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RDP targets and indicators To amend or not to amend? FAQ

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When should output indicators be changed?

- Change in public budget of measure
- Introduction of measure/sub measure
- Any type of amendment

Exceptions (example)

- Average project size not as anticipated

What is the link between planned outputs and targets?

- Distinction between approval and implementation phase
- Approval: validation of coherence between targets and planned outputs
- Automatic calculation now removed
- Planned outputs should be designed to achieve targets set – **NOT VICE VERSA!!!**

What about errors?

- Correct in first available amendment
- Provide explanation
- Explanation not part of the amendment

When should the strategy be changed?

- Changed circumstances
- New information
- Change in approach
- -> change in the priority given to different needs
- Any type of amendment

When should targets be changed?

- Strategy is changed
- Total public envelope of RDP changes

When should targets not be changed?

- Funds moved between measures
- Funds moved between Focus Areas
- Planned outputs change
- Values of context indicators updated

Targets – specific cases

- If strategy for a focus area is written in general terms, change in approach may not require a change in text of Chapter 5
- Rounding of targets (option)

Can targets only be changed under Article 11(a)(i)?

- No: Article 11(a)(i) defines one specific case
- Change is assessed cumulatively
- Changes of < 50% under other legal base
- "Strategic amendment" serves to identify and limit number of significant shifts in strategy



Performance Framework (PF) Changes of Milestone and Target values

When PF Target and Milestone values can change?

- All modifications of the PF should be duly justified.
- In light of the Regulations, the revision of Milestone and Target values may be proposed by a MS only:
 - *When the budget allocated to a priority changes, because a change of the budget will influence the ability to achieve Milestones and Targets for the indicators included in the PF*
 - *This could also concern transfers within a Priority if the changes concern resources linked to a PF Output or Key Implementation Step*

When PF Target and Milestone values can change?

A transfer of allocation may cause the PF Output indicators to correspond to less than the majority of the total Priority allocation, then a change in the PF is required (requirements of Art. 5(1) of Reg. n°(EU) 215/2014 remains mandatory)

When PF Target and Milestone values can change?

Regulations provide two other cases when Target and Milestone values can be changed:

- *significant change in the economic, environmental and labour market conditions in a MS or region (paragraph 5 of Annex II of the Reg. n° (EU) 1303/2013),*
- *in case the information on methodologies and criteria for selecting indicators and determining milestones and targets was based on incorrect assumptions leading to under- or over- estimation of targets (Article 5(6) of Regulation n°(EU) 215/2014).*

When PF Target and Milestone values can change?

As these cases are not exhaustive, other instances may also justify the revision of milestone/targets values. Nonetheless, these cases will be assessed carefully.

Link between PF and CMES Indicators

- CMES Target Indicators are not used in the PF
- Only total public expenditure (financial indicator) and Output Indicators are used in the PF
- In the case of Common PF Indicators (output and total public expenditure), change to the planned value of relevant common output will lead to a change in the milestone and target values of the corresponding PF indicators