

Cohesion policy Monitoring and Evaluation in 2021-2027

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Overall policy streamlining:

11 thematic objectives -> 5 policy objectives.

56 investment priorities -> 23 specific objectives + Interreg.

M&E for 2021-2027 builds on the previous one, with certain changes:

- No obligation to carry out ex-ante assessments.
- No more annual implementation reports.
- Automatic performance review replaced by mid-term review and flexible amounts.
- Extended list of common output and result indicators.
- More frequent reporting for financial data and indicators.

Indicators

- New concept of result indicators: from impact (14-20) to results for beneficiaries (21-27) + list of common result indicators.
- Better indicator coverage: 57 common result and +/- 90 common output indicators.
- Programmes to select the relevant ones. Programme-specific indicators still possible, but expected to be used far less frequently.
- Methodological document: criteria for selection of indicators; data, assumptions, evidence used; calculation methods; possible risks in implementation.

Mid-term review

- Automatic performance review and 6% performance reserve discontinued.
- Annual performance review meetings.
- Mid-term review in 2025, taking into account several elements: new challenges in country-specific recommendations, progress with energy and climate plans and with the European Pillar of Social Rights, socio-economic situation, results of evaluations, output indicators milestones etc.
- As a result, the flexibility amount will be allocated (50% of commitments corresponding to 2026-27).

Evaluation

- Draft programmes to set out lessons learned, i.e. from 2014-20 monitoring and evaluation.
- Obligation maintained for evaluation plans by MS or programme, within 1 year of the programme adoption.
- Obligation on MS or programme to carry out evaluations throughout the period + impact evaluation by 06/2029.
- Commission mid-term evaluation by 12/2024 in advance of mid-term review.
- Commission retrospective evaluation by 12/2031.

Thank you



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