

# Impact evaluations - learning the lessons

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## INTERREG - €240 ERDF

Research &  
innovation

Environment

Sustainable  
transport

Health and  
social care



## PEACE- €229 ERDF

Shared  
education

Children and  
Young people

Shared space  
and services

Positive  
relations



*Lesson one:*

*Need separate operational and  
impact evaluations?  
Combined evaluations do not  
work.*



*Lesson two:*

*Need to have a short number of  
very focussed questions.  
Too many questions means the  
hard questions do not get  
answered.*



*Lesson three:*

*Evaluators will always complain  
about lack of data.  
Get them on board early.*



## *Lesson four:*

*The evaluation needs to report at  
the right time to influence  
current and future programmes .*



*Lesson five:*

*Need to contract subject matter specialists.*





*Lesson six:*

*Evaluation costs money .  
You get what you pay for.*



## Key features of evaluation plan:

One shared implementation evaluation + 7  
impact evaluation

Impact evaluations are focussed

Procuring impact evaluations – early in the  
programme period



## Key features of evaluation plan:

Attract subject matter specialist- selection  
criteria important

Ask evaluators to identify information needs

Budget circa 0.25% (range 0.1% - 0.5%)





*Comments !*

*Questions ???*

