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Expenditure verifications in Karelia CBC Programme

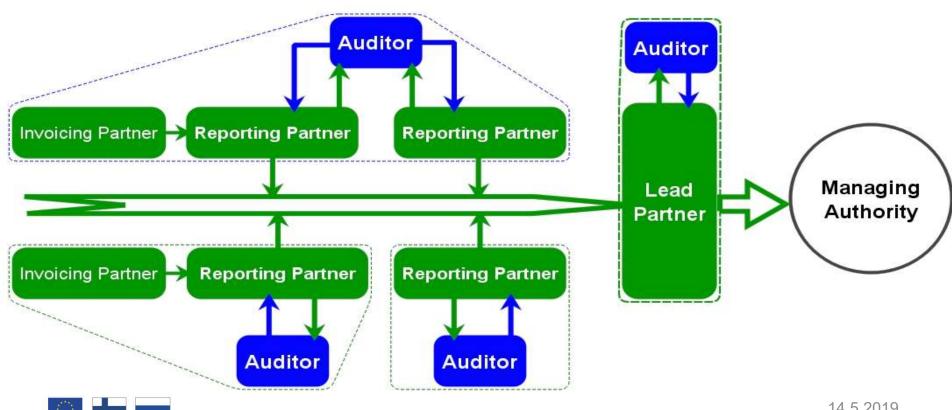
Reporting and expenditure verification processes:

- 1. Project consortium Auditors
- 2. Three Partners one Auditor
- 3. Lead Partner Auditor



1. Project consortium - auditors

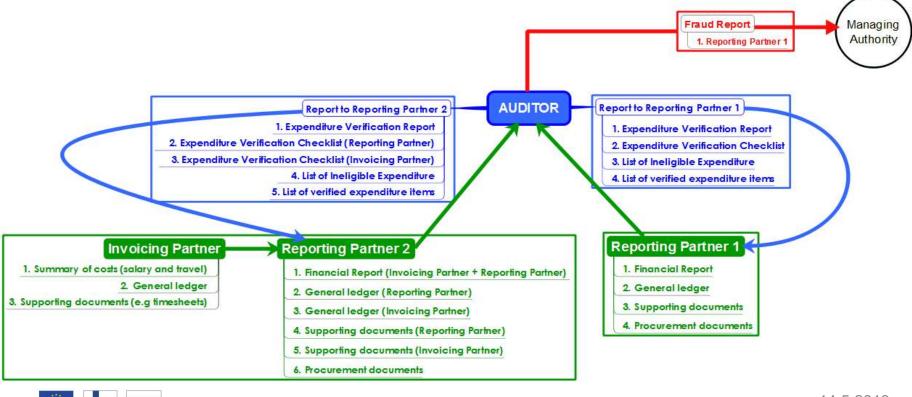
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2. Three Partners - one Auditor

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3. Lead Partner – Auditor

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- 1. Financial Report (Lead Partner + partners + Consolidated)
- 2. General ledger (Lead Partner)
- 3. General ledgers (Reporting Partners)
- 4. General ledgers (Invoicing Partners)
- 5. Supporting documents (Lead Partner)
- 6. Procurement documents (Lead Partner)
- 7. Lead Partner's checklist
- 8. Expenditure Verification Reports (Reporting and Invoicing Partners)







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Key expectations

- Expenditure verification work
 - is performed in accordance with the guidelines (Annex 1)
 - verifies whether the Partner has applied the rules described in the Programme Manual (Part C Financial Management)
 - pays special attention to the staff costs, calculation basis (e.g. holiday bonuses and timesheets) and procurement processes
 - Indicates in the Financial Report the verified expenditure items / invoices, revenues and own contribution paid by external donors
- Expenditure Verification Checklist (Annex 3)
 - comments where necessary in order to understand the full status and/or when answering only "Yes" or "No" does not give a clear answer
 - comments for any deviation and grounds for ineligibility (listed in details in Annex 4 List of ineligible expenditure)
- Expenditure Verification Report (Annex 2)
 - gives a clear statement, is accurate and understandable (concise comments)
 - gives recommendations where necessary and monitors whether the Partner has implemented the given recommendations
 - reports irregularities, any deviations and risk indicators
- Overall expectation: Good quality expenditure verification work and good quality reporting







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Key expectations

Targets of verification, especially:

- Application of Programme rules
- Organization of project accounting
- General ledger listing <u>all</u> reported expenditure items/invoices
- Audit trail
- Sound financial management of the project, cost-efficiency and tranparent use of Programme funding
- Calculation basis (e.g. salaries, timesheets, holiday bonuses, overtime work, sick leave)
- Procurement processes
- Proof of delivery and proof of payment
- Risk indicators
- Documentation
- Unusual expenditure







