

Evaluation in 2014-2020: Challenges and Opportunities

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Ex post evaluation ERDF / CF: How does it look like, how ideally it could look like

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Ex post evaluation 2007-2013

Objectives

- Accountability and transparency
- Policy lessons learnt
- will feed into the preparatory work of next Regulation



Challenges for 2007-2013

Number and scope

- 312 operational programmes ERDF and Cohesion fund, varied sizes (from 3 Million to 28 Billion)
- Covering various fields of activity, expected results at different time horizons
- Evaluations require different expertise and methodology
- + 1000 evaluations carried out by Member States, many on processes, varied quality



Challenges for 2007-2013

Timing

- Deadline for ex post evaluation: end December 2015 while programmes are still running
- Objective: to publish the synthesis report in April 2016



Modelling Block

- Quest
- Rhomolo

Delivery systems

Data Block

- Core indicators
- Geographic distrib.

Impact of Cohesion Policy (Synthesis) 2007 - 2013

Thematic Block

- Enterprise support
- Financial instrument
- Large enterprises

European territorial
cooperation

- Transport
- Environment
- Energy efficiency
- Culture and tourism
- Urban and social

Counterfactual impact
evaluations

Regional
Policy

Typical elements of thematic evaluations

- Literature review
- Stock taking: financial data, core indicators
- Case studies (103 in total), surveys
- Stakeholder seminar
- Final report
- At least 3 experts



Novelties

We cover the 28 Member States for the first time

Feedback (seminars) built in the thematic evaluations

Not so new:

26 academic experts: critical friends

Transparency: all reports and data on Inforegio



Ex post evaluation 2014-2020

The new legislative framework prepared the ground

- Result orientation of programmes
- Evaluation plans and impact evaluations compulsory
- Summary reports in 2020

Ex post evaluation 2014-2020 (2)

What we can built on:

- Improved monitoring system / Annual implementation reports
- Improvement of evaluation plans and evaluation quality with support of a helpdesk
- Thematic seminars on evaluation findings of MS – move to meta evaluations? Role for MS and Commission?



Ex post evaluation 2014-2020

- Competition on evaluations done in MS: showcase of good practices, deadline end 2015
- Conference on result of cohesion policy: June 2016, Zagreb

Link to the ex post evaluations

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/evaluations/ec/2007-2013/

Link to the competition and conference

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/evaluations/conferences/evaluating-effects/