

# Indicators in action/3

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**22 October 2024: 13.00 – 17,00 CET - 23 October 2024: 9.00 - 13.00**

**Informal working group on indicator meeting: Sharing insights on using RCOs and RCRs used in 21-27**

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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 established the process and methodology for our informal working group to refine our approach to these indicators. At our second meeting on June 24, we began a detailed examination of the most popular common indicators for Interreg. This discussion is part of a broader conversation about the future of common indicators for the next period.

Further activities planned for 2024 include

- a summer survey on the use of indicators among all programmes,
- an online meeting 'Indicators in action/2' on October 4 to discuss the next set of agreed common indicators (registration is open on the Interact website [here](#))
- and the "Harvesting Event" on November 25-26, 2024 in Brussels.

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 has been developed 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

The overarching aim of our discussion process on indicators is to develop a shared understanding on the current set of common indicators with a view to post 2027. We want to highlight key points that should be taken into consideration when developing the future set of common indicators. We would like to discuss these key points with the colleagues from Commission, wrap them up in a Report and present the key findings in the so-called "Harvesting event" on November 25-26 in Brussels to a wider audience of programme and Commission colleagues.

At the meeting in Vienna, we will summarize the main discussion points on the Interreg indicators that have been collected in previous discussions, including the IKF session in Riga on March 5 and the online events on May 15, June 24, and October 4. We will also discuss the survey outcomes and your qualitative feedback on the most popular common indicators in more detail. We will strive for a comprehensive perspective along the following criteria: definition and interpretation, assumptions and calculation issues for target setting, clarity for guidance to applicants and contracting, robustness in project monitoring and the usefulness when showcasing and communicating results. We will also collect and discuss amendments.



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Furthermore, we will discuss other Interreg common indicators requested in the indicator template, as well as programme-specific indicators and potential gaps in the indicator system. Another focus will be on the relationships between output (RCO) and result (RCR) indicators.

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**

**Tuesday, 22 October 2024**

**12.30 – 13.00**

Registration and welcome coffee

**13.00 – 17.00**  
**Incl. comfort**  
**break**

**Discussion of the common indicators**

*Interact in close cooperation with DG Regio (John Walsh) and Interreg programme representatives*

The most popular 7

- Present key findings of the feedback received from the members of the working group
- Identify what is effective and what needs improvement; propose potential amendments.

Survey: feedback

*DG Regio (John Walsh) and Interact*

- Present the key findings of the survey.

**Discussion**

- Discussion round and Q&A

*Objective: Develop a shared understanding of the common Interreg indicators and agree on key messages related to a future set of indicators.*

**Wrap up**

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### Day Two

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

09.00 – 09.15

Welcome and Introduction

09.15 – 12.30

Incl. comfort  
Break

### Discussion of the programme specific indicators

*Interact in close cooperation with DG Regio (John Walsh) and Interreg programme representatives*

Present programme specific indicators

- Interreg programme input
- Discussion round and Q&A

*Objective:* Develop a shared understanding of possible gaps in the current set of common indicators; examining challenges and practices how to cover them with programme specific indicators.

### Relationships between output (RCO) and result (RCR) indicators

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- Present summary report of the feedback received from the members of the informal working group
- Interreg programme input
- Discussion round and Q&A

*Objective:* Develop a shared understanding of matching links between output (RCO) and result (RCR) indicators and identify possible gaps.

### Open questions related to indicators and evaluation in general

*Interact in close cooperation with DG Regio (John Walsh)*

- Possibility to ask any of your questions related to indicators and evaluation

12.15 - 12.30

### Wrap up and next steps

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