Measurement report of evaluation culture in the context of EU Cohesion Policy in Romania - Third measurement cycle

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MAIN FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The evaluation culture is above average, and has slightly improved from 57% of the maximum score achieved in the first measurement to 59% achieved in the third.

- The architecture of the evaluation system is above average, due to the good coordination of ‘evaluation responsibilities’.

- The human resources allocated to evaluation and the quality of the monitoring system are considered adequate.

- National and international companies that provide evaluation services and are present on Romanian market possess the required expertise.

- The dissemination and utilisation of evaluation results is performing adequately.
  - Evaluation reports are publicly available.

- Public debates are organised in order to present and discuss evaluation findings.
- Effective procedures exist to foster the use of evaluation results.

- The institutionalization of the evaluation culture is the least performing dimension (49%).

- Medium impact of OP TA intervention on the overall results of ECI (16%):
  - a higher impact on the dissemination and utilisation of evaluation results and the demand side;
  - quality of the terms of reference;
  - existence of a learning process in managing evaluations;
  - participation of mass-media in evaluation activities;
  - legal context of evaluation;
  - financial resources allocated to evaluations.

EVALUATED AREAS

- The progress achieved in the evaluation culture within the ESIF management system.
- The contribution of the Operational Programme Technical Assistance to this progress.

An Evaluation Culture Measurement Index has been created, composed of 4 dimensions (Demand side, Supply side, Dissemination and utilization of evaluation results, Institutionalization of evaluation culture), 16 criteria, 32 sub-criteria and 56 indicators.

DATA COLLECTION

Desk review, international benchmarking, survey, focus groups, interviews.