

Directorate-General for International Partnerships

Strategic Evaluations five-year rolling Work Programme

2022 - 2026

Strategic Evaluation reports are usually delivered 12 to 18 months after the start date.

GEOGRAPHIC EVALUATIONS				
Planned for 2022	Nepal	Planned for 2024	Democratic Republic of Congo	
	Jamaica (Budget Support)		Pakistan*	
			Haiti	
			Yemen	
Planned for 2023	Mali*		Sudan	
	Mozambique			
	Benin (Budget support)		Planned for 2025	Guyana (possibly Budget Support)
	ASEAN (regional)			
	Cuba			
	Niger		Planned for 2026	Burkina Faso*
	Nigeria*			Guinea Bissau
	South Sudan			
	EU-Overseas Countries & Territories (OCTs)			

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THEMATIC EVALUATIONS			
	Title	Policy area(s)	Justification
Planned for 2022	Evaluation of thematic areas related to the Gender Action Plan (GAP) III Mid-Term report	Gender equality and Human Rights.	The GAP III communication foresees the development of “ad-hoc evaluations” to feed-in its mid-term report and Staff Working Document that should be published during the second half of 2023
	Evaluation of the EU Bêkou Trust Fund	Public sector capacity rebuilding, human development, human rights, and peace.	After almost 10 years of implementation and at a moment where an independent assessment is needed to feed into the reflections regarding what is next.
Planned for 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of EU External financing instruments: Final evaluation of 2014-2020 instruments. • Mid-term evaluation of 2021-2027 instruments: NDICI-Global Europe and IPA III. 	Legal basis	Evaluation of the instruments as per regulatory/legal requirement: Art 17, CIR (EU) 236/2014 and Art 42 of NDICI-GE Regulation (EU) 2021/947
	Evaluation of innovative engagement with more advanced developing countries (geopolitical Commission).	Differentiation	Lessons need to be learnt from the past 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework (MFF) on the closing down of bilateral aid programmes in graduating countries and the use of other instruments for the establishment of new forms of partnerships based on mutual interests and joint initiatives to address global challenges. Evolving to geopolitical Commission with MFF 2021-2027.
	Evaluation of Working better together as Team Europe through joint programming and joint implementation	All Policies and cross-cutting areas (e.g., gender, environment, climate change, human rights)	Joint Programming (JP) is the joint planning of development cooperation and external action by EU external action actors working in a partner country. Joint Programming is part of the EU’s overall engagement to improved aid and development effectiveness. On the other hand, having a prominent role in the new European Consensus, Joint implementation (JI) is a way of promoting a more coherent, effective, and coordinated EU support based on shared objectives, tailored to a partner country. This evaluation will focus on the JP process from launching a joint analysis to the conclusion of a JP document, as well as on key aspects of JI with EU Member States. The role and the impact of the Team Europe Initiatives will also be analysed.
	Evaluation of European Development Days (EDD)	Communication	Evaluation on the impact of the EDDs on the international development exchange and in how far the EDDs have become a reference for the exchange and developments in the policy area.

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Planned for 2024	Evaluation of the EU Green Deal (external dimension).	Environment, climate change, energy	Commission priority with strong contribution from international partnerships.
	Evaluation of EU support to the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement.	Trade, private sector	Assess major support from EU that represents a blueprint for the African internal market few years after its official launch.
	Evaluation of the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD).	Investment, infrastructure, private sector	EFSD and EFSD Guarantee, Regulation (EU) 1601/2017.
	Final evaluation of the EU Gender Action Plan (GAP) III.	Gender equality and Human Rights	The GAP III communication foresees a final strategic evaluation: “The Commission will launch an end-of-term evaluation of GAP III no later than in 2024.” Tentatively joint will a selection of EU Member States.
Planned for 2025	Final evaluation of the EU response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support partner countries	Health, Socio-economic	Five years after the COVID crisis, the final evaluation will focus on health and socio-economic support to draw lessons for EU external action preparedness to respond to other future crises situations.
Planned for 2026	Final evaluation of the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa	Migration, fragility, aid modalities	Final evaluation of the EUTF.