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Impact evaluation constrains

- Scope & Coverage of impact evaluations
- Implementation of evaluation plans
- Coverage of art. 114/2 report
- Any other issues raised will be addressed now or will come back on the upcoming meetings

Scope & Coverage of impact evaluations

- Question 1: Compliance with CPR art. 56/3 do we have to evaluate the impact of investments for all specific objectives?
- Answer: Yes, however not all interventions should be subjected to the same degree of rigorous impact evaluation methods and evaluating them could be part of comprehensive evaluation covering more than one specific objectives. (see SWD the same applies for ongoing programming period) On one hand evaluation effort should be focused based on clear criteria. On the other hand for some interventions there are circumstances when an extensive impact evaluation cannot take place. In this case you rely on simpler techniques at the extreme just on limited set of indicators and simplified Theory of Change.

Scope & Coverage of impact evaluations

- Question 2: Compliance with CPR art. 56/3 do we have to evaluate the impact of TA axis?
- Answer: Yes, if there is an underlying strategic objective associated with it other than the implementation itself. However a stand-alone evaluation of the ‘Technical assistance’ priority might not be necessary if evaluations of other “non TA” objectives do cover the aspect of implementation.

Implementation of evaluation plans

- Question 1: Do we have to implement all evaluations in the evaluation plans?
- Answer: In principle yes but only if it makes sense, evaluation efforts should be focused. The initial list in the evaluation plans meant to be an “indicative list”. Most OPs underwent material changes. Therefore this list might not be any more representative of the evaluation needs of the OP. We recommended regular review (and approval of the monitoring committee) of the planned evaluations in order to ensure they reflect the evaluation needs of the programme.

Coverage of art. 114/2 report

- Question 1: Do we need to implement all impact evaluations by December 31 2022 to be included in the summary report? What happens with evaluations implemented later?
- Answer: Not necessarily. Article 56.3 which states that impact evaluations should be implemented during the programming period. The programming period finishes end of 2023 therefore the impact evaluations of every objective should be done by end of 2023, however other evaluations of the period can be implemented later even in the upcoming period, and it is also logical considering that some interventions deliver results much later. Indeed like this some of the evaluations cannot be included in the art. 114/2 due by end of 2022. The most important consideration is to implement useful evaluations.

Thank you



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