



Working Better Together:

Joint Implementation

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Working Better Together (WBT)

Implementing for the 2030 Agenda

Joint implementation

- Bringing cohesion to activities in a field, sector, theme
- Adheres to national priorities
- Open to wide participation
- Flexible in design, adjust to context, build on lessons
- **JP and JI are meant as mutually reinforcing but can also be independent exercises.**

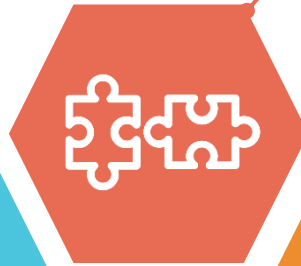


Joint Implementation

- Joint Implementation is a way of promoting more coherent, effective and coordinated EU support based on shared objectives in selected sectors or a specific cross-sectoral theme, tailored to the country context.
- Joint Implementation will be grounded in joint analysis, will take account of available resources and should (could) be monitored and evaluated jointly (New European Consensus on Development)
- Not necessarily limited to Team Europe – can include others engaged in that sector, theme: UN agencies, IFIs, donors, private foundations, multi-partner funds, NGOs ...

Joint Implementation principles

It promotes coherent, effective and coordinated (EU) support based on **shared objectives** and **tailored to the country contexts**



It consists of **strategic** joint thinking, planning, coordination and burden sharing

It is **inclusive** and open to all partners who agree and can contribute to a common vision.



It increases **collective impact** with more joined-up financial and technical resources and policy engagements

Forms of Joint Implementation

Non-financial JI

- Joint sectoral/thematic analysis
- Joint projects identification and formulation
- Joint policy dialogue
- Joint follow-up and evaluation of EU interventions
- Joint messaging and communication

Financial JI

- Delegated cooperation
- Joint parallel co-financing
- EU trust fund
- Multi-donor actions
- Basket funds/SWAPs
- Budget support

Joint Implementation added-value



Enhances **European impact** in policy and political dialogue with the partner countries



Lowers the transaction costs through **sharing of resources**



Enhances **country ownership**



Has great potential to increase **visibility of EU** as whole and the visibility of each MS

Value of the WBT approach



- WBT through JP can help Team Europe combine international cooperation, development priorities into a common European message and strategy at country level.
- JP + JI support Team Europe in speaking with a common voice based on shared objectives at country level.
- WBT improves our effectiveness.

Lessons Learned

- Main value of WBT is related to *policy coherence*
- Understand context, local priorities ⇒ Relevance ⇒ Impact
- Agree shared vision – then develop how to reach it
- Ensure flexible management – open to ideas, alternatives
- Everybody has a role – ensure clarity, what is to be delivered
- Communicate – provide feedback – address issues that arise
- Highlight achievements – keep focus on results & on moving ahead
- Support/ build sub-group of advocates/champions

Issues for Reflection

- What are key pre-conditions for successful Joint Implementation?
- What is value-added that EU can bring to Joint Implementation?
- What are key challenges of bringing in actors from outside Team Europe?
How can these be handled?
- The more actors involved, normally the higher the transaction costs. How can such costs be minimized?
- In what ways can Joint Implementation contribute to national capacity building?

Foundations



The Foundations of WBT as Team Europe:

- Policy context
- Value of working better together
- Team Europe & TEIs
- Learning about working better together

Joint Programming:

- EU Framework Documents and Joint Programming Documents


Joint Implementation:

- A quick guide to joint implementation
- Moving towards joint implementation
- Joint implementation's contribution to impact and effectiveness

For further information & guidance

- **Capacity4Dev** *Working Better Together* group providing access to tools and resources <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/joint-programming/>
- **JP tracker** an open-access website that provides information on joint programming by partner country <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/joint-programming-tracker>
- **DEVCO Academy** with online videos and case studies <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/devco-academy/course/search.php?search=Joint+Programming>
- **Joint implementation study:** <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/joint-programming/documents/joint-implementation-study-0>

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