

NON-PAPER: List of programme specific indicators related to the cohesion policy direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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I. CONCEPT

1. Several MS have discussed informally with the Commission their plans to add programmes specific indicators for new actions targeting the COVID-19 response to capture the outputs from expenditure.

2. In order to exploit programme specific indicators, which could be commonly applied across Member States, we propose a voluntary list of such indicators, to be used when relevant. The use of the unique codes and names will allow the Commission to make use of the monitoring done by the cooperating programmes. A wide use of these codes and indicators would be highly valued for accountability, transparency and other policy purposes, such as communication at EU level (with all caveats on the potential lack of completeness of aggregation).

2bis. With the progress in approving COVID-19 vaccines, the possibility to fund the costs of COVID-19 vaccination programmes (opened by the CRII initiative under cohesion policy 2014-2020) and the imminent programming of the additional REACT-EU allocations, the Commission extended the list of COVID-19 indicators to include vaccine related indicators in February 2021.

II. WHAT ACTION IS NEEDED BY PROGRAMMES?

3. The legislative basis already exists for national “programme specific indicators”. No amendment to EC legislation is required.

4. The actions needed at Member State / programme level would include:

- Adding relevant indicators (codes and names) to the programme monitoring system;
- Using the indicators in project monitoring;
- Including the indicator codes / names / target values (understood as a best estimate) in an OP modification by end 2020;
- Reporting in 2020 AIR (and ad-hoc in national monitoring system).

III. ERDF

5. Where ERDF programmes already have similar indicators they are invited to map them to the indicators in the list below and report them using their national definitions, in so far as the programme supports the actions concerned. These programme specific indicators should be treated as other specific indicators.

6. The ERDF indicators capture two types of healthcare actions:

- Actions that became eligible only with CRII-1;
- Actions that were already eligible and are already financed in the 2014-2020 period, but are relevant for the COVID-19 response (i.e. ambulances, respirators, IT equipment).

In the latter case, programmes are invited to cover all relevant 2014-2020 actions by the new indicators in setting targets and when reporting achieved values, where possible.

IV. ESF

7. DG EMPL has published the ‘Typology of indicative measures under the ESF and YEI that can be mobilised to address COVID-19 crisis’ in the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative platform at this link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/display/CORONAVIRUSR2/2.+European+Social+Fund?preview=/467317653/480281717/Typology%20ESF%20measures%20to%20address%20COVID.pdf>

V. Using the COVID-19 non-paper indicators

8. The list of COVID-19 non-paper indicators (with short titles and informal translations in all languages) is maintained on the ESIF Open Data platform in this dataset:
- <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/d/pz85-ptis>

That dataset includes the full list of COVID-19 non-paper indicators and identifies a number of other reserved “CV” codes, which are not available for use as national specific indicators, as follows:

- CV16, CV17, CV18, CV19
- CV65 to 69
- CVR6, CVR7, CVR8

9. In SFC2014, the non-paper CV indicators are not included in the dropdown list of common indicators. To use the CV indicators, programmes should encode the precise code (i.e. CV1) which will then be recognised and the established name will be proposed. Using any variations of the codes (i.e. CV01, CV 1, or the addition of trailing spaces) will lead to the code not being recognised as a non-paper indicator. Where an indicator code is not recognised as a non-paper it is not aggregated and presented in the Commission data systems as a non-paper indicator.

10. All CV indicators (non-paper and national specific) and their targets are presented in the Coronavirus Dashboard (see sections 2 and 4.1): <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/d/4e2z-pw8r/>. The implementation values will be added to the target values late in 2021.

ANNEX I: ERDF INDICATORS

HEALTH

Code	Indicator name	Unit
CV1 (*)	Value of personal protective equipment purchased (total public cost)	EUR
CV2 (*)	Value of medical equipment purchased (ventilators, beds, monitors, etc.) (total public cost)	EUR
CV3 (*)	Value of medicines purchased linked to the testing and treatment of COVID-19 (total public cost) (Including cost of testing kits, anti-virals and other consumables)	EUR
CV4 (*)	Value of IT equipment and software/licences financed in COVID-19 response (total public cost)	EUR
	<i>CV4a – Value of COVID-19 related IT for SMEs</i>	EUR
	<i>CV4b – Value of COVID-19 related IT for health</i>	EUR
	<i>CV4c – Value of COVID-19 related IT for education</i>	EUR
CV5	Value of grants for R&D into COVID-19 treatments (medicines) and vaccines (total public cost)	EUR
CV6 (*)	Personal protective equipment (PPE) (Including disposable masks, eye protection, coveralls, etc.)	Number of items
CV7	Ventilators to support treatment of COVID-19 (Including CPAP (positive air pressure) devices)	Number of medical devices
CV8	Additional bed space created for COVID-19 patients (Including acute and ICU beds, also in field hospitals)	Bed spaces
CV9	Number of laboratories newly built, newly equipped or with expanded capacity to test for COVID-19	Laboratories
CV10 (*)	Testing capacity supported to diagnose and test for COVID-19 (Including antibody testing)	Number of tests possible
CV11	Ambulances and vehicles purchased for emergency response	Vehicles

- COVID-19 vaccination related indicators (added February 2021)

CV60 (*)	Value of all vaccinations costs (procurement, distribution, training and administration) (including costs related to vaccines, transport, storage / fridges, centres / tents, medical material, training and personnel costs, disposal of waste, information and awareness raising) (Total costs)	EUR
CV61	COVID-19 vaccine refrigeration infrastructure (purchase or hire)	refrigeration units
CV62	Vaccination centres supported (permanent, temporary or mobile centres)	centres
CV63	Vaccination doses purchased	doses
CV64 (*)	People vaccinated with EU support	persons
CVxx	[Other programme specific COVID-19 health indicators]	

(*) Indicators also relevant in ESF investment priorities.

ENTERPRISE SUPPORT

With a view to capture COVID-19 related support, CV22, 23 and 24 are to be treated as subsets of the existing common indicators CO02, CO03 and CO04 and to be included in CO01.

Code	Indicator name	Unit
CV20	Value of non-repayable financial support to SMEs for working capital (grants) in COVID-19 response (total public cost)	EUR
CV21	Value of financial support to SMEs for working capital other than grants (financial instruments) in COVID-19 response (total public cost)	EUR
CV22	Number of SMEs supported with non-repayable financial support for working capital (grants) in COVID-19 response	Enterprises
CV23	Number of SMEs supported with working capital other than grants (financial instruments) in COVID-19 response	Enterprises
CV24	Number of SMEs receiving non-financial support (advice, etc.) in COVID-19 response	Enterprises
CV25	Number of enterprises supported to supply equipment and PPE to the healthcare system	Enterprises
CVxx	<i>[Other programme specific COVID-19 enterprise indicators]</i>	

ANNEX 2: ESF INDICATORS

ESF programme specific output indicators

Code	Name	Unit
CV30	Value of ESF actions to combat or counteract the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (total public cost)	EUR
CV31	Number of participants supported in combating or counteracting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic	persons
	<i>CVST – Number of participants who benefitted from support in short-time work arrangements</i>	persons
	<i>CVHC – Number of health care personnel who benefitted from ESF support</i>	persons
CV33 (**)	Number of entities supported in combating or counteracting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic	entities

(**) Indicator also relevant in ERDF investment priorities

ESF programme specific result indicators

Code	Name	Unit
CVR1	Number of participants maintaining their job 6 months after the end of support ¹	persons
CVR2	Number of participants gaining a qualification upon leaving supported in actions combatting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic ²	persons

¹ The definition of this voluntary programme specific result indicator is similar to that of the common longer-term result indicator “participants in employment 6 months after leaving”, lest the inclusion of “employed participants: participants who were employed at entry” are excluded from the common and included in the programme specific result indicator.

² The definition of this voluntary programme specific result indicator is the same as that of the common result indicator “participants gaining a qualification upon leaving”.