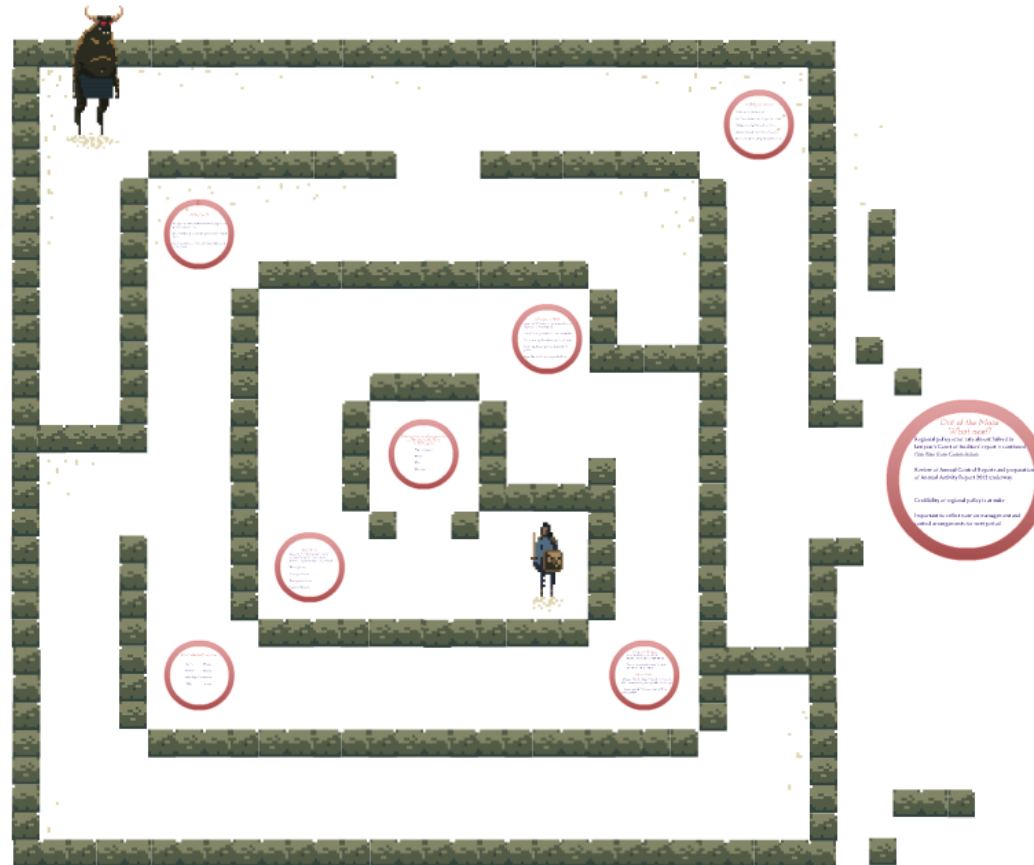


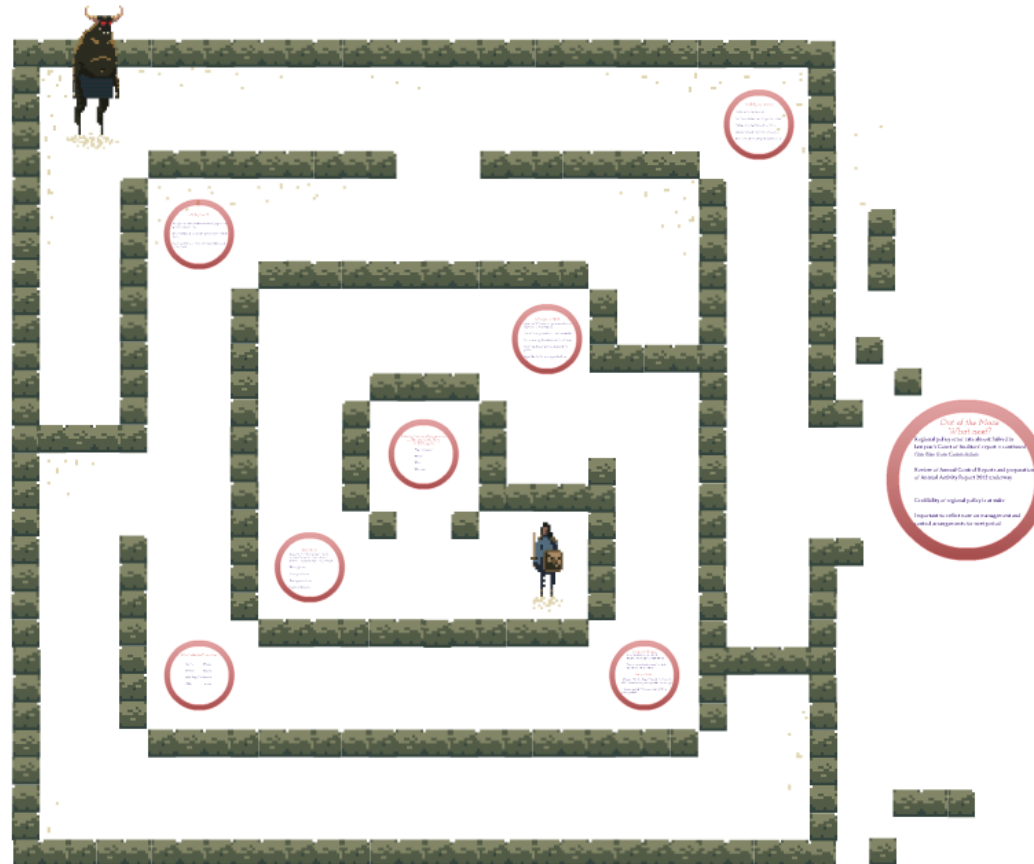
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*Interruptions and Suspensions
under regional policy
A 2012 report*

How many cases?

Where?

Why?

What next?

Key terms

Cases - not number of programmes, not number of letters, but the number of different times each programme is affected

Warning letters

Interruption letters

Pre-suspension letters

Suspension decisions

Changes in 2012

Operational Efficiency unit given co-ordination responsibility for procedures

Internal Interruptions Committee meets weekly

Aim to react rapidly and consistently in all cases

Action regardless of who has discovered the problem

Expect Member States to respect deadlines

Some good news

9 unaffected countries in 2012:

BG, BE, DK, IE, CY, LU, MT, PT, SE

7 countries resolved issues within 2012:

EE, IT, LV, LT, NL, AT, SI

Less good news

189 cases in 2012. 120 warnings, 69 interruptions
65 of these were also pre-suspended at some stage

119 cases resolved. 70 active, of which 37 are
pre-suspended

Most affected Countries

Spain - 47 cases

France - 32 cases

Czech Republic - 29 cases

ETC - 18 cases

Background

A single intermediate body across several programmes will count several times

Country-wide audit sample will generate country-wide results

Systemic problems at the national level and/or at audit authority level

Underlying reasons

Ineffective first level controls

Insufficient checks at certifying authority level

Inadequate, late work by audit authority

Over-complicated implementation systems

"Salami slicing" of funding and responsibilities

Out of the Maze What next?

Regional policy error rate almost halved in last year's Court of Auditors' report = continued firm line from Commission

Review of Annual Control Reports and preparation of Annual Activity Report 2012 underway

Credibility of regional policy is at stake

Important to reflect now on management and control arrangements for next period