

Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Roma Inclusion

Evaluation criteria



Relevance

Assesses the extent to which the programme's objectives and design responded to the needs of the target groups.



Effectiveness

Assesses the extent to which the programme was able to achieve the planned results.

Conclusions

The evaluation confirmed the relevance of the programme and the supported interventions in relation to the needs of the main target groups and national priorities. The intervention logic of the programme was appropriately designed, comprehensive, and reflected strategic challenges.

The programme focused primarily on supporting marginalized Roma communities and the least developed districts, with some calls allowing for a broader focus of interventions beyond the most vulnerable groups.

The programme was highly effective in achieving its planned outcomes and outputs. Differences in the quality of outputs were related to various capacity and experience of the project promoters.

Thanks to synergic effects and innovative outputs, the programme was able to generate additional benefits, such as participatory planning, community leadership, involvement of target groups in public processes, and new forms of community work.

Recommendations

Strengthen the integrated and multi-sectoral approach in the future.

Link community work, educational institutions, and local government.

Ensure the participation of target groups in the design of interventions.

Focus calls on supporting marginalized Roma communities.

Assess the focus on the most vulnerable groups in the assessment process of applications. Strengthen support for actors with proven expertise.

Introduce more flexible funding models.

Simplify the administrative burden of project implementation. Apply the best practices and innovations in national policies.

Support the systematic collection of gualitative data.



