

Indicators in action



24 June 2024

Informal working group on indicator meeting: Sharing insights on implementing RCOs and RCRs used in 21-27 (focusing on 7 common indicators)

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Background information

The adoption of common indicators for Interreg has been successful. After the initial years of implementation, it's crucial to review practical experiences with these indicators. At the Interreg Knowledge Fair (IKF), we had a preliminary exchange and identified the need for deeper discussion to ensure a shared and supportive approach. During the May 15 online meeting, we agreed on the process and methodology for our informal working group to refine our approach to these indicators.

In our second meeting on June 24, we will examine the seven most popular common indicators for Interreg in more detail. The meeting is part of a broader discussion on the future of common indicators for the next period.

Further activities planned for 2024 include

- a summer survey among all programmes,
- an in-person meeting in Vienna on October 22-23 to discuss key findings and draw major conclusions,
- and the “Harvesting Event” taking place most likely on November 25-26, 2024.

The goal for 2024 is to provide first-hand experience to the Commission for drafting the future legal package expected by mid-2025. The whole process was developed together with the members of the informal working group and in close cooperation with Dora O’Neill and John Walsh from DG Regio’s Evaluation and European Semester unit.

Objectives

In this meeting, we will continue discussing commonly used Interreg indicators that have generated debate in previous discussions (IKF session in Riga March 5 and the online event on May 15). We will focus on your feedback, provided in the Excel file, regarding the following seven indicators:

Common Output Indicators

- RCO116: Jointly developed solutions
- RCO84: Pilot actions developed and implemented jointly
- RCO87: Organizations cooperating across borders
- RCO83: Strategies & action plans jointly developed

Common Result Indicators

- RCR104: Solutions taken up or up-scaled
- RCR79: Joint strategies and action plans taken up
- RCR84: Organizations cooperating post-project



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We will evaluate each indicator based on its description, programming definition and interpretation, assumptions and calculation issues, guidance to applicants, contracting challenges, project monitoring, communication on results, proposed amendments, and additional comments.

Thank you for your time and providing your feedback on these indicators using the excel template!

After discussing these seven indicators, we'll review any other Interreg common indicators and programme-specific indicators suggested by you.

The meeting is targeted at colleagues interested in our informal working group on indicators. Your participation and commitment to all planned activities and events until late autumn are crucial. If you are not yet a member of the informal working group on indicators and are interested in participating in this meeting, please contact us!

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Day One

Monday, 24 June 2024

09.25 – 09.30

Onboarding

09.30 – 12.00
Incl. comfort
break

Discussion of the seven common indicators

Interact in close cooperation with DG Regio (John Walsh, Dora O'Neill)

- Present summary of the feedback received from the members of the informal working group
- Identify what is effective and what needs improvement; propose potential strategies for enhancement.
- Discussion round and Q&A

Objective: Develop a shared understanding of the seven common indicators by examining challenges and best practices.

Discussion of the other common indicators and programme specific indicators

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- Present summary of the feedback received from the member of the informal working group
- Identify what is effective and what needs improvement; propose potential strategies for enhancement.
- Discussion round and Q&A

Objective: Develop a shared understanding of the seven common indicators by examining challenges and best practices and come up with potential new common indicators.

12.00 – 12.15

Introduction to the survey

DG Regio (John Walsh, Dora O'Neill)

- Present the key components of the survey.
- Discussion round and Q&A

Objective: Reach consensus on the main elements of the survey.

12.15 – 12.30

Wrap up and next steps

Interact in close cooperation with DG Regio

- Next steps
- Q&A

Objectives: agreement on the process and the next steps