

## Quality Assessment for Evaluation Final Report

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<b>Objective of the assessment</b>	<b>Aspects to be assessed</b>	<b>Fulfilled? Y, N, N/A</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Scope of evaluation	Confirm with the Terms of Reference and the work plan that the contractor :		
	a. Has addressed the evaluation issues and specific questions	Y	
	b. Has undertaken the tasks described in the work plan	Y	
	c. Has covered the requested scope for time period, geographical areas, target groups, aspects of the intervention, etc.	Y	The evaluation covers the requested scope
2. Overall contents of report	Check that the report includes:		
	a. Executive Summary according to an agreed format, in the three required languages (minimum EN and FR)	Y	Executive summary in EN and FR
	b. Main report with required components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Title and Content Page</li> <li>▪ A description of the policy being evaluated, its context, the purpose of the evaluation, contextual limitations, methodology, etc.</li> <li>▪ Findings, conclusions, and judgments for all evaluation issues and specific questions</li> <li>▪ The required outputs and deliverables</li> <li>▪ Recommendations as appropriate</li> </ul>	Y	
	c. All required annexes	Y	
3. Data collection	Check that data is accurate and complete		
	a. Data is accurate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data is free from factual and logical errors</li> <li>▪ The report is consistent, i.e. no contradictions</li> <li>▪ Calculations are correct</li> </ul>	Y	
	b. Data is complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Relevant literature and previous studies have been sufficiently reviewed</li> <li>▪ Existing monitoring data has been appropriately used</li> <li>▪ Limitations to the data retrieved are pointed out and explained.</li> <li>▪ Correcting measures have been taken to address any problems encountered in the process of data gathering</li> </ul>	Y	The data collected are fit for the purpose of this evaluation and the relevant limitation are well explained. Main issues were overcome by applying corrective measures. Literature sources are comprehensive.

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4. Analysis and judgments	Check that analysis is sound and relevant	
	a. Analytical framework is sound	Y
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The methodology used for each area of analysis is clearly explained, and has been applied consistently and as planned</li> <li>▪ Judgements are based on transparent criteria</li> <li>▪ The analysis relies on two or more independent lines of evidence</li> <li>▪ Inputs from different stakeholders are used in a balanced way</li> <li>▪ Findings are reliable enough to be replicable</li> </ul>	
b. Conclusions are sound	Y	<p>The analytical framework is sound.</p> <p>The methodology used and the contribution of the different methods to each ESQ and the relevant socio-economic aspects addressed are clearly explained.</p> <p>On the basis of a theoretical analysis, quantitative and qualitative analysis have been carried out, with a prevalence of the second kind of analysis. Lack of a counterfactual analysis does not allow to have clear proof of causal chains. Cluster analyses, the correlation and regression analyses incorporate a territorial dimension and provide insight into relationship. As regards the regression analysis the fact that the dependent and explanatory variables are measured in the same time-period may introduce endogeneity issues.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conclusions are properly addressing the evaluation questions and are coherently and logically substantiated</li> <li>▪ There are no relevant conclusions missing according to the evidence presented</li> <li>▪ Findings corroborate existing knowledge; differences or contradictions with existing knowledge are explained</li> <li>▪ Critical issues are presented in a fair and balanced manner</li> <li>▪ Limitations on validity of the conclusions are pointed out</li> </ul>	
5. Usefulness of recommendations	a. Recommendations are useful	Y
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommendations flow logically from the conclusions, are practical, realistic, and addressed to the relevant Commission Service(s) or other stakeholders</li> </ul>	
	b. Recommendations are complete	Y
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommendations cover all relevant main conclusions</li> </ul>		

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6. Clarity of the report	a. Report is easy to read	Y	Overall readability is affected by the complexity and technicality of the subject. However, tables and graphs are used to present results and, when necessary, are accompanied by explanations. The terminology used is also explained.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Written style and presentation is adapted for the various relevant target readers</li> <li>▪ The quality of language is sufficient for publishing</li> <li>▪ Specific terminology is clearly defined</li> <li>▪ Tables, graphs, and similar presentation tools are used to facilitate understanding; they are well commented with narrative text</li> </ul>		
	b. Report is logical and focused	Y	The structure of the report is logical. The sequence followed is clearly described to guide the reader.  The results of this support study are interesting and constitute a basis towards future evaluations on this subject.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The structure of the report is logical and consistent, information is not unjustifiably duplicated, and it is easy to get an overview of the report and its key results.</li> <li>▪ The report provides a proper focus on main issues and key messages are summarised and highlighted</li> <li>▪ The length of the report (excluded appendices) is proportionate (good balance of descriptive and analytical information)</li> <li>▪ Detailed information and technical analysis are left for the appendix; thus information overload is avoided in the main report</li> </ul>		

<b>Overall conclusion</b>		
The report could be approved in its current state, as it overall complies with the contractual conditions and relevant professional evaluation standards	Y	