

## Gender Tracking Tool in EU Structural Funds programmes

## Period of performance: 2021

As a basis for the new EU programming period of the Structural Funds programmes, the Common Provision Regulation stipulates the obligatory implementation of "gender tracking" in order to follow the use of funding with positive effects on gender equality throughout programme preparation and implementation. To offer tailor-made support to the Member States, NIRAS and ÖIR were commissioned to update the gender tracking tool as part of the previous study on gender budgeting. The result is a step-by-step gender tracking tool, which includes an introduction to the topic, the presentation of relevant criteria and different examples, as well as practical assistance for the implementation of gender tracking.

Ex-post assessment on project level during implementation: use of Table 1 (criteria) for defining weigth for each funded project and reporting to the Commission

Ex-ante assessment: use of intervention fields displayed in Annex 1 and use of Table 1 (criteria) only for defining weight for a selected group of intervention fields (0%\*)

Evaluation stage: summarizing reported data at project level, analysing final expenditures and comparing with the ex-ante assessment

Gender Tracking in the course of programme preparation and implementation © NIRAS/ÖIR

ÖIR contributed expertise on the content of the Structural Funds programmes as well as programming experience to the project. In cooperation with the gender experts of NIRAS, ÖIR elaborated explanatory texts for the Structural Funds programmes, contributed practical examples of implementation and created a straightforward Excel tool for categorising and calculating gender tracking in the context of programme preparation.

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