

Orsolya KALÓ

Senior Advisor



ABOUT

Orsolya is a senior project audit and advisory expert with over 25 years of international experience across EU institutions, public and private sector audit, including six years as an auditor at the European Commission (DG AGRI).

Orsolya specialises in project audits and expenditure verifications of EU-funded development programmes and has led, supervised and carried out more than 400 engagements under the successive INTPA and SFPI Audit framework contracts. She has extensive field experience in more than 35 least developed and developing countries across Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

As a Director at Big Four firms, she has led large-scale engagements under major EU framework contracts (DG INTPA, DG AGRI, EACEA) for the European Commission, UN agencies, international organisations and NGOs, managing multi-country teams in complex and high-risk environments.

Orsolya is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP).

Nationality: Hungarian

SKILLS

Audit & verification: expenditure verifications, project and financial audits, systems and compliance audits of EU grants and contracts (services, works and supplies).

EU rules & compliance: EU Financial Regulation, grant eligibility rules, EU procurement (PRAG).

Internal control & fraud risk: EU Pillar Assessments, internal control and risk assessments, fraud prevention and fraud risk assessments.

EU funding programmes: NDICI-Global Europe, EDF, EIDHR, IPA, CFSP, Humanitarian Aid, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, Creative Europe, EAGF/EAFRD.

Leadership: coordination of large EU audit framework contracts, management of multi-country teams, tender and proposal preparation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since April 2025: Independent expert, Director level – Brussels / Belgium. External collaborator to Big Four audit firms (incl. KPMG). Leads audit and advisory assignments for the European Commission, UN agencies, international organisations and NGOs under the DG INTPA Audit FWC 2023–2027. Project Manager for DG AGRI's survey on CAP management and control costs, covering six Paying Agencies.

February 2012 – March 2025: Deloitte (Audit) – Brussels / Belgium. Manager to Director within the EU Division of the Risk Advisory department. In charge of managing, supervising and carrying out over 400 project audits, expenditure verifications, financial and systems audits and internal control assessments in 35+ countries, including 300+ engagements under the DG INTPA Audit FWCs 2010 and 2018. Deputy Contract Coordinator of the EACEA Audit FWC 2021–2024 (EACEA, HaDEA, EISMEA, CINEA). Contract Coordinator for DG AGRI (EAGF/EAFRD clearance, 2018–2022); ENABEL Audit FWC 2017–2021, including fraud-focused engagements, as well as work under the SFPI Audit FWC

January 2011 – January 2012: Moore Stephens (Audit) – London / UK. Audit Team Leader in charge of execution of audit assignments in the context of EU-funded (INTPA) and UN-funded projects.

October 2004 – September 2010: European Commission (DG AGRI) – Brussels / Belgium. Auditor responsible for auditing the implementation of the CAP in the Member States within the framework of the clearance of accounts conformity procedure.

February 2001 – September 2004: Ernst & Young / Arthur Andersen (Audit) – Paris / France. Auditor. Statutory audits of major French listed (CAC 40) companies in the private sector.

EDUCATION

2000: Degree in Economics (4-year programme) and Certificate in Business Informatics – Budapest Business School – Budapest / Hungary.

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2020: PRINCE2 Foundation (Project Management, AXELOS)

2019: CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner)

2016: CGAP (Certified Government Auditing Professional)

LANGUAGES

Hungarian: Native

English: C1 - Fully Proficient

French: C1 - Fully Proficient