



PEACE IV Programme Monitoring Committee
Evaluation Plan – PEACE IV Programme
Approval Request

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of evaluations is to facilitate learning so as to maximise the result orientation of the Programme. Evaluations will examine if the funded projects and associated outputs are bringing about the desired change in the region, as measured by the result indicators. Evaluations will provide an iterative feedback loop to guide programme activities and maximise the contribution to the result orientation and thus contribute towards the strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Article 56 of the Common Provisions Regulation requires the Managing Authority to draw up an Evaluation Plan for the Programme which must be approved by the Programme Monitoring Committee within one year of the adoption of the Programme (Programme adopted 30 November 2015).

PURPOSE OF AN EVALUATION PLAN

The Evaluation Plan is a strategic document which will accompany the programme throughout its lifetime and support its result orientation. Its aim is to improve the quality of evaluations carried out during the programming period and contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the programme. The Evaluation Plan can be reviewed and amended at the request of the Programme Monitoring Committee during the Programmes lifetime.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS

The Managing Authority shall ensure that all evaluations are conducted to comply with the Common Provisions Regulation 1303/2013, Articles 54, 55, 56 and 57.

CIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT EVALUATION PLAN

The draft Plan was reviewed and approved by the Evaluation Steering Group at its meeting on 7 November 2016. The final draft Evaluation Plan is circulated to Members for discussion and feedback at the Monitoring Committee meeting.

MONITORING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

The Managing Authority seeks the Monitoring Committee's approval of the final draft for submission to the Commission in advance of the 30 November 2016 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION

The Monitoring Committee is requested to:

- **Approve** the Evaluation Plan for the PEACE IV Programme