

Summary template

Art. 114, CP

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The document should support Interreg programmes to summarize the findings of their evaluations (Art. 114 CPR)

Background information:

Legal requirement:

“By 31 December 2022, managing authorities shall submit to the Commission, for each operational programme, a report summarising the findings of evaluations carried out during the programming period and the main outputs and results of the operational programme, providing comments on the reported information.” (Art. 114, CPR)

Question: Do we need to implement all impact evaluations by December 31 2022 to be included in the summary report? What happens with evaluations implemented later?

Answer: Not necessarily. Article 56.3 which states that impact evaluations should be implemented during the programming period. The programming period finishes end of 2023 therefore the impact evaluations of every objective should be done by end of 2023, however other evaluations of the period can be implemented later even in the upcoming period, and it is also logical considering that some interventions deliver results much later. Indeed like this some of the evaluations cannot be included in the art. 114/2 due by end of 2022. The most important consideration is to implement useful evaluations.

Introduction:

This template is divided into 3 parts.

The **first** is to provide an overview of the evaluations undertaken on the OP concerned and is accompanied by a summary table in an annex.

The **second** is to compile the findings from each evaluation. It is proposed that findings are broken down by Priority axis and by investment priority. Findings should be linked to output and result indicators.

The **third** part is to draw general conclusions on findings on the achievements of the OP as evident from all the evaluations undertaken (on the basis of the information provided in the second section).

In each case, the findings reported should be those, which the MA regards as being reasonably reliable, in the sense that they have reasonable confidence in their validity and, where relevant, are prepared - or would be prepared - to take action based on them.

1. Overview of the evaluation work

Include here a summary of the evaluation work for this OP in no more than half a page (300 words). All evaluations covering the OP should be considered. A summary table of this section is included in an annex.

While all evaluation should be listed in the table in annex one by one, the input for this section should be limited to a concise and general overview of the evaluation work done addressing the OP. The section should address overall budget, number of evaluations, evaluation framework, dissemination of results and general lessons learned/challenges faced about the implementation of the evaluations from evaluation methodology point of view.

2. Findings by priority axis in relation to result & output indicators

For each PA and investment priority covered by the OP indicate the main, or most important, findings on the impact or effects of the measures evaluated, which are regarded as reasonably reliable (no more than 60 words per finding). Indicate the output and/or result indicators related to the findings, the actions taken as a follow up to them (optional) and the identifier(s) of the evaluation(s) setting out the finding(s).

Findings can relate to one or more indicators. It can be linked to output indicators only, to result indicators only, or to both types of indicator. The MA is invited to merge/unmerge cells accordingly. For findings that concern a whole investment priority, the MA should enter “all” under the related output and result indicators. Findings that concern cross cutting instruments and entire priority axis can either be reported as general findings in the text above the table, or be inserted under the table (see **second row** below).

General findings that cannot be integrated in the table below should be included at the beginning of the section in no more than one page (500 words).

EXAMPLE FOR ONE PRIORITY AXIS OF OP XX:

Priority axis	IP	Findings of evaluation and comments (if any)	Related output indicators (1)	Related result indicators (2)	Actions taken (3) (optional)	Identifier(s) of evaluation (4)
PA1		General findings on the whole Priority Axis (optional)	All	All		
	xx	Delays were noted during implementation. The reasons for the delay	xx	//		EVAL 1
		At the end of 2018, the implementation of projects related to this indicator is delayed, because...	y	//		EVAL 1
		By the end of 2018, the objective for this indicator had not been met due to ...	z	//		EVAL 1
		20 % of beneficiaries considered the aid measures to be “indispensable”.	x	//		EVAL 1

Priority axis	IP	Findings of evaluation and comments (if any)	Related output indicators (1)	Related result indicators (2)	Actions taken (3) (optional)	Identifier(s) of evaluation (4)
		Most of the projects	x	//	X	EVAL 1
		The results achieved are higher than expected for the period considered . Explain....	//	X		EVAL 1
		All companies that have received an investment premium under the programming are still in operation.	//	Y		EVAL 1
	yy	The rapid absorption of fund raises the question whether	x,y,z	Y		EVAL 1

Note:

- (1) List all common and programme-specific output indicators related to the finding. If the finding is not related to specific indicators but rather relates to the investment priority in general, please insert “all”.
- (2) List all common and programme-specific result indicators related to the finding. If the finding is not related to specific indicators but rather relates to the investment priority in general, please insert “all”.
- (3) Indicate the actions taken or planned (if any) in response to findings
- (4) Indicate the identifier(s) of the evaluations as set out in the overview table (annex) which provide the evidence for findings

3. General conclusions

Include here a general conclusion in no more than 2 pages (1000 words) on evaluation findings on the achievements (result and output indicators) of the OP concerned. This section should provide a concise narrative regarding the implementation, evaluation and the results of the programme. Managing Authorities are expected to build their conclusions on the concrete achievements of the OP, lessons learned and evaluation work done.

Annex: Evaluations undertaken in respect of the OP concerned

List all the evaluations by publication date, with the most recent first. All evaluations covering the OP even if covering other OPs should be reported.

EXAMPLE :

Identifier	Brief description of measures/intervention subject of evaluation	Title	Fund(s) concerned by the eval.	TOs	Link to report
Eval. 1	Evaluation of measures supporting the competitiveness of SMEs.	Titel of the evaluation		TOx	Link

Note:

- Identifier - numbering of evaluations in the table; evaluations listed in decreasing order of date of publication
- Brief description of intervention/measure/action subject of the evaluation: indicate in no more than 30 words the essence of the subjects of evaluation Funds concerned by evaluation - select from list: same list as in country fiches and thematic reports i.e. ERDF, ESF, CF, YEI
- Title - in the national language as set out on the cover page of the evaluation report
- TOs
- Link to report - indicate the link to the pdf of the evaluation report