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Session 3 - Identifying good practice examples

Aims of this session

In the first stage of the project the SRN partners have shared information on the context in which they are working and described the arrangements in their regions for managing and delivering EU funding programmes. In line with the original SRN proposal, the next stage is about identifying and evaluating elements of good practice in programme management and delivery, with each partner being responsible for identifying their own good practice elements.

This session will provide an introduction to the next stage of the project by asking 'what works?', 'why does it work?' and 'how do we know it works?'. The question 'will it work somewhere else?' will be added later, in the workshops on transferable lessons.

Preparation for this session

All partners should come to this session prepared to:

- discuss how they define good practice in programme management and delivery;
- explain how they identify this good practice; and to
- mention any good practice examples in which their own organisations have been involved. All partners are expected to present at one workshop. Barcelona, Turku, and Langhe Monferrato Roero will be presenting at this event.

NOTE THAT THE FOCUS WILL BE ON PROCESSES AND NOT ON THE DETAIL OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

This session will also consider the role of SRN partners in programme monitoring, evaluation and review.

Presentations from three partners

To introduce a more general discussion, the partners from **Barcelona, Turku** and **Langhe Monferrato Roero** are asked to prepare and deliver short presentations (max. 40 minutes each), and are required to follow the following brief:

Select up to three examples of what you consider to be 'good practice' in programme management and/or delivery in any of the Structural Funds or domestic regeneration programmes with which your organisation is involved (ie. things you think you do well). Be sure to specify which EU or domestic programme you are speaking about.

For each example, briefly outline the process or arrangement you want to highlight, say why, in your opinion, this constitutes good practice and explain what evidence you have to justify this opinion.

Were your examples praised in formal programme evaluation(s), or have you identified them some other way, for example as a result of positive feedback from citizens ?

Comment on the approach in your region to the monitoring and evaluation of EU funding and domestic regeneration programmes with which your organisation is involved. For each programme you want to highlight, specify what formal evaluations have taken place (eg Mid Term Evaluation of Objective 2), mentioning when these were carried out and who prepared them. Describe how your own organisation participated in the evaluation process (eg supplied information, helped to specify targets and indicators, helped to select a consultant....).

Have good practice elements from your locality, however identified, been more widely applied in your region or country ?

Outputs from this session

1. A set of criteria for defining what is meant by good practice in sub-regional programme management and delivery.
2. An idea about whether the criteria used by sub-regional organisations to identify good practice vary from place to place.
3. A view on whether it is possible to 'measure' aspects of good practice, for example using indicators.
4. Information about the different ways in which good practice is identified, including a view on how far we can rely on formal evaluation procedures to expose good practice.
5. A first list of possible examples of good practice from the SRN partners – aspects of programme management and delivery which sub-regional organisations are especially good at - which can be examined in more detail in later workshops and eventually be included in the Good Practice Guide.