

ERIK Network

The ERIK Database Development Process

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The ERIK database: the network's knowledge tank

The general objectives of the ERIK Network and the database tool:

- **Improvement of regional cohesion through information sharing on good practices related to knowledge oriented policies**
- **Benchmarking of good practices developed under ERDF Innovative Action Programmes - strategic theme "Regional economies based on Knowledge and Technological Innovation" and ERIK's contribution to the IA Programmes evaluation process**

- **Self-evaluation process**
- **Open** and **participatory process** on the overall database development stages
- Importance of **framework conditions**
- Two evaluation waves: **benchmarking of objectives** and **benchmarking of results**

The ERIK database structure (I)

- **RINNO database and the search for compliancy**
- **The level of analysis for good practice selection:**
 - Regional Programmes of Innovative Actions
 - Projects
 - Lines of actions
- **Regional basic data** and description of the regional general context
- Use of **quantitative** and **qualitative indicators** (core and theme related indicators)

The ERIK database structure (II)

- **RPIA** information regarding:
 - Background and policy making context
 - Objectives and beneficiaries
 - Implementation process
 - Results and assessment
 - More?
- Good practices selection with reference to **relevant criteria** to be further developed and agreed upon (e.g. transferability, openness, etc.)
- **Development of interactive tools** to enhance a participatory approach and to improve database content

The main phases of the database development process

Phase I

Introductory analysis and questionnaire preparation

- Analysis of RPIAs and other sources containing relevant information on projects (e.g. mid term reports, innovation award etc.)
- **Development of the methodology** for good practice selection
- Elaboration of a project self-evaluation questionnaire addressed to a **pilot group of regions** selected among the ERIK partners (two for each sub-theme?)
- Pilot group questionnaire testing and final version definition
- Delivery of questionnaire to all partners (on-line uploading)

THIS PHASE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JANUARY 2004

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Phase II

Project first self-evaluation (interim)

⇒ Project self-evaluation done by the regions through the questionnaire

⇒ Analysis of both the implementation process and planned deliverables through a set of general criteria and qualitative-quantitative indicators

INITIAL RESULTS AVAILABLE VIA THE DATABASE

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Phase III

First phase of database development

Interface improvement and development of interactive tools:

- thematic search engines and on other fields of interest**
- pop-up questionnaires assessing the level of interest on target areas, etc.**
- user profile and tailored information via e-mail**
- more...**

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Phase IV

Project second evaluation round

- ⇒ Analysis based on ex-post evaluation, thus on actual deliverables achieved by the project when available (e.g. jobs created, increased productivity, etc.)
- ⇒ Degree of progress achieved compared to the proposed project objectives

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Phase V and beyond

Addition of new regional data and second round results

Development of new categories of data and new search possibilities

Enhancement of interregional learning process: TUTORS, MENTORS, STUDENT REGIONS and development of exchange initiatives...