

1.3.2 Main questions to be answered by the ex-ante evaluation and the way current report addresses these questions:

1. *Does the programme represent an appropriate strategy to meet the challenges confronting the country?*

Evaluation results on analysis, SWOT and strategy are drafted in Chapter 1. First findings and recommendations of the evaluator were discussed on the first follow-up meeting between evaluator and the Technical Assistance Working Group and the Managing Authority. Most of the initial comments were taken on board and current draft was drafted accordingly.

2. *Is the strategy well defined with clear objectives and priorities and can those objectives be realistically achieved with the financial resources allocated to the different priorities?*

Evaluation results on the strategy are drafted in Chapter 2. First findings and recommendations of the evaluator were discussed on the second follow-up meeting between evaluator and the Technical Assistance Working Group and the Managing Authority. Most of the initial comments were taken on board and current draft was drafted accordingly.

3. *Is the strategy coherent with policies at regional, national (including the National Strategic Reference Framework) and Community level? How will the strategy contribute to the achievement of the Lisbon objectives?*

Evaluation results on the external coherency of the strategy are drafted in Chapter 3.

4. *Are appropriate indicators identified for the objectives and can these indicators and their targets form the basis for future monitoring and evaluation of performance?*

5. *What will be the impact of the strategy in quantified terms?*

Evaluation results on the appropriateness of objectives and the expected results are drafted in Chapter 4. First findings and recommendations of the evaluator were briefly discussed on the second first follow-up meeting between evaluator and the Technical Assistance Working Group and the Managing Authority. More extensive discussion on the topic took place on a workshop dedicated to the indicator system led by short term specialist expert. Results of the workshop are incorporated.

Impact is looked at from the point of view of the implementation in Chapter 5. First findings and recommendations of the evaluator were discussed on the second follow-up meeting between evaluator and the Technical Assistance Working Group and the Managing Authority. Most of the initial comments were taken on board and current draft was drafted accordingly.

Issues will be covered also by the evaluation of draft Programme Complement, a step following the evaluation of the TA OP.