



COMMON EVALUATION QUESTIONS: QUESTIONS & OPEN ISSUES

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What is the status of the working document (e.g. guidance, mandatory, etc.)?

- *Guidance documents are non-binding.*

In case the RDP does not implement a NRN, are answers to NRN EQs mandatory (e.g. Regional RDPs)?

- *No. Only EQs linked to elements included in the RDP need to be addressed.*

The CEQs on "Synergies among RD priorities and FAs" is very complex to answer. Can it be optional?

- *The integrated approach to rural development cannot be ignored. Synergy and complementarity are key concepts underpinning RD policy design.*



Why do we have CEQs for EU headline targets? (RDPs are not comprehensive enough to have a measurable net effects)

- *All EU policies are linked to overall EU policy orientation and should contribute to the headline targets*

Why do we have CEQs for CAP? (Difficult to differentiate net effects between Pillar I and II)

- *RD is the 2nd Pillar of the CAP and should contribute to CAP general objectives.*
- *Yes it could be difficult to separate out the impact of P1/P2. Some good practice examples cover both pillars in RDP evaluations.*



Who shall evaluate CEQs? Can the EC evaluate the CEQs related to EU 2020 headline targets and CAP objectives?

- CEQs to be evaluated at RDP level under responsibility of MA. EU aggregates will be based on RDP level evaluations.*

Why are the horizontal CEQs on environment and climate change placed under two policy areas: RD cross cutting priorities and CAP objectives.

- Document built up from elements of the policy requiring evaluation. Structure to be reconsidered in order to avoid duplication.*

Do we really need common Judgement Criteria? (it is a task between MAs and evaluators to decide on the JC)

- The guidance is non-binding. If MS identify more appropriate judgement criteria to answer the questions, they are encouraged to use them.*

When shall the answers to CEQs be reported? (2017 is too early)

- *EQs related to focus areas should be addressed in the 2017 report. CPR Article 44(3) stipulates requirement to assess progress towards objectives for all ESIF in 2017.*

What to do with FAs for which there is only secondary impact of the measures?

- *Only FA included in RDP have to be evaluated. MA may choose to cover other FA where secondary effects are expected.*

Will some examples of answers to CEQs be provided by the EC?

- *No plans to provide model answers.*

When are the common indicators for TA going to be presented?

- *Will be included in full draft of IA. Foreseen for December RDC.*

Why are ex ante EQs not included (gender, coherence...) in the set of CEQs?

- *Ex ante serves a different purpose. These CEQs focus on assessing RDP achievements during implementation. MAs free to add others.*

CEQs on TA are not Horizontal. Can they be placed separately?

- *The structure of the document will be reviewed.*