



Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation of RIS3: Setting the scene

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The importance of indicators for monitoring and evaluation of RIS3 (1)

- *Cohesion policy for the period 2014-2020 will be strongly orientated towards results in order to contribute to the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth (European Commission, 2012b).*
- *Establishing monitoring indicators and planning evaluations are important elements of the RIS3 design process*
- *The integrated M&E mechanism of a RIS3 is expected to include three types of indicators (EC, 2012a):*
 - *CONTEXT INDICATORS*
 - *OUTPUT INDICATORS*
 - *RESULT/OUTCOME INDICATORS*

The importance of indicators for monitoring and evaluation of RIS3 (2)

- **CONTEXT INDICATORS:** *provide simple and reliable information describing a variable relative to the context. It gives information about a situation and its evolution in a country/region, or an area relevant to the assistance policy.*
- **OUTPUT INDICATORS:** *the “physical” product of spending resources through policy interventions.*
- **RESULT/OUTCOME INDICATORS:**
 - *Cover specific dimensions of well-being and progress that are intended to be influenced (positively or negatively) by the policy actions (EC, 2011)*
 - *RIS3 Guide (EC, 2012a): quantitative or qualitative variables able to measure the changes connected to a policy intervention included in the RIS3 strategy.*

Challenges

Two main challenges:

- *Adoption of a structured and evidence- and data-based approach leading to the definition of a set of indicators for monitoring and evaluation of RIS3;*
- *The use of a set of methodological criteria when selecting indicators (Atkinson et al., 2002; Barca and McCann, 2011):*
 - *Reasonable*
 - *Normative*
 - *Robust*
 - *Responsive to policy*
 - *Feasible*
 - *Debatable*

Expected contribution of the workshop

- ***During the workshop:*** Promote a lively and constructive discussion between academic and policy experts in the field of regional science and regional policy around the use of indicators for RIS3
- ***After the workshop:*** Facilitate and support the creation of small working groups of regions having similar characteristics or facing common problems on the issue of indicators

Thank you for your attention!



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