



ESF Programmes



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Czech Republic – the context of Structural Funds

- **Czech Republic already used pre-accession funds (namely Phare and ISPA)**
- **The EU Structural Funds in the Czech Republic have become the main resource for financing regional development in the Czech Republic.**

Role of ESF

- **ESF and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) influence development of less developed regions and lower differences between regions**
- **Workforce to be effectively educated, competitive and positively thinking of their continuing professional advancement**
- **To open job market to people socially disadvantaged excluded from it, whether for their insufficient education, health handicaps etc.**

ESF in the Czech Republic (1.)

2004-2006 Programming Period

- **Human Resource Development Operational Programme (HRD OP)**
- **Single Programming Document for Objective 3 Region NUTS II Prague (SPD 3)**
- **CIP EQUAL**
 - Managing Authority (MA) = Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA)

ESF in the Czech Republic (2.)

2007-2013 Programming Period

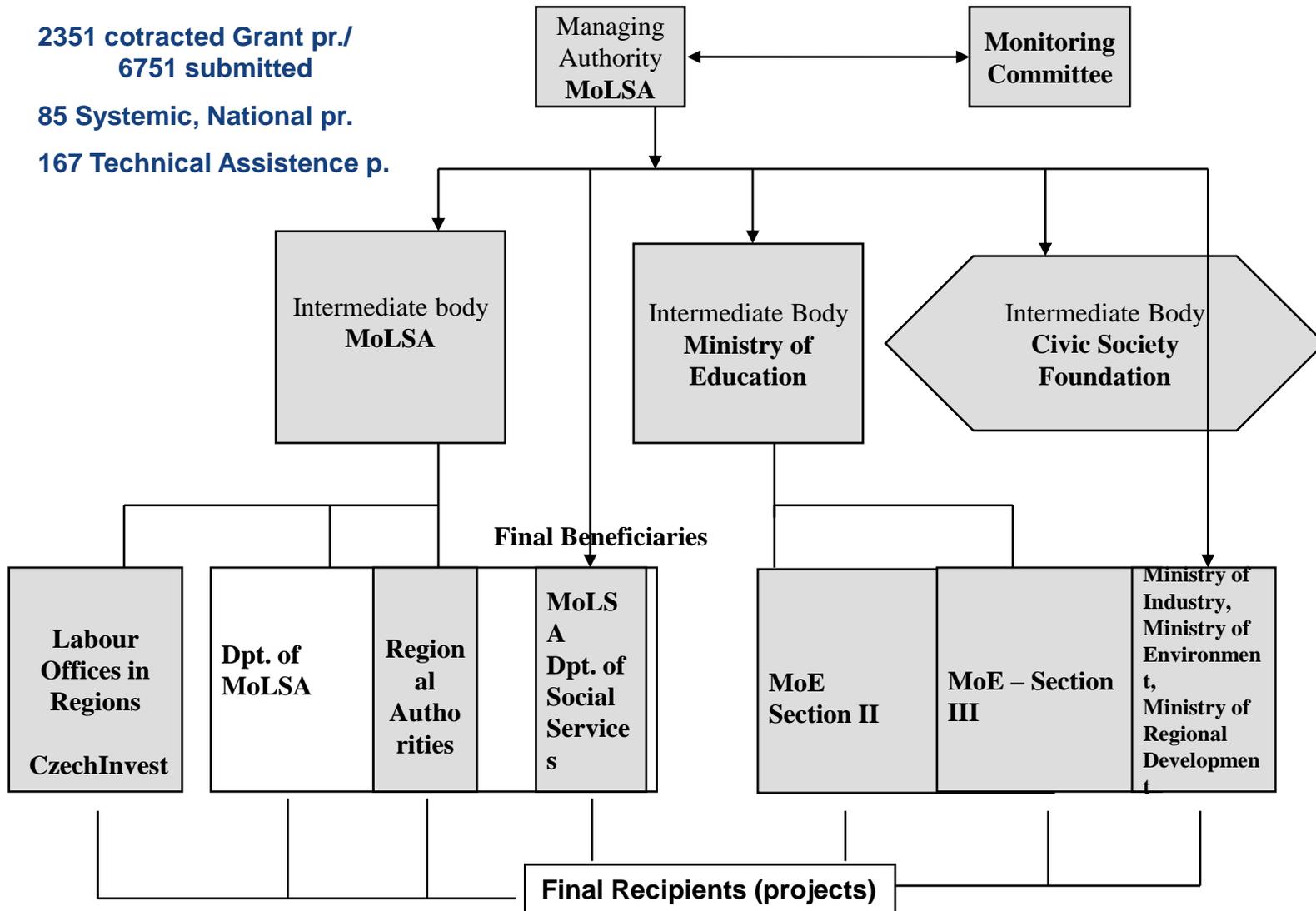
- **Human Resources and Employment Operational Programme (OP HRE) - MoLSA**
- **Education for Competitiveness Operational Programme (OP EC) - MoE**
- **Adaptability Operational Programme (OPA) – Prague Municipality**

OP HRD (Allocation 422,43 mil EUR, realised 234,2 mil EUR)

2351 contracted Grant pr./
6751 submitted

85 Systemic, National pr.

167 Technical Assistance p.

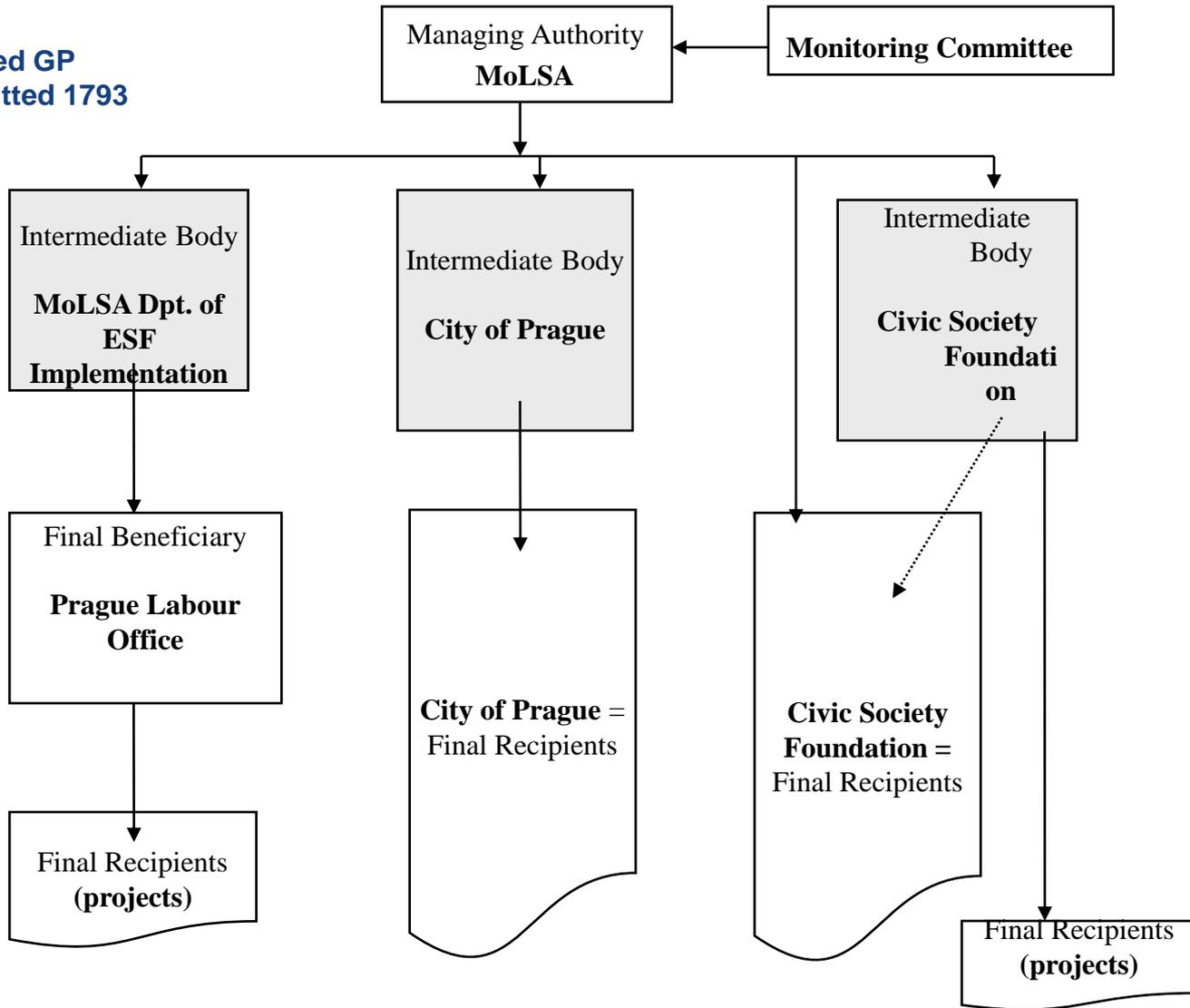




SPD 3 (Allocation 58,79 mil EUR, realised 45,79 mil EUR)

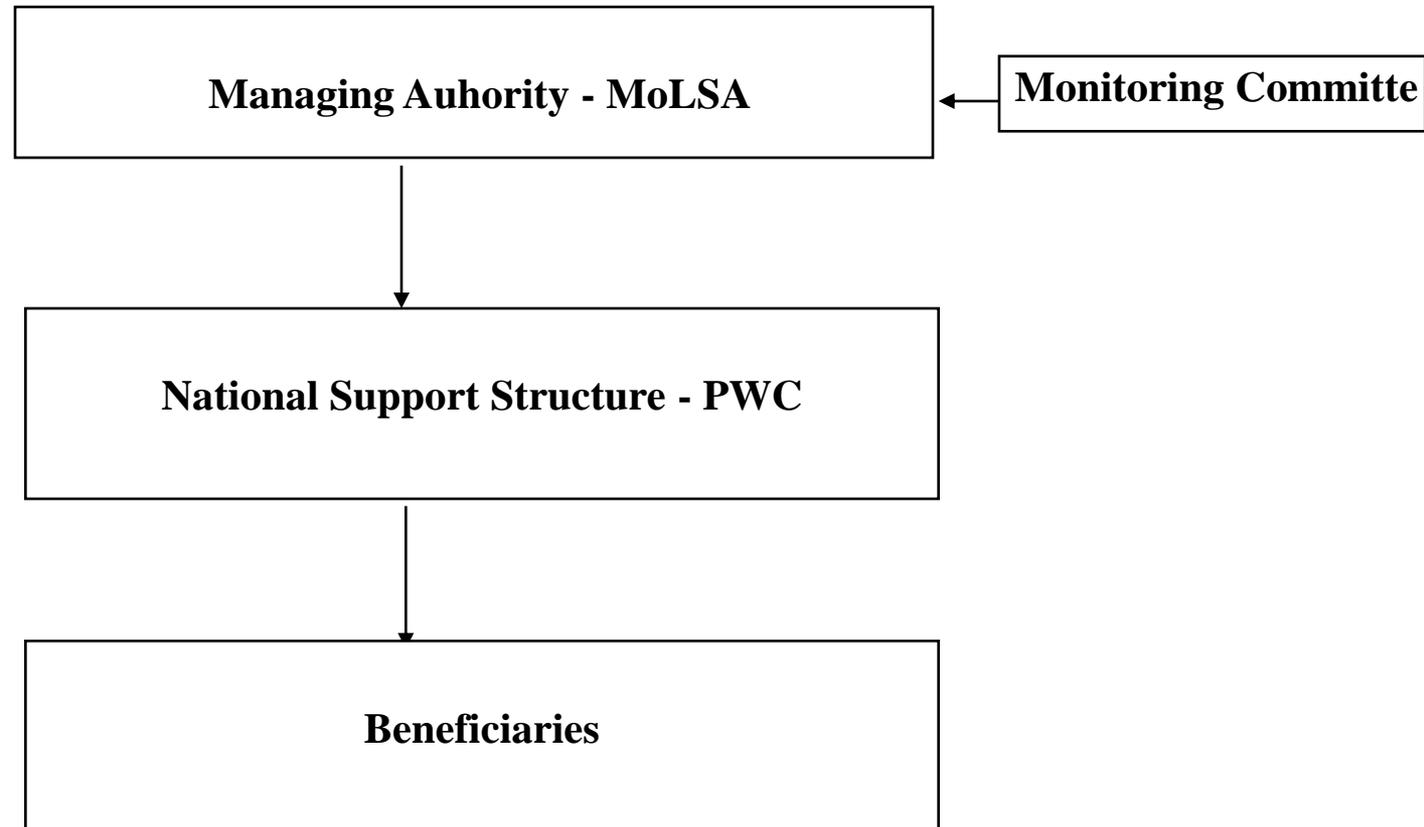


783 contracted GP
/submitted 1793

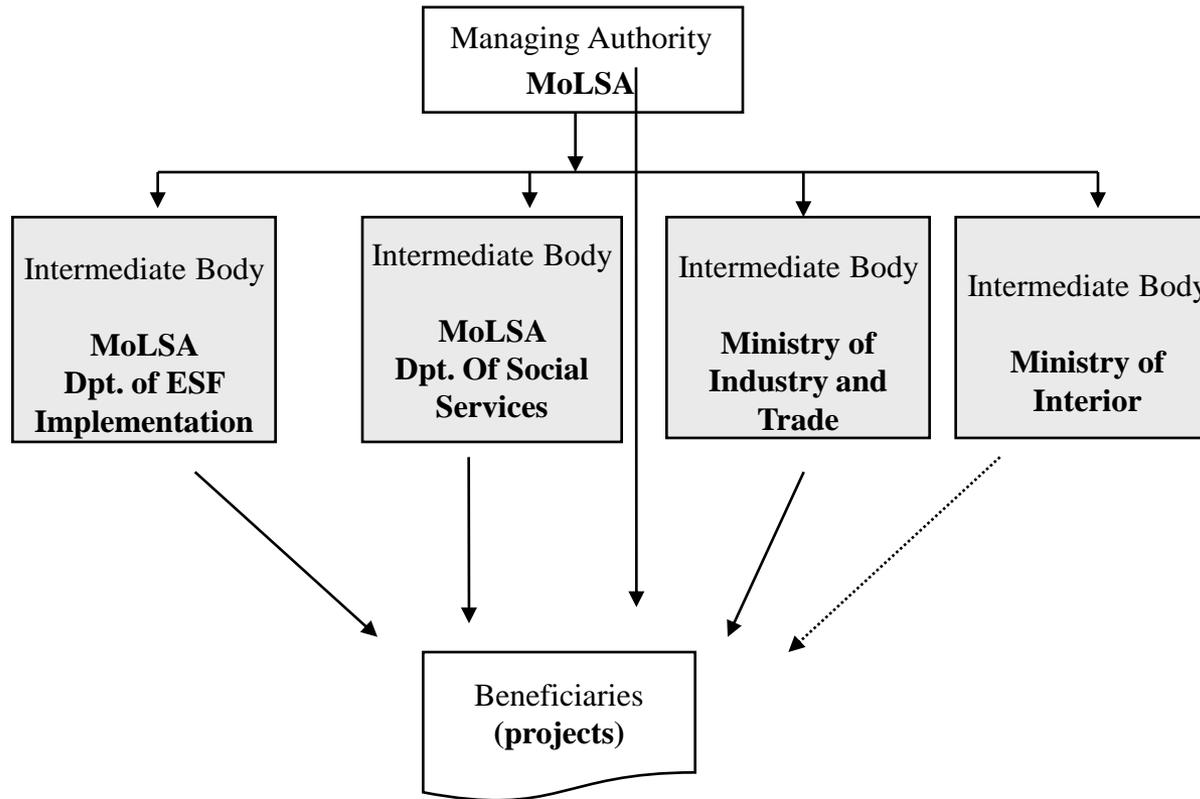


CIP EQUAL (Allocation 32,1 mil EUR, realised 21,1 EUR)

73 projects



OP HRE (Allocation 1837 mil EUR)

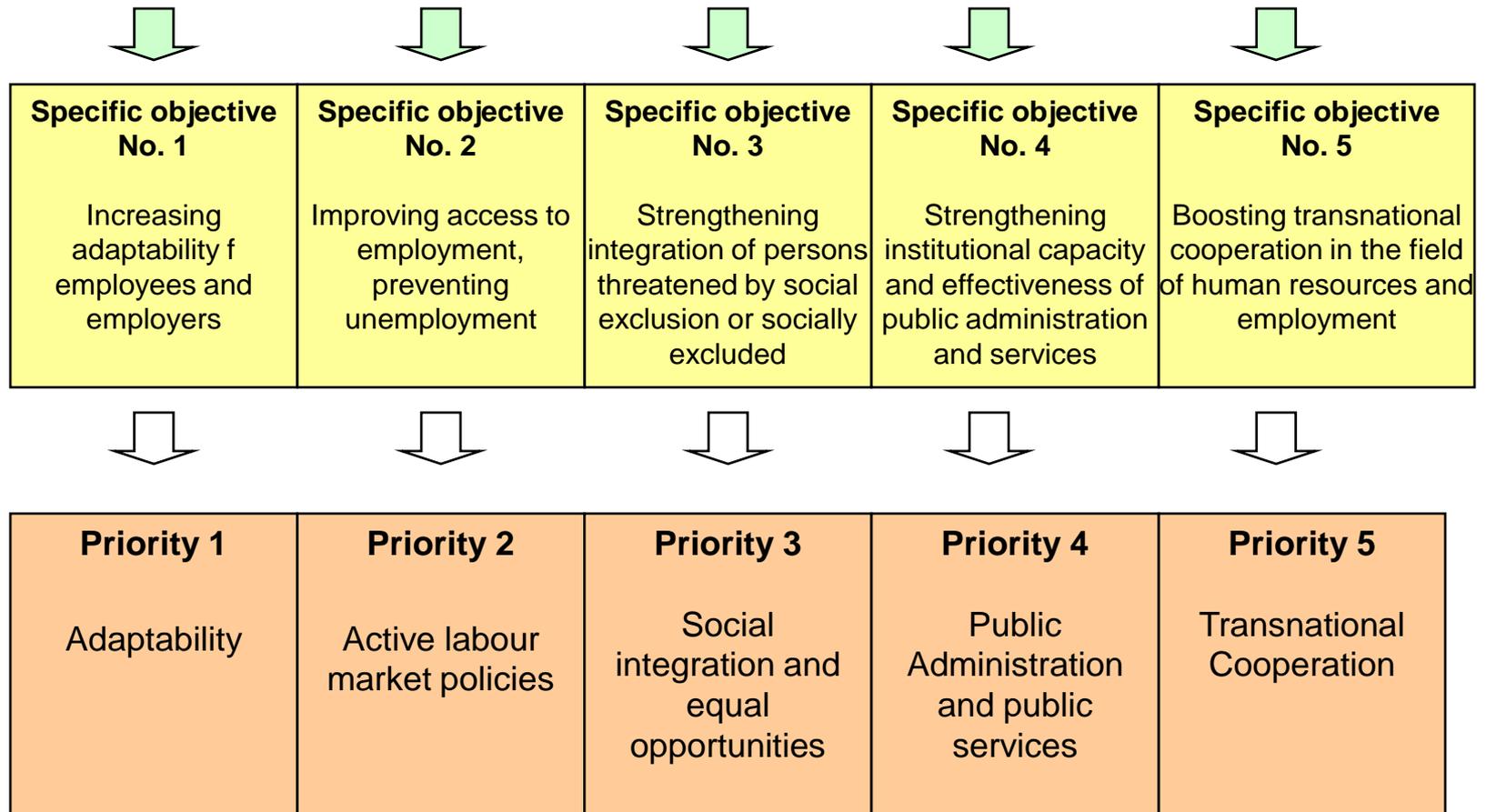


Strategy of the HR&E OP (07-13)

The global objective of the HR&E OP 2007-2013 is „to increase employment and employability of the people in the Czech Republic to the level of 15 best EU member states average“

This global objective is translated into 5 specific objectives and consequently into 5 priorities.

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Problems with implementation in O4-06

- **Implementation system is too complex**
- **Administration focuses excessively on „correct“ (i.e. formal) implementation of given rules**
- **Effectiveness and evaluations as such is still being neglected**
- **High fluctuation rate of key implementation staff decreases effectiveness**

Evaluation and audit

- Evaluation explores effects and impacts of programmes / projects and searches lessons for the future
 - **„Are we doing the right things right?“;**
 - **„Are we doing the right things right?“; „Does it make sense to do the same things in the future?“**
- Audit explores consistence between a state given in the past and a present state of affairs
 - **„Are things being done according to given rules?“; „Are things being done correctly (according to the past)?“**

Good practice with trans-national cooperation in CIP EQUAL

- **Project promoters gradually began to perceive transnational cooperation as an integral part of the programme.**
- **In spite of mistrust in the beginning and low expectation they appreciate it as a valuable and unexpectedly beneficial part.**
- **The most important factors influencing the efficiency and success of transnational cooperation seems to be the agreement on / sharing of project goals among partners, the choice of the partner and the level of innovation in the particular project**

System of Controls in the ESF

- 1) **Administrative control (on FB, IB, MA, PA level)**
- 2) **On-the-Spot (75%-100% projects checked on the spot by FB)**
 - **Equal checks 100% of projects every year**

Other controls to the projects:

- **IB, MA, 5% checks to the operations, PA, Tax Offices, Supreme Audit Office, European Commission, European Court of Auditors**

Controls are timeconsuming, stressing for Beneficiaries, debates in EP

Thank you for your attention!

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