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Methodology No. 1 on analysis of partner's situation and diagnosis of good practices

Purpose: This methodology helps to both **perform analysis** of partner's situation and **diagnose good practices** with regard to:

- 1) the regional development problem that is described in the project application by the partner,
- 2) the regional policy (policy instrument) that is indicated in the project application by the partner,
- 3) the expected policy improvement (improvement of policy instrument) as identified in the project application by the partner, which is a selection from the following:
 - a) new projects financed by the instrument,
 - b) change in the management of the instrument,
 - c) revision of the instrument itself

Checklist for methodology No.1 "Analysis of Partner's Situation and Diagnosis of Good Practices"

Phase 1: preparation			
no	item	yes/no/ partly	follow up
1	The partner's regional development problem is defined / identified.		TIP: perform this activity in different groups, including stakeholders. Do groups (and stakeholders) come with the same problem definition / identification?
2	The definition of the partner's regional development problem fully matches the partner's regional problem description in the approved project application.		If 'no' or 'partly': - redefine to fully match the initial description in the project application, - or explain (a) what adjustments (additions) are made to the partner's regional problem initial description, (b) why these adjustments (additions) are necessary, (c) check and ensure that the adjusted partner's regional problem description is in line with the project common problem description and goals.
3	The partner's regional policy (policy instrument) that will be		If 'no' or "partly": - explain why the partner's regional policy (policy instrument) that was identified in the initial application is not applicable anymore (e.g., policy instrument is

	addressed is identified and is still actual / valid		adjusted, another policy instrument is more relevant, the defined regional problem requires change / improvement in several policy instruments, etc.) - evaluate whether this hinders / changes the course and results of the project and, if yes, how.
4	Define the expected policy improvement (improvement of policy instrument).		Please select from the following only: 1) new projects financed by the instrument, 2) change in the management of the instrument, 3) revision of the instrument itself
5	The defined expected policy improvement (improvement of policy instrument) matches the proposed improvement in the approved project application.		If 'no' or "partly": - explain, why it does not match anymore, - identify what other improvement needs to be added / be instead addressed, - explain why other improvement is more suitable.

Phase 2: analysis of partner's situation

no	item	follow up
1	List the causes of the partner's regional development problem. Think about causes of regulatory, political, social, economic, institutional, cultural, structural, etc., nature.	TIPS: - you may perform this activity in different groups, including stakeholders, - try to get the complete picture of possible causes, - identify the most important / critical causes.
2	List what has been done so far to address the identified partner's regional development problem.	
3	Identify effective, less effective, and ineffective policy interventions that address partner's regional development problem.	Explain why some policy interventions are in your view less effective / ineffective: - is it because of the policy intervention is wrong / not suitable / not relevant / badly designed, - is it because of how the policy intervention is implemented, - is it because the existent policy interventions "do not see" the problem, - any other cause (please describe).

	Focus on existent effective policy interventions	Why these existent policy interventions are in your view effective and are these still effective in the future?

Phase 3: diagnosis of good practices

no	item	follow up
1	List the effective policy interventions that, in your view, will be still effective in the future and can be shared as 'good practices' with other European regions	Explain: - why these are effective policy interventions, e.g., how they help to address / solve the regional development problem. - why these policy interventions will be relevant in the future, - why these policy interventions can be 'shared' or are 'shareable' to other European regions
2	Identify with which policy improvement type the 'good practice' can be linked (one, two, or all three).	Three policy improvement types: 1) new projects financed by the instrument, 2) change in the management of the instrument, 3) revision of the instrument itself.
3	Identify to the solution of what (one or all three) regional development aspect the 'good practice' contributes:	E.g., the 'good practice' addresses the regional development problem by enhancing: (a) sustainable growth, (b) SMEs competition, (c) jobs creation within SMEs.
4	Check the Interreg Europe platform for available 'good practices' that address the regional development problem by enhancing: (a) sustainable growth, (b) SMEs competition, (c) jobs creation within SMEs.	Evaluate whether the selected 'good practices' from the Interreg Europe platform: - are suitable in the context of developing regional green H2 economy, - are suitable for your region as solutions / policy interventions, - are possible to transfer / are transferable, - must be transferred and, if yes, what is needed for that (regulatory changes, economic means, political decisions, etc.).