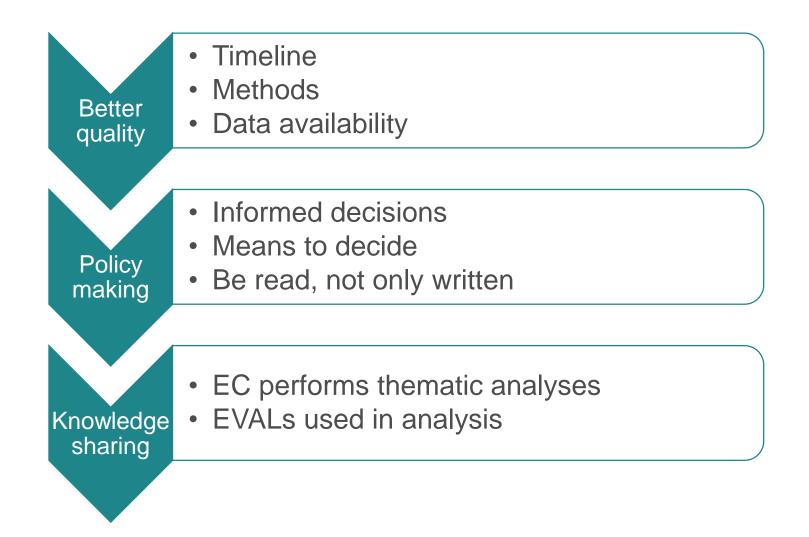
Evaluation Plan for 2021-2027

DG REGIO – Monitoring Committee Pomorskie 2021-2027, 29/03/2023



Purpose of evaluation planning





Legal basis & procedure

- MS/MA should prepare an evaluation plan, which may cover more than one programme (Art 44(5) CPR)
- MS/MA submits to the EC (SFC), which provides advice (strongly suggested)
- Evaluation plans submitted to the MC no later than one year after the decision approving the programme (Art. 44(6) CPR)
- The MC has to approve the evaluation plan and its future amendments (Art. 40(2)(c) CPR).
- The approved version (and updated ones) are submitted to the EC (SFC) (strongly suggested)



MS/MA side – New evaluation plan

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Important to know (for MS/MA)

- Evaluation plans are not versioned (ie. only one version in SFC)
- An approved evaluation plan has to be encoded as a new evaluation plan, also if a draft was previously encoded
- If an evaluation plan is created but not sent, the Commission will not see it
- For draft plans, we suggest to add 'draft' to the local reference



Evaluation plan components (i)

• Part 1: objectives, coverage, coordination

- ✓ Main objective of the plan and how to achieve it (coverage)
- ✓ Available evidence -> gap analysis to be filled by evaluation
- ✓ Coordination between MAs (evaluation coverage, findings, practice)

• Part 2: evaluation framework

- ✓ Responsibilities: MA units, contractors, monitoring committee, subgroups
- ✓ Overview: timetable (info for midterm review), budgets (!), quality management
- ✓ External relations: partners, evaluation expertise and training, use & communication



Evaluation plan components (ii)

• Part 3: planned evaluations

- ✓ Indicative list, ad hoc evaluations possible
- ✓ Timing (30 June 2029): Implementation first, but Impact should be planned early
- ✓ Distribute the budget logically (they don't need to be all equal)

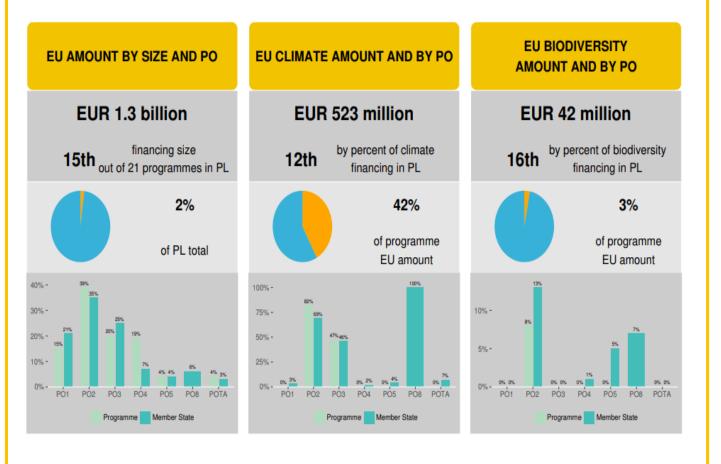
For each evaluation:

- ✓ Subject, rationale, criteria, evaluation questions
- ✓ Approach (e.g. theory based), methods, data requirements vs availability
- \checkmark Budget, duration and tentative date



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1.1 Overview finances (excluding flat rate technical assistance)



What to include

- How many?
- Implementation vs impact
- When?
- Which themes?



Lessons learned

- Design a feasible evaluation framework;
- Body of policy evidence;
- Clarify the objectives of each evaluation;
- Proper budget planning;
- Ensure visibility with the EC, other MA/MS, and policymakers;
- Timing; Be aware of the market....many evaluation are not delivered due to lack of good contractors.



Supporting tools

- <u>SWD</u> + Annexes in PDF
- EC review of the plan (SFC)
- Evaluation Library for reference
- Evaluation Helpdesk (annual call + summer schools)
- Monitoring Committee
- Peer review (MS and other MAs)



Thank you



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