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Study on

EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH AND INNOVATION IN RURAL AREAS (SEGIRA)

QUALITY GRID

Concerning these criteria, the evaluation report is :	Unaccep- table	Poor	Satisfac- -tory	Good	Excel- -lent
1. Meeting the needs: Does the study adequately address the information needs of the commissioning body and fit the terms of reference?				X	
2. Relevant scope: Are the necessary policy instruments represented and is the geographical coverage as well as time scope sufficient for the impact assessment?				X	
3. Defensible design: Is the applied methodology appropriate and adequate to ensure a clear and credible result?					X
4. Reliable data: To what extent is the selected quantitative and qualitative information adequate?				X	
5. Sound analysis: Is the quantitative and qualitative information appropriately and systematically analysed and have the respective tasks been correctly fulfilled?				X	
6. Validity of the conclusions: Does the report provide clear conclusions? Are the conclusions based on credible information?				X	
7. Clearly reported: Does the report clearly assess the employment and growth impacts and developments in rural areas and is the reporting comprehensible?				X	
Taking into account the contextual constraints of the study, the overall quality rating of the report is:				X	

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EVALUATION

<p>1. Meeting the needs: The study adequately address the information needs of the commissioning body and is in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.</p>
<p>2. Relevant scope: The policy instruments, geographical coverage as well as timeframe are in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.</p>
<p>3. Defensible design: The applied methodology is appropriate and adequate to provide useful results with relation to the objectives.</p>
<p>4. Reliable data: The qualitative and quantitative data used in the exercise are transparent and well documented. Even if some concerns remained as regards particular data availability (per MS for certain indicators at NUTS3 level or limited data for other indicators) a rather clear justification has been provided on the choice of methods and/or data used for the analyses.</p>
<p>5. Sound analysis: The analysis has been performed according to requirements set out in the terms of reference. It has to be kept in mind the rather broad coverage of indicators and the large time data frame (since 1995 onwards) define particular difficulties in terms of synchronised analytical approach across all indicators. However, the contractor has performed well in achieving a consistent outcome and has, in this way, fulfilled the necessary tasks set out in the terms of reference, resulting in a relatively clear and comprehensive analysis. Linkages between the various sections of the study have been ensured.</p>
<p>6. Validity of the conclusions: The conclusions are based on detailed data analysis and clustering exercises backed-up by case-study evidence and good practices' analysis, which results have been deemed feasible.</p>
<p>7. Clearly reported: The report provides a clear assessment of the employment and growth situation in the EU rural areas, on the barriers and factors of growth, and on the diversity of rural areas and regions based on their socio-economic performance and policy support. Considerable effort has been made to make the reporting comprehensible for a broader audience and for policy use.</p>

(signed)
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