

5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this Action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the Action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the Action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (Outputs and direct Outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the logical framework matrix and the partner's strategy, policy or reform action plan list.

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

Roles and responsibilities for data collection, analysis and monitoring: The Nature and Environment Policy Plan for the Caribbean Netherlands (NEPP) states that monitoring and reporting of the impact is crucial for its success and requires that the level of progress of the implementation agenda is reported to the NEPP Steering Committee several times a year. This will be done on a regular basis, but at minimum once a year to allow the preparation of an annual report by which the Dutch Parliament will be informed about the progress on the strategic goals set in the NEPP. The responsibility for monitoring and reporting on the Action will be undertaken as integral part of the responsibilities of the NEPP project manager of the Directorate of Economy, Nature and Infrastructure of Sint Eustatius. The EU Delegation for Sint Eustatius in Guyana may attend the Steering Committee of the NEPP when relevant.

The statistical and monitoring systems as well as the quality of official data in the policy field covered have been assessed. This assessment has fed into the design of the Action as follows: Sint Eustatius is in the process of establishing an integrated monitoring framework for the NEPP 2020-2030, which is to be based on the criteria and principles defined by the OECD for results-based decision making. This monitoring framework will allow to sequentially track inputs (expenditures), progress toward the achievement of output targets (process/activities) and the progress towards the achievement of outcome targets, which are to contribute to long-term NEPP strategic goals.

The indicators are gender-sensitive as much as possible, and efforts will be made to get sex-disaggregated data from the various users or beneficiaries from this project. Gender expertise will be involved in the establishment of indicators, data collection and monitoring and evaluation. In addition, gender considerations would be sought for the monitoring set-up.

5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the importance of the Action, a final or an ex-post evaluation may be carried out for this Action or its components through a joint mission contracted by the Commission.

It will be carried out for accountability and learning purposes at various levels (including for policy revision), taking into account in particular the fact that the sector reform support will include the elaboration of a fully-fledged action plan.

The evaluation of this Action may be performed individually or through a joint strategic evaluation of budget support operations carried out with the partner OCT, other budget support providers and relevant stakeholders.

As appropriate evaluations shall assess to what extent the Action is contributing to gender equality and women's empowerment. Expertise on gender equality will be sought in the evaluation teams.

The Commission shall inform the implementing partner at least two months in advance of the dates envisaged for the evaluation missions. The implementing partner shall collaborate efficiently and effectively with the evaluation experts, and inter alia provide them with all necessary information and documentation, as well as access to the project premises and activities.

The evaluation reports may be shared with the partners and other key stakeholders following the best practice of evaluation dissemination. The implementing partner and the Commission shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations and, where appropriate, apply the necessary adjustments.