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EC accountability for its external aid operations

EC provides to citizens and representatives:

• Total amount in commitments and payments;

• Qualitative and descriptive information on the actions carried out;

• Little systematic and periodic quantified data on the results of interventions at sector, country or regional level.
Objective and scope:

• Develop measuring tools for the assessment of the quantifiable effects of operations;

• Quantifiable data collected from different projects and consolidated at sector, country, regional level;

• Obtain a quantified general overview of the effects of external aid, appraise trends over time;

• Pilot phase – some sectors only covered, indicators can be reviewed
Indicators should be:

- Relevant and rely on available data sources
- Reflect the practices of key donors in the concerned sectors
- Allow aggregation
- Allow to calculate values with/without project
Aggregate standard indicators

NB - Limited number of standard indicators

• They will not cover all the facets of the various projects;

• Will reflect only partially the contribution of the EC;

• Will not determine the priorities of external aid

• Will not replace other indicators developed specifically for the project;
Practical implementation of the system

**Identification**

- *Identification Fiche* must mention the list of indicators to be taken into account;

**Formulation**

- Annex to financing proposal with
  - Baseline value before the start of the project;
  - Estimated final value with/without project;

*(NB – foresee the necessary budget to obtain at the end of the project, the actual final values)*
Standard indicators - Elections

- **401**: % of persons reached by voter/civic education campaigns (with gender disaggregation)

- **402**: % of electoral staff having benefited from capacity building actions;

- **403**: % of errors (omissions or incorrect information) in voter registry

- **404**: % of complaints leading to timely, transparent and motivated decisions.
EC Standard indicators

- Need for more (or a better use of) indicators
- Area of democratic governance is in particular need for systematic, quantified data
- Aim is to come up with “accountability indicators”
  - Should be representative, quantifiable and able to be consolidated at sector or geographic level
  - Aim is not to capture the entire picture
  - Will not replace the project’s indicators
  - Will not be used as basis to define EC strategy
- Pilot phase - methodology and results will be reviewed