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Accounts IPARD

PURPOSE

This document describes the specifications of the use-cases related to Annual Accounts for IPARD (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) in Rural Development) procedure in SFC2014.

Candidate (Member States) have the obligation to submit their Annual Accounts to the EC before the 15th of February (included) of each year YYYY for the financial year YYYY+1. (Annual Audit Activity Report and Audit Opinion can be submitted until the 15th of March YYYY+1)

ROLES

Roles involved in the Accounts are:

MS Accredited Paying	Create the Accounts				
Agency IPA(d)	Consult the Accounts				
MS Coordinating Body	Record the Accounts				
IPA(d)	Upload the Accounts Documents				
	Validate the Accounts				
	Send the Accounts to upper node MS				
	Return the Accounts to MS				
	Create New Version of the Accounts				
	Delete the Accounts				
MS Accredited Paying	Sign Annual Accounts				
Agency IPA(d)	Sign Management Declaration				
MS Coordinating Body	Send the Accounts to the EC				
MS Certification Authority	Consult the Accounts				
IPA(d)	Upload the Documents (Audit Opinion)				
	Sign Audit Opinion				
MS Managing Authority IPA(d)	Consult the Accounts				

IPA(d)		
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PRE-CONDITIONS

When creating a new Accounts version for a specific Accounting year (=Financial year) and for a specific Paying Agency, this version doesn't yet exist.

When editing a version of the Accounts, its status is 'Open', 'Ready to send' or 'Sent' and currently resides on the user's Node.

Workflow

This section shows the lifecycle to create and manage the Accounts for IPARD.

Click <u>here</u> to see the Accounts IPARD workflow diagram in high resolution.



Accounts IPARD project State Diagram

Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Name	Definition			
SFC	Shared Fund Management Common System SFC2014 main function is the electronic exchange of information concerning shared Fund management between Member States and the European Commission for the period 2014-2020 SFC2014 URL: <u>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sfc2014/frontoffice/ui</u> Support Portal URL : <u>https://ec.europa.eu/sfc/en/2014/about-sfc2014</u>			
IPARD	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance			
ECAS / EU Login	European Commission Authentication Service Until 04.11.2016 the EU Login was labelled as ECAS			
Node	A Node is a collection of users, representing the Commission, a (candidate) Member State, a regional or a local Authority. Countries with a centralized management structure will only have a single Node, while other countries with a more decentralized structure could have a lot of them. Each user of the system can have one or more user profiles, each giving access to a specific node. <u>https://ec.europa.eu/sfc/system/files/documents/documents/sfc2014-nodes-and- hierarchies-3-0.pdf</u>			
Integral Documents	Integral documents are documents sent to EC once the container object they belong is sent to EC.			
Non-Integral documents	Non-integral documents can be sent at any time independently of the status of the container object.			

Create Accounts

	To create a new Accounts, the user must have one of the update roles below:					
REMARK	(candidate) MS Accredited Paying Agency for IPARD fund					
	or (candidate) MS Coordination Body for IPARD fund					

- or (candidate) MS Authority for IPARD fund
- or (candidate) MS Certification Authority for IPARD fund

When creating a new IPARD annual Account declaration for a specific financial year and for a specific Paying Agency, this declaration doesn't yet exist.

The IPARD Programme is adopted and managed on the user's level.

When editing a version of an IPARD Annual Accounts, its status is 'Open', 'Ready to send' or 'Sent' at the level of the Candidate Member State and currently resides on the user's level.

1. To access the **Accounts** section first click on the **Execution (1)** menu item and then on the <u>Accounts</u> (<u>IPARD</u>) link (2).



2. Click on the Create New Accounts (IPARD) link to create a new Account for IPARD.

European Commissi	ion » SFC » SF	C2014-FO »	Execution »	Accoun	its (IPARD)						
Strategic planning	Programming	Monitoring	Execution	Audit	Evaluation	Closure	Anti-fraud	2021-2027	Utilities		
Search											
PA code and desc					Sta	atus 🦳			~		
Version					Previous n	ode					~
Work version					Current n	ode					~
IPARD CCI											
Search Clear											
PA CODE	PA DESC	VERSIO	И	PERIOD) S	TATU S	STATUS	S DATE	PREVIOUS NODE	CURRENT NODE	E
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You are redirected to the Accounts creation wizard:

Accounts creation	□ ×
	1. Create a new account
Paying agency * Accounting year(s) *	
٩	Cancel Back Next Finish

3. Select the following information:

(1) Select the *Paying Agency*

The Paying Agency list contains all paying agencies which were valid during the Accounting year (i.e. for the full period or only part of it) of the country node of the registered user and for which a required IPARD Annual Accounts is missing for at least one opened Encoding period. When there is already an Accounts version for a Paying Agency, then this Paying Agency should only appear in the list when the user's node is the owner node of that Accounts version.

(2) Select the Accounting year(s)

The IPARD Annual Accounts objects are always referring to an Accounting period. (=Financial year)

The Accounting period and Encoding periods are managed in the SFC database:

By default: For Accounting year YYYY: Accounting period=01/01/YYYY to 31/12/YYYY; Encoding period=01/01 /YYYY+1 to 31/10/YYYY+1

Example: For Accounting year 2021: Accounting period=01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021; Encoding period=01/01/2022 to 31/10/2022

The list box displays only the Accounting periods for which the Encoding period is currently opened and for which a required IPARD Annual Accounts version is missing for the selected Paying Agency

(3) Click on the **CREATE** button to confirm the creation action

On Create, the initial Accounts version structure is created, and a Table of Content (ToC)/Navigation Tree is presented. The status of the Accounts version is **OPEN**.

Record/Edit the Accounts

Find all the information to complete each screen of the Accounts version for IPARD. Below are the links to the main sections:

- <u>General</u>
- FORM D 2 ANNUAL DECLARATION OF ACCOUNTS

General

Version Information

The Version Information contains information on the identification and status of the Accounts version; like the CCI, Title, Accounting period, Fund, Version Number, Status, Current Node, etc.

	The version and work version number are automatically provided by the system on "Create new Accounts".
Remark	The version number is the Accounting Year and the work version number is 0. Only the National Reference can be updated.

1. Click on the EDIT button 🔛 to modify the National Reference.

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	Version information	on			0
ſ					
		BE03 - Direction Générale de l'Agriculture, des Ressources naturelles et de l'Environnement	Current node	Belgium	
	Version	2022.0	Status	Open	
	Period	2022 - (01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022)	Status date	24/05/2023 12:23	
	IPARD CCI(s)		Last modification date	24/05/2023 12:23	
			National Reference		

The Edit Details pop-up window appears:

Edit Details	□ ×
National reference Max. Length = 250	1
Update Cancel	

- 2. Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the new National reference
- (2) Click on <u>Update</u> to save the information.

Officials in Charge

Νοτε	Officials in Charge can be updated at any time, independent from the status of the Accounts versions.	
	The email is directly accessible via the email link.	

• Click on the **ADD** button it to add a new official in charge.

- Select an official and click in the EDIT button 📴 to modify the information of this official.
- Select an official and click on the **Rемоve** button [©] to delete the official in charge selected.

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1. Click on the **ADD** button it to add a new official in charge.

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The Edit Details popup window appears:

Edit Details		•
Name *	(1)	
Phone		
Email *	(2)	
Language		
Valid from		
Valid until		
•	Update Cancel	+

- 2. Enter the following information:
- (1) Enter the Name.
- (2) Enter the Email.
- (3) Click on <u>Update</u> to save the information.

History

This section shows all the actions (Create; Validate, Sign, Send, etc...) that happened in the Accounts version since it was created, for example:

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History

STATUS	ACTION	COMMENTS	BY LEVEL	DATE	USER
Ready to send	Validate		Austria	02-Sep-2014 09:52:57	AT Austria
Open	Create		Austria	01-Sep-2014 14:54:52	AT Austria

Documents

The Documents list shows the documents related to the Accounts submission process uploaded against this version of the Accounts by Member State and by Commission. Member State Users see all their own Documents and the sent Commission Documents. Commission Users see all their own Documents and the sent Member State Documents.

Description	Non-integral	Integral	System	Required
Snapshot of data before send		х	х	Х
Acknowledgment of Receipt			х	х
Annual declaration statement- (descriptive part) *		х		x
Management declaration*		х		х
Table of differences by IPARD II programme and measure, accompanied by an explanation for each difference*		х		x
Debtors ledger IPARD I*		х		х
Debtors ledger IPARD II*		х		х
List of all payments made in the financial year*		х		x
Annual financial reports/ statements /bank statements*		х		x
Annual Audit Activity Report**		х		х
Audit Opinion**		х		х
Other Candidate Member State Document	х			

The following document types will be foreseen in this section:

*Document submitted by the National Authorising officer by 15 February n+1

**Document submitted by the Audit Authority by 15 March n+1

Uploading and sending documents

Multiple documents can be uploaded in the Accounts.

- Clicking on the ADD button ^(IIII) will open a pop-up window allowing you to add a new document type with attachments.
- Selecting a document row and click on the **EDIT** button will allow you to modify the document information. If a document of type 'Other Member State Document' must be sent, you can select the edit button in order to send the document.
- Selecting a row of a previously uploaded document and click on the **REMOVE** button is to delete the document and associated attachments.

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Documents

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Documents uploaded/sent in the current version

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TITLE		DOCUMENT DATE	LOCAL REFERENCE	COMMISSION REFERENCE	FILES 💽
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1. Click on the ADD button 💿 to add a new document.

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Documents

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Documents uploaded/sent in the current version

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The document detail pop-up window appears:

Document details	🗆 ×
Document type * Title * Document date *	Not yet sent
Local reference	
Attached files	LANGUAGE FILENAME 5 6 6 Select file to upload
	8 Update & send 3 Cancel

- 2. Enter or select the following information:
- (1) Select a Document Type
- (2) Enter a *Title* for your Document
- (3) Enter a *Document Date*
- (4) Click on the ADD button 🔍 to add a new attachment
 - You can add multiple attachments by clicking on the ADD button in the ADD button
 - You can remove unwanted attachments by selecting the attachment and clicking on the **REMOVE** button
- (5) Enter a *Title* for your attachment.
- (6) Select the *Language* of the document.
- (7) Select the *file* to upload.
- (8) Click on <u>Update</u> to save the information or <u>Update & Send</u> to send the document to the Commission.

REMARK Commission Reference N° is only enabled for Commission Users, while Local Reference is only enabled for Member State Users.

The pop-up window closes, and the documents are uploaded.

Sending an Unsent Non-Integral Document

1. Once the document and attachment(s) have been uploaded select the document row in the list (1) and click on the EDIT button (2)

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Documents annexed				0
TITLE DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	L COMMISSION REFERENCE	FILES	SENT DATE
Reply Reply to Commission request	19-Oct-2016		1	
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2. Click on Update & Send to send the document to the Commission.

Docum	nent details				□ ×
					🎒 Notyet sent
	Document type *	Reply to Commis	sion request	•	
	Title *	Reply			
	Document date *	19/10/16			
	Local reference				
Comn	nission reference				
Attacl	hed files				
0		1 4110114.05		EU EN 61	
	TITLE Reply	English	•	FILENAME Report.docx	Select file to upload
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	The <u>Update & Send</u> link will only be shown for documents which are not integral part of the Object and after at least one attachment was added.
Νοτε	If more than one file are uploaded from the same document table, when clicking the <u>Update</u> <u>& Send</u> link, will send all the files and not only the one(s) for which the check-box has been ticked.

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	Document type *	Reply to Commission re	equest	•	💐 Notyetsent
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	Local reference		will	n clicking the Upda send all files, even	the one(s) for
			W	hich the check-box ticked.	
	ied files				
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	document	English	•	Report.docx	Select file to upload
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REMARKNon-integral documents can be sent at any time independently of the status of the
Accounts for IPARD.REMARKNon-integral document type demands a manual submission (they are NOT sent
automatically within the Accounts). The other document types, integral documents, are
automatically sent - together with the encoded data – when the Accounts is submitted to
the EC.You can find in our Portal the types of documents that can be uploaded and sent by the
Member State.A document is only visible to the Commission when the Sent Date is visible.

Deletion of an unsent document

1. Select a row (1) of a previously uploaded document and click on the **REMOVE** button ⁽²⁾ (2) to delete the document and associated attachments.

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Documents

Documei	nts 2 oaded/sent in the current version					
TITLE	UMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	LOCAL REFERENCE	COMMISSION REFERENCE	FILES	•
test	MS letter to request an extension of the deadline for the accounts	01-Dec-2017	n (1)			
•						•

A confirmation window appears:

Confirm delete d	ocument 🗖 ×	2
Title	test	
Document type	\ensuremath{MS} letter to request an extension of the deadline for the accou	
Do you really wa	int to delete this document?	
		11.

2. Click on <u>Yes</u> to confirm deletion. Click on <u>No</u> to return to the Accounts for IPARD documents.

Hiding a sent document

Νοτε	Sent Documents can never be deleted, but the sender can decide to hide the content for the	
	receivers in case of an erroneous and/or accidental send.	

1. Select a row (1) of a previously sent document and click on the Edit button (2) to hide the document and associated attachments.

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TITLE (DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	L	COMMISSION REFERENCE	FILES	SENT DATE	٣
Reply	Reply to Commission request	19-Oct-2016		(1)	1		
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2. Select the **HIDE CONTENT (1)** option and click on <u>Update</u> (2) to hide the document.

Document details				□ ×
Document type	Other Member State D	ocument		┩ Sent
Title	OMS			
Document date	08/07/15			
Local reference				
Commission reference				
Attached files				
TITLE	LANGUAGE	FILENAME	HIDE CONTENT	
OMS document	English	report.doc	1	
	The Update	2 Cancel		

Observations

This section is used to provide any relevant information to the Accounts. It can be used as a type of 'chat' between the Member State and Commission.

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(1) Enter an observation.

All users who have Read and Observation permission on the Accounts for IPARD will be able to send an Observation and participate in the conversation.

(2) Click on Add to save the information.

All Observations are kept against the specific version of the Accounts.

Form D 2 – Annual Declaration of Accounts

1. Click on the EDIT button 🔛 to edit the table.

European Commission » SFC » SFC2014-FC	» Execution » Accounts (IPARD)	★
Strategic planning Programming Monitori	ng Execution Audit Evaluation Closure Anti-frau	id 2021-2027 Utilities
Search BE03 2022.0 ×		
<u> Validate</u> 🤤 <u>Delete</u>		🔫 <u>Previous</u> 🛞 <u>Next</u> 🔒
Filter 🕒 🕀	FORM D 2 - ANNUAL DECLARATION OF ACC	DUNTS
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Version information		
Officials in charge	hη	
History	MEASURE	EUROPEAN UNION PART THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED TO THE COMMISSION IN QUARTERLY PAYMENT
Documents		APPLICATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (2022) IN EUR
Observations	M01 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural	
Form D 2 - Annual Declaration of Accounts	holdings	
	M02 - Support for the setting up of producer groups	
	M03 - Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products	
	M04 - Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure	

The table becomes editable:

FORM CONTRACTOR OF ACCO	OUNTS
MEASURE	EUROPEAN UNION PART THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED TO THE COMMISSION IN QUARTERLY PAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (2022) IN EUR
M01 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings	4
M02 - Support for the setting up of producer groups	
M03 - Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products	
M04 - Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure	
M05 - Implementation of local development strategies - leader approach	

2. Enter the following information:

(1) Enter the amounts for each measure

Amounts are in euros and are stored with 2 decimals

(2) Click on <u>Update</u> to save the information.

Remark	Total is automatically calculated with 2 decimals (= sum of amounts for all IPARD measures)
	and persisted in database.

Validate the Accounts

	The user is an identified user and has the role of:
	(candidate) MS Accredited Paying Agency for IPARD fund
REMARK	or (candidate) MS Coordination Body for IPARD fund
NEWANK	or (candidate) MS Authority for IPARD fund
	or (candidate) MS Certification Authority for IPARD fund
	An Accounts version can be validated only if its status is 'OPEN' or 'RETURNED FOR MODIFICATION

ву MS' .

1. Click on the <u>Validate</u> link to validate the Accounts for IPARD.

European Commission » SFC » SFC2014-FO	» Execution » Accord	unts (IPARD)					
Strategic planning Programming Monitorin	g Execution Audi	t Evaluation	Closure	Anti-fraud	2021-2027	Utilities	
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History Documents Observations Form D 2 - Annual Declaration of Accounts	PA code and desc	BE03 - Directi l'Agriculture, c naturelles et (les Ressou	irces		Current node	Belgium
	Version	2022.0				Status	Open
	Period	2022 - (01/01	/2022 - 31/	12/2022)		Status date	24/05/2023 12:23
	IPARD CCI(s)			Lε	ast modification date	24/05/2023 12:23

The system validates the following information:

Code	Validation Rule	Severity
001	The Annual Accounts IPARD has been successfully validated	INFO
010	Validate that at least one official in charge of the (candidate) Member State exists.	ERROR
020	Validate that the IPARD Paying Agency code is valid.	ERROR
030	Validate that all integral documents have at least one attachment with a length > 0	ERROR

After all errors have been resolved the status of the Accounts for EARDF/EAGF becomes **READY TO SEND**.

An example of a validation window:

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atest validation re		
SEVERITY	CODE	MESSAGE Accounts version could not be validated. Please correct the errors.
Error	10	At least one official in charge of the candidate Member State exists

🕑 <u>Ok</u>

Send the Accounts

	The Annual Accounts version can only be sent once the Validation Errors have been removed and the status is ' READY TO SEND' OR 'SENT' or ' RETURNED FOR MODIFICATION BY MS' . The declaration period is not over or a previous version of the IPARD Annual Accounts is in status ' RETURNED FOR MODIFICATION BY EC'				
REMARK	ARK The user must have the role of:				
	(candidate) MS Accredited Paying Agency for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Coordination Body for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Authority for IPARD fund				

or (candidate) MS Certification Authority for IPARD fund
The "4 eye principle" must be respected. Therefore, the user sending must be different from
the user who last validated.

1. Click on the <u>Send</u> link to send the Accounts to the Commission or to an upper Node.

European Commission » SFC » SFC2014-FO » Execution » Accounts (IPARD)					
Strategic planning Programming Monitor	ring Execution Audit Evaluation Closure Anti-fraud				
Search BE03 2022.0 ×					
Send O Delete					
Filter	GENERAL				
▼ General Version information	Version information				
Officials in charge					
History					
Documents	PA code and desc BE03 - Direction Générale de l'Agriculture, des Ressources				
Observations					
Form D 2 - Annual Declaration of Accounts	naturelles et de l'Environnement				

The system will ask you to confirm the send action:

Send confirmation ×
CC/ 2014DE05M9OP004 Version 2014.0
Snapshot data before send Accounts Snapshot of data before send 2014DE05M9OP004 2014.0 de Do you really want to send this accounts version?

2. Click on $\underline{\text{Yes}}$ to confirm or click on $\underline{\text{No}}$ to return to the Accounts.

3. The Sending of information by a Member State to the Commission should be electronically signed in accordance with **Directive 1999/93/EC.**

Sending of the different objects is generating a snapshot document and after the sending an acknowledge document is generated by the European Commission.

This acknowledge document is signed but the Member State was not signing the snapshot document. The EU Login now provides a functionality of signing without forcing the user to have a certificate. The action to sign will only be triggered when sending to the European Commission:

European Commission Authentication Service (EU Log	nglish (en) •
EUROPA > Authentication Service > Signature	
External SFCtestSilvia SUPPORT (SFCtest2014)	≡
Sign a transaction	
Welcome SFCtestSilvia SUPPORT to the EU Login Signature page. This page allow sign a transaction using your EU Login password.	ıs you to digitally
Sign a transaction for sfc2014 Description: Accounts Snapshot of data before send 2014AT65ISNP001 Reason: Electronic signature required in accordance with Directive 1999 Password SIGN Printer-friendly Version > See the complete transaction	

(1) Enter your SFC2014 Password(2) Click on the 'Sign' button

The status of the Accounts is set to **SENT**.

Delete the Accounts

	The user must have one of the roles below to delete the Annual Accounts version:				
	(candidate) MS Accredited Paying Agency for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Coordination Body for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Authority for IPARD fund				
REMARK	or (candidate) MS Certification Authority for IPARD fund				
	The Accounts version can only be deleted when the status is OPEN , READY TO SEND or RETURNED FOR MODIFICATION BY MS , and has never been sent to the Commission before and has no sent documents attached.				
	The delete is a physical delete from the system.				

1. Click on the <u>Delete</u> link to remove the Accounts from the system.

European Commission » SFC » SFC2014-FO	» Execution » Accord	unts (IPARD)					
Strategic planning Programming Monitorin	g Execution Audi	t Evaluation	Closure	Anti-fraud	2021-2027	Utilities	
Search BE03 2022.0 ×							
Validate O Delete						🐽 <u>Pr</u>	evious 🝺 <u>Next</u> 👜
Filter	GENERAL						
▼ General Version information Officials in charge History	Version informat	ion					Θ
Documents Observations Form D 2 - Annual Declaration of Accounts	PA code and desc	BE03 - Direct l'Agriculture, o naturelles et	des Ressou	urces		Current node	Belgium
	Version	2022.0				Status	Open
	Period	2022 - (01/01	/2022 - 31/	12/2022)		Status date	24/05/2023 12:23
	IPARD CCI(s)			Lε	ast modification date	24/05/2023 12:23

The system will ask you to confirm the delete action:

Delete confirmation	×
Version 2017.0	
Do you really want to delete this accounts version?	

2. Click on <u>Yes</u> to confirm or click on <u>No</u> to return to the Accounts.

Create a New Version of the Accounts

	The user must have one of the roles below to create a new version of the Accounts:				
	(candidate) MS Accredited Paying Agency for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Coordination Body for IPARD fund				
REMARK	or (candidate) MS Authority for IPARD fund				
	or (candidate) MS Certification Authority for IPARD fund				
	A new Version of the Accounts can only be created when the last version has the status 'SENT' to EC node or 'RETURNED FOR MODIFICATION BY EC'				

1. Open the previous version and click on the <u>Create New Version</u> link to create a new version of the Accounts.



The system will ask you to confirm the creation of a new version:



2. Click on <u>Yes</u> to confirm. Click on <u>No</u> to return to the Accounts.

On success, a new version of the Accounts has been created as a copy of the previous version, with a version number (= accounting year) identical to the previous and a working version number incremented by one. Its status was set to '**OPEN**'.