



ERDF Project Evaluation

We provide high quality evaluation services to ERDF grant recipients

Regeneris delivers robust and insightful evaluation research and analysis for a range of public and private sector ERDF delivery bodies. We have extensive experience of ERDF project evaluation. In the last five years we have reviewed or evaluated more than 300 ERDF projects with a combined value of close to £1 bn.

Regeneris helped DCLG to develop their guidelines on ERDF project evaluation, known as Summative Assessments. We have a unique and detailed understanding of these guidelines, their requirements and its practical implications for ERDF delivery bodies. We advise ERDF grant recipients on how the guidance applies to their project and help our clients ensure their Summative Assessments meet DCLG's specification and the conditions of their Grant Funding Agreement.

Our evaluation services comply with DCLG's Summative Assessment requirement while also leaving room to explore our clients' specific questions about the monitoring, delivery performance and the impact of their respective initiatives; helping our clients to better understand and communicate their project's achievements. We also identify practical lessons that can be used by our clients to strengthen the design and delivery of their projects.

Questions we can help ERDF grant recipients answer include:

- How should we apply the Summative Assessment guidance to our project?
- What steps do we need to take to deliver a Summative Assessment?
- How can we ensure that our Summative Assessment captures and communicates the full range of outcomes and impacts?
- What methods should we use to assess impact and are counterfactual impact approaches suitable?
- Is there anything that we should be doing now to prepare for the Summative Assessment?



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Low Carbon Business Evaluation, Thurrock Council

The Low Carbon Business programme aimed to increase the competitiveness of the South Essex economy through a series of co-ordinated interventions that sought to address high levels of CO² emissions. Our evaluation of this ERDF-supported project included a detailed review of performance against spend, output and result targets, the changing delivery context, consultations with delivery partners and wider stakeholders. It also included an impact assessment based on a web survey of project beneficiaries.

The evaluation showed the project had performed strongly against its objectives of increasing business' understanding of their environmental impact, reducing business carbon footprints, reducing waste of resources and creating new employment opportunities. It was used to help shape plans for future low carbon business support investment in the area under the 2014-20 ERDF programme.

Summative Assessment Design Advice: Investing in Greater Birmingham ERDF Project

Investing in Greater Birmingham aims to bring new inward investment into the city region through marketing and investor support activities. Marketing Birmingham wants to ensure their Summative Assessment captures and clearly communicates the project's net additional impact. They commissioned Regeneris to advise on the evaluation approach before they started to deliver the project.

We designed an evaluation framework that sets out how the Summative Assessment can capture various quantitative and qualitative impacts and attribute these to ERDF funded activities. The various data collection proformas and research tools that we created will help the delivery team capture essential monitoring information as they deliver the project and ensure the Summative Assessment is credible and robust.

Regeneris has been retained to advise Marketing Birmingham as it uses these research and analytical tools and we will be doing a Summative Assessment in 2019.

English 2014-20 ERDF Evaluation Scoping Study

DCLG wanted to design a high quality approach to monitoring and evaluating the entire English ERDF programme. They wanted to ensure that the programme level evaluation would provide robust and reliable evidence of the impact created by £2.8bn of investment in ERDF projects.

Regeneris led a team of consultants which advised on the performance management framework for the programme and recommended how best to measure the programme's overall impact nationally. Regeneris advised on how project level evaluations should be conducted and drafted the Summative Assessment guidance which has been issued to ERDF grant recipients.

Our advice will help DCLG to identify lessons from the design and delivery of ERDF which the government can use when it develops future investment programmes.

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