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### **Module 3**

#### **Ensuring result-orientation in Operational Programmes 2014-2020: Programme management, Project Selection, Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

##### **Venue**

DG Regional and Urban Policy, Av de Beaulieu 5, Brussels

##### **Organised**

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Lot 3: Training on Cohesion Policy 2014–2020

##### **Dates**

3-4 November 2015  
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16-17 February 2016

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## Programme

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**THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2015**

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- 08.45      **Registration of participants**
- 09.00      **Welcome and Introduction from European Commission**
- 09.10      **Opening of the seminar and meeting the participants:  
Introduction to the objectives and methodology of the seminar**  
*Marco Lopriore, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 09.20      **Intervention logic, specific objectives and result-orientation in 2014-2020**
- intervention logic and programme structure
  - priorities, investment priorities, specific objectives and result indicators
  - projects / operations / actions and output indicators
  - common indicators, programme-specific indicators
  - the performance framework: financial indicators, key implementation step, milestone and targets
  - categories of intervention
- Robin Smail, EIPA Visiting Expert and Consultant (UK) (former national expert, EC)*
- 10.15      **Result-orientation for programmes and projects – issues and discussion**
- 10.45      Coffee break
- 11.00      **Result-orientation of projects and programmes: practical challenges for programme implementation**
- importance of EU 2020, ex-ante conditionality, concentration, new methods of delivery for the result-orientation of programmes
  - setting clear objectives, expected results and selection of appropriate result indicators
  - establishing robust baselines and targets
  - **exercise: setting objectives, measuring results**
  - setting targets for outputs
  - the performance framework and the performance review
  - respecting horizontal principles: sustainable development, gender equality, non-discrimination
- Shaun Henry, Director, Managing Authority, Special EU Programmes Body, Northern Ireland (UK) and former Twinning Adviser, Romania*
- 12.00      **Presentation of Case Studies from Member States Part 1: Investment Priorities, Specific Objectives, Result Indicators, Actions and Outputs**  
*Marco Lopriore, Robin Smail, Shaun Henry*
- 13.00      Lunch

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- 14.15      **Workshop: Project Selection Criteria**  
*Robin Smail*
- 15.00      **Implementation issues: generating successful projects, developing and managing the project pipeline**
- a project pipeline model - strategic context and project possibilities
  - institutional framework, publicity & information
  - stakeholders, partnerships and themes / ideas
  - project design, project applications, project selection
  - management and monitoring issues for the pipeline
- Robin Smail*
- 15.45      Coffee break
- 16.00      **Generating good project proposals, how to integrate result-orientation into project selection**
- previous experiences and key issues
  - engaging stakeholders, contributing to results and outputs
  - publicity and information, reducing the administration burden
  - organising calls for proposal, project selection criteria
  - project applications, project selection and project contracts
  - the project pipeline and n+3
  - simplified cost options to support output and outcome orientation
- Shaun Henry*
- 17.00      **Q&A session with Commission Officials**
- 17.30      **Presentation of Case Studies / Issues from Member States Part 2: Project Selection and the project pipeline**  
*Marco Lopriore, Robin Smail, Shaun Henry*
- 18.00      End of first day

**FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2015**

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- 09.00      **Review of Day 1**
- 09.10      **Monitoring and reporting requirements for 2014-2020: structures, data collection, reports and the performance framework**
- monitoring tasks and result-orientation
  - new monitoring requirements; data collection and transmission
  - the transmission of financial information
  - Annual Implementation Reports, Progress Reports
- Robin Smail*
- 10.00      **Exercise with Performance Framework: linking performance and financial allocations**  
*Robin Smail*

10.45	Coffee break
11.00	<b>Setting-up systems for measuring and reporting on project and programme progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the role of the Managing Authority in monitoring</li> <li>• the role and Monitoring Committee in monitoring</li> <li>• previous experience and issues</li> <li>• special challenges for 2014-2020</li> <li>• data collection from operations and ensuring data quality</li> <li>• using the data for reports</li> <li>• ensuring system quality</li> </ul> <i>Shaun Henry</i>
12.00	<b>Presentation of Case Studies from Member States Part 3: Projects demonstrating result-orientation and projects strongly aligned to Europe 2020</b> <i>Marco Lopriore, Shaun Henry, Robin Smail</i>
12.45	Lunch
14.00	<b>Workshop: Evaluation Questions / Presentation of Case Studies from Member States Part 4: planning evaluations</b> <i>Robin Smail, Shaun Henry, Marco Lopriore</i>
14.30	<b>Evaluation requirements for 2014-2020 and the challenge of measuring the results and impact of operations and programmes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the evaluation-policy cycle</li> <li>• major projects, cost-benefit analysis</li> <li>• evaluations during the programming period (implementation evaluations versus impact evaluations)</li> <li>• theory-based and counterfactual evaluations</li> <li>• the Evaluation Plan, data needs, planning ahead</li> </ul> <i>Robin Smail</i>
15.30	Coffee break
15.45	<b>Practical challenges for the Evaluation Plan: planning, resources, data collection, and timing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• previous experience on evaluations and utilisation of findings and recommendations</li> <li>• challenges of developing an evaluation plan: resources, expertise and planning</li> <li>• engaging stakeholders and data collection</li> <li>• reducing the administrative burden – implementation evaluation</li> <li>• problems with the time-line for evaluations</li> </ul> <i>Shaun Henry</i>
16.45	<b>Q&amp;A session with Commission Officials</b> <i>DG Regional and Urban Policy</i>
17.15	<b>Close of Seminar</b>