

# Indicators for sustainable regional development

## Setting targets and tracking results of cohesion policy

The Legislative Package  
**Improving policy effectiveness through simplification and result orientation**

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# A new approach towards result orientation

“6. Despite the claimed focus on results, the scheme remains fundamentally input-based, and therefore **oriented towards compliance rather than performance. The latter objective is essentially left to the introduction of** a performance reserve (whose success will depend on the capacity to develop suitable indicators) and of Joint Action Plans with specific objectives, **result indicators** and outputs as a basis for payments (with the expectation that the current input based management structure will not be needed anymore).”

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# A system of result indicators

## ANNEX IV/CPR, General ex-ante conditionalities

<p>7. Statistical systems and result indicators</p>	<p>The existence of a statistical system necessary to undertake evaluations to assess the effectiveness and impact of the programmes.</p> <p>The existence of an effective system of result indicators necessary to monitor progress towards results and to undertake impact evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A multi-annual plan for timely collection and aggregation of data is in place that includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the identification of sources and mechanisms to ensure statistical validation;</li> <li>- arrangements for publication and public availability.</li> <li>- an effective system of results indicators including:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the selection of result indicators for each programme providing information on those aspects of the well-being and progress of people that motivate policy actions financed by the programme;</li> <li>- the establishment of targets for these indicators;</li> <li>- the respect for each indicator of the following requisites: robustness and statistical validation, clarity of normative interpretation, responsiveness to policy, timely collection and public availability of data;</li> <li>- adequate procedures in place to ensure that all operations financed by the programme adopt an effective system of indicators.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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# Functions of result oriented indicators

1. Target setting related to policy objectives (Europe 2020, environmental acquis, Sustainable Development Strategy)
2. Communication and steering of policy implementation
3. Assessment of policy implementation

# Proposed Common Indicators

## ANNEX

### Common indicators for ERDF support under the Investment for growth and jobs goal (Article 6)

	UNIT	NAME
<b>Productive investment</b>		
	enterprises	Number of enterprises receiving grants
	enterprises	Number of enterprises receiving financial support other than grants
	enterprises	Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support
	enterprises	Number of new enterprises supported
	EUR	Private investment matching public support to SMEs (grants)

# Proposed Common Indicators

- Insufficient link to Europe 2020 objectives and milestones (EE/RE, resource use, poverty, research)
- Poor informative value and sometimes missing any results-oriented element -> reporting = focus on “up-take”?
- Cutting-edge? – result indicators already in place (e.g. SK)

# Result indicators for sustainable regional development

<u>Thematic objectives CSF fund</u>	<u>Linked target and result indicator</u>
<i>(1) strengthening research, technological development and innovation;</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Innovations with environmental benefits</b></li> </ul>
<i>(3) enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF);</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Energy intensity of the economy</b></li> <li>• <b>Resource productivity</b></li> </ul>
<i>(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors;</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions by sector</b></li> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy share in final energy consumption</b></li> <li>• <b>Gross energy consumption per sector</b></li> </ul>
<i>(5) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management;</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Area of land with increased capacity to prevent and mitigate floods and extreme weather conditions</b></li> </ul>

# Result indicators for sustainable regional development

<u>Thematic objectives CSF fund</u>	<u>Linked target and result indicator</u>
<p><i>(6) protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency;</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household waste arising per person</li> <li>• Domestic material consumption (DMC) per inhabitant</li> <li>• Population served by public schemes for waste separation and recycling</li> <li>• Land take</li> <li>• Fragmentation of landscape and habitats</li> <li>• Exposure to air pollution and noise</li> <li>• Extent of green infrastructure and green space in urban areas</li> </ul>
<p><i>(7) promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures;</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modal split of passenger transport</li> <li>• Modal split of freight transport</li> <li>• GHG by transport mode</li> </ul>



# Performance Framework – the place for result indicators

## ANNEX I/CPR

Table 1: Standard format for the performance framework

Priority	Indicator and measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2016	Milestone for 2018	Target for 2022
<b>Low-carbon economy</b>	<b>Energy consumption Housing sector</b>	<b>6% of ERDF 200.' dwellings</b>	<b>12% of ERDF 400.' dwellings</b>	<b>30% energy reduction</b>

# EU funds for Sustainable Regional Development

Thank you for your attention!

