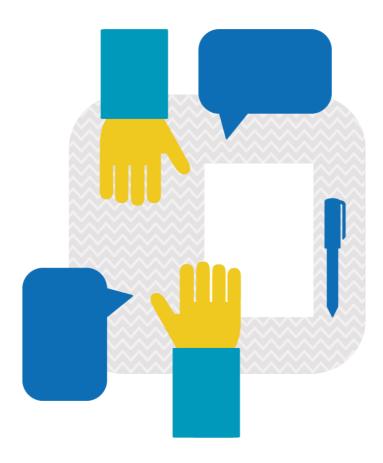


Evaluation specials: PO5, OSI, SPF



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Looking into the specificities of Policy Objective 5 (PO5), Operations of Strategic Importance (OSIs) and Small Project Funds (SPFs) when it comes to evaluation





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Outlines

For this period a couple of new programme elements call for particular attention when designing and implementing evaluations. This is why we've dedicated this webinar to the specificities in evaluation for:

- Policy Objective (PO5)
- Operations of Strategic Importance (OSI)
- Small Project Funds (SPF)

Why we think it is worthwhile discussing it? A couple of initial thoughts on it:

- Policy Objective 5: Key operational features are the involvement of local and regional stakeholders encouraging animation and mobilisation on the ground and a different approach to project generation; when looking at achievements the integrated strategy – next to the programme - is the crucial strategic layer to discuss the value-added of outcomes – hence the specificities of PO5 could be anchored in the operational as well as the impact evaluation
- Operations of Strategic Importance: Putting OSIs in the programme means a commitment of
 the programme partners and raises expectations in terms of impact and visibility; OSI that
 deserve their name should have a strategic dimension that is worth looking into when evaluating
 the impact. The character of OSI may vary ranging from major investment projects to capacity
 building or SPFs. In some cases such as OSI focussing on capacity-building it might be
 worth considering to build evaluations steps into the project to safeguard a targeted and
 effective approach or to devote a set of evaluation questions and a focus group to make sure
 capturing its outreach and impact
- Small Project Funds: SPFs can be considered as tools and usually have an important function for the programme (e.g. to attract new applicants, to provide seed-financing for new ideas etc.); same as for the two other elements (PO5, OSI) one can derive specific considerations on the operational and impact dimension that might deserve a specific position and approach in the evaluation

Objectives

We invite you to a brainstorming to clarify the specific requirements of PO5, SPF and OSI. In particular we would like to:

- Discuss specificities of the three elements that deserve particular attention
- Derive specific requirements for the evaluation approach
- Explore tentative evaluation questions



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Day One

Friday, 22 September 2023

09.15 - 09.30

Onboarding & welcome

09.30 - 10.15

Setting the scene and initial thoughts

Interact

10.15 - 11.00

Specificities in evaluation: Exchange & brainstorming

Interact (facilitating)

Invitation to join breakout rooms for

- PO5
- OSI
- SPF

Objectives of the session: Sharing reflections on evaluation specificities, options for adequate approaches and ideas for leading evaluation questions to capture the essence of the PO / operation.

11.00 - 11.10

Coffee/Tea break

11.10 - 12.00

Distilling key ideas

Interact (reporting back & facilitating)

- Summary of main issues identified in the breakout rooms
- Pinpointing keys to reflect the specificities of these elements

Objectives of the session: Support the development of evaluation approaches that properly reflect the specificities of PO5, OSIs and SPF.

12.00 - 12.15

Wrap up and closure of the webinar