

Evaluation plan - state of play in the different Member States

Member State	Specific evaluations planned	Other issues raised
AT	Evaluations linked to monitoring of OPs; thematic studies possible; an overall evaluation of regional policy in Austria since the EU accession planned (identifying lessons learnt from past experience)	a co-ordinated approach towards evaluation being developed, involving a co-operation platform ÖROK and all MAs - a determining factor: flexibility
BE Flanders	2 interim evaluations of OP foreseen	Person responsible for evaluation to be recruited
BE Wallonia	evaluations of OP in 2009 and 2012, with additional ones should problems arise. Thematic fields identified: entrepreneurship, innovation, urban. Plan to update macro-economic model in 2012	
BE BXL Capitale	an interim evaluation is foreseen for 2011 to identify corrective measures	
BG	no information on evaluations / timing	Each MA has own evaluation plan, under guidance of Ministry of Finance
CZ	Thematic evaluations, e.g. on territorial impact planned. Evaluations linked to strategic reporting in 2009 and 2011 at NSRF and OP level (a co-ordinated approach). On-going evaluations linked to the implementation of OPs	Evaluation plan for NSRF under preparation. MA to design evaluation plans at OP level. Working group on evaluation has representatives of all MAs
DK	Strategic evaluations planned in 2010 and 2013. Themes include cooperation of enterprises and knowledge institutions, growth and jobs. Exploring the possibility of control groups to look into companies receiving funds vs. those who have not	
EE	an interim evaluation foreseen in 2009 (tbc) for all OPs together with thematic evaluations	Steering group to adopt evaluation plan for all OPs which will be agreed by September 2007
FR	On-going evaluations will form part of State-region contract. 2010 interim evaluation with forms on environment	DIACT guidelines to applied at regional level. Once the evaluation plan is defined, to be revised annually, with monitoring table allowing evaluations to be initiated
GR	External evaluations foreseen on progress of NSRF and OPs for 2011 and 2013. Targets assessed for OPs in 2011 and 2013 for major departures and reasons for them. May lead to corrective measures. 2011 results may also lead to programme modification	Managing authorities will need to go through the central administration before initiating evaluations
IT	Regions are encouraged to undertake ex post evaluations. Centrally, evaluations are planned related to evaluation questions	There will be evaluation plans at NSRF and regional level. The first drafts will be available by October 2007

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LV	Evaluations planned to be related to strategic reporting dates - a framework contract envisaged for on-going evaluation; research launched to develop macro model by end 2008	Evaluation plan to be approved by November 2007. Evaluation working group involves all interested bodies. Importance of evaluation capacity building.
LT	Where there are leaps in information, evaluations are planned	There will be an overall strategy for evaluation covering the 2007-2013 programming period. Concrete evaluation projects will be included in annual evaluation plans
LUX		Evaluation plan not yet definite. Monitoring / evaluation on permanent basis. Definition of approach towards interim evaluation
HU	Evaluations foreseen for 2008 2010 and 2012. Comprehensive evaluation on sustainability and cohesion at OP level. Mid term evaluation in 2009 and 2013 with synthesis report, including results from 2004-2006.	Coordination and support at central level, while ideas and management of evaluations at MA level
MT	Evaluation to begin in 2009. On going evaluation foreseen using results of monitoring, to trigger evaluations when needed	
AT	Evaluation planned of regional policy since accession.	Monitoring system being finalised. OP evaluation under MA responsibility. Flexible arrangements foreseen due to size of programmes
PL	Approximately 100 evaluations planned during the period. Evaluation areas to include modernisation, innovation, governance, territorial dimension and supporting strategic reporting. Evaluation of implementation systems / indicators planned for 2007-2008 and ex post evaluation of 2004-2006. Further work planned on Hermin	Drafting evaluation plan for both NSRF and OPs. National evaluation units with each OP. Challenges: integrate evaluation in programme decision making process, develop evaluation culture at regional level, animate evaluation market
PT	2009 global evaluation linked to strategic reporting. Thematic evaluation in 2010 to cover contribution of different OPs to NSRF goals. 2010 interim evaluation at macro-level with 2007-2009 data. 2011 interim evaluation on OPs. 2012 global evaluation linked to second strategic report	Evaluation plan not yet approved. Plan to be revised annually Steering committee with representatives of national coordinating body and OPs
RO	2008 evaluation on delivery system will check project quality. 2009 each MA launches interim evaluation to feed into strategic reporting based on that, meta evaluations at NSRF level. 2011 repeat interim evaluations for 2012 strategic reporting, but also for next programming period. Thematic evaluations at NSRF level include effectiveness and impact on infrastructure	

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SE		working on evaluation plan
SI		Evaluation plan not yet approved.
SK	Guidelines for evaluation plan being prepared, with working group on monitoring and evaluation	In addition to OP level evaluations (to be defined) an evaluation of the impact of Structural Funds on the regions will be carried out at central level
FIN	Intermediate evaluations foreseen at programme level under the responsibility of the MA	
UK N.Ireland		More coordination of evaluation needed. Reflecting on how to do this
UK Wales	4 programme-level evaluations on programme management and implementation planned for 2008, to be updated in 2012	4 evaluations plans for each OP foreseen. Evaluations designed and carried out under the responsibility of the MA.
UK Scotland		Set up of Scottish Evaluation Group to advise on a formal evaluation plan. First meeting foreseen for June/July 2007