

Working with indicators post 2020



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Outlines and Objectives

Interact invites representatives from Interreg programmes working on and with evaluations to join this workshop to discuss their experience with the indicators in the current period and also to reflect on options to make the indicator system fit for the future period.

Starting with a reflection of the experience of working with indicators in the current period we will discuss the current indicators system from different points of views.

First we will look at the final use of indicators in reporting process: The representative from DG Regio's Evaluation Unit will share some observations made with the Annual Implementation Reports for (AIR) for 2017 and the recommendations for the upcoming performance review.

Bearing these recommendations in mind we will invite the colleagues from the Interreg programmes to exchange on their daily experiences with the current indicator system focussing on questions such as: Which indicators haven proven to be clear and meaningful? Which indicators cause frequent misunderstandings and interpretation problems and what are the reasons? What are recurring obstacles in working with the (common) output indicators?

Based on this common understanding we will then examine the draft indicator system for the future period post 2020. What common indicators are foreseen in the new regulation? What indicators used in this period could also be used in the future period and might fit with minor changes into the proposed common framework? In which fields could Interreg programmes try to harmonise?

Finally, we will close the first day with an input to data quality management: the quality and reliability of data is an evident pre-condition for sound monitoring and performance reporting. And it is becoming also an element in system checks of Audit Authorities. Thus we would like to exchange on approaches to data quality management.

Throughout the whole second day we will work with the theory of change (ToC) in combination with methods applied in territorial impact assessment (TIA). We invite you to work on the intervention logic and ToC for two frequently used Thematic Objectives (the future policy objectives *Smarter Europe* and a *Europe closer to citizens*). Together we will go through the whole process of building an intervention logic based on the corresponding ToC.

As last step we will share perspectives on suitable indicators which could reflect the potential impacts of the future projects in these two intervention fields: this step will be based on the TIA method developed in the frame of ESPON. The whole day will be designed as a group exercise which allows you to learn the process of building an intervention logic, theory of change and TIA. The final outcome of the group work could maybe then be one beginning building block for your programming exercise, meaning you could use the building block as a starting point for your discussions and adapt it to your needs.

Throughout the workshop guidance and feedback will be available from representatives from the Evaluation Unit of DG Regio.

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Day 1: Tuesday, 23 October 2018

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome and introduction**
Interact

09.30 – 10.30 **Feedback Annual implementation report (AIR) and performance review**
Presentation and Q&A David Alba, Evaluation Unit, European Commission

By the end of this session, participants will have a shared understanding of the reporting requirements for 2019. In addition, they will hear the most common mistakes in the AIR reporting so far and they will get an overview, where Interreg programmes are standing in the moment.

10.30 – 12.30 **Exchange of experience: our indicators used in 2014-2020**
incl. coffee break
Introduction and group work, Interact

In this session Interreg programme managers will exchange their experience of working with their COI and programme specific-indicators so far. Which indicators are clear and meaningful? Which indicators cause misunderstandings or problems and why?

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**

13.30 – 14.15 **What is new in evaluation in post 2020 with special focus on indicator system?**
Presentation and Q&A David Alba, Evaluation Unit, European Commission

By the end of this session, participants will be able to explain the main rules and requirements that are foreseen for evaluation in the period post 2020, with a special focus on the foreseen indicators.

14.15 – 16.15 **Discussion of the COI and possible programme specific OI**
incl. coffee break
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By the end of this session the participants will deepen their knowledge about common output indicators and output indicators, which could be used in the new programming period.



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16.15 – 16.45 **Quality and reliability of data**
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By the end of the session the participants will have a better understanding of key points to check and safeguard the reliability of their data management approach and get some inputs for their data quality management

16.45 – 17.00 **Wrap up and End of day 1**

Day 2: Wednesday, 24 October 2018

09.00 – 09.15 **Introduction**
Zintis Hermansons, ESPON EGTC



09.15 – 12.30 **Theory of Change exercise + Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) quick scan**
incl. coffee break
Group exercise, Bernd Schuh (ÖIR), moderation and coordination

By the end of this session participants will have discussed and developed a tentative intervention logic for two future policy objectives which can be expected to be taken up by many programmes

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**

13.30 – 16.15 **Theory of Change exercise + Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) quick scan**
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By the end of the day, participants will be able to understand how to organize the process of building an intervention logic and the corresponding ToC. In addition, the participants will get an impression and an overview on indicators which could be used to reflect the impact of Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) method developed by ESPON and tested by

16.15 – 16.30 **Wrap up of the event and upcoming events**