulation on the bodies within the management and control systems for implementation of programmes supporting the goal “European Territorial Cooperation” in the financing period 2014 – 2020 (Official Gazette 120/2014) regulating the implementation of European Territorial Cooperation programmes has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette 2/2019).</p>

Following the abovementioned modifications, the previous roles and responsibilities of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia have been transposed to the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (MRDEUF).

The control tasks are carried by the First level controllers, permanently employed staff contracted by the MRDEUF. The first level controllers are responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each lead partner and/or project partner participating in the project located on its territory. Following the completion of the control, Control Body issues a signed Control Certificate on the eligible and validated expenditures to the lead beneficiary/project partner.

#### CONTROL COSTS

Control costs were borne by the Lead partner/Project partner and thus reported as eligible cost within the project under Budget line 4 “External expertise and service costs”. However, provision of national control to Croatian beneficiaries **is free of charge as of 8 June 2020**. Work of Croatian FLC is financed from the State Budget.

## Partner State: CZECH REPUBLIC

Which model of Control System is set up by CZECH REPUBLIC?	CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>First level control system in the Czech Republic is <b>centralised</b>. The FLC body is CENTRE CR which is based in Prague. The FLC system is free of charge for the beneficiary. For the control of transnational cooperation programmes 3 regional branches are available – Brno, Praha and Ostrava, where FLC control of all CZ PP participating in Interreg DANUBE programme are performed.</p>
CONTROL COSTS
<p>FLC system is financed by the State - The FLC system in the Czech Republic <b>is free of charge</b> for the project partners and thus no finances will be charged from the project partners to cover FLC costs.</p>

## Partner State: GERMANY

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by GERMANY?</b>	<b>DECENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>Designated Controller (Control coordination body):</b>	
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Germany set up a <b>decentralised control system</b>.</p> <p>The project partner is free to select its controller, but the controller must be authorized at central level.</p> <p>Thereby the project partner has two options. The controller can be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>selected internally, within the beneficiary's organisation (as long as he/she is independent from the unit in charge of project finances and activities)</li> <li>external</li> </ul> <p>Procedures to be followed by beneficiaries for identifying their controllers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internally: There has to be an organisational chart of the beneficiary showing that the controller is independent (organisationally and functionally) from the unit in charge of the project finances and activities. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications.</li> </ul>

The controller confirms this in written form in the Controller Confirmation Form for Germany (CCF) sent to the Coordination Body Germany (CB).

- External:  
The beneficiaries have to obey the rules for public procurement for the selection of their national controller. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications (2.3.2.4) and has to be independent from the beneficiary. The controller confirms this in written form in the CCF (see annex 2.3.1.1) sent to the CB.

## CONTROL COSTS

As Germany has a decentralised control system, **the control costs will be borne by the partner** and thus reported as eligible costs within the project. The basis for the payment depends on the sector the controller corresponds to.

The payment of an external controller is generally based on a service contract. The control costs for an internal controller are basically grounded on the amount of hours worked.

## Partner State: HUNGARY

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by HUNGARY?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Hungary has a <b>centralised control system</b>. Control activities related to the Danube Transnational Programme are carried out by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc., which is a national public body owned by the Prime Minister's Office in accordance with provisions laid down in Government Decree Nr. 396/2015. (XII. 12.).</p>
<b>CONTROL COSTS</b>
<p>National control activities fulfilled by Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. will be financed by central governmental sources and they are <b>free of charge</b> for Hungarian beneficiaries.</p>



## Partner State: MOLDOVA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by MOLDOVA?</b>	<b>DECENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>The Republic of Moldova has chosen to implement the <b>decentralised control system</b>.</p> <p>According to the Government Decision no. 576 of 19.07.2017 on approving the Regulation on the implementation of Cross-Border and Transnational Cooperation EU-funded Programmes, the Ministry of Finance has the role of <b>National Control and Contact Point</b>. Currently the Department on Financial Policies within the Ministry of Finance performs the tasks as CCP at the national level.</p> <p>Moreover, in order to perform its tasks as NCCP, the Ministry of Finance has negotiated and signed a collaboration agreement with the Public Institution „Council for Public Oversight of Audits”. Signing of this agreement was possible based on the modification to GD no. 576/2017 through GD no. 710 from 27.12.2019 (in force as of 31.12.2019).</p> <p><b>In this respect, the main functions of the Control Contact Point from Republic of Moldova are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Tasks related to programming stage:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Represents the Republic of Moldova within the Joint Programming Committee</li> <li>b) Contributes to the elaboration of the management and control system for Programs regarding the aspects related to its functional competence</li> <li>c) Selects annually, until March 31, the auditors according to the Public Register of Auditors, draws up and presents their list to the National Managing Authority for participation in</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

specialized training offered by the Programs

- d) Collaborates with the Managing Authority for establishing the criteria used for the selection of auditors and for the preparation of the terms of reference
- e) With the support of the Joint Technical Secretariat / Managing Authority, participates in the organization of trainings of the selected auditors regarding the specific characteristics of the Programs
- f) Publishes on the official website of the Ministry of Finance, based on the information presented by the National Authority, the list of auditors selected and trained to perform expenditure verification missions within projects to be selected by beneficiaries
- g) Provides support to the Managing Authority in development of the guide regarding the verification of the expenses by the selected and trained auditors;
- 2) Tasks related to stage of implementation and monitoring of projects:**
- h) Represents the Republic of Moldova within the joint monitoring committees of the Programmes
- i) In collaboration with the Managing Authority and the Office for the Coordination of Cross-border and Transnational Cooperation Programs, informs the beneficiaries about the list of selected and trained auditors and the rules for the provision of their services
- j) Supports the Managing Authority in the application of the guideline on the expenditure verification by selected and trained auditors
- k) Presents consultative information to the auditors, the institutions implementing projects and the Managing Authority in the field of public procurement, accounting and auditing in the corporate sector, taxation and other fields, according to the functional competencies
- l) Assists, according to the competence, the Managing Authority, at its request, during the verification visits of the projects carried out on a sample basis
- m) Examines, at the request of the Managing Authority, reports on the conduct by auditors of expenditure verification missions carried out in EU-funded projects under the Programs;
- n) At the request of the Managing Authority or the Audit Authority, performs the control of the services provided by the auditors regarding the expenditure verification missions performed in accordance with the international standards for related services
- o) Updates, as necessary, the list of auditors selected and trained to carry out expenditure verification missions in EU-funded projects under the Programmes

## CONTROL COSTS

The control costs **will be borne by the partner** and thus reported as eligible cost within the project.

## Partner State: MONTENEGRO

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by MONTENEGRO?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>Designated Controller (Control body):</b>	
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Montenegro has set up a <b>centralised control system</b>. Control activities are carried out by the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU) in the Ministry of Finance, First Level Control Division (in cont. of the text: <i>the Controller</i>). The Controller is responsible for verification of expenditures (desk based and on-the-spot checks) and for FLC certificate according to the Danube Programme Control Guidelines.</p>
<b>CONTROL COSTS</b>
<p>Control activities provided by Montenegrin Controller will be <b>free of charge</b> for Montenegrin project partners.</p>

## Partner State: ROMANIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by ROMANIA?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Romania has set up a <b>centralised control system</b>.</p> <p>The Directorate for First Level Control within the Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration is in charge with the control activity. The director coordinates the FLC activity and approves the validation of the expenditures, whilst the Head of the Unit for EDRF &amp; IPA Expenditure Verification checks the activity of the controllers (civil servants employed, according to national law, through open competition) and endorses the validation of the expenditures. The controllers performing within the Unit for EDRF &amp; IPA Expenditure Verification are responsible for the administrative, technical and financial verification of the expenditures, as well as on-the-spot check of delivery of products and services sub-contracted by the Romanian partners during the lifetime of the projects. The aim of this verification is to ensure an efficient utilisation of the Community and the state budget co-financing funds, in accordance with the subsidy contract, final application, EU-regulations and with the Romanian legislation in force.</p>
<b>CONTROL COSTS</b>
<p>Presently, the expenditures generated by the first level control activity (salaries, site visits, administrative expenses, training, all expenses) for Romanian beneficiaries are covered by the Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration.</p>

## Partner State: SERBIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by SERBIA?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>Republic of Serbia set up a <b>centralised control system</b>.</p> <p>In Serbia Division for First Level Control of IPA Projects (FLC) under the Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programs (referred to as the CFCU) in the Ministry of Finance’s (MoF’s) is appointed as a Control Body by the Government Conclusion 05 No. 337-9895/2017 of 12 October 2017. In the context of IPA II, the Serbian Control Body is responsible for verifying expenditure for CBC and TNC programmes.</p> <p>Formal duties of the Division for FLC of IPA Projects are described in the document “National level procedures for First Level Control for the Serbian Interreg-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation and Transnational Cooperation Programmes under shared management – FLC Manual”.</p>

The main objective of the Division for FLC of IPA Projects is to guarantee that the costs reported under the Interreg IPA CBC and TNC programmes are justified and that payments claimed by the Serbian Project Partners are in accordance with the legal and financial clauses of the subsidy contract and the rules governing the IPA programmes, the European Community regulations and the respective national legislation. Checks need to be sufficient to confirm all aspects of the eligibility, regularity and legality of the expenditure in question. Therefore they should cover all points of correctness and compliance mentioned in the EC guidance note on management verifications including eligibility, compliance with public procurement rules and reference to the project's expenditure as originally approved.

### CONTROL COSTS

Control activities provided by First Level Control officers will be **free of charge** for the Serbian project partners.

The salaries of the First Level Control officers for Serbian partners are financed from the state budget. The First Level Control officers responsible for verification of costs of Serbian partners under Danube Transnational Programme are employed as civil servants with the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia.

## Partner State: SLOVAK REPUBLIC

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by SLOVAK REPUBLIC?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM

The Slovakian control system is **centralised**.

The first level control of expenditure of Slovak project partners will be carried out by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, Section of financial programmes / Department of transnational cooperation programs and the Section of financial programmes / European Financial Mechanism Procurement Control Unit, which will carry out the control of public procurement.

Designated controllers participate at the elaboration of the Eligibility rules of expenditure for Slovak beneficiaries, which were issued by Government office of Slovak Republic at the beginning of 2017, updated at 03.05.2017 (version 2.0), updated at 10.08.2018 (version 3.0) 21.12.2018 (version 3.1), updated at 01.04.2020 (version 4.0) and are available currently at the web page <http://www.danube.vlada.gov.sk/kontrola-projektov/>.

## CONTROL COSTS

Control costs are **free of charge** for Slovakian project partners.



## Partner State: SLOVENIA

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by SLOVENIA?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>The Slovenian control system is <b>centralised</b>.</p> <p>The control activity is carried out at national level by Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (GODC) which is the Slovenian national authority for the transnational programmes.</p> <p>Each controller is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 100% administrative checks of the eligibility of costs and preparation of confirmations of control of eligible costs for reimbursement of EU funds related to activities and outputs of Slovenian project partners (activity and financial reports, supplements), as well as sample on-the-spot-checks;</li> <li>– SI FLC has prepared risk analysis based on which on-the-spot and administrative verifications will be performed. Administrative control performed by the controller will be carried out on a sample basis (sample based desk control), based on the Methodology accepted by the SI FLC. The sample will be relevant only for two cost categories, Staff cost and Travel and accommodation costs, and all other cost categories are checked 100%, especially public procurement costs, but not only.</li> <li>– On-the-spot verifications are carried out on a sample basis, with the exception, where 100% On-the-spot verifications is provided for all expenditures for investments and equipment.</li> </ul>

## CONTROL COSTS

Control costs are **free of charge** for Slovenian project partners.

## Partner State: UKRAINE

<b>Which model of Control System is set up by UKRAINE?</b>	<b>CENTRALISED CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM</b>
<p>In Ukraine, there is a <b>centralized</b> management and control system in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of 20.11.2019 no. 1038 "On the introduction of management and control over the implementation of the State Transnational Program"</p> <p>Clause 4.4 of the Regulations on the State Audit Service of Ukraine approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of February 3, 2016 no. 43 (as amended on September, 9, 2020 № 795) provides that the State Audit Service monitors the legality of expenditures of beneficiaries (partners) within operational programs of cross-border cooperation (ENI).</p>
<b>CONTROL COSTS</b>
<p>Control costs will be <b>free of charge</b> for Ukrainian project partners. In accordance with Article 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On Basic Principles of Public Financial Control in Ukraine" provides that financial support for the activities of public financial control is provided by the State Budget.</p>