FAME Support Unit
Monitoring and Evaluation under the EMFF

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Needs assessment 2019: SWOT and target setting

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Background

- The **FAME annual work plan** asks for a needs assessment (NA) every second year;
- The main objective is to “ensure that the needs of the stakeholders are understood and that the activities of FAME can be targeted towards fulfilling these needs”;
- NA 2015 focused on **monitoring and evaluation capacity**;
- NA 2017 focused on **EMFF OP Evaluation**.
EMFF post 2020, status quo

• The legal framework post 2020 is currently under preparation.

• The Managing Authorities (MAs) have started preparing their Operational Programmes (OPs).

• Fiche 11 outlining the Common Monitoring and Evaluation System;

• Explains the principles of the system and defines the result indicators.
Needs assessment 2019

- Assist **DG MARE, MAs** and the **Member State stakeholders** involved in programming;
- Help **implement the monitoring and evaluation system** in relation to the **SWOT**;
- Find best practices in **target setting**;
- Enhance overall **monitoring and evaluation capacity**.
Status quo (12 June 2019)

• **Interviews** with the FAME geographic experts (May-August 2019);

• **Topics** are:
  
  • Institutional settings for the OP preparation
  
  • **Programming 2014-2020** (framework, timing, logic, strategy and intervention logic, indicators and target setting)

• **Programming 2021-2027**
Status quo (12 June 2019)

- **16 Member States** have expressed interest;
- *Interviews already held with CZ, CY, NL, BE;*
- **12 interviews** to be conducted soon;
- **1 pilot workshop** to be held on 25 June 2019 in CZ (Prague);
- Remaining workshops with the MAs in September-December 2019.
Main messages I

- Experience from 2014-2020 demonstrates the target setting challenge;
- MAs plan to have draft OPs by end of 2019/beginning of 2020;
- MS ESIF coordination units can have a strong influence trying to harmonise different funds in the MS;
- OP flexibility is valued but help is needed to establish a consistent programme.
Main messages II

- *Involvement of stakeholders* is well planned and executed; messages however can be ambiguous;

- Variety of *methods* planned to capture the sector needs and formulate projections;

- Need for support with developing the *causal chains and the intervention logic*;

- Unclear *how detailed* MAs *description of actions* should be;

- *External support considered*; not always easy to find.
Thank you for your attention!

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