

# Procedure file

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## Structural interventions, objectives 1 and 6, 1994-1999: mid-term review, management through evaluation

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**PURPOSE:** mid-term review of structural interventions Objectives 1 and 6 for 1994-1999. **CONTENT:** the mid-term review aims to ensure a more effective and efficient implementation of structural interventions delivered through Community Support Frameworks (CSFs) and Single Programming Documents (SPDs). To this end, the present report summarises the principal elements of the mid-term reviews carried out in the Member States and analyses, in particular the role of the mid-term evaluations as well as the extent to which EU priorities feature in all Objective 1 and 6 programmes. The mid-term review was able to draw upon a large number of evaluation exercises (more than 100) and was greatly facilitated by discussions in partnership with national authorities. Lessons drawn from the present mid-term review show that it is not a purely academic exercise, but operationally and strategically oriented. As a result of the review, national and regional authorities have taken steps to improve further the effectiveness of their interventions, especially with regard to their own delivery systems for Structural Funds. In particular, significant improvements will be made to the monitoring systems, notably by raising the quality and relevance of the indicators set out in the programmes. Other arrangements are currently being sought to simplify the management of small-scale programmes and establish more coherent selection criteria in line with programming objectives. With regard to the next programming period, the main issue will be to consolidate evaluation practice further, taking stock of the results achieved so far. Reinforcing evaluation as a genuine tool for decision making, strengthening monitoring and indicator systems, supporting evaluation methodologies and promoting a multilateral exchange of experience across the EU appear, in this perspective, as challenging areas for further raising the effectiveness of structural interventions.?

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Jean Baggioni (UPE,FR) on the report from the Commission on the mid-term review of structural interventions Objectives 1 and 6 (1994-1999). The report calls on the Commission to indicate which aspects of regional policy need more particularly to be evaluated: additionality, convergence, partnership, concentration, employment, endogenous economic development or social welfare. It reiterates, in this connection, that per capita GDP must not be the only standard used to judge the effectiveness of structural interventions. It calls for greater use of simulation techniques in order to gauge more accurately the impact of the interventions on GDP investment, employment, prices and consumption, budget deficits or imports and exports. The Parliament takes the view that it would be advantageous to agree on a selection of the indicators in order to reduce their number and increase their homogeneity, reliability and readability. The report stresses the need to ensure that the assessors are totally independent and to provide them with the technical and financial resources required to improve the quality of their performance. It recommends that the Commission enhance exchanges of experience between assessment professionals and Structural fund programme managers in order to achieve a close synergy at the various stages of the evaluations. The Parliament calls on the Commission to simplify the revision procedures and insists on the importance which must be attached to the analyses of and lessons learned from the evaluation reports in the forthcoming implementation of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP), in order to ensure the balanced development of the European area which fully integrates the principle of economic, social and territorial cohesion.?