

Mid-Term Reviews of External Financing Instruments (EFIs)

Common Implementing Rules (CIR)

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External Financing Instruments

Treaty on the Functioning EU requires the prior adoption of a **Basic Act** which defines the objectives, results, and programming and implementation modalities of policy.

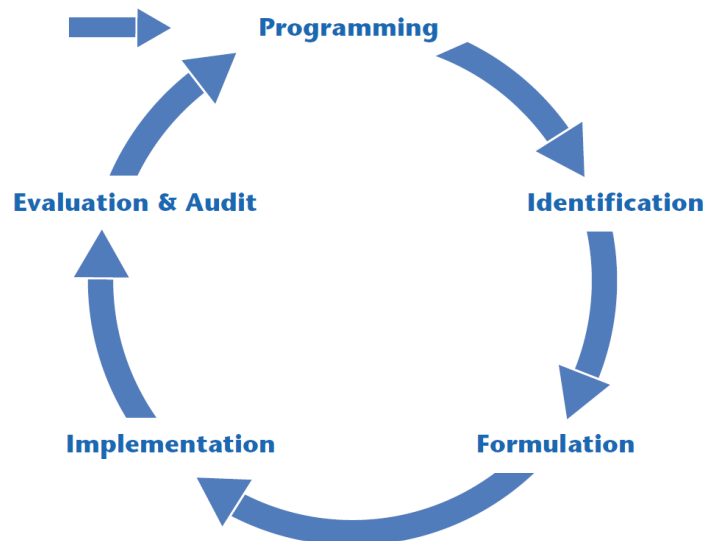
EU Budget financed Basic Acts for EU enlargement, development and cooperation policies during the MFF 2014-2020:

- Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II);
- European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI);
- Financing Instrument for Development Cooperation (DCI);
- Financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (EIDHR);
- Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP);
- Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC);
- Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries (PI);
- Greenland Instrument (GI);
- **Common Implementing Rules (CIR).**

Common Implementing Rules

- Other external actions Basic Acts determine the **objectives, scope, programming, financial envelope and allocation of funds** for each policy.
- CIR provides a set of common rules applicable to **formulation, implementation and evaluation & audit**:

Project cycle:



Common Implementing Rules

CIR provisions on

- **Formulation:** content & adoption of action programmes and measures;
- **Implementation:**
 - * methods such as procurement, grants, budget support, EU trust funds, financial instruments, indirect management;...
 - * treatment of taxes;
 - * rules on nationality and origin for contracts;
 - * monitoring;
- **Audit & evaluation:** rights of audit & access for Commission, OLAF, Court of Auditors; evaluation of actions; ...
- **Annual reporting;**
- **Mid-term review and final evaluation** of Instruments.

Common Implementing Rules

CIR provisions on substantive themes aimed to promote:

- Use of **country systems**;
- Democracy, rule of law, respect human rights & **fundamental freedoms**;
- Accessibility for persons with **disabilities**;
- Role of **stakeholders**, such as civil society and local authorities;
- Participation of **local and regional contractors**;
- **Climate change and environment** mainstreaming;
- **EU visibility**.

Evaluation of CIR

CIR, article 17(1):

"No later than 31 December 2017, a mid-term review report shall be submitted by the Commission on the implementation of each of the Instruments and of this Regulation. It shall cover the period from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2017 and shall focus on the achievement of the objectives of each Instrument by means of indicators measuring the results delivered and the efficiency of the Instruments".

Independent CIR-evaluation led by company Particip: draft evaluation report published on Commission's website for **Open Public Consultation**; OPC runs until 03/05/2017.

This meeting presents an **additional opportunity** for participants to engage directly with the evaluators, who will present their findings, conclusions and recommendations.