



Data items list for Pillar II Operation Database – outcome of interactive session

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What are the key questions?

1. How can we make the **best use of the operations database** for RDP evaluation in 2017?
2. What **further assistance** do you need to use the operations database for evaluation?

How to make best use of the Operations Database?



Clarify the definition and purpose of "Operations database"

- Term "Operations database" needs to be clarified (differently organized in MS, is not one single Operations Database)
- Data availability problems concern mainly result and impact data
- Use the database for construction of counterfactual on side of beneficiaries (to be complemented with non-beneficiaries by evaluators)

How to make best use of the Operations Database?



Complete information in Operation Database with other types of data

- Check availability of data and what data is missing; check relevance, use and cost of data for evaluation;
- Use basic information from monitoring as input for evaluation and combine with additional information from statistics
- Database needs to be further developed:
 - Complementary result indicators (in particular environmental result indicators)
 - Programme-specific indicators
- National specifics are necessary to be taken into account
- Need for simplification versus need for data
- Cross micro-data with statistical data (link between operations database and other databases like from statistics, research institutes etc.)

How to make best use of the Operations Database?



Ensure collaboration between Paying Agency, evaluators and Managing Authority and other involved stakeholders e.g. LAGs in the completion of the database

- Practical problems in coordination between PA and MA (lack of data quality of data collected by PA)
- Direct access to database of PA (MA have no direct access)
- Good practice to liaise with evaluators when formulating the inputs for the database (application forms, monitoring reports, payment claims)
- LAGs may cause problems (are not aware of FAs, evaluating etc.)

Needs for further assistance:



Methodological guidance

- Definitions of indicators
- How to assess secondary effects of measures?
- How to decide on methodologies on assessment of results and impacts (including those FA without complementary result indicators)
- How to use pillar 1 data for evaluation of pillar 2?



Needs for further assistance:

Training

- Focus of evaluation should be understandable for everybody
- Training for staff of PA (awareness for evaluation, data quality)

Good practice / information exchange

- Linkage between MA and PA (for finalizing the application forms, data quality, revision of data system)
- How to collect data from the applicants, how to verify data, how to optimize data collection for evaluation purposes
- Survey in order to find out where each of the Member States in setting up Operations Database
- Linkage with other funds

Thank you for your attention!



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