

INTERREG NEXT BSB PROGRAMME FICHE

INDICATORS

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MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING OF INDICATORS

The time measurement for the achievement of the indicators chosen by Interreg NEXT BSB Programme will be upon project finalization. However, intermediate values may be collected for reporting purposes also during projects implementations only at the request of the Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat.

The Lead Partner shall collect from the project partners relevant data to be included in the Final report on the **output and result indicators** as foreseen in the project.

TAKE NOTE!

All partners should make sure the indicators are counted correctly and the figures reflect realistic targets. For this purpose, it is strongly recommended that project partners read carefully the definitions of the indicators and measurement requirements described in the [Programme Performance Framework Methodology](#), also presented in brief in *Annex 10 Fiches of programme indicators*, annex to the Guidelines for Applicants.

Fulfilment of only part of the criteria described under the definitions of an output/result indicator is not sufficient in order for partners to count the achievement of the respective indicator.

In case an output fulfils only partially the requirements described in the definition, the respective output indicators may not be counted at programme level.

The text in parts A and B below contains information for each output and result indicator on the required criteria to be fulfilled by the project outputs and on how reporting of outputs is organised.

A. How to count the indicators - fulfilment of criteria

RCO 07 - Research organisations participating in joint research projects

In order to count the output indicator **RCO 07**, project partners have to ensure that:

- at least one partner be a research organisation, **and**
- research organisations actively participate in the implementation of a joint research project.

This indicator shall be counted and reported only for SO1 and it complements RCO87 (same organization may be counted both under RCO07 and RCO87).

According to [Programme Performance Framework Methodology](#), research organizations are bodies with a primary goal to conduct independently fundamental research, industrial research and experimental development and to disseminate the results of such activities by way of teaching, publication or knowledge transfer.

Example:

A project is implemented by 4 partners, of which 3 are research organisation. All 3 research organisations, actively participate in the implementation of the research related activities within the project. In this case the value of the reported output indicator RCO07, when achieved, shall be 3.

Indicative evidences:

Reports, studies, minutes of technical meetings, other documents demonstrating the active participation of the research organisation(s) in the research project.

This indicator shall be counted and reported only for SO1.

RCO 81 - Participations in joint actions across borders

In order to count the output to indicator RCO 81, project partners have to ensure that:

- joint actions (also on line, if justified) refers to actions organized by partners from at least 2 countries, **and**
- participation in the joint action(s) involves persons outside the partnership.

Examples:

1. A total number of 140 participants/stakeholders from outside the partnership participating in two dissemination events jointly organized by 3 partners from 2 participating countries (could be also advertised and opened for participation to the general public of the area covered by the programme), shall be counted and reported as RCO 81, the target value being 140. The partners shall not count the number of events (2 events).
2. A round table jointly organized by 2 project partners involving only participants representing partner institutions → the round table cannot be counted and reported as project output RCO81, as it does not fulfil the second criteria (involved participants to be from outside project consortium).

Indicative evidences:

Attendance lists, photos, videos, evidences demonstrating:

- the involvement of organisations from at least 2 countries in the development/ implementation of the joint action, AND
- participation from outside the project consortium.

This indicator shall be counted and reported only for SO3.

RCO 87 - Organisations cooperating across borders

In order to count the output indicator **RCO 87**, project partners have to ensure that the organisations counted are the legal entities representing the project partners, as mentioned in the project.

Indicative evidences: The cooperation agreement, documents demonstrating cooperation of partners (e.g, strategies, studies, analysis, etc).

This indicator is compulsory for all projects.

RCO 115 - Public events across borders jointly organized

In order to count the output indicator **RCO 115**, project partners have to ensure that the event:

- was jointly organized by the project partners from at least two participating countries, **and**
- involved participants/stakeholders from at least two countries from outside the project consortium, **and**
- has been advertised through relevant means, to the general public of the area covered by the programme and was not dedicated to the partner institutions only.

Examples:

1. A launching event is jointly organised by 2 partners involving participants invited from 3 participating countries, but is not advertised and opened for participation to the general public of the area covered by the programme → the event cannot be counted as a project output as it does not also fulfil the third criteria (being advertised to the general public of the area covered by the programme).
2. A workshop is jointly organised by 3 partners, is advertised to the general public of the area covered by the programme but involves only participants representing partner institutions → the workshop cannot be counted as a project output as it does not fulfil the second criteria (involved participants in the event to be from outside project consortium).
3. A dissemination event jointly organized by 2 partners from 2 participating countries, involving 140 participants/stakeholders from outside the partnership and advertised to the general public, shall be counted and reported as RCO 115, the target value being 1. It shall not count the number of participations (number of persons) participating in the event (140 participants).
4. A round table organized by 2 organisations from the same country with wide participation including of project staff of the 2 partners, advertised and opened for participation to the general public of the area covered by the programme cannot be counted and reported as RCO 115 as a project output as it does not comply with the first criteria of the indicator,

namely: jointly organised by the project partners from at least two countries participating in the programme.

Indicative evidences demonstrating:

- the involvement of organisations from at least 2 countries in the development/ implementation of the joint action (e.g. minutes of technical meetings, agenda of the event, etc) AND
- participation in the event of participants from outside the project consortium (e.g. invitations, list of participants, photos, videos, etc) AND
- that the event was advertised to the general public of the programme area (e.g. announcements published, print screens, etc).

RCO 84 - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

In order to count the output indicator, project partners have to ensure that:

- the pilot action needs to be developed AND implemented within the project, **and**
- implementation should be finalised by the end of the project, **and**
- it implies the involvement of organizations from at least 2 countries.

Example:

1. One innovative technical solution to select and recycle garbage is jointly developed by partners from 2 participating countries during project duration and jointly piloted - tested by the end of the project, in 2 or 3 participating countries.
Although piloted in 3 different countries, the target value of the project output RCO84 shall be 1 as it refers to one pilot action implemented in several locations.
2. A small scale investment to test the effectiveness of a solution is implemented during project implementation by 2 project partners from the same country. At the end of project implementation it cannot be counted as output indicator RCO84 as not complying with the 3rd criteria.

Indicative evidences demonstrating:

- that the pilot action was developed and implemented jointly by organisations from at least 2 countries (e.g minutes of technical meetings, contribution of partners to the testing/implementation of the pilot action, etc), AND
- the implementation of the respective pilot action was finalized by the end of the project.

RCO 116 - Jointly developed solutions

In order to count the output indicator, project partners have to ensure that:

- the jointly solution(s) is(are) developed (drafted and designed) from joint pilot action(s) (including as a result of pilot actions) implemented by supported project, **and**
- the solution was both designed and developed by project partners from at least two participating countries, **and**

- the identified solution includes indications of the actions needed for it to be taken up or to be up scaled.

Example:

1. An educational platform is jointly developed and implemented during project implementation by 2 project partners. In case the platform or the methodology elaborated for describing its development does not include clear indications on the actions needed by other organisations to take it up or to upscale it, it cannot be counted and reported as not complying with the 3rd criteria.
2. The project pilots an innovative technical solution to select and recycle garbage, solution jointly developed and implemented during the project duration by 2 project partners from the same country. Although the solution includes clear indication on the actions needed to be taken up or upscaled, considering that partners from the same country were involved in its design, the respective solution does not comply with the 2nd criteria (designed and developed by project partners from at least two participating countries).

Indicative evidences demonstrating:

- that the solution was developed and implemented jointly by organisations from at least 2 countries (e.g. minutes of technical meetings, contribution of partners to the developed/implemented solution, etc) AND
- that the identified solution includes clear indications of the actions needed for it to be taken up or to be up scaled (methodologies, description of the solution, etc).

RCR 84 - Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion

In order to count the result indicator, project partners have to ensure that the organisation(s):

- refers to **organization(s) involved in project** implementation;
- have a **cooperation agreement** to continue cooperation *after* the end of the supported project;
- cooperation could be on a similar or different topic.

Example:

A project implemented by 6 partners, of which only 2 decide at the beginning of project to continue cooperation after the end of the project and consequently sign the cooperation agreement. During project implementation, other 2 partner organisations decide to sign the cooperation agreement. In this case, although the initial target value of the indicator was 2, it shall be adjusted to 4.

Indicative evidences:

- Minutes, reports, other documents demonstrating the cooperation among partners continued after the end of the project;
- Revised Cooperation agreement in case other project partners than those who signed the Agreement initially, decide to continue the cooperation.

RCR 104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

In order to count the result indicator, project partners have to ensure that:

- organization(s) adopting the solution(s) developed by the project may or may not be a participant in the project;
- the uptake/up-scaling should be documented by the adopting organizations in strategies, action plans etc.

Example:

An innovative technical solution to select and recycle garbage, jointly developed and implemented during the project duration by 2 project partners from different partner countries, jointly tested in one country is further taken up by another organization (outside the partnership). In this case, the target value of the result indicator shall be 1.

Indicative evidences:

Strategies, action-plans, other documents of the organisation which took over or upscaled the solution developed by the project, which should demonstrate the up-taking or up-scaling of the solution.

B. How to report the indicators

Achievement of output indicators shall be reported either in the Project Progress report following the period of its achievement or in the project Final report, as the case.

Project partners shall avoid multiple counting and reporting: the output indicator, once included in a progress/project report shall not be reported again in the next reports as JeMS automatically aggregates the reported values.

In the report (progress or final, as the case), the LP has to provide information about each finalised output and provide evidences demonstrating the compliance of the output with the criteria of the related programme indicator, described in the [Programme Performance Framework Methodology](#) and in this Fiche, part A - How to measure the indicators.

If the information provided by project partners in Jems regarding outputs and results are not sufficient, the topic will be discussed between the project partners and the JS during the verification procedure of the final report and payment claim.

The consolidated information on the achievement of the output and result indicators by the Programme will be reported to the European Commission on a regular basis.

TAKE NOTE!

In the consolidated Project Report the Lead Partner shall ensure that for each reported output, the following information are available and introduced in the Report - Output description, as applicable:

1. General description of the output;
2. Which partners contributed to the achievement of the output;
3. How the output is taken up or up-scaled and by whom (target group).

For solutions (RCO 116) and pilot actions (RCO 84) the following additional information regarding the added value shall be introduced:

4. Explanation regarding the eventual added value of the output as compared to already existing solutions;
5. Explanation regarding the pilot testing (e.g. scope, interest manifested by the stakeholders etc.) and its outcomes (positive or negative).

Achievement of result indicators shall be reported by the Partners upon project finalization (in the Final Project report) or up to one year after project completion, if the case, as explained below.

The correctness and compliance of the achieved result indicators with the requirements described in the Performance Framework Methodology will be monitored by the MA/JS.

Further instructions on how to report the achievement of Programme Result Indicator RCR 84 *Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion*, for the period of up to one year after completion of project implementation and RCR 104 *Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations*, in case of organisations taking up or up-scaling the solution after project completion, shall be further provided.