



**INTERREG IVA Programme Monitoring Committee**  
**EU Programme for Cross-Border Cooperation (INTERREG VA)**  
**Evaluation Plan Update**

## **1.0 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 the Programme Monitoring Committee within one year of the adoption of the programme.

## **2.0 Purpose of an Evaluation Plan**

The Evaluation Plan will be a strategic document which will accompany the programme throughout its life and support its result orientation. Its aim will be to improve the quality of evaluations carried out during the programme period and contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the programme.

The Evaluation Plan will explain how the evaluation process will operate for the duration of the programme. It will include the following information; the choice of evaluation methods; the data requirements; the timetable; the human resources required and any training requirements; the budget; and the communication methods for the results of the evaluations. The Evaluation Plan will be presented by the MA to the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) for approval. Progress against the plan will be reviewed annually by the PMC.

The evaluations will allow the MA and PMC to conclude on the impact of the Programme in relation to Programme Targets and how the Programme has and will contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

As is required by the regulations, all Programme evaluations will be made public.

#### **4.0 Compliance with the regulations.**

The MA shall ensure that evaluations are conducted to comply with the Common Provisions Regulation 1303/2014 Articles 54, 55, 56 and 57.

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

The Monitoring Committee is requested to note the requirements for an evaluation plan and note that the Managing Authority will develop a plan for the consideration of the PMC before the deadline of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016.