

QUALITY CRITERIA TO JUDGE THE FINAL REPORT OF THE EVALUATION

Objective of the assessment	Aspects to be assessed	Fulfilled? Y, N, N/A	Comments
1. Scope of the evaluation	Check against the technical specifications and the work plan that the contractor:		
	a. has addressed the evaluation issues and specific questions	[Y]	
	b. has carried out the tasks described in the work plan	[Y]	
	c. has covered the requested scope for the time period, geographical areas, target groups, aspects of the intervention, etc.	[Y]	
2. Overall contents of the report	Check that the report includes:		
	a. An executive summary, in the right format and in the three languages	[Y]	
	b. A main report with all required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ title and contents page ▪ a description of the policy being evaluated, its context, the purpose of the evaluation, contextual limitations, methodology, etc. ▪ findings, conclusions, and judgments for all evaluation issues and specific questions ▪ list of required outputs and deliverables ▪ recommendations as appropriate 	[Y]	Since the evaluation is retroactively, the study does not include any future recommendations.
	c. all required annexes	[Y]	
3. Data collection	Check that data is accurate and complete		
	a. data is accurate:	[Y]	The methodological framework includes a detailed description of the data used for the evaluation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ data is free from factual and logical errors ▪ the report is consistent, i.e. no contradictions ▪ calculations are correct 		
	b. data is complete	[Y]	The different data/ research methodologies are subject to limitations, which are clearly described in the study.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ relevant literature and previous studies have been sufficiently reviewed ▪ existing monitoring data has been appropriately used ▪ limitations to the data gathered have been pointed out and explained ▪ measures have been taken to address any problems encountered in the process of 			

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	data gathering		
4. Analysis and judgments	Check that analysis is sound and relevant		
	a. analytical framework is sound: <input type="checkbox"/> [Y] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ methodology used for each area of analysis is clearly explained, and has been applied consistently and as planned ▪ judgments are based on transparent criteria ▪ analysis relies on two or more independent lines of evidence ▪ inputs from different stakeholders are used in a balanced way ▪ findings are reliable enough to be replicable 	<input type="checkbox"/> [Y]	The evaluation criteria are assessed by using the different evaluation methods and the related results.
	b. conclusions are sound: <input type="checkbox"/> [Y] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ conclusions properly address the evaluation questions and are coherently and logically substantiated ▪ no relevant conclusions are missing, based on the evidence presented ▪ findings corroborate existing knowledge; differences or contradictions with existing knowledge are explained ▪ critical issues are presented in a fair and balanced manner ▪ limitations on the validity of the conclusions are pointed out 	<input type="checkbox"/> [Y]	Limitations to the results of the different methodologies are clearly described. To offset any limitations, the evaluation questions are observed based on different results.
	5. Usefulness of recommendations	a. recommendations are useful: <input type="checkbox"/> [N/A] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ recommendations flow logically from the conclusions, are practical, realistic, and addressed to the relevant Commission team(s) or other stakeholders 	<input type="checkbox"/> [N/A]
b. recommendations are complete: <input type="checkbox"/> [N/A]		<input type="checkbox"/> [N/A]	-/-

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ recommendations cover all relevant main conclusions 		
6. Clarity of the report	a. The report is easy to read:	[Y]	The study report includes the essential elements to allow readers a proper understanding, including a table of content and figures and tables.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ written style and presentation is suitable for the various relevant target readers ▪ quality of language is sufficient for publishing ▪ specific terminology is clearly defined ▪ tables, graphs, and similar presentation tools are used to facilitate understanding; they are well commented with narrative text 		
	b. The report is logical and focused:	[Y]	
	<p>the report's structure is logical and consistent, information is not unjustifiably duplicated, and it is easy to get an overview of the report and its key results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the report provides a proper focus on main issues and key messages are summarised and highlighted ▪ the length of the report (excluding appendices) is proportionate, with a good balance of descriptive and analytical information ▪ detailed information and technical analysis are left for the appendix, avoiding information overload in the main report 		

Overall conclusion		
The report can be approved in its current state, as it complies with the overall contractual conditions and relevant professional evaluation standards.	[Y]	