

Checks, audits, reviews & investigations

The Commission - during the implementation of the project or afterwards - checks, reviews, investigates and audits the proper implementation of the project and its compliance with the grant agreement:

CHECKS, REVIEWS & INVESTIGATIONS

You can meet with the following processes during the implementation of your project: the

Commission will

- **check** the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the grant, including assessing deliverables and reports.
Example: after receiving the reports, the Commission checks the different documents (explanation of the work carried out, overview of the progress, explanation of the use of resources, etc.) for consistency with the description and work plan. Also the Commission regularly performs plagiarism checks on documents submitted by consortia.
- **carry out reviews** on the proper implementation of the action (including assessment of deliverables and reports), compliance with the obligations under the grant agreement and continued scientific or technological relevance of the project.
Reviews normally refer mainly the technical implementation of the project (i.e. its scientific and technological relevance), but may also cover financial and budgetary aspects or compliance with other obligations under the GA.
Reviews may be started up to 2 years after the payment of the balance and may include on-the-spot visits or review meeting (on Commission premises or anywhere relevant for the project).
On the basis of the review findings, a review report will be prepared.
- **carry out audits** on the proper implementation of the action, up to 2 years after the payment of the balance by formally notifying the coordinator or beneficiary concerned. It can be a direct audit (with the Commission's own staff) or indirect audit (with external, appointed persons or bodies).

AUDITS

The European Commission may order an audit of your H2020 grant during the project or at any time up to 2 years after the final payment. Any claimed ineligible costs will be recovered or deducted from the next payment.

If there are any systematic errors, the Commission may extend the findings of the audit results to non-audited grant agreements or non-audited periods. Besides these corrections, other measures may be taken, including penalties.

If you have submitted a [CoMUC](#), the auditor will ensure that you have applied the approved methodology consistently.

You can find detailed information on related certifications like (CoMUC), assessment on direct costing of large research infrastructures and certification of your financial statements (CFS) visit the [Certification](#) section.

To learn more about checks, reviews, audit & investigations, please read [Article 22 of the H2020 Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#).

As a beneficiary of FP7 funding, please see the [FP7 audits and certifications](#) guidance on the FP7 Reference Documents page.