

Overview of the German national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Germany. This list is not exhaustive and might change during the lifespan of the Programme. 25.11.2008

Status on: 28.10.2008	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	<i>ERDF specific national regulations do not exist</i>
- administration	-“-
- responsibilities and competencies	-“-
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	-“-
- irregularities	-“-
- any other	-“-
Controllers qualifications	<i>See Support document First Level Control</i>
State Aid	<i>Art. 54 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 i.V.m. Art. 87 European Treaty</i>
Environment	<p><i>Federal Nature Conservation Act of 25 March 2002 (BGBl. I S.1193) [Bundesnaturschutzgesetz (BNatSchG)] in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</i> http://bundesrecht.juris.de/bnatschg_2002/index.html</p> <p><i>Relevant Nature Conservation Acts of the German Länder Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Schleswig-Holstein.</i> http://www.bfn.de/0506_textsammlung.html</p> <p><i>Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Gesetz über die Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung) BGBl I 2470 in the edition of 23.10.2007 in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</i> http://bundesrecht.juris.de/uvpg/</p>
Equal Opportunities	<p><i>Principle of Equality, Art. 3 Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany [Grundgesetz] in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</i></p> <p><i>General Equal Treatment Act of 18 August 2006 (BGBl. I S. 1897)[Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz (AGG)] in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</i> http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bundesrecht/agg/gesamt.pdf http://bundesrecht.juris.de/agg/</p>

	<p><i>Federal Equality of Disabled Persons Act of 27 April 2002 (BGBl. I S. 1467) [Behindertengleichstellungsgesetz (BGG)] in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</i></p> <p>http://bundesrecht.juris.de/bgg/</p> <p><i>Relevant Gender Mainstreaming Acts and Equality of Disabled Persons Acts of the German Länder Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Schleswig-Holstein</i></p>
Public Procurement	<p><i>Act against restraints on competition (Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen), Section 4 §§ 97-128, BGBl. I 2005,2114 in the edition of 15.7.2005</i></p> <p>Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen (GWB), Vierter Teil Vergabe öffentlicher Aufträge §§ 97-129 v. 15.7.2005 (BGBl. I 2114) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/gesetze.html</p> <p><i>Regulation on Public Procurement (Vergabeverordnung [VgV]), BGBl I 2003, 169 in the edition of 23.10.2006</i></p> <p>Verordnung über die Vergabe öffentlicher Aufträge (Vergabeverordnung - VgV) v. 11.2.2003 (BGBl. I 169) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/gesetze.html</p> <p><i>Regulation on Procurement of supplies, goods and services (Verdingungsordnung für Leistungen [VOL]) and Regulation on Procurement of freelance works (Verdingungsordnung für freiberufliche Leistungen [VOF])</i></p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Wirtschaft/Wirtschaftspolitik/oeffentliche-auftraege.de</p> <p>Verdingungsordnung für Leistungen - VOL – v.01.11.2006 (Bundesanzeiger Nummer 100a vom 30. Mai 2006) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/gesetze.html</p> <p>Verdingungsordnung für freiberufliche Leistungen - VOF – v. 01.11.2006 (Bundesanzeiger Nummer 91a vom 13. Mai 2006) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/gesetze.html</p> <p><i>German Construction Contract Procedure [Vergabe- und Vertragsordnung für Bauleistungen</i></p>

	<p>(VOB)]</p> <p>http://www.bmvbs.de/dokumente/-302.3645/Artikel/dokument.htm</p> <p>Vergabe- und Vertragsordnung für Bauleistungen-VOB – v. 27.06.2006 (Bundesanzeiger Nummer 94a) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung</p> <p>http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/gesetze.html</p>
Publicity	

Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme

Administration	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
First Level Control	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
State Aid	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
Environment	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
Public Procurement	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
Publicity	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>
Any other	<i>There are no national guidelines on this issue. OP, Fact Sheets, MC decisions and advice given by JTS as well as EU and national law have to be followed.</i>

Overview of the Danish national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Denmark.

Status on: 22.08.2011	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	Law on the administration of grants from ERDF and ESF (Act no. 1599 of December 2006) https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=27441
- responsibilities and competencies	Statutory order on responsibility and competence regarding grants from ERDF and ESF. (Order no. 358 of 18 April 2007) https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=27539
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	Statutory order on eligibility, accounts, auditing and control of grants from ERDF and ESF.(Order no. 207 of 05 March 2010) https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=130665
- irregularities	
- any other	
Controllers qualifications	
State Aid	Domestic state aid rule is regulated in The Competition Act (Consolidated Act) Consolidated Act No. 1027 of 21 August 2007 (§11a) http://www.ks.dk/en/competition/state-aid/
Environment	The Environment protection Act, no. 1757 of 22 December 2006. https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=13072
Equal Opportunities	The Environment protection Act, no. 1757 of 22 December 2006. https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=13072
Public Procurement	Danish Act on tender procedures for Public Work Contracts, law number 338 of 18 may 2005 (Service Contracts above DKR 500 000 is regulated by law number 572 of 6 June 2007) http://www.ks.dk/en/procurement/
Publicity	

Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme

Administration	Supplementary to national regulations of the two statutory orders, the more specific instructions valid for the Danish operational programmes under the Competitiveness and the Employment objective could be used as guidelines for European territorial cooperation programmes. These instructions are available on http://www.ebst.dk/retningslinjerstrukturfonde .
First Level Control	
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	
Publicity	
Any other	

Guidelines on the controlling of European Territorial Co-operation projects implemented by Danish beneficiaries

These guidelines are addressed to Danish beneficiaries participating in a project under the European territorial cooperation objective programmes 2007-2013, and addressed to State-Authorized Public Accountants or Registered Public Accountants who, in accordance with article 16 of European-parliament and Council Regulation 1080/2006 of 5 July 2006 and §27(2) of Statuary order no 358 of 18 April 2007, have been designated as controller.

The guidelines cover the tasks of the controller in relation to expenditure declared by Danish beneficiaries participating in a project under the following European territorial cooperation objective programmes 2007-2013:

The Baltic Sea Region programme 2007-2013

The INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme 2007-2013

The INTERREG IVC Programme 2007-2013

The ESPON 2013 Programme 2007-2013

The URBACT II Programme 2007-2013

The INTERACT II Programme 2007-2013

The controller shall verify the delivery of the products and services co-financed, and the controller is responsible for verifying the legality, regularity and soundness of the expenditure declared by a Danish beneficiary and the compliance of such expenditure and related projects with Community rules and national rules.

In addition to the Community regulations and the regulations of the individual operational programme the implementation of projects under the European territorial cooperation objective programmes are particularly regulated by the following Danish statutory law and statutory orders:

- Law on the administration of grants from ERDF and ESF (Act no. 1599 of 20 December 2006).
<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=27441>
- Statuary order on responsibility and competences regarding grants from ERDF and ESF. (Order no 358 of 18 April 2007).
- <https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=27539> Statuary order on eligibility, accounts, auditing and control of grants from ERDF and ESF. (Order no. 781 of 28 June 2007).
<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=27632>

The statutory law and orders cover activities carried out by beneficiaries located in Denmark. The controller is implementing the control of the activities through desk checks **as well as through on the spot checks**, also to verify the delivery of products and services.

When designated the controller is requested to familiarize with the content of the EU regulations, the regulations of the relevant operational programme and with the Danish statutory law and orders.

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The Community regulations on public procurement, state aid, equal opportunities and the environment are of particular relevance.

The regulations of the **INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme** are available, particularly the Programme and the Programme Fact Sheets, on www.northsearegion.eu.

The programmes under the European territorial cooperation objective are in the **national regulations** dealt with in chapter 4 of the statutory law no 1599 and in chapter 6 of the statutory order no 358. The statutory order no 781 is covering programmes under the Competitiveness and the Employment objective and programmes under the European territorial cooperation objective. It is specified if a specific regulation is not covering the latter programmes. Based on the experience the beneficiary and the controller should in particular be aware of the following requirements of the statutory order no 781:

- The audit trail should be kept intact including prolonged period of storing book keeping (until the year 2020) (§ 5)
- The principle of net expenditure (§ 6)
- Activities and expenditures have to be additional (§ 9)
- Principles regarding eligible expenditure including the documentation that the expenditure has been paid and overhead costs has to derive from the project to be eligible (§ 10)
- Calculation of costs related to salaries (§ 13)
- Control requirements (chapter 6) including the necessity to control the expenditure of all partners/sub-partners (§ 22, stk. 2)
- The statement of the controller shall refer to the statutory order no 781 (§ 26, stk. 2)

Supplementary to national regulations of the two statutory orders, the more specific instructions valid for the Danish operational programmes under the Competitiveness and the Employment objective could be used as guidelines for European territorial cooperation programmes. These instructions are available on <http://www.ebst.dk/retningslinjerstrukturfonde>.

National regulations on public procurement, state aid, the environment and equal opportunities are available on:

<http://www.ks.dk/en/procurement/>

Danish Act on tender procedures for Public Work Contracts, law number 338 of 18 May 2005 (Service Contracts above DKR 500 000 is regulated by law number 572 of 6 June 2007)

<http://www.ks.dk/en/competition/state-aid/>

Domestic state aid rule is regulated in The Competition Act (Consolidated Act) Consolidated Act No. 1027 of 21 August 2007 (§11a)

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=13072>

The Environment protection Act, no. 1757 of 22 December 2006

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=20929>

Danish Act on equal Opportunities between Women and Men, Act no. 1527 of 19 December 2004 (incl. later amendments).

More regulations of the statutory order no 781 refer to the possibility or requirement of the managing authority of the individual programme to establish more specific instructions. In such cases the instructions of the individual European territorial cooperation programme, in this case the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme, are valid, ref. above.

If you as Danish beneficiary or designated Danish controller need further information do not hesitate to contact the Programme Joint Technical Secretariat (phone: +45 87 28 80 70 // info@northsearegion.eu) or the Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority (phone: +45 35 46 64 31 // kk@ebst.dk).

Overview of the Flemish regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTER-REG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Flanders.

Status on: 20.10.2008	
Laws and regulations	
In general, Belgian and Flemish legislation is to be respected by all Flemish beneficiaries. There is no specific regulation that Flanders wants to mention here, apart from the Public Procurement rules.	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	
- responsibilities and competencies	
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	
- irregularities	
- any other	
Controllers qualifications	
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	<p>The legal basis for public procurement in Flanders is organized by one law and several royal decisions which execute this law:</p> <p>Wet van 24 december 1993 betreffende de overheidsopdrachten en sommige opdrachten voor aanneming van werken, leveringen en diensten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Koninklijk besluit van 8 januari 1996 betreffende de overheidsopdrachten voor aanneming van werken, leveringen en diensten en de concessies voor openbare werken. ▪ Koninklijk besluit van 10 januari 1996 betreffende de overheidsopdrachten voor aanneming van werken, leveringen en diensten in de sectoren water, energie, vervoer en telecommunicatie. ▪ Koninklijk besluit van 18 juni 1996 betreffende de mededinging in het raam van de Europese Gemeenschap van sommige opdrachten voor aanneming van werken, leveringen en diensten in de sectoren water, energie, vervoer en telecommunicatie. ▪ Het koninklijk besluit van 26 september 1996 tot bepaling van de algemene uitvoeringsregels van de overheidsopdrachten en van de concessies voor openbare werken. ▪ Het koninklijk van 14 oktober 1996 betreffende het

	<p>voorafgaande toezicht en de overdracht van bevoegdheid inzake de gunning en de uitvoering van overheidsopdrachten voor aanneming van werken, leveringen en diensten en concessies voor openbare werken op federaal niveau.</p> <p>http://www.belgium.be/nl/economie/overheidsopdrachten</p>
Publicity	
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	
First Level Control	
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	Praktische gids rond overheidsopdrachten / www.efro.be
Publicity	
Any other	

Overview of the Norwegian national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Norway

Status on: 17.10.2008	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	<i>n.a.</i>
- responsibilities and competencies	<i>n.a.</i>
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	<i>n.a.</i>
- irregularities	<i>n.a.</i>
- any other	<i>n.a.</i>
Controllers qualifications	<i>n.a.</i>
State Aid	Guidelines on the application and interpretation of Articles 61 and 62 of the EEA Agreement and Article 1 in Part I of Protocol 3 to the Surveillance and Court Agreement Adopted and issued by the EFTA Surveillance Authority on 19 January 1994 (published in OJ No L 231, 03.09.1994, EEA Supplement No 32) 1 (www.eftasurv.int/fieldsOfWork/fieldstateaid/guidelines/esa_bxl-418222-v7-updated_version_guidelines.pdf)
Environment	Lov om vern mot forurensing og om avfall 13.03.81 nr 6.
Equal Opportunities	Lov om likestilling mellom kjønnene av 06.09.78 nr 45.
Public Procurement	Lov av 30. juni 2006 nr. 41 om endringer i lov 16. juli 1999 nr. 69 om offentlige anskaffelser http://lovdata.no/all/nl-19990716-069.html -Forskrift om offentlige anskaffelser av 7. april 2006 http://www.lovdata.no/cgi-wift/ldles?doc=/sf/sf/sf-20060407-0402.html
Publicity	<i>n.a.</i>
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	

First Level Control	
State Aid	<i>n.a.</i>
Environment	<i>n.a.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>n.a.</i>
Public Procurement	<i>n.a.</i>
Publicity	<i>n.a.</i>
Any other	<i>n.a.</i>

Overview of the Netherlands' national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of the Netherlands.

Status on: 17 November 2008	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	<i>There are no specific national regulations on ERDF except for the "Controleprotocol INTERREG IV-B, IV-C en ESPON 2013 projecten"</i>
- administration	
- responsibilities and competencies	
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	
- irregularities	
- any other	<i>Not directly related to ERDF, but all national Dutch legislation is of relevance to activities carried out in the Netherlands and by Dutch organisations in the context of the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme. Special reference is made in the control protocol to the regulations stipulated below and to the "Algemene wet bestuursrecht" and to the regulations of the organisation itself, including any procurement rules of the organisation.</i>
Controllers qualifications	As defined in Controleprotocol INTERREG IV-B, IV-C en ESPON 2013 projecten
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raamwet EEG-voorschriften aanbestedingen, Wet van 31 maart 1993, Stb. 212; • Besluit Aanbestedingsregels voor overheidsopdrachten (BAO), Besluit van 16 juli 2005, Stb. 2005, 650; • Besluit aanbestedingen speciale sectoren (BASS), Besluit van 16 juni 2005, Stb. 409; • Own regulation of the organisation concerned
Publicity	
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	Controleprotocol INTERREG IV-B, IV-C en

	ESPON 2013 projecten. (The document is available via www.vrom.nl/interreg)
First Level Control	Controleprotocol INTERREG IV-B, IV-C en ESPON 2013 projecten
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	
Publicity	
Any other	

Overview of the swedish national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries implementing the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of the Sweden .

Status on: 27.october.2008	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	
- responsibilities and competencies	
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	
- irregularities	
- any other	
Controllers qualifications	
State Aid	<p>SFS (2007:61) http://www.riksdagen.se/webbnav/index.aspx?nid=3911&bet=2007:61</p> <p>SFS (1999:1382) http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/19991382.HTM</p> <p>SFS (2000:283) http://www.riksdagen.se/webbnav/index.aspx?nid=3911&bet=2000:283</p> <p>SFS (1995:1254) http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/19951254.htm</p> <p>SFS (1994:1100) http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/19941100.htm</p>
Environment	<p>Miljöbalken (1998:808) http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/19980808.HTM</p> <p>Förordning (1998:905) miljökonsekvensbeskrivning http://www.notisum.se/rnp/SLS/LAG/19980905.HTM</p> <p>Förordning (1998:899) tillsyn enligt miljöbalken http://www.riksdagen.se/Webbnav/index.aspx?nid=3911&bet=1998:900</p> <p>Förordning (1998:899) miljöfarlig verksamhet och hälsoskydd</p>

	<p>http://www.notisum.se/rnp/SLS/LAG/19980899.HTM</p> <p>Förordning (1998:660) förvaltning av kvalitet på vattenmiljö</p> <p>Förordning (1998:1252) områdesskydd</p> <p>http://www.notisum.se/rnp/SLS/LAG/19981252.htm</p>
Equal Opportunities	<p>SFS (2008:567) Diskrimineringslagen</p> <p>http://www.riksdagen.se/Webbnav/index.aspx?nid=3911&bet=2008:567</p>
Public Procurement	<p>Lag (2007:1092) upphandling områdena vatten, energi, transporter och posttjänster</p> <p>http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/20071092.HTM</p> <p>Lag (2007:1091)</p> <p>http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/20071091.HTM</p> <p>Förordning (2007:1099)</p> <p>http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/20071099.HTM</p>
Publicity	
<p>Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme</p>	
Administration	
First Level Control	
State Aid	
Environment	
Equal Opportunities	
Public Procurement	
Publicity	
Any other	

Overview of the England (country) national regulations to be respected by beneficiaries in implementation of the INTERREG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of England.

Status on: 28 October 2008	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- responsibilities and competencies	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- irregularities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- any other	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Controllers qualifications	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
State Aid	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF. Potential private sector beneficiaries are required to demonstrate that their project will not distort competition.</i>
Environment	<i>The Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 1633), which transposes European Directive 2001/42/EC "the SEA Directive" into English law.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Public Procurement	<i>Follow EU Procurement Rules</i>
Publicity	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	No guidelines issued with relevance to the North Sea programme.
First Level Control	No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.
State Aid	We have not issued guidance on State Aids, as the relevant Department is Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.
Environment	No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Equal Opportunities	No guidelines issued with relevance to North Sea programme.

Public Procurement	CLG has not issued guidance on public procurement, except to inform RDAs that projects must comply with EU rules.
Publicity	No guidance with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Any other	

Overview of the regulations to be respected by beneficiaries in implementation of the INTER-REG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Scotland.

The so-called 'National Rules' produced by the Scottish Government apply to the Convergence and Competitiveness Programmes. They do not apply to the North Sea programme.

For the North Sea Programme, unless specifically stated below, arrangements for Scotland and for partners based and / or operating in Scotland follow those of the Department for Communities and Local Government in order to secure, as far as possible, a common approach for the UK.

Status on: 11 June 2009	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- responsibilities and competencies	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- irregularities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- any other	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Controllers qualifications	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
State Aid	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF. Potential private sector beneficiaries are required to demonstrate that their project will not distort competition.</i>
Environment	<i>The Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument 2004 No.258), which transposes European Directive 2001/42/EC "the SEA Directive" into Scottish law.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Public Procurement	<i>Follow EU Procurement Rules as set out in the guidance of the Scottish Government's Procurement Directorate</i>
Publicity	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	<i>No guidelines issued with relevance to the North Sea programme.</i>
First Level Control	<i>No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.</i>
State Aid	<i>The relevant Department is the State Aid Unit of the Scottish Government</i>

Environment	No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Equal Opportunities	No guidelines issued with relevance to North Sea programme.
Public Procurement	The Scottish Government's Procurement Directorate issues guidance for public procurement and this includes The Procurement Policy Handbook and Procurement Policy Manual, It is essential that procurement complies with EU rules.
Publicity	No guidance with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Any other	