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Subject: Results Reporting in OPSYS and definition of EAMR intervention list– Instructions to staff

The present note launches the exercises of **(1) annual results data collection** and **(2) the establishment of the EAMR intervention list for 2022**. Full use of available OPSYS Results and Monitoring functionalities will be critical for both exercises and their ultimate success will depend on the preparedness of all staff to engage actively in Results Reporting work.

As previously mentioned in 2021¹, the Commission is now obliged to capture and report on results in the field of external cooperation which stems not only from Article 33 of the Financial Regulation² but also from its own policy on budgetary performance. Moreover, sourcing credible evidence and verifiable results will be critical to the successful outcome of the strategic evaluation of instruments under the MFF 2014-20 and the Mid-Term Review of NDICI-Global Europe and IPA III.

Since January 2022, Operational Managers have been able to create and encode the Logical Framework for their Primary Interventions (PINTV) in OPSYS as well as the corresponding indicators, baselines and targets. So far, Delegations/HQ units/Regional Teams have created over 8,000 Primary Interventions in OPSYS, encoded over 6,000 logframes and started to encode results indicator values. In many cases, Implementing Partners have been invited to encode and access the relevant logframes, enabling them to submit latest results progress on a regular basis.

We would like therefore to thank you and your colleagues for contributing to this impressive achievement, which forms the basis of our corporate reporting on performance and results.

The upcoming results data collection for 2022 will cover primary interventions funded under MFF 2014-2020 that started before 01/01/2022 and which have an EU contribution

¹ Interventions and Results in OPSYS – instructions to staff ARES (2021) 4450449 of 08/07/2021

² Article 33 FR ‘*Progress in the achievement of objectives shall be monitored with performance indicators*’

above EUR 750,000³. This year's sample will still not include interventions from the EU Trust Funds (EUTF)⁴.

Aggregated data collected for the indicators of the EU Results Framework⁵ and IPA Performance Framework and the FPI Results Framework will be used for reporting in the *Annual Report on implementation of the European Union's instruments for financing external actions in 2022* (deadline summer 2023), the *2023 Annual Activity Report* (deadline February 2024) and other reporting, e.g. on the *Gender Action Plan III*. This same set of data will also support and feed into the strategic evaluation of MFF 2014-20 instruments and provide trends for the Mid-Term Review of NDICI-Global Europe and IPA III.

Full reporting on results achieved with funds under the MFF 2021-2027⁶ is expected to start in the forthcoming exercise in one year's time.

All logframe indicators and results values, after submission, will be made available in a new Results Dashboard, which will be accessible to all OPSYS users.

This year for the first time, **the annual results data collection will take place entirely in OPSYS**. This process will include tasks for Operational Managers, M&E focal points as well as Heads of Cooperation/FPI Regional Teams/Heads of Unit.

We would like you to take note of these upcoming tasks as set out below and recommend allowing sufficient time to perform this important exercise, especially for M&E focal points. Where a Primary Intervention in a portfolio has an incomplete Logical Framework, we request Operational Managers to complete it with indicators, baseline and target data, in consultation with the Implementing Partner, along the process.

The following steps will be performed in the system:

By when	Task	By whom
Phase 1		
EAMR list of interventions⁷		
By 15 Dec 2022	Verifying the portfolio of primary interventions in OPSYS - used for EAMR reporting and for the successive steps of results data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Managers in EU delegations/HQ units/ FPI Regional Teams
Phase 2		
Results data collection		

³ This threshold does not apply to FPI as the Service will report 100% on all PINTV within the scope of the exercise.

⁴ In order to allow for EAMR reporting, primary interventions will be created in OPSYS for EUTF interventions centrally. No results reporting will take place during this 2022-2023 exercise, but results data upload in OPSYS is expected to happen for EUTF in 2023.

⁵ The new Global Europe Results Framework was launched in early 2022 (SWD(2022) 22 final) and will be used for interventions financed under MFF 2021-2027 once these start to report results achieved. Its predecessor, the EU Results Framework, continues to be in use this year to report on results for all interventions financed under 2014-2020.

⁶ Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI), Instrument for Pre-Accession IPA III

⁷ FPI will report 100% on all its interventions. Therefore, it will not be establishing a list of EAMR interventions. To ensure integrity of 2022 Results Reporting, nevertheless all FPI Operational Managers must verify their PINTV portfolio in OPSYS by the end of Phase 2 – 15 January 2023 - at the latest.

By 15 Jan 2023	Agreement on the list of primary interventions subject to results data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Managers ▪ M&E Focal Points ▪ Heads of Cooperation/Heads of Unit ▪ HQ Quality Management units/FPI Quality Manager
By 31 March 2023	Submitting the latest results indicator values included in the logframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Managers ▪ Implementing Partners, if needed
By 30 June 2023	Performing Quality Control exchanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HQ Quality Management units/FPI Quality Manager ▪ Operational Managers
Phase 3 Results data is available		
By July 2023	Final results data can be accessed in a new Dashboard and is used for publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HQ Quality Management units/FPI Quality Manager ▪ Colleagues seeking to access results data

Given the **roll-out of OPSYS** for this purpose, a team of colleagues from the central Quality Management Units⁸ and INTPA.R5 will create an agile Results Taskforce to assist colleagues. They will be in charge of guiding and facilitating the process. External experts from the ROM contractors will also provide dedicated coaching to staff along every step of the process⁹.

Briefings on the workflow and the tasks will take place starting end of November for M&E focal points and Operational Managers.

You will shortly receive further communication on all the practical aspects from the Results Taskforce. This will include briefings on the workflow and tasks for M&E focal points and Operational Managers.

In case of questions you may contact them at INTPA-EU-RESULTS@ec.europa.eu, NEAR-EVAL-MONITORING@ec.europa.eu and FPI-EVALUATION@ec.europa.eu.

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⁸ INTPA.D4, NEAR.A4, FPI6

⁹ Only available to INTPA and NEAR staff.