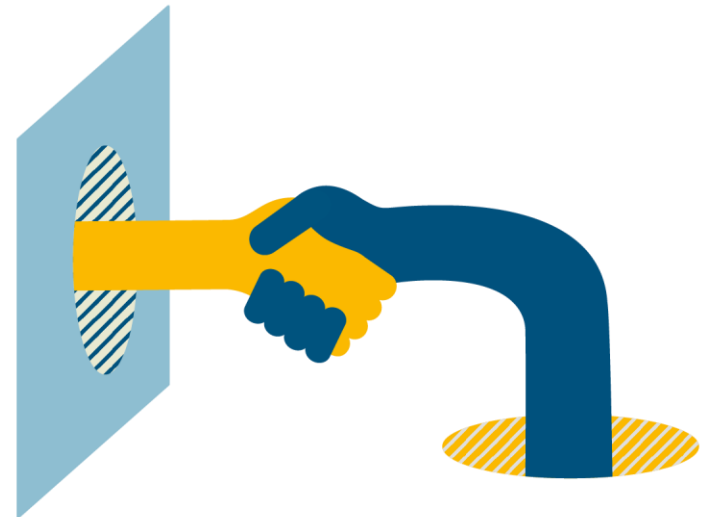# Indicators and data collection

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Practicalities and agenda

Day 1	Day 2
Morning 9:00 – 13.00 • Requirements for indicators and data collection (*Ivanka Lakova*) • The right kind of data for the right kind of evaluation (*Simon Pringle*) *13.00 Lunch*	**Morning** 9:00 – 12.30 Tools and systems for data collection *12.30 – 13:30 Lunch*
Afternoon 14.00-17.00 • First findings from the evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency in relation to indicators (*Julia Wengert*) • Uptake of COI	

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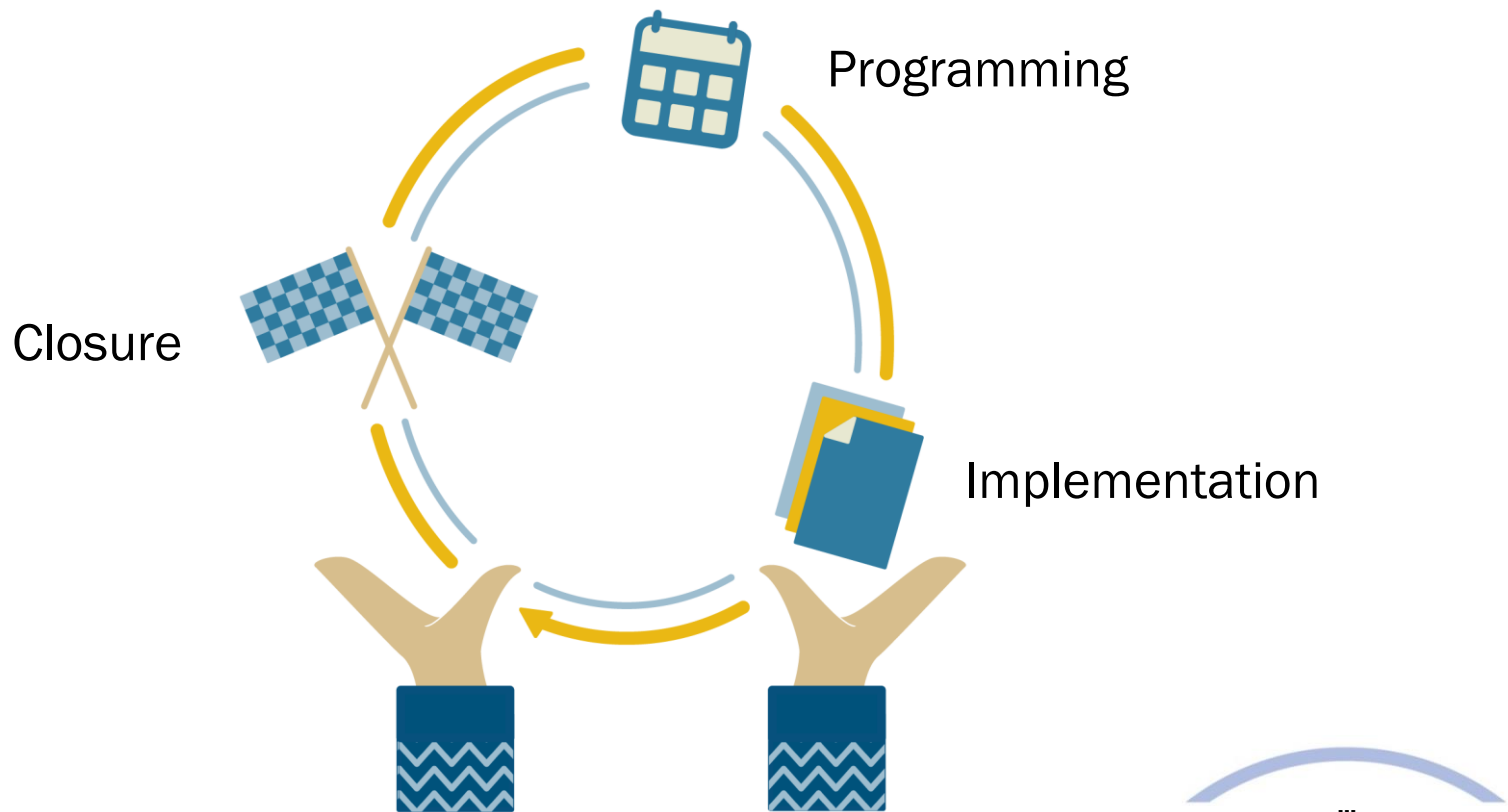
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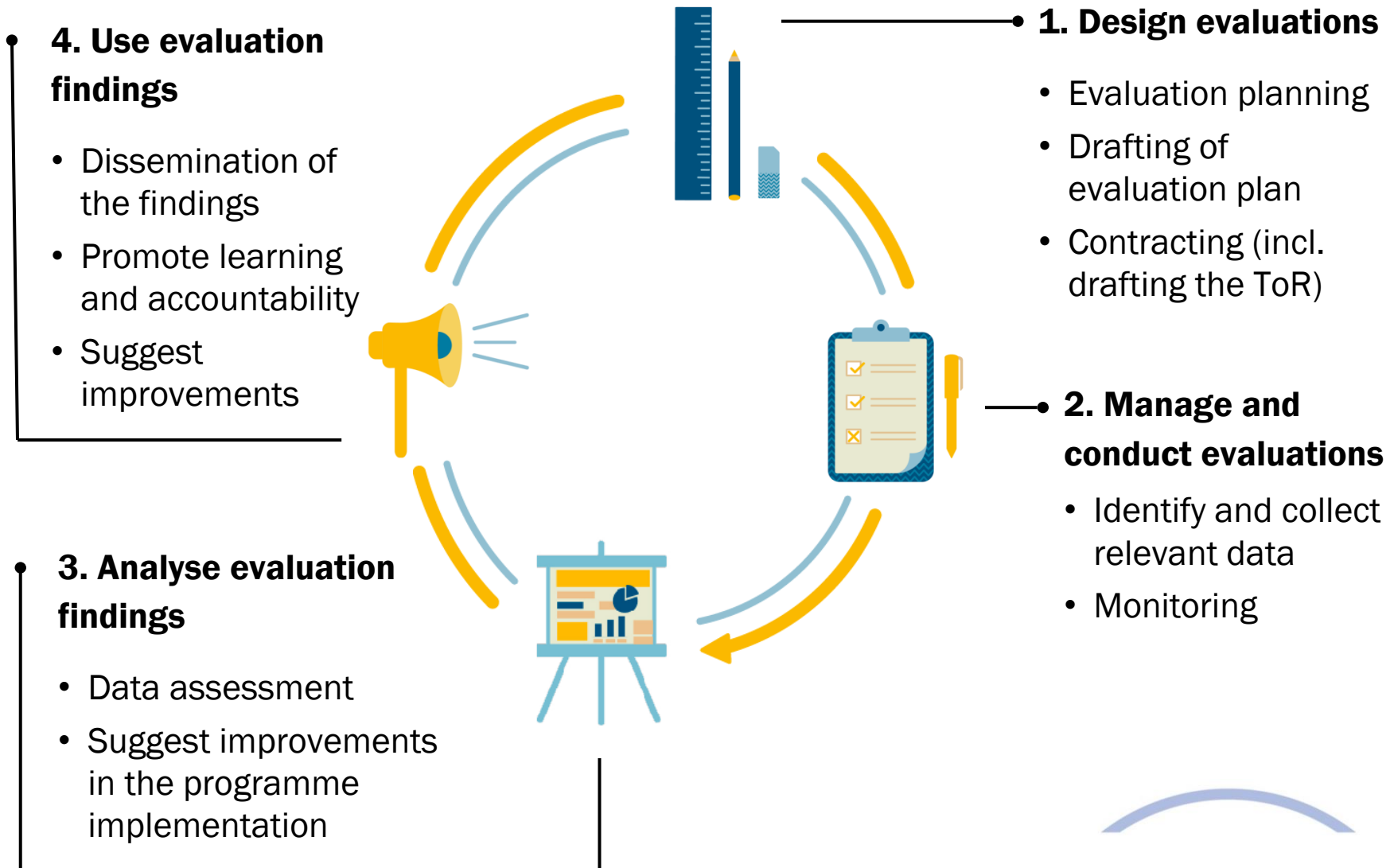
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Evaluation is often considered as a stand alone activity…

But evaluation plays a distinct role at all stages of the programme cycle, also for horizontal elements , e.g. communication.

Programming

Implementation

Closure

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The stages of the evaluation life-cycle

4. Use evaluation findings

- Dissemination of the findings
- Promote learning and accountability
- Suggest improvements

1. Design evaluations

- Evaluation planning
- Drafting of evaluation plan
- Contracting (incl. drafting the ToR)

2. Manage and conduct evaluations

- Identify and collect relevant data
- Monitoring

3. Analyse evaluation findings

- Data assessment
- Suggest improvements in the programme implementation

Discussion round

- The **NEED** for our indicators and data collection systems

- The **WANTS** of our indicators and data collection systems

- The **WORRIES** about progressing our indicator and data collection systems
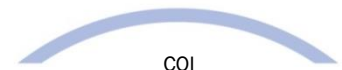
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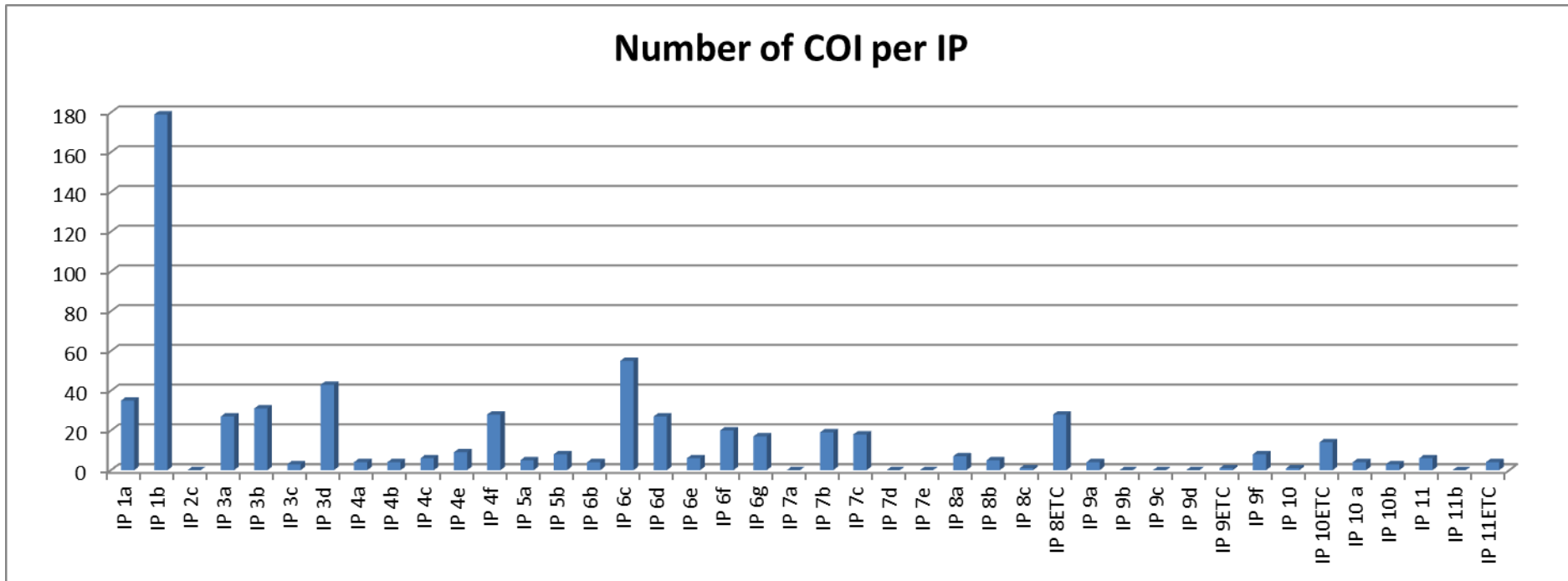# Overview of the use of Common Output Indicators (COI) in Interreg programmes

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Common Output Indicators (COI)

- Common Output Indicators for the European Territorial Cooperation Goal are listed in the Annex of the REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

- Indicative definition of COI: Guidance document on monitoring and evaluation (March 2014)

- **634** COI **were used by Interreg programmes** (TN : 190 COI)

- Out of 46 COI **Interreg programmes used 39** COI (TN: 25 COI)

- **Most COI** were used in Investment Priority (IP): 1b, 6c, 3d, 1a, 3b, 4f, 8ETC, 3a, 6d

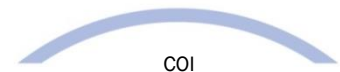- **No COI** were used in IP: 2c, 7 a, 7d, 7e, 9b, 9c, 9d, 11b

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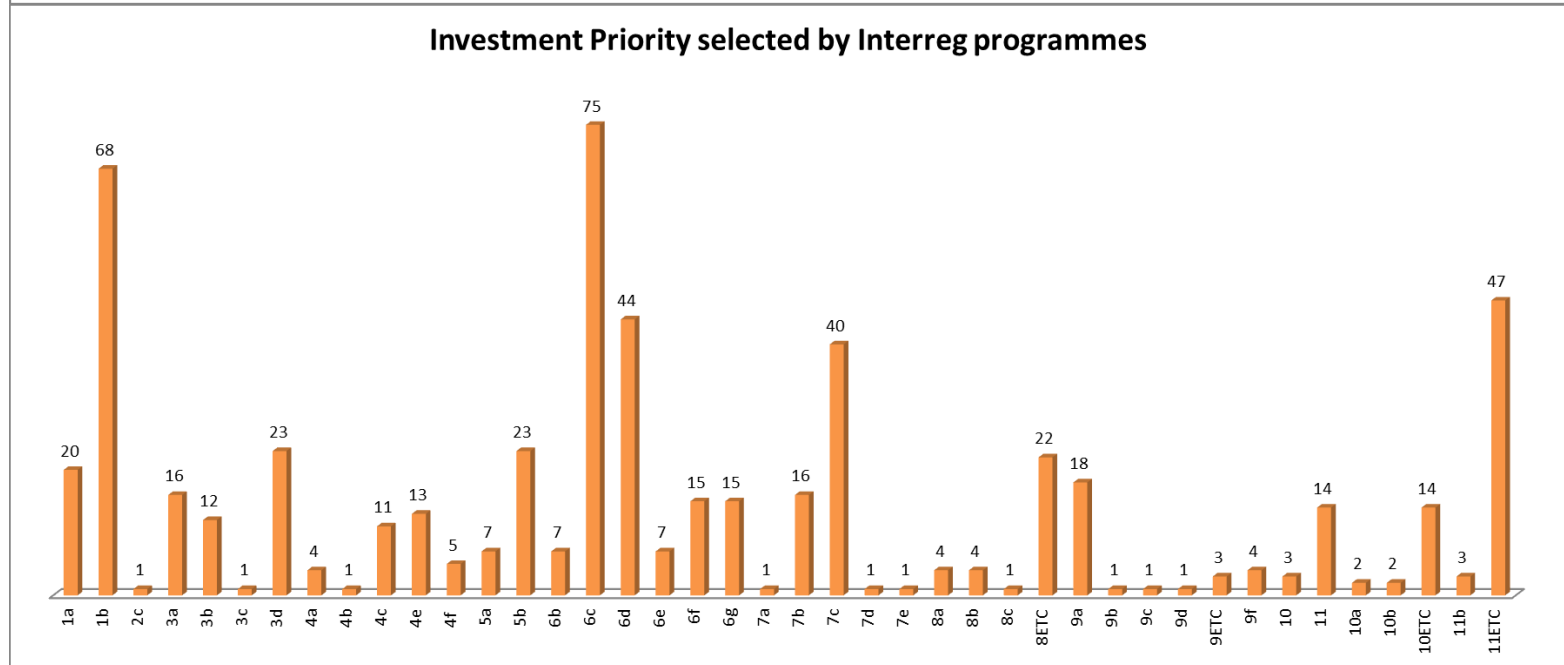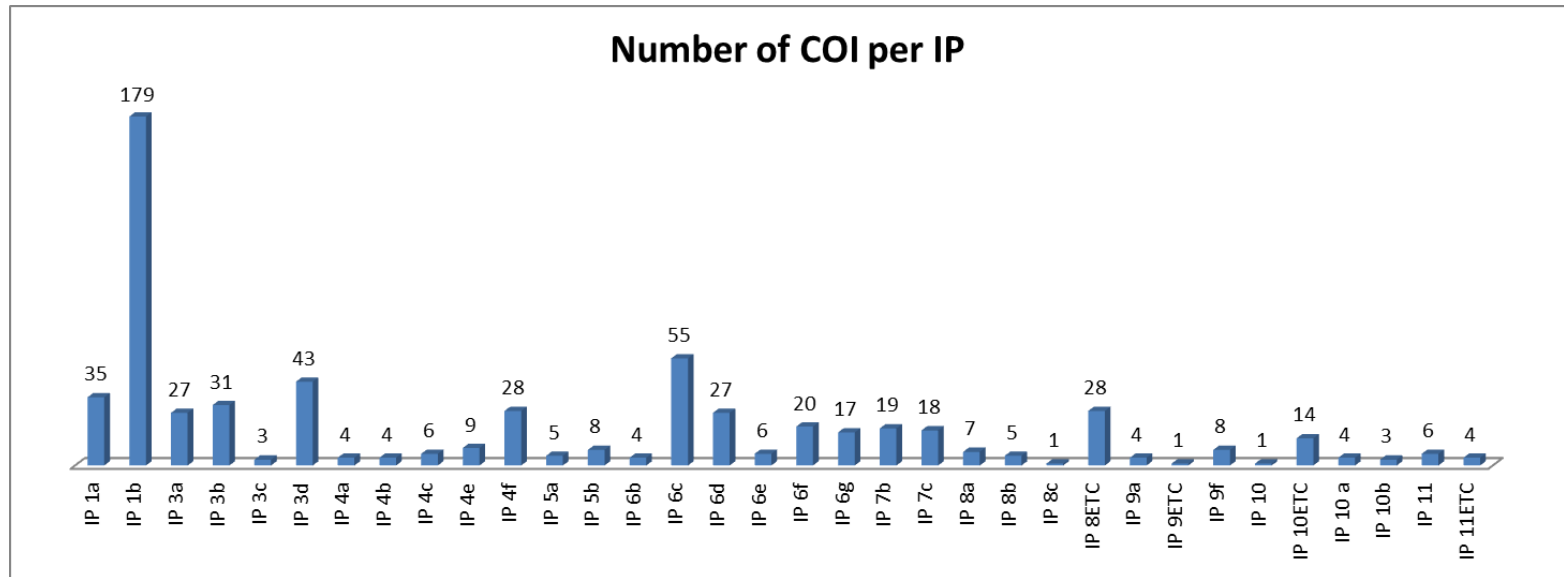

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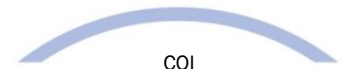**No COI** were used in IP: 2c, 7 a, 7d, 7e, 9b, 9c, 9d, 11b
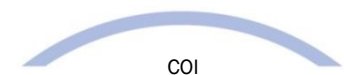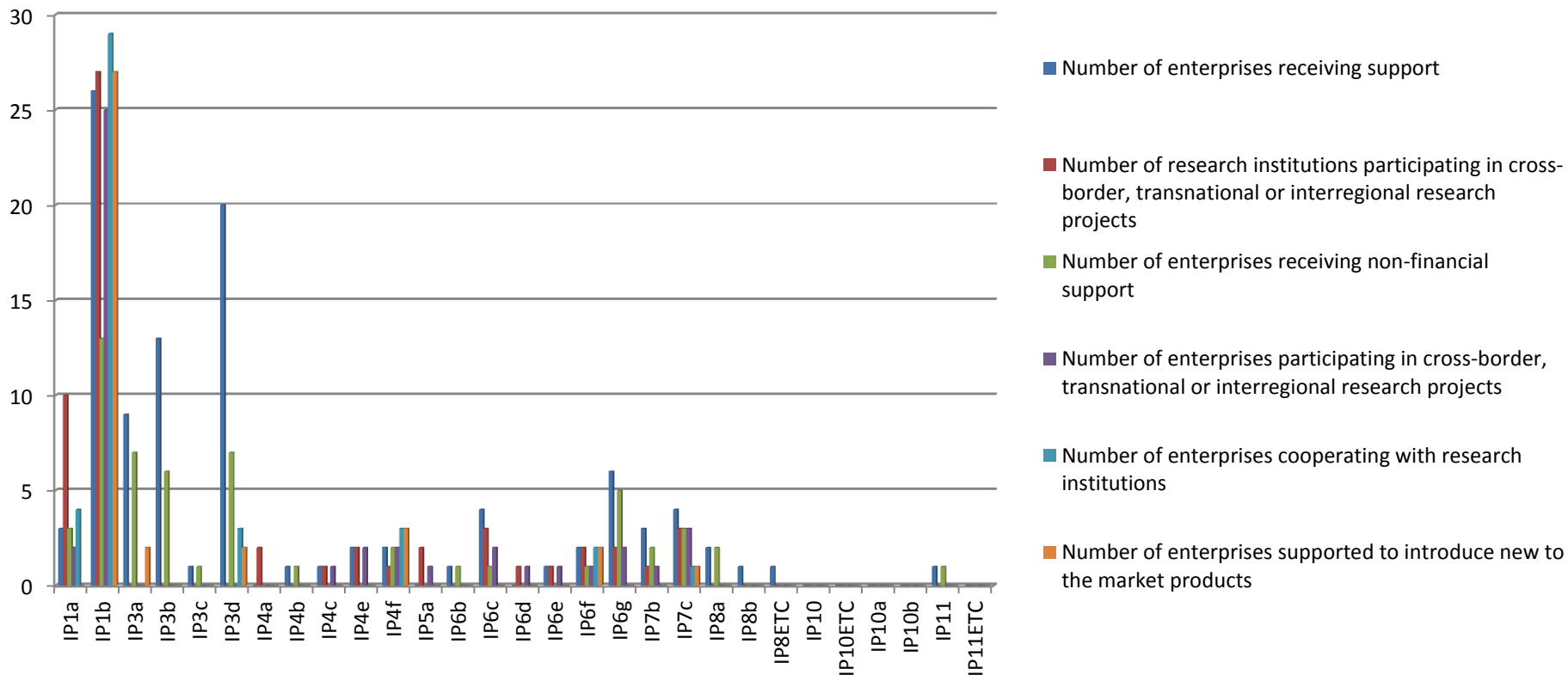
COI per Investment Priority (IP)

COI – most used by Interreg programmes

- Number of enterprises receiving support (104x)
- Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects (58x)
- Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support (56x)
- Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects (44x)
- Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions (42x)
- Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the market products (37x)
- Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions (32x)
- Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status (30x)
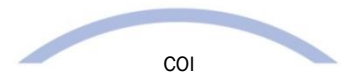
COI

6 most frequent COI of Interreg programmes

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COI

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- Are these COI characteristic for Interreg programmes?

- What are your experiences from the daily work with these indicators?

- Do these COI fit the need of Interreg programmes?

COI

COI – less used by Interreg programmes

Not used

- Private investment matching public support to enterprises (non-grants)
- Additional households with broadband access of at least 30 Mbps
- Total length of new railway lines
- Total length of new or improved tram and metro lines
- Number of additional energy users connected to smart grids
- Population living in areas with integrated urban development strategies
- Rehabilitated housing in urban areas

COI used one time only

- Capacity of supported childcare and educational institutions
- Space created or rehabilitated in urban areas
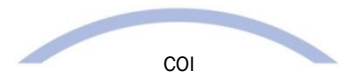- Total length of improved or created inland waterway

COI used two time only

- Additional capacity of renewable energy production
- Additional population served by improved wastewater treatment
- Additional population served by improved water supply
- Additional waste recycling capacity
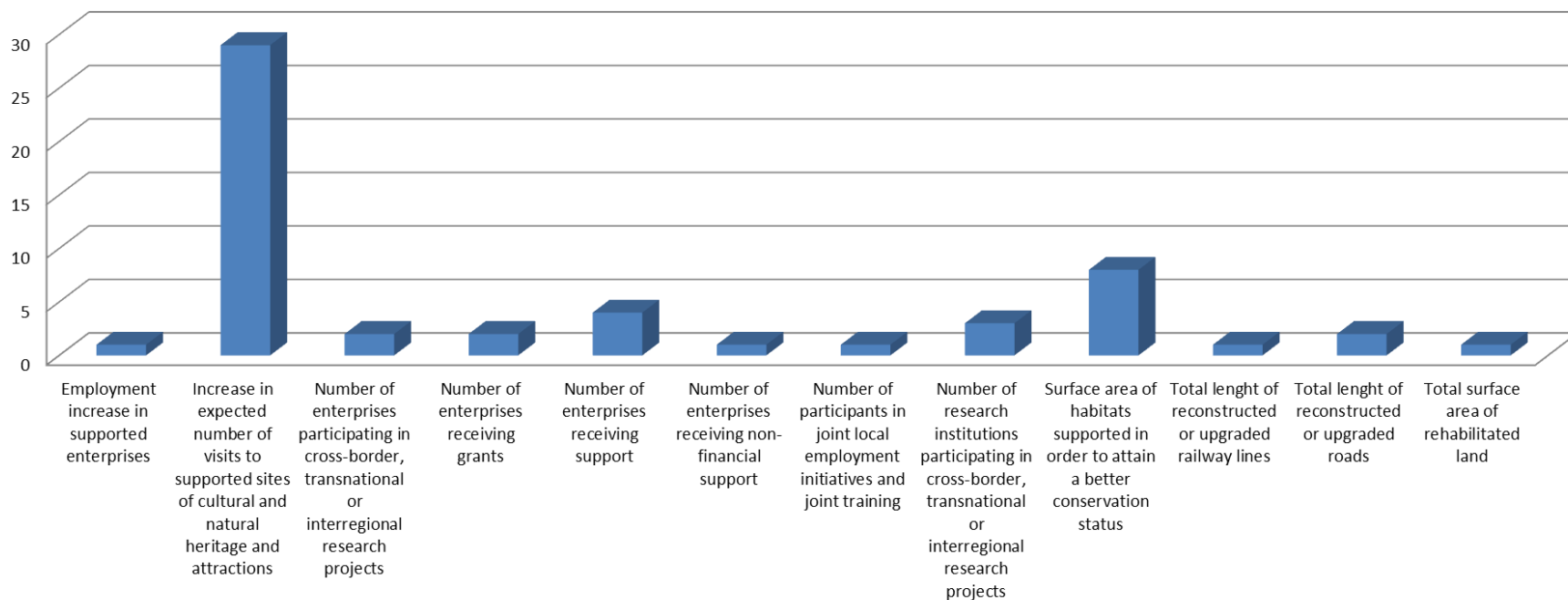- Decrease of annual primary energy consumption of public buildings

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- Why were these COI not /less used by Interreg programmes?

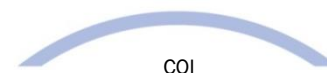- Difficult to collect?

- Not relevant for Interreg programmes?

COI

COI of IP6c Interreg programmes

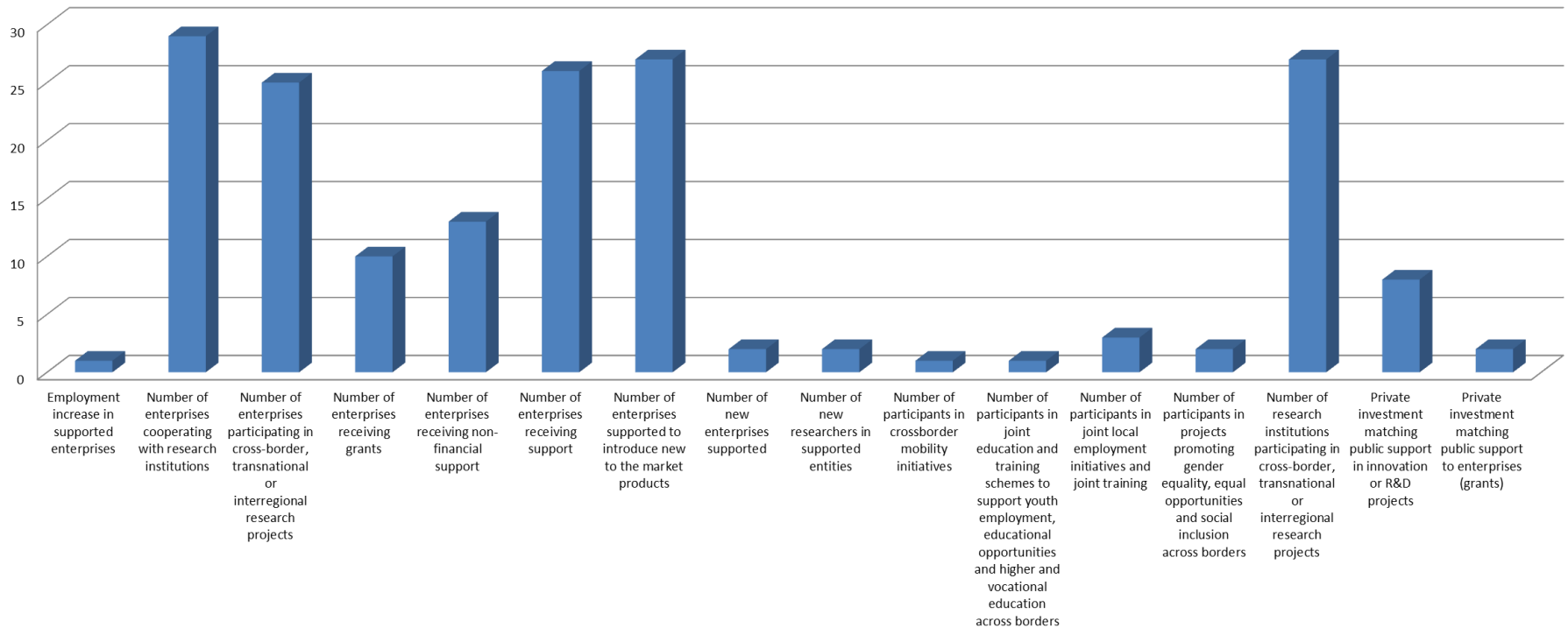- 59 Interreg programmes selected IP6c
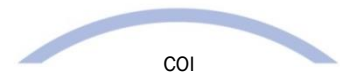- 75 Specific Objectives are dealing with 6c
- 55 COI in 6c

COI of IP1b Interreg programmes

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- 44 Interreg programmes selected IP61b
- 68 Specific Objectives are dealing with 1b
- 179 COI in 1b

COI

Discussion round

What could be the features of a good

indicators system for Interreg post-2020?

Reality check:

Is it feasible?
What are the risks? Weaknesses?
What do we need for that?
What will we gain from that?

Indicators and data collection

Welcome to Day 2

Agenda

- **Data collection on achievement of output and result indicators (output fact sheets and focus groups)**
  Monika Schönerklee-Grasser, Central Europe Programme

- **Cross-border observation - The case of Örestat/Ørestat**
  Peter Lundberg, Interreg programme Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak

- **ESPON targeted analyses, tools and evidence for evaluation**
  Zintis Hermansons, ESPON EGTC

- **KEEP: Can a sectoral data base support evaluation?**
  Linda Talve, Interact

COI

Open discussion

- Which data collection mechanisms has your programme set up?

- Which tools and systems for data collection are useful for Interreg programmes?

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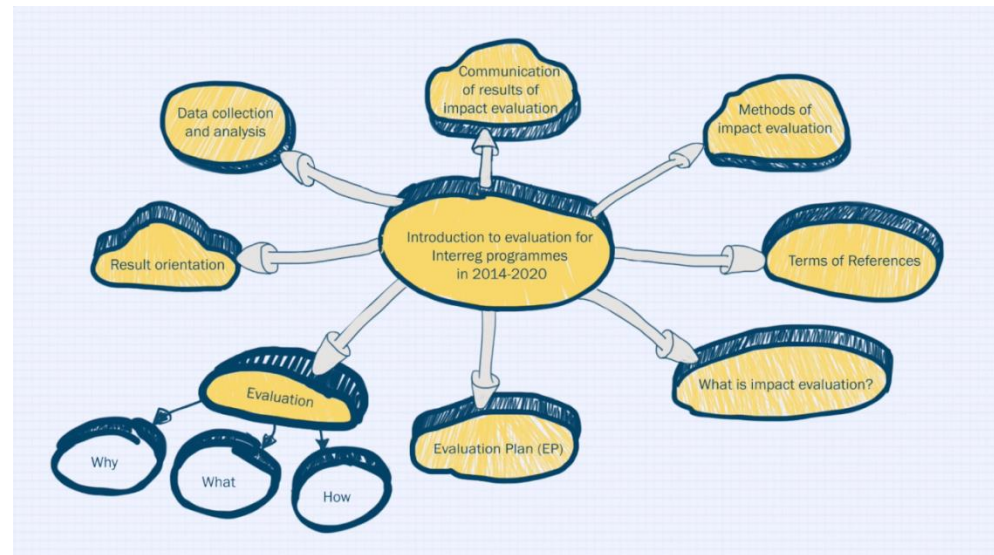# What questions would you like to be answered today?

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Next steps

- Q&A Indicators and data collection

- Online Learning Module

- Informal working group on indicators and data collection

- Next Evaluation Event: Operational Evaluation – Impact Evaluation

Cooperation works

All materials will be available on:

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