Intervention logic and indicators 2028 – 2035

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Intervention strategy [Article 8(3)(b) ERDF]



High-level plan: what the programme aims to achieve and how.



Based on analysis of territorial needs, challenges and gaps



And the strategic choices of programmes

General Objective

- Current understanding: Interreg programmes will fall under Objective 2a (ERDF and Cohesion Fund).
- A General Objective may have one or more Specific Objectives.



Specific Objective

- More detailed and harmonised framework, offering greater flexibility than in 2021 2027.
- ➤ Defined in: Article 3(a)(c) NRP and Article 7(4) ERDF.
- ➤ 16 Specific Objectives under the NRP + 3 Interreg-specific objectives under the ERDF:
 - Better cooperation governance
 - A safer and more secure Europe
 - More resilient regions bordering Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine
- **➤** No thematic concentration requirements.
- > No limitation on the number of Specific Objectives a programme may select.



Measure

- > Defined in NRP (Art. 4(10) and PbA (Art. 2(3)).
- > Is a reform or investment, or both.
- No fixed number of measures required by regulation.
- Building blocks of the intervention strategy.
- Linked to general and specific objectives, indicators, costs, and milestones/targets.
- Each measure shall be assigned at least one intervention field from Annex I in PbA [Article 14(2) PBA]
- Interreg Plan requirement (Art. 8(3)(c) ERDF): Provide a list and description of measures, their objectives, milestones, targets, and indicative completion dates.
- It's possible for more than one measure to be allocated to the same specific objective





Intervention field

- ➤ Intervention field = a standardized EU categories used to classify supported activities. (Annex I, PbA regulation)
- > Ensures consistency in budget tracking and performance monitoring.
- Should be assigned 1 output indicator and 1 or more corresponding result indicator(s).



Output indicator



- Use harmonised EU indicators (Annex I to the Performance Regulation: Intervention Fields, Output and Corresponding Result Indicators)
- ➤ **Definition: 'output indicator'** means a quantitative performance indicator that monitors what is directly produced or supported by the implementation of an activity [Article 2(8) PBA];
- You must select one output indicator per intervention field. In duly justified cases and with the Commission's agreement, an output indicator not included in Annex I may be used.
- The output indicator selected defines the final *milestone or target* for the intervention field assigned to the measure.



Result Indicator



- ➤ **Definition** 'result indicator': a quantitative performance indicator that monitors the direct effects of supported activities; [Article 2(9) PBA]
- You must assign **one or more result indicators** corresponding to the intervention field of the measure as provided under Annex I, if available. (If "greenhouse gas emissions avoided" is assigned as the result indicator, a second result indicator from the same intervention field (if available) must also be assigned)

ANNEX I Intervention fields and indicators CCM: climate change mitigation CCA: climate change adaptation and resilience Policy area Policy area Intervention field CCM CCA ENV SOC Output indicator Result indicator (level 1) (level 2) Agriculture and Agriculture Promote generational renewal · Number of farmers: Number of new young farmers and other fisheries of farmers Number of cooperation projects; new entrants in agriculture supported - by · Number of funding agreements; · Number of smallholders in third countries Agriculture and Agriculture Targeted support to farmers 40% Share of agricultural area under fisheries income environmental stewardship and protective Share of additional income support per hectare for farms below average farm size; New young farmers and other new entrants Hectares; in agriculture supported; · Number of farmers; Other beneficiaries - by target group Number of smallholders in third countries (women, smaller farms, farms in specific areas, other group of farms); GHG emissions avoided and removals in Increase or protection of soil organic content

Target and milestones

- ➤ Both are "stepping stones" on way to delivering measure
- ➤ **Definition milestone:** qualitative achievement
- > Definition target: quantitative achievement
 - Final target/milestone = output indicator



Pay-out value

- Both milestones and targets can be assigned payout values
- This means:
 - Amount defined ex ante
 - Paid upon achievement of milestone/target



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Decide what you want to achieve.

General objective

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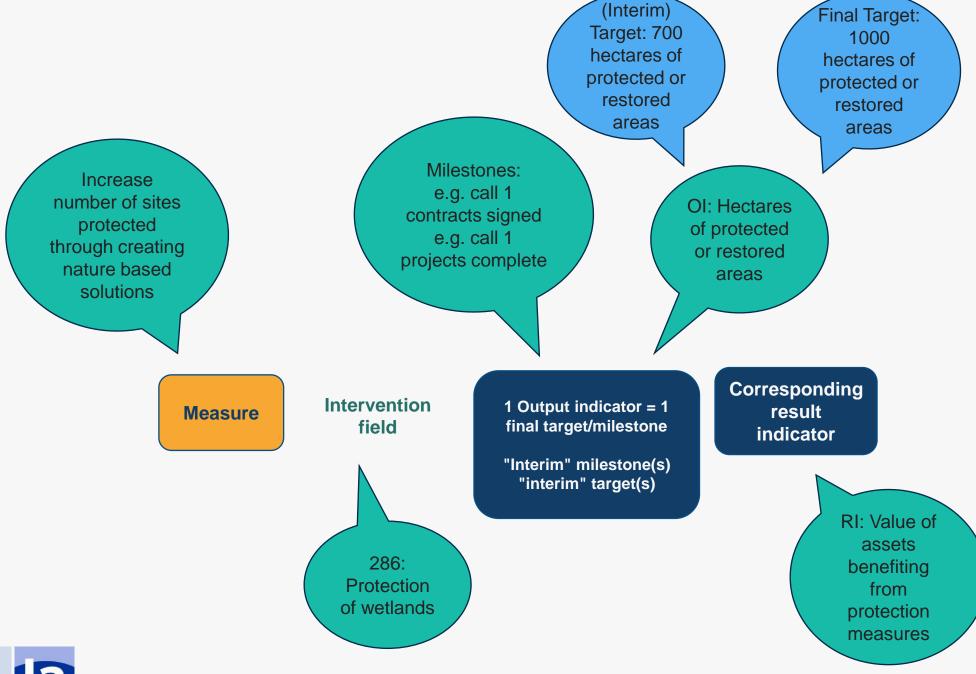
assessment

Territorial

analysis

Intervention

Strategy



Group work 20 minutes



Arrange cards to build your own intervention logic!

Need assessment	
Intervention strategy	
Specific Objective	
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Consider the following questions:

- Was the agreement on your table?
- What challenges did you encounter?
- Do you foresee that you'll encounter similar challenges while programming?
- Any other observations?

Example: Cross-border emergency services

- Need: Emergency services in border regions face delays and inefficiencies due to different administrative, legal, and operational frameworks.
- Intervention strategy: remove administrative obstacles to emergency services operating on both sides of the border and develop coordinated emergency response mechanisms. Ultimately goal: speed up average response times in c/b areas
- Specific Objective: Better cooperation governance
- Measure: Actions to enable emergency services to operate on a c/b basis
- Intervention field: (142) Member states cooperation and networks
- Output indicator: Pilot actions developed/implemented jointly
- Result indicator: Legal or administrative obstacles across borders alleviated or resolved



Example: Flooding

- Need: The shared river basin area is prone to severe recurrent flooding, threatening communities, agricultural land, and critical infrastructure, requiring coordinated risk management across administrative borders.
- Intervention strategy: Implement measures for flood prevention and climate resilience, focusing on nature-based solutions and joint disaster preparedness planning across affected territories. Ultimate goal: Reduce the number of people and value of assets exposed to flood risk.
- **General Objective:** (Article 3(d)) To sustain the quality of life in the Union
- Specific Objective: A.x: Supporting efficient water management, quality and resilience, environmental protection, climate adaptation, climate resilience and enhancing biodiversity.
- Measure: Investments in flood prevention measures and adaptation strategies within the shared river basin.
- Intervention field: (278) Prevention measures to mitigate risk of flooding
- Output indicator: Number of people covered by prevention measures by gender
- Result indicator: Value of assets and / or Population benefitting from climate resilience measures



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