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Member States' implementation of new EU audit rules

as of March 2017

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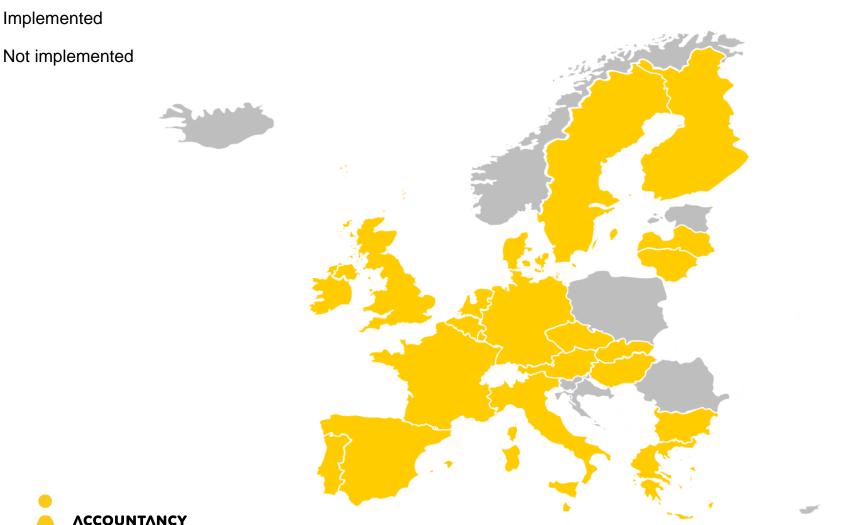
Main topics of the new EU audit rules

- Implementation status
- Prohibition of non-audit services
- Mandatory audit firm rotation
- Public oversight and delegation of tasks to professional bodies



Implementation status

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Non-audit services additional prohibitions

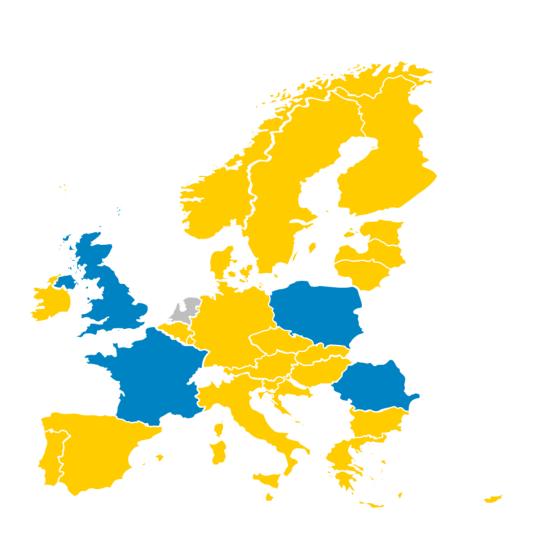
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List of prohibitions as per the Regulation

'White' list approach*

Additional prohibitions

* Auditors and audit firms can only provide the non-audit services included in the "white" list.





Non-audit services Derogation of prohibition – Tax & valuation services

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No

Certain tax services under the conditions of the Regulation

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Non-audit services allowed NAS cap

70% cap

50% cap

30% cap

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Non-audit services: our take

- 1. Clear trend to **stick to the list of prohibitions** included in the Regulation
- The large majority of Member States opted for derogation of prohibition of certain tax and valuation services within the following conditions of the Regulation:
 - Impact on the audited financial statements is immaterial or none,
 - Evaluation of this impact on the financial statements is documented in the additional report to the audit committee
 - Principles of independence, as included in the Directive, are applied by the statutory auditor
- 3. Only two Member States opted to lower the NAS cap below 70%



Mandatory audit firm rotation

initial duration of engagement

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Mandatory audit firm rotation tender extension

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 *Extension of duration not applicable to banks and insurance undertakings
** Initial duration of engagement extendable up to 10 years





Mandatory audit firm rotation joint audit extension

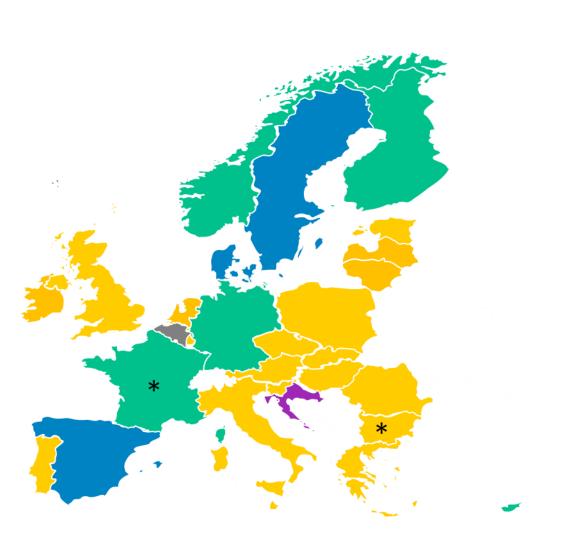
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* Mandatory joint audit

For Bulgaria it is only for banks, insurance undertakings and pension funds



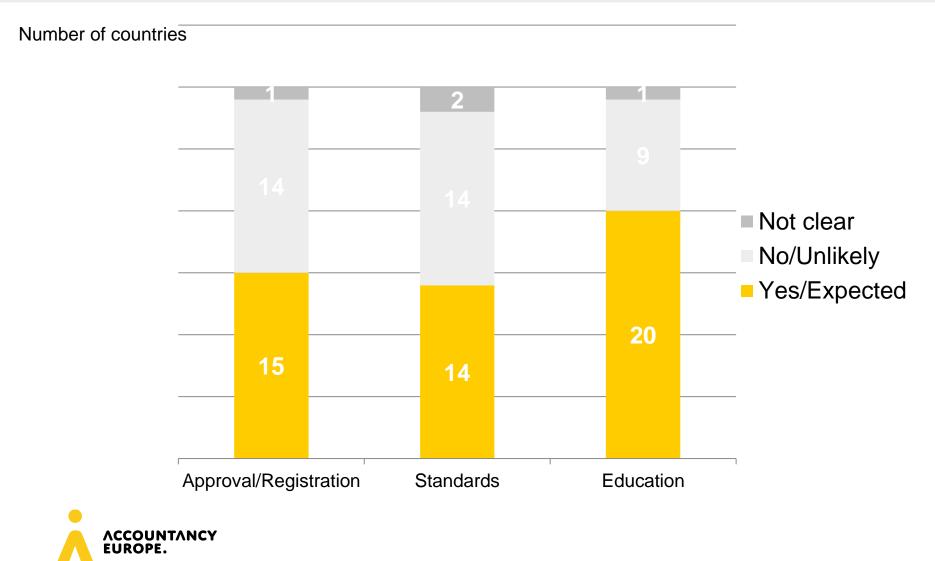


Mandatory audit firm rotation: our take

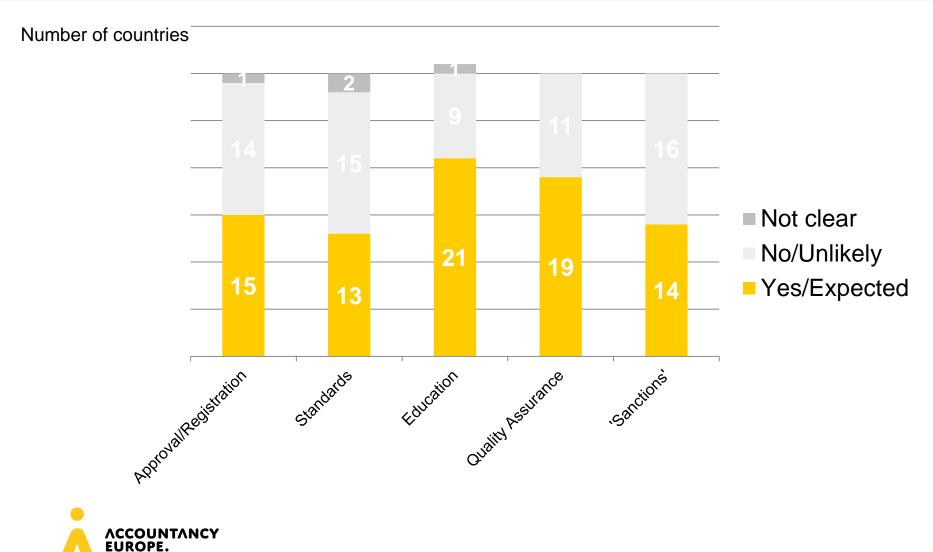
- Consistency in setting the initial duration of engagement period at 10 years
- 2. Damageable divergences on the duration and the use of the option to allow extensions of the initial duration
 - **Tender**: 18 Member States with 4 different periods
 - Joint audit 9 Member States allow it with 4 different periods
- 3. Overview: **16 different MAFR regimes** across the European Union



Public oversight Delegation of tasks for audits of PIEs



Public oversight Delegation of tasks for audits of non-PIEs





Public oversight: our take

- 1. Many Members States rely on a certain degree of delegation to professional accountancy bodies
- Education, both for audit of Public- interest entities (PIEs) and non-PIEs, and Quality assurance for non-PIEs have been delegated by the majority of Member States
- 3. Approval/registration, both for PIEs and non-PIEs, have been delegated in half of the Member States
- 4. Professional accountancy bodies will continue to play an important role in this area working together with national competent authorities to enhance audit quality

