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Introduction to the handbook currently developed by ENVIEVAL

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Main purpose of the methodological handbook (1)

- Manual for the application of the methodological framework (i.e. the logic models);
- Providing guidance on the different steps in designing a consistent and cost-effective approach for environmental evaluations;
- Outlining different options for environmental indicators and methods suitable for answering the selected evaluation question
- Considering how (and which) evaluation challenges can and will be addressed through different design elements;

Main purpose of the methodological handbook (2)

- Decision of selecting indicators and methods lies with the user – decision depends on specific circumstances and context of the users;
- Highlighting under which data availabilities and context certain indicators and methods are suitable;
- Explaining the potential of different indicators and methods under different data availabilities (examples of benefits and costs of additional monitoring data);

Context with other guiding documents

Existing guidance provided by the **Helpdesk**:

- Valuable guidelines on the intervention logic of the CMES (CMEF) and how to consistently evaluate outputs, results and impacts;
- Methodological advice on how to evaluate direct and indirect effects of CMES indicators;
- Less focus on specific environmental indicators and methods;

Added value of the **ENVIEVAL** handbook:

- Particular focus on environmental evaluations;
- Flexible methodological framework for environmental evaluations;
- Key issues of a range of environmental indicators and methods covered;

Scope: main part

- Explanation how to apply the logic models;
- Review and catalogue of indicators and methods for environmental evaluations of RDPs (not all indicators and methods could be tested in the case studies);
- Indicators and methods from the case study testing provide the examples for the application of the logic model highlighting and explaining key elements of the logic models and their contributions to evaluation challenges;
- Consequences of the different options at each step of the logic model explained, including potential effectiveness and costs aspects;
- Explanation of advantages & disadvantages of the different options

Suggested structure

- **Glossary**
- **Executive summary**
- **Introduction (evaluation purpose, challenges, objectives of the handbook, how to use the handbook);**
- **Policy context of the handbook (CMEF/CMES evaluation requirements, link to the guidebook of the Helpdesk);**
- **Methodological framework for environmental applications of RDPs (concept of the logic models);**
- **Step-by-step application of the logic model**
 - Applying CMES intervention logic;
 - Designing of Counterfactual;
 - Designing of counterfactual based micro level evaluation;
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- **Annexes:**
 - Fact sheets of indicators and methods
 - Data sources