

# Training event for the Italian beneficiaries under the I call for proposals Rome – 18 December 2025

The appointment and validation procedure of  
the First Level Controllers (FLC)

# Transition Phase

- The National Roster of First Level Controllers became fully operational on 28 October 2025
- **A transitional period is foreseen until 31 December 2025**
- During this period beneficiaries may still use the Joint Commission validation procedure
- **From 1 January 2026, the Roster system will be the only procedure for the appointment of FLCs**



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# National Roster of First Level Controllers

- Established at national level by the Department for Cohesion Policies
- List of qualified professionals
- Ensures expertise, independence, integrity (EU standards)
- Provides a harmonised and transparent framework

# National Roster of FLCs

## Relevance for Beneficiaries

- Beneficiaries can rely on a pre-approved pool of evaluators
- Simplifies and speeds up the process of identifying eligible controllers
- Ensures equal treatment and rotation of professionals
- Strengthens trust in certification and credibility of the Programme



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# National Roster of FLCs

## How to Appoint an FLC

- Italian beneficiaries send their request for an FLC through the National Roster
  - The platform automatically extracts a short list of eligible professionals, based on objective criteria (competence, availability, and rotation)
  - Beneficiaries finalise the assignment in compliance with the Public Procurement Code (Legislative Decree 36/2023)
  - The selected controller is automatically validated through the system
- Requests must be submitted to [roster.cte@governo.it](mailto:roster.cte@governo.it) (cc: the Programme Representative within the Joint Commission: Ing. Giuseppe Rubino – Special Structure for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation – Puglia Region [gius.rubino@regione.puglia.it](mailto:gius.rubino@regione.puglia.it) – [politiche.internazionali@regione.puglia.it](mailto:politiche.internazionali@regione.puglia.it))

# Exceptions

**Joint Commission validation** will remain valid, even after 31 December 2025, for:

- Internal controllers (only for public administrations)
- Audit firms (beyond individual professionals in the Roster)
- European Economic Interest Groupings (GEIE)
- Controllers from local public companies (small municipalities < 20,000 inhabitants)



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# The Joint Commission validation procedure

## STEP 1: Submission by Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries must submit to the Programme Representative:

- Official transmission letter
- Information sheet
- Declarations of independence and eligibility
- Supporting documents (organigram, register, ID, language skills)
- Programme Representative checks completeness and fills in a verification checklist

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# The Joint Commission validation procedure

## STEP 2: Validation by the Joint Commission

- Programme Representative checks completeness, fills in a verification checklist and sends all to the Joint Commission
- Joint Commission verifies compliance with requirements
- May request additional supporting evidence
- Decision within 10 working days (exceptionally reducible to 4)



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# The Joint Commission validation procedure

## STEP 3: Final Approval

If requirements are met and no objections arise:

- President of the Joint Commission authorizes validation
- Programme Representative confirms validation in writing

**Authorized FLCs can carry out expenditure verification in NEXT MED projects**



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# Quality checks

**Quality Checks (QC)** are a national-level mechanism aimed at ensuring the quality and consistency of First Level Control activities.

## Key features:

- Document-based checks on the work performed by Italian FLCs
- Sample-based approach
- Requested by the Programme and coordinated at national level
- Focused on the correctness and completeness of expenditure verification

## Objective:

To strengthen the reliability of the national control system and ensure uniform application of EU rules.



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# Quality checks

## Sampling and timing

- Quality Checks cover **10% of certified expenditure** per Programme
- Sampling is carried out **once or twice per year**, based on risk analysis

**Selection criteria include** risk factors (legal status, role in the project, past irregularities)

## Procedure

- Beneficiaries are formally informed if selected
- Requested documents include:
  - FLC checklist and control report
  - Contract/appointment letter of the FLC
  - Statement on proper document archiving

## Outcomes

- Results are formally communicated
- Shared with the Joint Secretariat for follow-up and system assessment



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