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EMFAF evaluation working paper

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# Our agenda today:

Introduction

Overview and status  
quo of MS  
evaluations

The EMFAF  
evaluation working  
paper

Baseline studies

FAMENET process  
evaluation fiche

Closing, discussion

# Let's get to know the audience...

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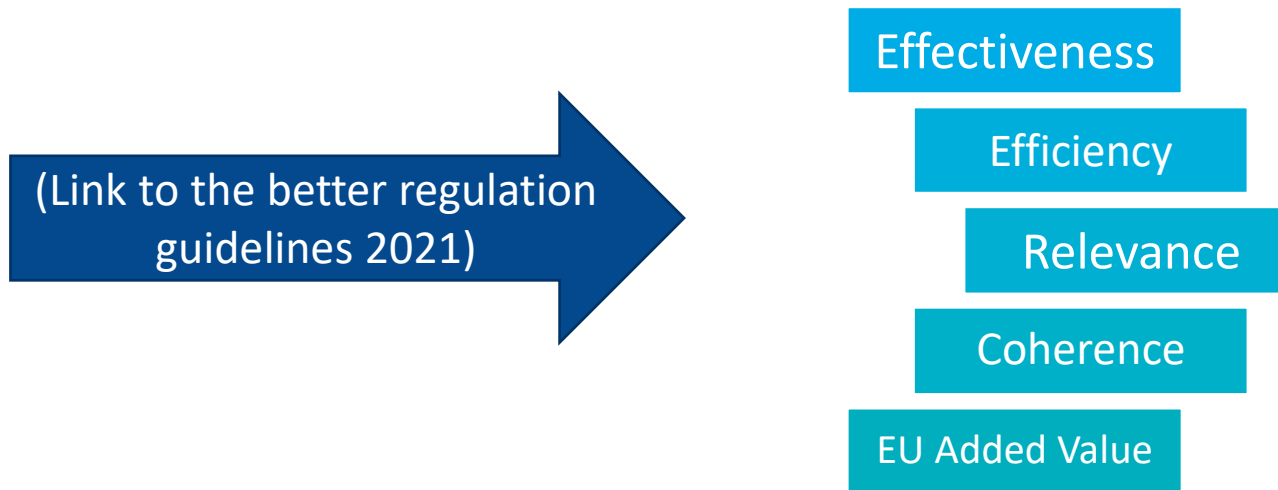


# Background and legal basis for evaluations



# MS Evaluations (CPR Art. 44)

(1) “The Member State or the managing authority shall carry out **evaluations of the programmes related to one or more of the following criteria:**



*...with the aim to improve the quality of the design and implementation of programmes”*

# Member State evaluations (CPR Art. 44)

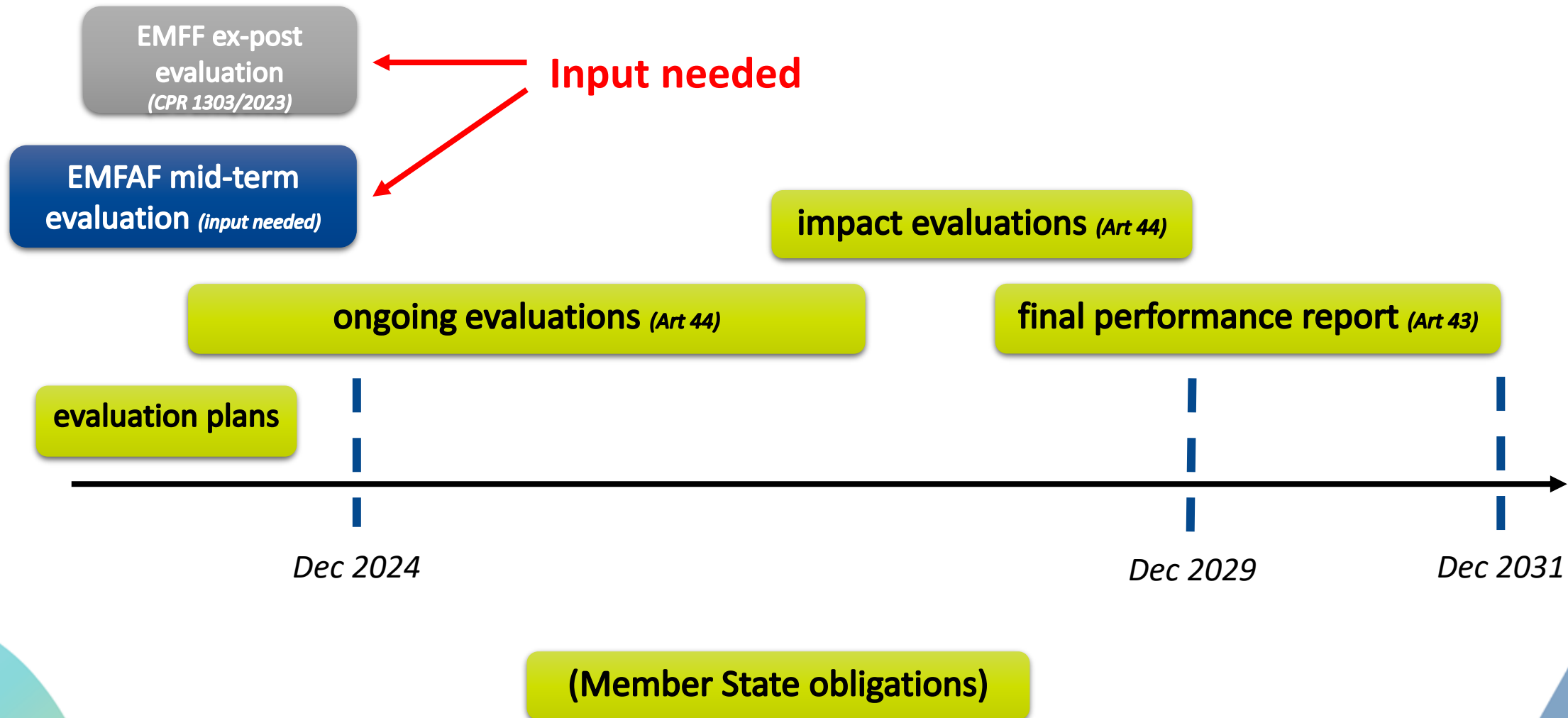
- ✓ **Other relevant criteria:** inclusiveness, non-discrimination and visibility (44.1)
- ✓ **Impact assessment shall be carried out by 30 June 2029 (44.2)**
- ✓ **Evaluation plan** submitted no later than one year after the decision approving the programme (44.5 / 44.6)

# European Commission evaluations (CPR art. 45)

- ✓ **Mid-term evaluation** to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of each Fund **by the end of 2024** (45.1)
- ✓ **Retrospective evaluation** to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of each Fund **by 31 December 2031** (45.2)



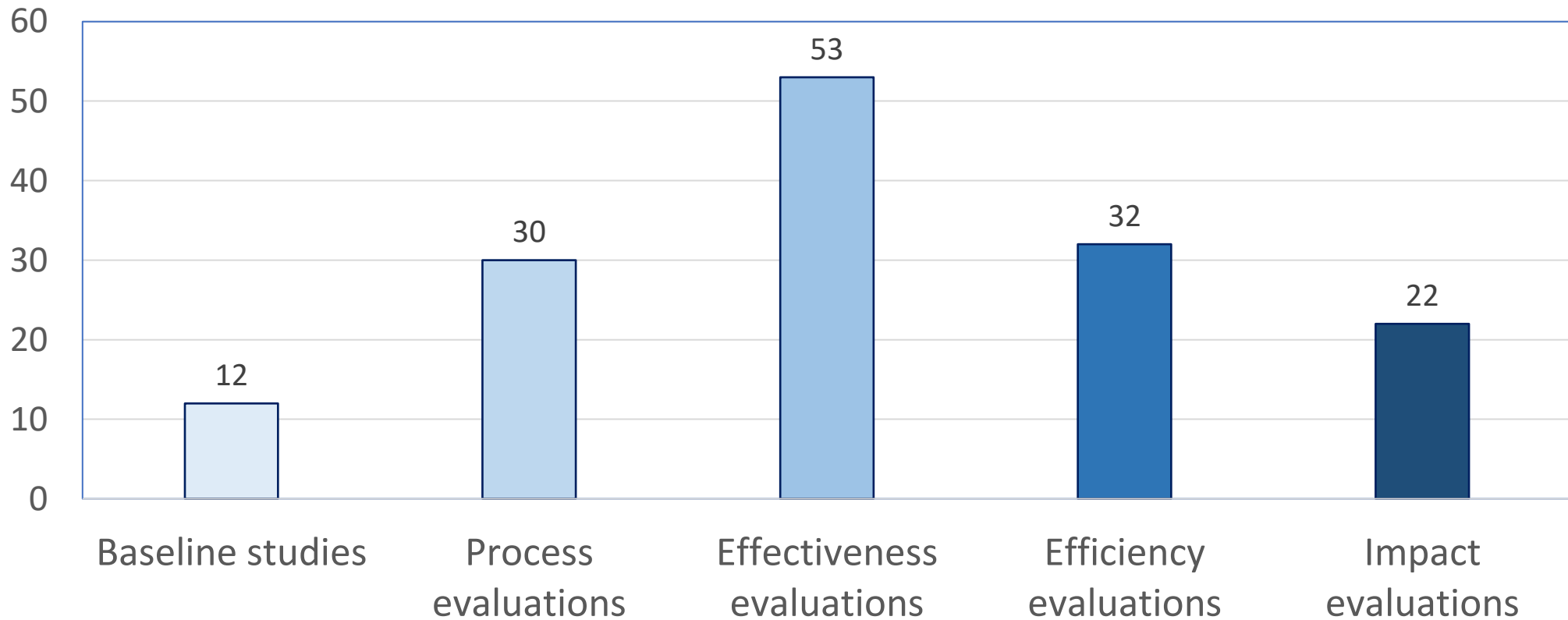
# What's next for Member States?



# Status quo of Member State evaluations



## Types of evaluations planned until 2030 (all MS)





**Impact  
Evaluations**

**Efficiency  
Evaluations**

**Effectiveness  
Evaluations**

**Process  
Evaluations**

**Baseline  
Studies**

2023

2024

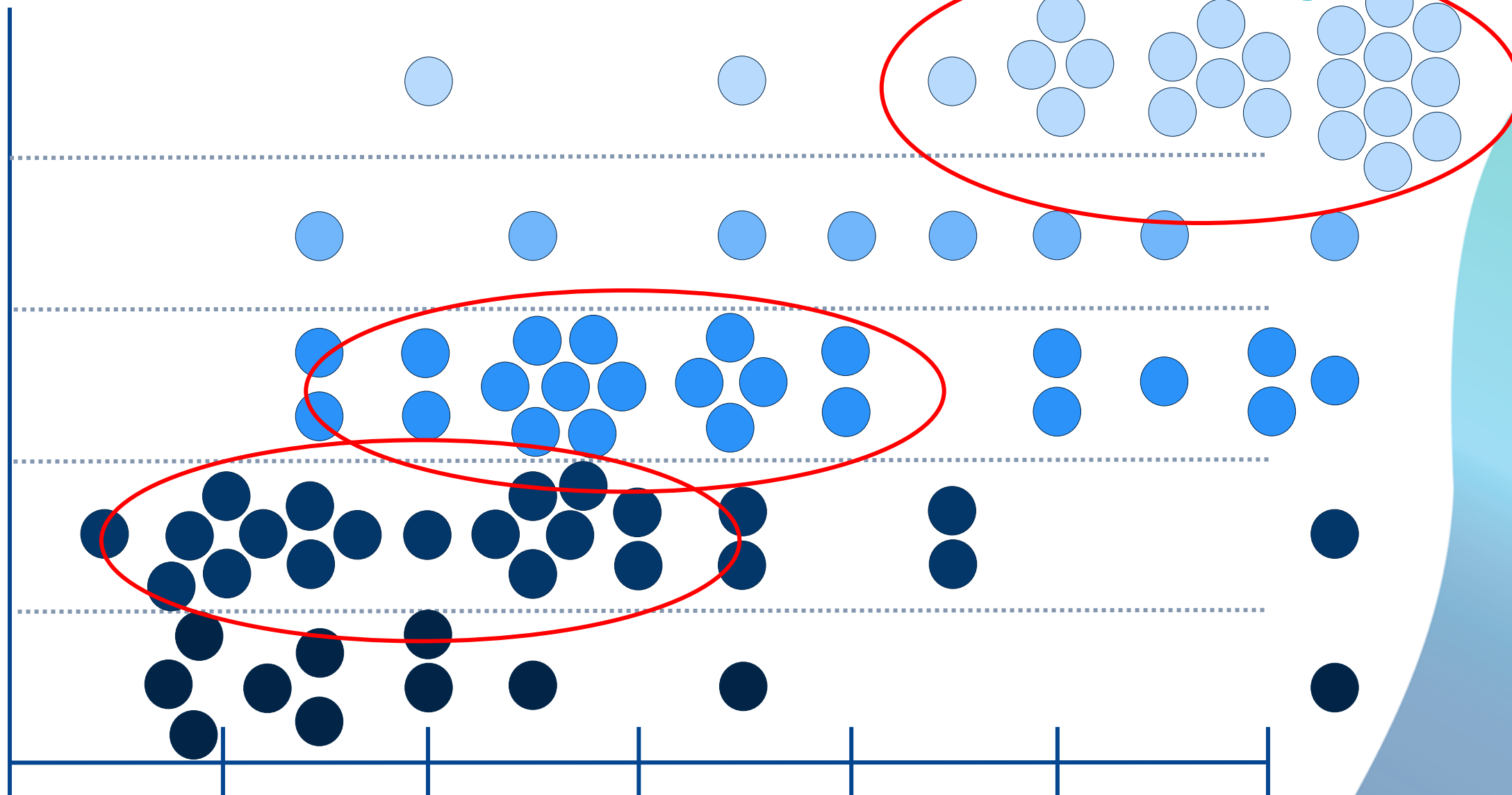
2025

2026

2027

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2029



# At what stage is your Member State?

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# Introducing FAMENET's EMFAF evaluation working paper



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# Purpose

- help comply with regulatory requirements,
- improving the programming, management and utilisation of the current and future EMFAF,
- build capacity and develop institutional knowledge,
- Ensure coherence and consistence of evaluations,



# Structure of the working paper

## Understanding the evaluation

- What is evaluation
- How to organise evaluation
- Purpose of evaluation

## Background

- Legal background
- Type of evaluations

## Evaluation life cycle

- Evaluation preparation
- Evaluation implementation
- Data management

# Annexes to the working paper

- **Evaluation- activities roadmap**
- **Data sources relevant for the context of the evaluations**
- **Evaluation methodologies**

# Fiches

FAMENET document	Evaluation criteria covered	Content	Publication year of the fiche
Process evaluation fiche	Effectiveness, Efficiency	Programme management and delivery system, communication	Already published
Implementation evaluation fiche	Effectiveness, Coherence, Relevance, Efficiency.	Assessment of the achievements of milestones and target values Achievements of simplifications and cost-benefit assessment and	We are working on this, will be published in autumn 2024
Impact evaluation fiche	Effectiveness, Efficiency, Coherence, Relevance, EU added value.	Assessment of result achievements and how the programme contributed to the specific objectives and the overall objective of EMFAF	Will be prepared 2025

# Did you already use some of the available documents?

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# Purpose of a baseline study as part of impact evaluation



# Context

- Section 3.2.1 of the EMFAF Evaluation Working Paper mentions "**thematic studies supporting evaluations**" in order to establish a baseline
- The **purpose** of such studies will be explained in more detail in this presentation

# What is the purpose of a baseline study?

It is a **crucial first step** in the evaluation process, particularly important for a later impact evaluation

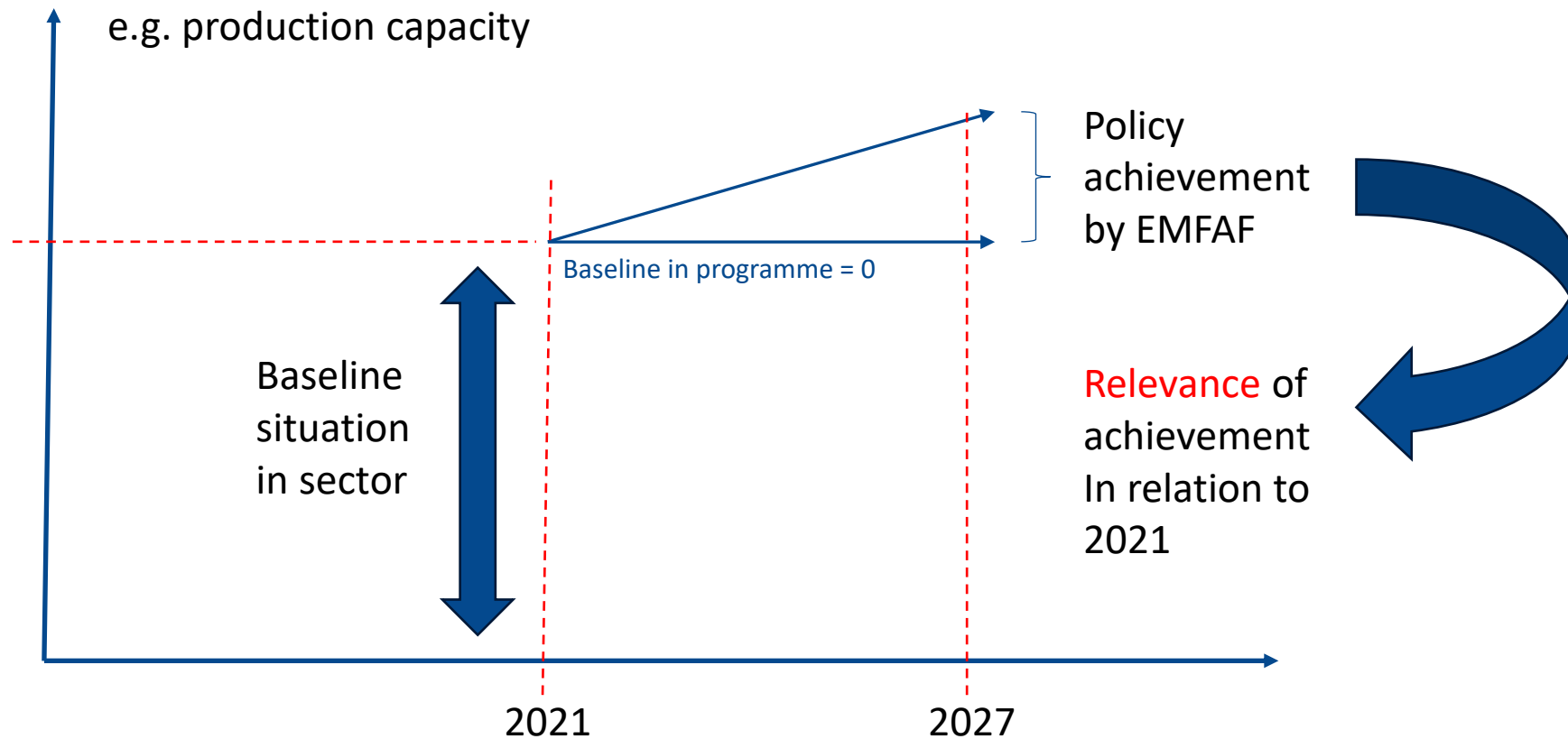
- **Establishes a Starting Point:** It provides a clear picture of the existing situation and establishes benchmarks against which progress can be measured. This allows evaluators to track changes and assess the programme's effectiveness in achieving its desired outcomes
- **Identifies Data Gaps:** By understanding the current state, the baseline study can help pinpoint areas where improvement is needed
- **Guides Intervention Design:** With a clear understanding of the baseline, programme designers can finetune interventions that are more likely to be effective in the target population or situation



# A baseline study helps to establish the initial situation at various levels

- Describing the **policy context and legal framework** relevant to marine/fisheries/aquaculture/processing in the baseline year and observing changes
- Collecting **national data on the fisheries and aquaculture, processing sector** in the baseline year and throughout the implementation period
- Collecting data on **EMFAF indicators** in the baseline year and observing changes to put achievements into context (see example next slide)

# Even if a baseline is set “zero” in the programme, it is useful to put achievements into context



# Example: UK EMFF impact evaluation (2023)

EMFF indicators	Baseline situation / year (2012)	Impact situation / year (2023)	Change
Fuel efficiency (UP1)	433 litres fuel per tonnes landed catch	400	-33 litres
Net profit in fisheries (UP1)	155,200 (thousand EUR)	159,019	+3,819
Volume of production recirculation system (UP2)	386 tonnes	386	0 (no progress)
Businesses created (UP4)	No baseline set	15	unclear

# Timing of a baseline study

The baseline situation can be determined...

- **in advance** (at the current point in time) or
- **retrospectively** (looking back in the course of an impact evaluation)



**Coffee break – back at 11.30**

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# Process evaluation fiche





# (1) Stakeholder involvement

Evaluation question 1.1. How effectively were the relevant stakeholders involved?

Evaluation questions	Judgment criteria	Data	Methods
1.1. How effectively were the relevant stakeholders involved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>most relevant</b> social, economic <b>stakeholders</b> have been identified and addressed.</li> <li>• The <b>stakeholders</b> have been actively <b>involved</b></li> <li>• <b>Stakeholders</b> have <b>contributed</b> to achieving better results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number and type</b> of stakeholders involved in MC meetings</li> <li>• <b>Frequency</b> of involvement of</li> <li>• <b>Gender</b> balance in MC meetings</li> <li>• Stakeholders/partners <b>inputs</b></li> <li>• <b>Satisfaction</b> of stakeholders</li> </ul>	<p>Desk research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data analysis</li> <li>• Qualitative analysis</li> </ul> <p>Field research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey:</li> <li>• Interviews</li> </ul>

## (2) Project management

### Effectiveness

2.1. Are the **administrative processes** from project application to project finalisation effective?

2.2. How effective is the **management structure**?

2.3. How effective is the **monitoring system** *in collecting, analysing and monitoring the output, financial, procedural and result indicators as defined by the programme?*

2.4. How effective is the **progress** towards the milestones and targets?

2.5. How did the programme management benefit from lessons learned from the previous period?

2.6. Have actions to mainstream and promote the **horizontal principles** of equality between men and women and non-discrimination been implemented effectively?

2.7. Have actions to mainstream and promote the **horizontal principle** of sustainable development, i.e. to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment, been implemented effectively?

## (2) Project management

### Efficiency

2.8. How cost- and time-efficient is programme **delivery system**?

2.9. How cost- and time-efficient are the **programme implementation** activities targeted at the beneficiaries?

## **(3) Communication**

### **Effectiveness**

3.1. How effective is the communication strategy in terms of reaching, informing and supporting the identified target group in the project application process?

3.2. Does the communication strategy contribute to improving the awareness of the achievements of the programme?

### **Efficiency**

3.3. Are the instruments of the communication strategy efficient (in terms of costs per output and timing)?



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