

Mid-Term Evaluation of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Programme 2030



Evaluation objectives

Improving the quality of the Programme's design and implementation by identifying and proposing solutions to correct potential problems affecting it.

Framework*



The Mid-term Evaluation of the FAMI 2030 Programme considered the criteria of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value, which are broken down into 13 Evaluation Questions (EQ).



Approved applications: 2



4 Specific objectives



10.9 M€ Approved fund



102 applicant organisations



15.1% Commitment rate



8 Calls for Tenders

*Data reported as at 31/12/2023

Methodology

The methodological reference for this evaluation was the structuring of the logical framework for the FAMI 2030 intervention. The methodological approach was based on a diverse range of methods and techniques for collecting data, processing and analysing quantitative and qualitative information.



Data collection



1 Survey
(to applicant organisations)



Document collection



2 Focus Groups



8 Interviews

Main Results

Relevance

-  There have been important changes in the context. These have led to an unprecedented increase in asylum seekers and migratory flows of third-country nationals to Portugal.
-  It is essential to ensure that the number of human resources allocated to the programme is increased and scaled up to meet the current challenges generated by the changing context.

Effectiveness

-  The GA was able to develop an initial AAC launch strategy that covered all the objectives and responded quickly to the most obvious needs.
-  The GA's experience in fund management and its liaison with *stakeholders* proved decisive in the transition between programme periods and in the adoption of adaptive correction strategies.
-  Significant improvements in the quality of CAAs compared to the previous programme period.

Efficiency

-  The definition, approval and initial implementation of the Management and Control System was on time and was adequate to meet the demands of the management and operationalisation of the project cycle.
-  The effects of simplification, transparency and predictability measures on the management of the Programme are valued.
-  The Balcão and the Funds Line are a single gateway to Portugal 2030 and FAMI 2030 and contribute to simplifying and reducing the administrative burden on beneficiaries.

Consistency

-  FAMI 2030 is coherent with the initiatives supported in the areas of migration and asylum, making it possible to reinforce complementarities and strengthen results.
-  The launch of complementary CAAs was very positive, with examples of joint work between the FAMI 2030 GA and other GAs and various working and consultation meetings with other relevant partners in the preparation of CAAs.

VAE

-  The FAMI 2030 makes possible a substantial part of the key actions envisaged and, in the long term, of the results to be achieved in the areas of migration and asylum.
-  The additionality of the Programme is also proven by the fact that more than half of the organisations that would have gone ahead even without the Programme's support say that they would have reduced the financial size of the project(s) and/or reduced the target audience supported.

Recommendations

1. Reinforce the Programme's endowment and the number of human resources allocated to the Programme to ensure that it continues to respond effectively to the evolving dynamics of the problems and needs observed in the area of migration and asylum.
2. Deepen multi-level strategic reflection within the Programme's ecosystem of actors in order to promote greater flexibility for the Programme to adapt to the changing dynamics of problems and needs.
3. Continue to integrate and promote horizontal principles at all levels of the Programme as a guarantee of FAMI 2030's compliance with EU regulations and standards, but also to ensure the effective integration of migrants and asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection into Portuguese society.
4. Prioritise the implementation of the FAMI 2030 Communication Plan.
5. Improving the FAMI 2030 monitoring system by expanding and qualifying the battery of indicators and anticipating the need for information for evaluating the Programme's impact produced outside the sphere of fund management.
6. Consolidate the measures to simplify and promote operational efficiency in the implementation of the Programme, both from the point of view of the MA and the beneficiaries.
7. Refocus the CLAIMS' role in the programme according to their role in national public policy.
8. Redefining and deepening networks and consolidating proximity and bilateral working relationships between MAs (and with other key partners), in order to streamline procedures and define and realise potential complementarities in responding to common challenges.