

Joint Meeting ARCADIS and Fresh Thoughts/InterSus on PoM in Bulgaria and Romania

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Topics discussed/conclusions

1) Measures: Long list of measures prepared by ARCADIS, and Factsheet

The list already includes the measures foreseen/planned by Bulgaria and Romania. The next step will be to specify the existing measures (more details/information on the measures, not only the name). The list mainly focuses on measures targeted towards Descriptors 1, 5, and 10.

The measures that apply to both countries (column T in the excel sheet) will be used to produce the short list by ARCADIS. ARCADIS will send the full final list to FT/Intersus. FT/Intersus will work with BG on the measures that are national ones.

FT/IS have a good basis for developing the template for the Factsheets on measures, and will prepare this by the end of March. Thereby the German templates will be used as a starting point.

It was concluded that it would be beneficial to already include criteria on effectiveness of measures into the short-listing process (to avoid that effective measures are excluded due to feasibility and acceptance criteria). These (according to the methodology outlined in the annex to the ARCADIS Inception Report) were added as additional columns to the long list, with the aim of discussing the effectiveness criteria at the next workshop in Varna at the end of March (the results could then serve as input to the CEA/CBA of new measures).

To facilitate the discussion in Varna, the criteria will be "pre-evaluated" (for the "common" measures only), to have a base for discussion. To guarantee an objective evaluation by multiple experts, both teams will pre-evaluate the effectiveness of measures beforehand, but separately. Results will be discussed and adapted ("calibration").

It came clear that for the transboundary measures it is important that a good understanding is developed, to which extend the measures is closing the gap (between GES and current status). If the gaps is not closed by a transboundary measures additional measures on the national level will be required.

To Dos:

→ ARCADIS will send the list to FT/IS.

→ FT/IS will review the sent list

→ FT/IS to prepare the template for the Factsheet (end of March).

→ Both teams to "pre-evaluate" the effectiveness of "common" measures, and intercalibrate the results before end of March

2) Roadmap

For results, see the notes/changes in the roadmap document.

To Dos:

→ Send the agreed roadmap to the COM and DE for comments.

3) CEA/CBA

A common methodology will be applied in both projects. The current methodology is based on the BE approach and in line with the CIS recommendations/best practice. Further details will be developed between ARCADIS and Intersus.

It was discussed what kind of costs will be used for the CEA/CBA: the plan is to have all types of costs for all measures. It was agreed, however, that in the end there will probably also be a score, as it was seen unlikely to be able to attain all such information.

To Dos:

→ ARCADIS to write some instructions on what the Bulgarians and Romanians will likely have to do in order to collect data for the Cost/benefit/efficiency analysis

4) Question to COM: can we share data?