With focus on results

Evaluation of 9 ERDF programmes in Sweden

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A national agency with the objective to promote economic growth in Sweden by increasing the competitiveness of companies
Nine locations

400 employees

Managing authority for 10 ERDF programmes
- 8 regional programmes (722M€)
- 1 national programme (133M€)
- 1 cross border programme
Evaluations shall be carried out to improve the quality of the design and implementation of programmes, as well as to assess their effectiveness, efficiency and impact. (CPR)

= Formative - support and improve the design and implementation

= Summative – assess effectiveness, efficiency and impact
Main challenge …
… for result focused evaluation of ERDF in Sweden

Closing the gap

250 M€

400 billion
EURO
Evaluation plans 2014-2020

A structure for learning through evaluation

**Information and data**
- Safeguard the quality of the monitoring system – **key indicators that are stable over time**
- Continuous development of methods and statistical information regarding results
- Project evaluations in all projects – **systematic account of qualitative data**

**Thematic evaluations**
- Result assessment through thematic expertise – based on existing evidence
- Cross-regional learning and comparison
- National and international comparative analysis

**Learning and cooperation**
- Capacity building through networks, seminars and training
- Involving regional actors and relevant national agencies
- Cooperation between ESI funds

Recourses: 3 full time employees
0,85% of total programme budget
(salaries not included)

**Recourses**
- 11 % (time)
- 38 % (time)
- 33 % (time)
Project evaluation

Mandatory for all ERDF projects in the 9 programmes

- Self evaluation – 300 000 €
- External evaluation – 300 000 to 1 M€ / 2% of budget
- On going evaluation – 1 M€ / 2-3% of budget

Guidelines for evidence assured project evaluation: 3 P and 3 K

- Project logic /theory of change
- Process
- Public debate
- Key activities
- Key actors
- Key numbers
Thematic cross-programme evaluations
For learning, comparative analysis, result assessment based on thematic expertise and methodological development

TO 1: Research and innovation
Ramböll / Faugert

TO 3: Competitiveness
SWECO
PWC – financial instruments

TO 4: Low-carbon economy
SWECO

TO 7: Infrastructure
Linköping University

TO 2: ICT
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

On-going evaluation 2016-2021
Evaluation as an operative tool …

…. in knowledge based and result oriented public policy

Increased competitiveness of companies and regions – for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
Thank you for the attention

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