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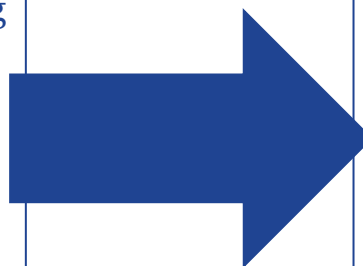




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The article 48 of the Reg (EU) 2021/1059 defines the functions of the Audit Authority and in particular it is responsible for carrying out:

- System audit
- Audit of operations
- “Audit of accounts”



Following the controls carried out, by the 15th February of the year following the closure of the accounting year the AA shall submit to the EC:

- ✓ an **annual audit opinion**
- ✓ an **annual control report**

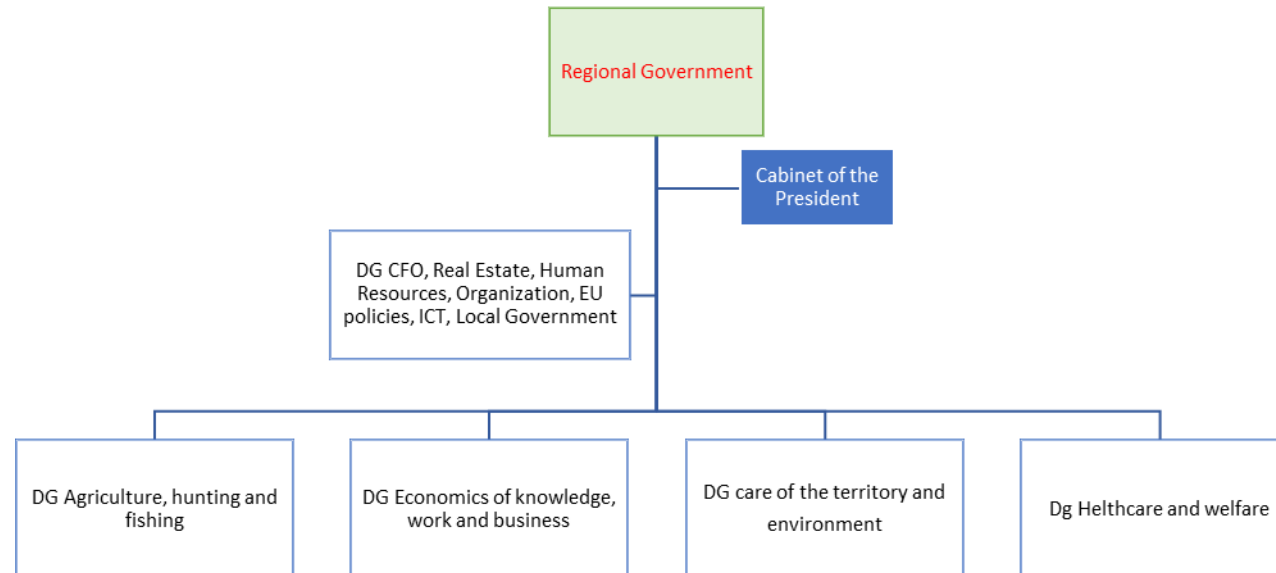
Covering each of the following:

- the completeness, veracity and accuracy of the accounts;
- the legality and regularity of the expenditure included in the accounts submitted to the Commission;
- the management and control system of the Interreg programme.



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The Emilia-Romagna Regional Government in the past programming period has entrusted for these tasks a department of the Cabinet of the President functionally independent from the MA General Directorate

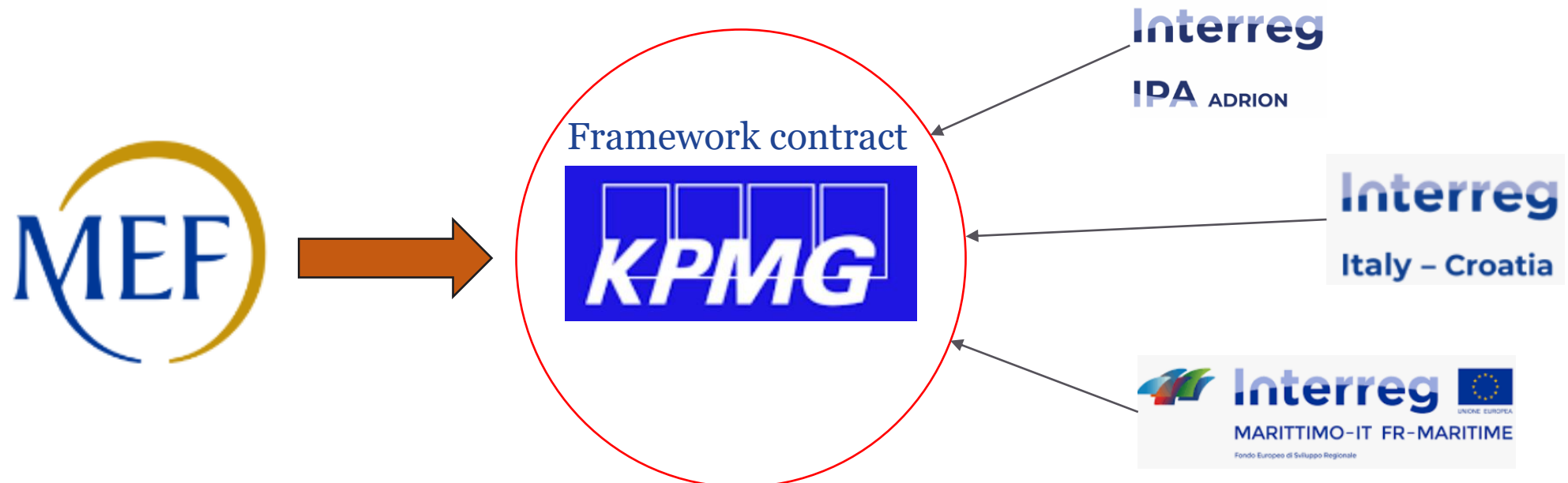




Framework contract

General principle in ESIF fund: *The auditors shall be functionally independent from bodies or persons responsible for management verifications*

In this regard the Ministry of Economics and Finance of Italy, in order to guarantee the independence of AAs and MAs , with the public procurement procedure ID 2405 of the 17/12/2021 entrusted the company KPMG for a framework contract for the technical assistance to AA





Framework contract

Pros

The technical assistance to AA will not be charged to the TA Budget (apart from the audit of operation)

Less administrative burdens in managing reporting and other related issues (e.g. accounts)

Independence of the auditors is guaranteed

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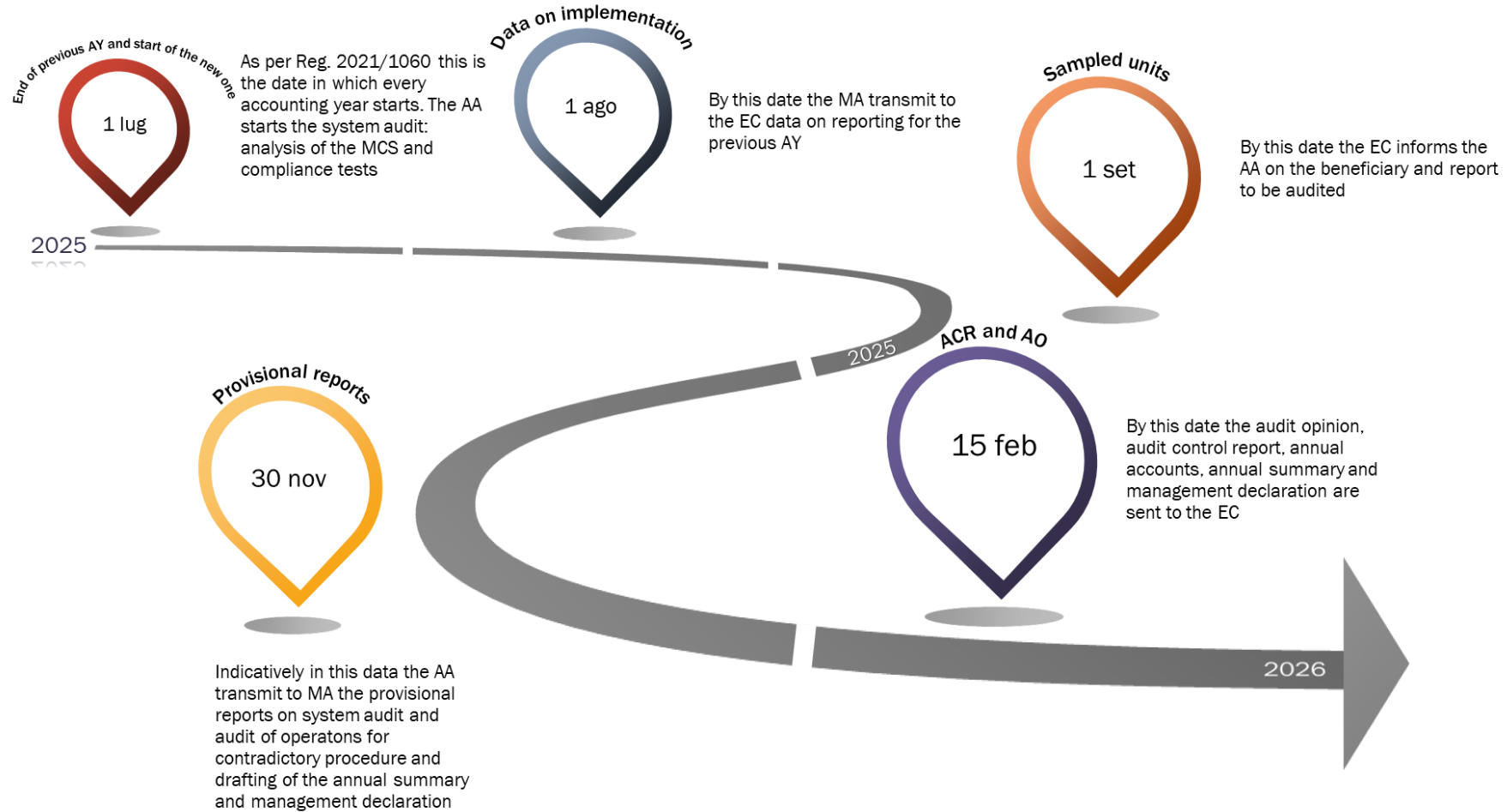
The framework contract **did not foresee audit of operations** in countries other than Italy

The selected company is different than the 2014 – 2020 one. It will be reflected in:

- A different approach to same issues
- Loss of earned experience in the Programme/Area



Audits timeline





Estimated number of audit of operations and related costs

Not foreseen in 2024 since there will not be certified expenditure within the 1st of August

3 per accounting year with less than 500 partners;

5 per accounting year with 500 or more partners.

Given the lower number of audits and the common sample of the EC it is not possible to foresee **where and when the audits will take place.**

The average estimated cost of each audit per beneficiary, basing on experience, is EUR 5.000,00.

From 2025 to 2029 the cost for the programme budget will be from EUR 15.000,00 to EUR 25.000,00 (may be a lower amount if Italian beneficiaries are involved)



Management of costs

To ensure the coverage of the costs of audits of operations for all beneficiaries of the programmes, other than the Italian ones, the relevant expenditure will be charged on the TA Core budget.

After every other cost is covered, the costs of audit of operation will be reimbursed to the MA by reallocating, as a priority, either the contribution to technical assistance resulting from a financial performance of the programme higher than 85% or other unspent fund of the Technical Assistance budget.

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Thanks for your attention

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