

# Evaluation specials: PO5, OSI, SPF

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22 September 2023, 9.30-12.15 CET, online

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**