

ENVIEVAL



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KEY ISSUES FROM THE FIRST DAY

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- **Consideration of other intervening factors and boundary conditions**
 - **To what extent can the selected methods deal with that?**
 - **Can synergies between RDPs and other policies / factors be considered through the selected methods?**
 - **Qualitative methods and stakeholder consultations can provide insights into implications of wider boundary conditions**

- **Logic models:**
 - **Important to present logic models with concrete applications and explanatory notes**
 - **Logic models currently focus on impact quantification. Can qualitative aspects – and “why-questions” - be integrated during or after the case study testing?**
 - **Logic models could play a role in defining ToR in evaluation contracts**
 - **Suggestion raised to apply the logic models to further examples including example from EENRD guidelines**

- **Cost-effectiveness assessment:**
 - **Focus on relative assessment, i.e. comparison of different methods, exploring the use of a trade-off matrix**
 - **Review of the effectiveness concept required during the case studies - is the concept generic enough or are revisions needed?**
 - **Concept for relative cost assessment: How will different levels be defined?**
 - **Consideration of different users: Timing and purpose will be different**

- **Cost-effectiveness assessment:**
 - **Useful to raise awareness of cost of specific methods and different evaluation tasks – stimulates exchange between managing authorities and evaluators**
 - **More cooperation needed between monitoring organisation, ministries and evaluators to explore what additional data are needed - before or with the implementation of measures**
 - **Role of ENVIEVAL: Highlight the benefits of additional data**

- **Case study testing:**
 - **To what extent can the selected methods incorporate the different intervention logics of the key policy measures?**
 - **Case study testing will highlight the type of results the methods deliver under different data availabilities.**
 - **Important to highlight additional benefits if new or more advanced data are available**
 - **Regional scope of the case study testing:**
 - **Will broader displacement effects be considered?**
 - **Consideration of global effects can lead to different evaluation outcome**
 - **Consideration of temporal issues**

- **Case studies (comments from stakeholder consultation):**
 - **Stronger integration of qualitative and quantitative aspects**
 - **Case studies need to provide (and be based on) clear definitions of what is considered as micro and macro level**
 - **Key criteria for the selection of indicators need to be explained**
 - **Case studies should highlight the importance of impact evaluations**
 - **Guidance on the data requirements and limits for the meaningful application of the tested methods will be a helpful outcome**

 **Is the current case study design fit for purpose?**

Key questions for break out groups

- 1. What indicators and methods would you currently consider to use to address the challenges**
- 2. To what extent do you already apply the innovative aspects, if not why have you not applied these yet**
- 3. Which of the challenges and innovative aspects has the highest priority for you and why and are there any aspects missing**