**Latvia-OECD seminar:**

**Performance Monitoring and Evaluation
in Development Co-operation**

**30-31 May 2022 I Online**

Day 1 – 10.00 to 13.00 (Riga time)/ 09.00 to 12.00 (Paris time)

Day 2 – 10.00 to 13.00 (Riga time)/ 09.00 to 12.00 (Paris time)

**Objectives**

Monitoring results and impact evaluation or project and programmes are fundamental parts of a development co-operation system, as they ensure accountability to citizens and the wider international community. The Agenda 2030 encourages providers to improve ways development co-operation is delivered, for example by using shared results framework such as the SDGs (including its targets and indicators), working in inclusive partnerships, and tailoring their approaches to the diversity of contexts.

Yet, establishing causal links between actions and results can be challenging. There are many intervening variables that have to be taken into consideration while partnering for development results, such as difficulties in collecting data, attributing causation, dynamic local circumstances, unexpected events that put into question implementation of projects. All donors, including DAC members, strive to improve their results systems on different levels: strategic planning, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluating results. There is no one-fits-all approach to results, but establishing a robust results system that fits their specific organisational needs helps development providers navigate complex challenges and support sustainable development effectively.

The objective of this webinar is to stimulate an exchange of ideas on how to strengthen Latvia’s results approach in development co-operation, as well as to provide Latvia with the conceptual tools, evidence and examples needed to advance its internal reflections on the management, monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of its development co-operation activities.

The discussions will be structured around two interrelated issues: overall impact measurement and results based management. While the first day will focus on the knowledge and key building blocks of an effective monitoring and evaluation system as well as practical exercises, the second day will allow for an exchange of practices with other providers of development co-operation along with considerations to strengthen Latvia’s system taking into account its own specificities and needs.

# **Connection details**

Registration for both days is available [at this link](https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsdeGprjosE9QxzVnEeou-pNjp3nb_UkWa). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# **Agenda**

The timing in the agenda is in Riga time (EEST).

## **Day 1**

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| Welcome |
| 10.00-10.20 | ***Alise Balode****, Director for Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia* ***Ana Fernandes****, Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD), OECD* |
| Session 1. Monitoring and Evaluation in Development Co-operation |
| 10.20-11.05 | Overarching framework * Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation
* DAC evaluation criteria and guidelines
* Modalities and instruments
* *Q&A (15 minutes)*
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| 11.05-11.45 | Result-based management (RBM)* Introduction to RBM
* Consistency with planning, programming and aid effectiveness
* *Q&A (10 minutes)*
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| 11.45-12.00 | Break |
| Session 2. Break-out group exercise |
| 12.00-12.10 | Introduction to the exercise |
| 12:10-12:40 | Break-out group discussionsBased on a sample of Latvian development co-operation projects/ programmes shared beforehand, groups will discuss what type of changes could be implemented in the design to strengthen the focus on monitoring and evaluating results and communicating about them. |
| 12:40-13:00 | Report to plenary and closing Day 1 |

## **Day 2**

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| Welcome |
| 10:00-10:10 | * ***Alise Balode****, Director for Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia*
* ***Ana Fernandes****, Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, OECD DCD*
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| Session 1. Models and Practices of M&E and RBM systems implementation |
| 10:10-10:40 | Examples of models and good practices of monitoring and evaluation of EU funded projects/programmes.* *Q&A (10 minutes)*
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| 10:40-11:30 | Poland’s approach to Monitoring and Evaluation, and RBM.* Finland’s iterative approach to building their RBM system in the 2010s.
* *Q&A (10 minutes)*
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| 11:30-11:40 | **Break** |
| Session 2. The Latvian system of monitoring and evaluation, ways forward |
| 11:40-12.10 | * Tools and instruments currently used to monitor and evaluate projects and programmes in Latvia
* Actors involved in the process (at project design stage, during implementation, at project closing)
* Monitoring and evaluation focus in the current framework and objectives for improvements of the system (e.g. learning, accountability, adjusting/decision-making, communicating)
* Q&A (10 minutes)
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| 12.10-12.30 | Breakout rooms* Considerations for ways to further enhance monitoring and evaluation in Latvia
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| 12.30-12.45 | Reporting back to plenary |
| Closing remarks  |
| 12.45-13.00 | * ***Alise Balode****, Director for Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia*
* ***Ana Fernandes****, Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, OECD DCD*
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# **Key resources to be shared with the participants**

* Presentations from the OECD and participants
* Comprehensive report following the seminar
* [OECD DAC Results community](http://www.oecd.org/dac/results-development/)
	+ [Documents on Results in Development Co-operation](https://www.oecd.org/dac/results-development/results-documents.htm)
* [DAC evaluation resource center](http://www.oecd.org/derec)
* [MOPAN – Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network](https://www.mopanonline.org/)
* The DAC Network on Development Evaluation - [EVALNET](https://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/EVALNET-flyer-web.pdf)
	+ [The DAC Evaluation criteria](https://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/daccriteriaforevaluatingdevelopmentassistance.htm)
	+ [Documents on Evaluation](https://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/latestdocuments/)