

**OP "Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning"
Annual Review Meeting
Wednesday, 15 March 2017, Athens**

Draft agenda

Welcome – Introduction

PART 1

- 1. 9:15 – 9:30 Policy context**
Short presentation by the EC on the EU Policy context.
(Social Pillar, Skills Agenda, MoU, state of play on Omnibus Regulation).
- 2. 9:30 – 9:45 OP implementation (overall)**
Short presentation on financial implementation.

PART 2

- 3. 9:45 – 11:00 Thematic Objective 8 (Priority Axes 2, 4, 5) / Active Labour Market Policies**

Performance

- Physical and financial progress.
- Progress of specific objectives towards the fulfilment of their targets: state of play of specialization, invitations launched and foreseen, legal commitments, expenditure, financial forecast for 2017.
- Progress/forecast about the achievement of target values of indicators. Under reporting of indicator values in 2016 AIR: current situation.
- Performance framework; Realistic and documented forecast on the priorities which will have achieved their milestones by 2018. Achievement of intermediate values of indicators and forecast on the achievement of target values.

Strategic follow-up

- Mechanism for Diagnosis of Labour Market Needs:
 - Short presentation on recent outcomes (*EIEAD*).
 - How are outcomes incorporated in the design of ALMPs?
- OAED re-engineering:
 - State of play.

Specific Objectives / Actions

- *8.i.1, Access of the unemployed to employment, with focus on long-term unemployed persons, women and unemployed persons aged 30 to 44 years:*
 - Public Works Schemes (PWS): State of play of national roll-out, follow up on queries submitted to MA regarding PWS in hotspots.

* *Systemic intervention: Fighting undeclared work*

- State of play with the implementation of the Action Plan.

- 4. 11:00 – 11:45 Thematic Objective 8 (PA 3) / Active Labour Market Policies - Youth Employment Initiative**
Performance
 (Same as above)
Strategic follow-up
 - *Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan:*
- State of play.
 - Update of interventions beyond 2016.
- Specific Objectives / Actions*
 - 8.ii.1 & 2, *Increasing employment, including self-employment, and strengthening the skills of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) aged 15 to 29 years:*
- Effectiveness of Youth Voucher projects in the context of indicator values reported, future planning (will current ways of implementation be repeated in light of poor delivery results?)

- 5. 11:45 – 12:30 Thematic Objective 9 (PA 2, 4, 5) / Social Inclusion**
Performance
 (Same as above)
Strategic follow-up
 - "National Mechanism for the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of social inclusion and social cohesion policies":
 Implementation progress (including implementation of Social Solidarity Income).
 - Social Economy:
- Update on the preparation of the action plan for the systemic intervention 5 "Social economy and social entrepreneurship".
- Specific Objectives / Actions*
 - 9.i.1, *Improving the opportunities for entry and/or re-entry to the labour market of the beneficiaries of the pilot implementation of the minimum guaranteed minimum income:*
- Activation of 3rd pillar.
- 9.v.1, *Creation of new jobs by strengthening the establishment and operation of social enterprises:*
- Update on actions regarding social economy.

Required for morning session: Min. Labour, OAED, EIEAD, INE/GSEE (Voucher evaluation)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

- 6. 13:30 – 14:10 Thematic Objective 10 (PA 6, 8, 9) / Early School Leaving**
Performance
 (Same as above)
Strategic follow-up
 - Strategy for *Early School Leaving:*
- State of play of implementation / operationalization of strategy.
 - Linkages with MoU / OECD review.
 - Method used to ensure the consistency of projects proposals with the strategy and OECD review.

Specific Objectives / Actions

- 10.i.2, *Increasing the number of schools operating under the 'new school' scheme – Strengthening the structures and quality of primary and secondary education:*

- Brief update on the "New Unified Type All-Day School" unfolding in the 2016-2017 school year: schools/pupils targeted, timely addressing needs for adjunct teachers, difficulties in implementation, ways forward.
- Sustainability of interventions and plan for sustainability of the reform (particularly ESF funded actions supporting hiring of adjunct teachers).
- Current status of evaluation; Level of activation of measures regarding the evaluation of schools and ADIPDE.

7. 14:10 – 14:30 Thematic Objective 10 (PA 6, 8, 9) / Tertiary Education

Performance

(Same as above)

Strategic follow-up

- Strategy for *Higher Education*:

- State of play of implementation / operationalization of strategy.
- Linkages with MoU / OECD review.
- Method used to ensure the consistency of projects proposals with the strategy and OECD review.

Specific Objectives / Actions

- 10.ii.1, *Increasing the rate of timely completion of studies and strengthening the equal participation of persons with disabilities and persons from vulnerable social groups and low-income classes in tertiary education:*

- Update of specialised actions Financial support of diligent students of vulnerable social groups and Support for Social Care Structures of Students: activation level.
- Targeting of beneficiaries and consistency with HE strategy.

8. 14:30 – 15:00 Thematic Objective 10 (PA 7, 8, 9) / Vocational Education and Training

Performance

(Same as above)

Strategic follow-up

- Strategy for *Vocational Education and Training*:

- State of play of implementation / operationalization of strategy.
- Linkages with MoU.
- Method used to ensure the consistency of projects proposals with the strategy.
- Technical Assistance.

Specific Objectives / Actions

- 10.iv.1, *Increasing the number of apprentices/students/graduates participating in apprenticeship programmes:*

- Brief presentation of on-going actions targeting EPAL graduates.
- Activation of other measures related to the expansion of apprenticeships.

Required for afternoon session: Min. Education, IEP.

PART 3

- 9. 15:00 – 15:15 Ex Ante conditionalities**
- State of play ExAC 8.1 and 8.3 and GExAC 7
- 10. 15:15 – 15:30 Technical Adjustment**
- Scheduling, main lines.
 - EC expectations.
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**
- 11. 16:00 – 16:15 Annual Accounts, OP Audits and controls**
- Organisation of the process from the EL authorities; were difficulties encountered?
 - Audits and controls performed by the MA and EDEL; outcomes.
- 12. 16:15 – 16:30 Evaluations**
- Update on the current evaluation plan (as approved by the last Monitoring Committee); challenges & problems; delays of current evaluation studies.
 - Coordination mechanisms for 2014 - 2020; Role of EYSEKT and respective ESF Evaluation Committees.
- 13. 16:30 – 16:45 Communication and information**
- Update on the progress of information and communication actions.
 - 60 years ESF: publicity actions planned?
- 14. 16:45 - 17:00 Any other business**
- Simplified Cost Options.
 - Closure 2007-2013 of HRD and EDULLL OPs.
 - Progress in the compilation of documents, summary of the content of the final control report.
 - Other.
- 15. 17:00 - 17:30 Conclusions**