Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation in EU Funds – Moving from the Current Period Towards the Post-2027 Performance Framework.

DAY 1: Performance management in EU funds

9.00-9:45	**Performance management in EU funds** • Welcome and introduction • Three uses of performance information • Linking finance to performance: what is changing in the National and Regional Partnership Plans
09.45-10:45	**Performance management in EU funds** • Approaches to target setting for the different parts of the intervention logic • Situating target setting in the three uses of performance information • Linking to OECD guidance on budgeting
10:45-11:15:	Coffee break
11:15-12:30	**Performance management in EU funds** • Back to the three uses of performance information • Pitfalls of managing with targets • OECD guidance on performance budgeting • VUCA as a framework to navigate the tension inherent in performance management
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	**Workshop** • Assessing the '"VUCA" level of your operations
14:00-15:00	**Performance management in EU funds** • Finance not linked to costs in the current and the new funding period? • Results based finance: best practice from the World Bank
15:00-15:15:	coffee break
15:15-15:30	**Workshop** • Define a "result" that can be linked to finance Results based finance: best practice from the World Bank
15:30-17:00	**Performance management in EU funds** • More sophisticated performance management in complex operations • "Lean" and continuous improvement • Performance management versus evaluation?

DAY 2: Evaluating for better performance

09.30	**Recap of day 1**
9:45	**Evaluation frameworks:** • Requirements in the old CPR and the new NRPP regulation • Theories of change and of action: modelling an intervention • Evaluation purpose, criteria and questions in relation to the stage of an intervention
11:00	Coffee Break – Networking
11.30	**Evaluation frameworks:** • Three overall evaluation approaches: merit, enlightenment, development; • Theory testing versus pragmatic evaluation strategies: which research strategies to choose (selection framework); • The role of an evaluability assessment
13:00	Lunch Break
14:00	**Pragmatic research strategies:** • Most Significant Change • Concept Mapping • Outcome harvesting
15:00	Coffee Break
15.15	**Theory testing research strategies** • Surveys • RCT's
16.30	End of Day 2

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DAY 3: Evaluating for better performance

09.30	**Recap of Day 2**
9.45	**Theory testing research strategies: quasi-experiments:** • Propensity score matching • Regression discontinuity • Difference in Difference
10.30	Coffee Break
10.45	**Theory testing research strategies: case studies** • Process tracing
12:15	Lunch Break
13.15	**Theory testing research strategies: case studies** • Congruence analysis • Relation of case study research to contribution analysis and realist evaluation
14.00	**Theory testing research strategies: case studies** • QCA (qualitative comparative analysis) case study approach
14.45	Coffee Break
15:00	**Workshop: analysis of a terms of reference for research strategy**
15:30	**Creating your evaluation plan;** • Generating criteria for prioritising evaluations • How to deal with the requirement to evaluate impact of a large programme
16.00	End of Day 3