EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Simplification

Working Document[1]

SFC2014 EAFRD AIR technical guidance

Proposed technical structure and content of

Point 7 of Annual Implementation Reports (AIR)

(referred to in Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Article 75 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 and in ANNEX VII point 7 to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014)

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[1] Version of December 2017

Notes

This proposed simplified template for Point 7 (information resulting from evaluation activities) of the annual implementation reports (AIRs) of 2014-2020 Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) takes into account the feedback received from Member States following the evaluation exercise included in the RDPs' AIRs submitted in 2017.

It aims to eliminate the need for Member States to upload information that is already included in other sections of the AIR and to align the SFC structure to the regulatory requirements, whilst ensuring that the information requested in Point 7 of the AIR allows for an adequate overview of the assessment of the information and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programmes.

Therefore, e.g. common context, output, result and target indicators already included in other parts of the AIR or of the RDP will not have to be filled in again in Point 7. The same applies to information included in the RDP or in other sections of the AIR.

1. Common evaluation questions related to rural development focus areas
(Common model for CEQs 1-18 related to Focus Areas)

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 1 (FA 1A)

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 1 "TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THE RDP INTERVENTIONS SUPPORTED INNOVATION, COOPERATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KNOWLEDGE BASE IN RURAL AREAS?"

Answer to evaluation question

[A maximum of 17,500 characters = approx. 5 pages]

[SAME TEMPLATE FOR COMMON EVALUATION QUESTIONS 1 TO 18]

2. Common evaluation questions related to other RDP aspects

(Common model for CEQs 19-21)

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 19

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 19: "TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THE SYNERGIES AMONG PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS ENHANCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RDP?"

Answer to evaluation question

[A maximum of 17,500 characters = approx. 5 pages]

[SAME TEMPLATE FOR COMMON EVALUATION QUESTIONS 19 TO 21]

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTIONS RELATED TO UNION LEVEL OBJECTIVES
(Common model for CEQs 22-30)

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 22

COMMON EVALUATION QUESTION No 22 "TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE RDP CONTRIBUTED TO ACHIEVING THE EU 2020 HEADLINE TARGET OF RAISING THE EMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64 TO AT LEAST 75%?"

Answer to evaluation question

[A maximum of 17,500 characters = approx. 5 pages]

[SAME TEMPLATE FOR COMMON EVALUATION QUESTIONS 22-30]

4. PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTIONS

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTION LINKED TO PROGRAMME SPECIFIC FOCUS AREAS[2]

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC FOCUS AREA (PSEQ):[3]   **PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTION No …:[4]**
Answer to evaluation question   *[A maximum of 17,500 characters = approx. 5 pages]*

[SAME TEMPLATE FOR EACH PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTION LINKED TO PROGRAMME SPECIFIC FOCUS AREAS]

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[2] In case the RDP includes several programme specific focus areas, the table for programme specific evaluation question will be multiplied in the SFC template accordingly.

[3] Insert the number and title of the programme specific focus area, e.g. 2C – "Improving the economic performance and market participation of forestry enterprises"

[4] Insert the title of programme specific evaluation question, e.g. "To what extent have the RDP interventions supported the improvement of economic performance and market participation of forestry enterprises?"

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTION LINKED TO PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION TOPIC[5]

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Answer to evaluation question

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[SAME TEMPLATE FOR EACH PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION QUESTION LINKED TO PROGRAMME SPECIFIC EVALUATION TOPIC]

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[5] In case the RDP evaluation plan contains the evaluation of several specific topics, e.g. the RDP delivery mechanism etc., the table for programme specific evaluation question will be multiplied in the SFC template accordingly.

[6] Insert here the evaluation topic, e.g. „Programme delivery"

[7] Insert the title of programme specific evaluation question linked to evaluation topic, e.g. "To what extent has the programme delivery contributed to the effective RDP implementation?"

SUMMARY TABLE OF QUANTIFIED ADDITIONAL INDICATORS

Indicator name (*drop-down menu with proposed additional indicators suggested in the Evaluation Guidelines and Working Documents & also allowing for new text*)	Indicator unit (ha, thousand ha, EUR, number, %, other (specify))	Value	Data and information sources and methodology used

SUMMARY TABLE OF QUANTIFIED IMPACT INDICATORS

Name of indicator	Indicator Unit (EUR, %, other (specify))	RDP Net contribution	Data and information sources and methodology used
1. Agricultural entrepreneurial income			
2. Agricultural factor income			
3. Total factor productivity in agriculture			
4. EU commodity price variability	NA	NA	NA
5. Consumer price evolution of food products	NA	NA	NA
6. Agricultural trade balance	NA	NA	NA
7. Emissions from agriculture			
8. Farmland bird index			
9. High Nature Value farming			
10. Water abstraction in agriculture			
11. Water quality			
12. Soil organic matter in arable land			
13. Soil erosion by water			
14. Rural employment rate			
15. Degree of rural poverty			
16. Rural GDP per capita			