

Use of COVID common indicators in Cohesion Policy programmes

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General Context - Monitoring

- ➤ The Commission has launched on 12 October 2020 the Coronavirus Dashboard: EU Cohesion Policy Response to the Crisis
- Public, interactive tool to access data on changes made to 2014-2020 programmes to use the flexibilities offered in the CRII/CRII+ regulations
- ➤ The data shows different transfers between cohesion policy funds, programmes, use of grants, financial instruments, etc
- Data is not yet complete, programme amendments are still ongoing

Use of COVID-specific indicators

- Normal monitoring tools would not show COVID action
- Commission introduced in May 2020 voluntary list of common COVID-19 specific indicators
- > Examples:
 - number and value of PPE purchased
 - number of ventilators purchased
 - number of SMEs with repayable working capital
 - participants maintaining their job 6 months after the crisis
- MS can also use programme specific indicators to show COVID action

Response to the crisis

Up to date:

- 84 programmes from 15 MS have been amended and adopted in order to tackle the COVID-19 crisis
- The COVID specific indicators have been used in 426 instances across the 84 OPs
- 130 instances of programme specific indicators across 31 OPs



Response to the crisis

Main outputs envisaged (examples):

- More than EUR 500 million in value of purchased PPE (CV1) for more than 1 billion PPEs to be purchased (CV6)
- More than EUR 600 million in value of medical equipment purchased (CV2)
- 101 laboratories supported to test for COVID-19 (CV9)
- Almost 200.000 enterprises to be supported with grants for working capital (CV22) and more than 143.000 enterprises to be supported via FI for working capital (CV23)

Response to the crisis

Main reprogramming in the following fields:

- **Health** EUR 4.1 billion in reallocations for health actions resulting in a net increase of EUR 3.5 billion at EU level;
- **Business** EUR 8.3 billion in reallocations in business support resulting in a net increase of EUR 1.8 billion at EU level;
- **Employment** EUR 1.4 billion of direct support for people, including workers and vulnerable groups.



Conclusions

Data is not yet complete, programme amendments ongoing until most done by the end of the year. We are approaching the half-way point.

➤ Over €13 bln of cohesion policy funds have been mobilised to tackle the COVID pandemic

Link to the COVID-19 Dashboard: https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/d/4e2z-pw8r

