

The indicator framework for post 2020

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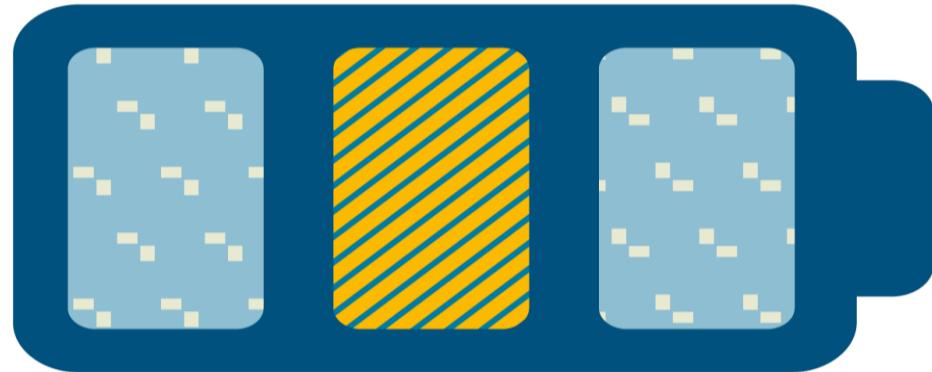


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Common indicators

**Proposed set of common indicators for all
programmes**



The history

Lessons learnt from the current period

- In this period about 1 400 indicators for 80 programmes representing 2.5% of the ERDF allocation
- A study showed: ‘clouds’ of very similar but still different indicators for outputs
- Usual approach at programme level “... jointly developed XY ... in the field of ...”
- Makes it hard to impossible to provide a solid narrative about the achievements of Interreg at the European level

Common indicators

The new approach

- Set of common indicators for the five Policy Objectives (PO 1 to PO 5) and the two Interreg-specific Objectives (ISO 1 and ISO 2) in Annex 1 to the ERDF Regulation
- Common indicators on outputs and results – measured at project level
- Recommended for programmes to use these indicators but not mandatory
- Backed by so-called indicator fiches providing standardised definition, measurement unit, approach to counting etc.
- Common indicators for PO 4 ('A more social Europe') mostly express the construction respectively the upgrading of social and health infrastructure
- Common Interreg indicators: very generic but highlighting the cooperation element!

Interreg - common output indicators

RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders
RCO82	Participations in joint actions promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion
RCO83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed
RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects
RCO85	Participations in joint training schemes
RCO86	Joint administrative or legal agreements signed
RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders
RCO90	Projects for innovation networks across borders
RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised
RCO116	Jointly developed solutions
RCO117	Solutions for legal or administrative obstacles across border identified
RCO118	Organisations cooperating for the multi-level governance of macroregional strategies
RCO119	Projects supporting cooperation across borders to develop urban-rural linkages

Interreg - common result indicators

RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
RCR79	Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations
RCR81	Completion of joint training schemes
RCR82	Legal or administrative obstacles across borders alleviated or resolved
RCR83	Persons covered by joint administrative or legal agreements signed
RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
RCR85	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion

Examples

Aspect	Indicator	Programme Objective
Output	RCO 117	ISO 1 SO 6.2
Example	Solutions for legal or administrative obstacles across border identified	Working for better cooperation governance in legal and administrative cooperation
Result	RCR 104	PO 1 SO 1.1
Example	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	For a smarter Europe promoting innovative and smart economic transformation by developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

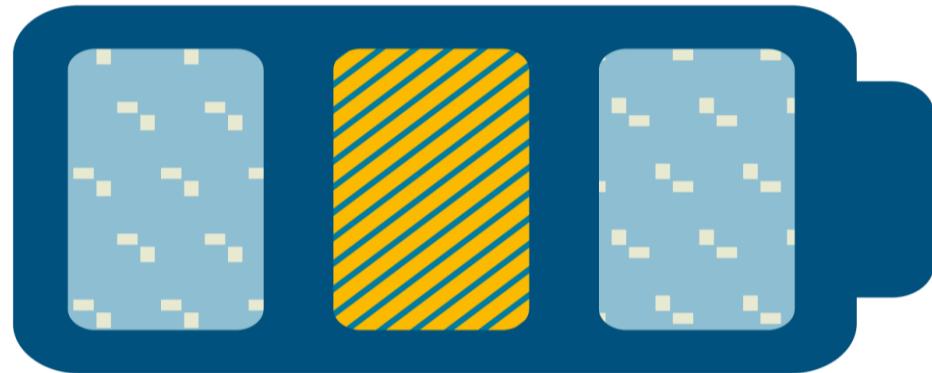
Rules on common indicators

To keep in mind:

- About 2 to 3 pairs of indicators per (specific) programme objective
- You can define common indicators more narrowly than in the fiche (but not broader)
- Use of common indicators & asterisked indicators for POs 1-5 only for the respective PO
- Use of common Interreg indicators for POs 1-5 shall be possible
- Use of common Interreg indicators for ISOs
- Two common indicators refer to: *After project completion meaning at project completion or up to one year after project completion (Q&A)*

Proposed indicators on capacity building

Indicators on capacity building developed by transnational programmes



Capacity building

During the event in January we started working on two programme-specific result indicators together with colleagues from TN programmes:

1. People with increased capacity in the field tackled by the project due to their participation in cooperation activities
2. Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders

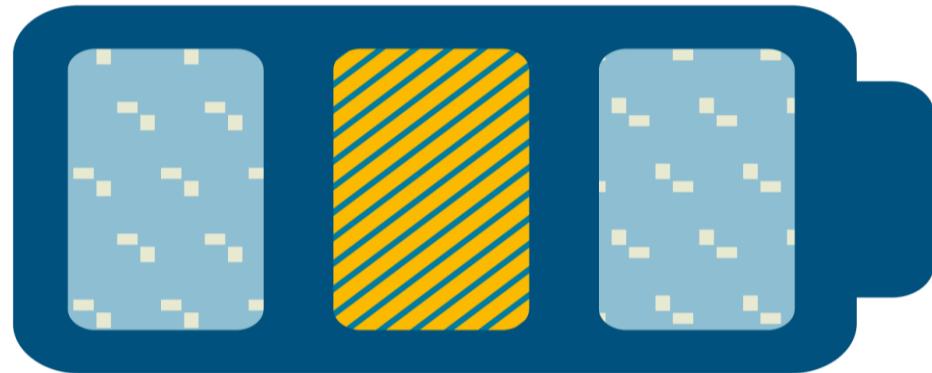


Indicator Name	People with increased capacity <i>in the field tackled by the project</i> due to their participation in cooperation activities
Brief definition	The number of people that increases their professional capacity in the field tackled by the project due to their regular participation in cooperation activities
Measurement unit	Individuals
Type	Result
Message	The indicator is a proxy for the learning generated thanks to the project.
Policy objective	All
Specific objective	All
Use with other common output indicators	RC081
Associated result indicators	RCR 79 & RCR 104

Indicator Name	Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders
Brief definition	The number of organisations that increased their institutional capacity in the thematic field of the project by actively participating in cooperation activities across borders
Measurement unit	Organisations
Type	Result
Message	This indicator is a proxy for potential improvement in the region in a specific field due to increased competence of relevant actors
Policy objective	All
Specific objective	All
Use with other common output indicators	RC084, RC085, RC087

Options to reflect social innovation

Options to indicate social innovation



Options to reflect social innovation

A couple of thoughts:

- Programme indicators (either specific or common ones) will only be proxys for output and result; measuring / capturing the impact at programme level is the task of the (compulsory) evaluation
- You can define common indicators more narrowly than in the fiche (but not broader) – option to develop a more narrowly defined subset
- Option for projects to define their set of output / result / impact indicators – in best case feeding the programme indicators
- Awareness-raising for social innovation: E.g. use of term ‘sustainability’ (environmentally, economically and socially sustainable) or use of term ‘innovative’ in project assessment

Cooperation works

Many materials available on:

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