



Centralised Impact Assessment of EU Co-Funded Projects

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WP3: Tasks and Deliverables

Task 3.1: Annual
monitoring of networks
(Optimat)

- D3.1: Data collection **strategy and methodology** (M3)
- D3.2: **Annual report** on monitoring and impact assessment (M10, M22, M34)

Task 3.2: Impact
assessment of networks
(UNIMAN)

- D3.3: **Policy briefs** (M8, M20, M32)
- D3.4: Updated **report** on the **impact of networks** (M22)

Task 3.3: Impact
assessment of EU co-
funded projects
(Optimat)

- D3.5: **Strategy** for full scale implementation of **project-level impact assessment** (M30)

Task 3.4: Guidance
material on impact
assessment for P2P
(UNIMAN)

- D3.6: **Guide** on the **conduct and use** of impact assessment for P2P networks (M18)

Task 3.3: Impact assessment of EU co-funded projects

Plan A (original)

- Central process using the ERA-LEARN portal and evolving database of funded projects
- At a pre-defined date after the contractual end of project, the portal sends a [customised] email request (from the Commission) to provide some feedback by completing an online impact assessment survey questionnaire
- Responses are completed online and provide the basis for multi-level analysis and annual/cumulative reporting

Stakeholder Workshop (May 2016)

Task 3.3: Impact assessment of EU co-funded projects

Plan B (proposed by stakeholders)

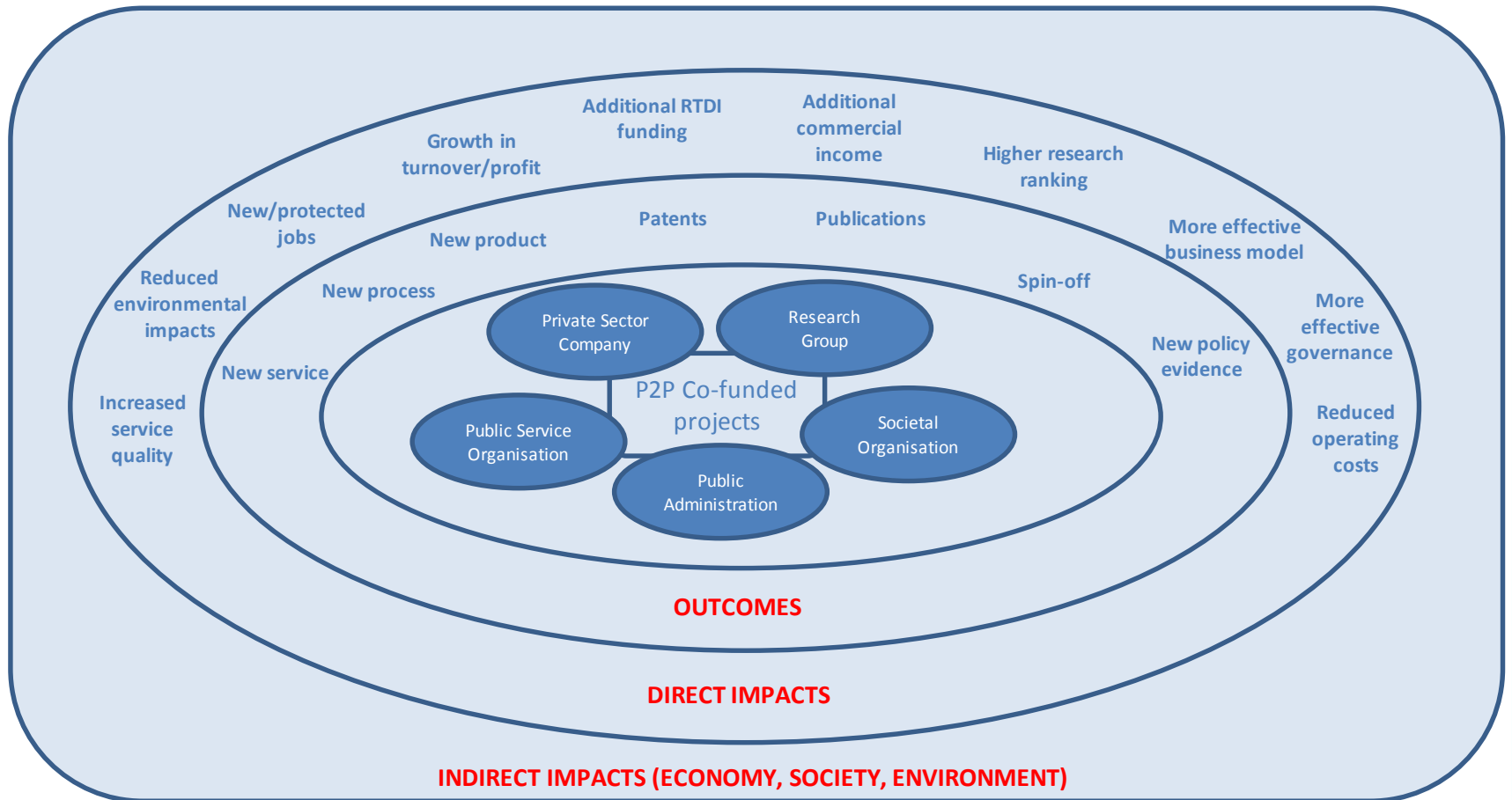
- Delegated process in partnership with the P2P networks
- Two options
 - ERA-LEARN questionnaire is embedded in post-project surveys and P2P network submits relevant data to the ERA-LEARN portal
 - P2P network invites beneficiaries to complete the online survey and raw data can be downloaded by the network (but not others)
- Responses are aggregated with data from other P2P networks and provide the basis for multi-level analysis and annual/cumulative reporting

NEEDS COMMON FRAMEWORK

Logic Model for Project-Level Impact Assessment

- Inputs
 - Funding, knowledge, facilities
- Activities
 - RTDI project
- Outputs
 - Deliverables of the RTDI project
- Outcomes
 - What has been achieved based on the project outputs
- Direct Impacts
 - For the beneficiary
- Indirect Impacts
 - Wider economic, social and/or environmental impacts

Logic Model – Common Framework??



Monitoring and Assessment

Monitoring and impact assessment of networks

Reference Library

Tools for internal review of participation in networks

NETWATCH archive

Reference Library

The following provides some examples of monitoring and assessment reports that have been produced for mature P2P networks. We welcome additional examples from other networks to support the development of the Reference Library.

ARTICLE 185 on METROLOGY (EMRP/EMPIR)

The Article 185 on Metrology was originally established under FP7 as the 'European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research (EMRP)' and continues as the 'European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research (EMPIR)' under Horizon 2020. Annual calls on various topics (e.g. industry, energy, environment, health) have been issued since 2009. Monitoring and assessment of Joint Research Projects is an important activity. Progress is reported using a cumulative 'Output and Impact Report' and case study reports have been published at thematic level.

- [Output and Impact Report Template](#)
- [Energy Impact Report: February 2016](#) (projects funded under the 2009 EMRP Call)

BiodivERsA

This ERA-NET on biodiversity and ecosystem services has been active since 2005 and has been extended to 2018. The current phase is supported through a Horizon 2020 ERA-NET Cofund Action. The network is conducting an evaluation to assess the extent to which projects funded by BiodivERsA are able to effectuate academic products, while fruitfully engaging with relevant stakeholders and delivering a range of products.

- [Analysis of the outputs of BiodivERsA funded projects](#) (2008 Joint Call)

ICT-AGRI

The ICT-AGRI network is concerned with enabling precision farming by means of ICT and was established in 2009 as an ERA-NET Coordination Action under FP7. The network followed on ICT-AGRI and will continue until 2017. In 2015, the consortium developed an impact model to assess the impact of funded projects, and of the funding initiative itself, and also an online questionnaire to collect data.

Next Steps

- Develop IA survey questions
 - Partially developed
 - Thanks to Christine and others for their help and patience
- Debate at JP Conference 2016
 - Impacts of P2Ps: Expectations and Experiences
 - Parallel session on ‘impacts at project level’
- Experimentation with several P2P Networks

ANY VOLUNTEERS??