

WHAT IS THE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ON THE EFFICACY OF IMPLEMENTATION)?

The Performance Framework (on the efficacy of implementation) is a mechanism **introduced for the first time for the 2014-2020 programming cycle** in order to enhance the efficacy of implementation of cohesion-policy programmes that are co-financed with European funding.

For the 2021-2027 cycle, it is established under Articles 16 and 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, which state that each Member State is required to establish a framework for the efficacy of implementation that provides for the monitoring, reporting, and evaluation of the performance of the programme during its implementation, thereby contributing to measurement of the overall performance of the funds..

The Performance Framework on the effectiveness of implementation consists of:

- a) output and performance indicators tied to specific objectives set by the specific regulations relating to the funds selected for the programme;
- b) intermediate targets to be achieved by the end of 2024 for the output indicators;
- c) final targets to be achieved by the end of 2029 for the output and performance indicators.

The performance framework for 2021-2027 EU spending programmes includes more than 800 indicators measuring performance against more than 170 specific objectives.

With regard to the intermediate targets to be achieved by the end of 2024, the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) Regulation of February 2024 introduced the possible exemption from mid-term verification if the total amount of flexibility allowances relating to the years 2026-2027 of a programme is definitively allocated to STEP priorities.