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Key features of the Interreg CE 2021-2027 methodology paper



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OVERALL CONTEXT



Performance framework required by the draft Common provisions regulation (Article 12), consisting of:

- Output and result indicators linked to programme specific objectives
- Milestones to be achieved by the end of 2024 for output indicators
- Final targets to be achieved by the end of 2029 for output and result indicators

Methodology paper = methodological approaches for the establishment of the performance framework including:

- Criteria applied to select indicators
- Data or evidence used (data quality assurance)
- Calculation methods and additional factors that may influence the achievement of the milestones and targets



RATIONALE FOR SELECTION OF INDICATORS

Indicator system: Direct correlation with programme strategy and intervention logic

Programme strategy:
Interreg CE encourages and supports
transnational cooperation



Interreg-specific common output and result
indicators exclusively selected to reflect
this cooperation focus

Main principles:

- Good coverage of key outputs and results with an overall **limited number of indicators**
- **Clear logic** between output and related result indicators
- **Core set of indicators** for all programme SOs, allowing aggregation at thematic levels and programme level
- Collecting **reliable data** at project level through reporting/monitoring (no additional administrative burden, harmonised definitions - EC indicator fiches, avoiding double counting)



OVERVIEW OF THE INTERREG CE INDICATOR SYSTEM

Outputs		Common output indicators (ID & indicator title)	Common result indicators (ID & indicator title)
<i>Core set of output and result indicators (applicable for all priorities and SOs)</i>			
Strategies and action plans	RCO 83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed →	RCR 79 Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations
Pilot actions	RCO 84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects ↓	
Solutions	RCO 116	Jointly developed solutions →	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
Cooperation	RCO 87	Organisations cooperating across borders →	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
<i>Additional output indicator applicable only for SO 2.5 and SO 3.1</i>			
Projects supported	RCO 119	Projects supporting cooperation across borders to develop urban-rural linkages	

MILESTONE AND TARGET SETTING



Overall calculation method - quantification based on:

- ✓ Allocation of funds as foreseen for each programme priority
- ✓ Expected size and number of projects to be supported under each SO
- ✓ Expert advices, in particular the members of the Interreg CE programming task force (Working Group CE21+)
- ✓ Experience from Interreg CE 2014-2020 and predecessor CE 2007-2013 programmes (e.g. historical data on project size, number of outputs generated by projects, etc.)



2024 milestones for output indicators: Consideration of planned road map of programme implementation and project life cycle



METHODOLOGY PAPER SUMMARY TABLE

- Links between **actions - indicators - targets - budget allocation - intervention fields** to be displayed in a summary table (annex 3, Staff working document, version 4/12/2020)
- Particular challenge for TN cooperation programmes due to
 - Bottom up project development approach
 - Comparably limited financial volume of Interreg actions supported



Approach applied by Interreg CE:

- Grouping of examples of actions (as in the IP) into a few “**action clusters**” per SO
- Displaying the links required
- Approach has been accepted by EC
- Will now be prepared for each SO and included in the methodology paper



EXAMPLE OF METHODOLOGY PAPER SUMMARY TABLE

Action	Total allocation at action level (indicative)	Indicator		Measure- ment Unit	Baseline		Milestone 2024	Target 2029	Intervention field		
		Code	Name		Value	Year			Code and name	EU Amount	Amount (EU+National) (euro)
<u>Action cluster 1:</u> Improving access to R&I and enhancing technology transfer for SMEs by e.g. (not exhaustive - see IP list of exemplary actions): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• xxx• xxx• xxx	xxx EUR	RCO83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed	Strategy/ action plan	N/A	N/A	xxx	xxx	08 Research and innovation activities in small and medium-sized enterprises, including networking	xxx EUR ERDF	xxx EUR
		RCO 84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Pilot action	N/A	N/A	xxx	xxx			
		RCO 87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Organisation	N/A	N/A	xxx	xxx	09 Research and innovation activities in public research centres, higher education and centres of competence including networking (industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies)		
		RCO 116	Jointly developed solutions	Solutions	N/A	N/A	xxx	xxx			
		RCR 79	Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations	Joint strategy/ action plan	0	N/A	xxx	xxx	21 Technology transfer and cooperation between enterprises, research centres and higher education sector		
		RCR 84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Organisation	0	N/A	xxx	xxx			
		RCR 104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	Solution	0	N/A	xxx	xxx			
<u>Action cluster 2:</u> xxx <ul style="list-style-type: none">• xxx• xxx	xxx EUR	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx EUR ERDF	xxx EUR	
<u>Action cluster 3:</u> xxx <ul style="list-style-type: none">• xxx• xxx	xxx EUR	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx EUR ERDF	xxx EUR	

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