

EC-OECD pilot project

SUPPORTING MANAGING AUTHORITIES TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF COHESION POLICY FUNDS BENEFICIARIES



NETWORK OF HEADS OF MANAGING AUTHORITIES

Leadership matters for administrative capacity building.

Along with the pilot project, the European Commission and the OECD have launched the first dedicated network for the Heads of Managing Authorities. Through this network, MA leaders and key decision-makers can engage with each other on a range of strategic issues, inspiring ideas, and common solutions in pursuit of more effective Cohesion Policy.

The first meeting was held on 25 April 2024 in Brussels with 70 MA leaders across the EU.

GOALS

- Advance the agenda of good governance for Cohesion Policy.
- Suggest tailored measures to support the pilot MAs.
- Support MA across the EU with practical tools and good practices.
- Identify what a long-term, trust-based MA-beneficiary partnership can look like.

KEY QUESTIONS

How can MAs...

- understand the diverse and evolving capacity needs of their beneficiaries?
- optimise resources and innovate in how beneficiary capacity building support is offered?
- measure the effectiveness of beneficiary capacity building?
- better engage with beneficiaries across the programme cycle?
- strengthen a beneficiary-oriented way of working?

ACTIVITIES

- **Online beneficiary survey** to understand the capacity needs of different groups of beneficiaries.
- **Focus group meetings** with MA staff, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries, and other stakeholders in the beneficiary capacity building support ecosystem.
- **Multi-stakeholder workshop** to gather all relevant stakeholders to generate concrete ideas for beneficiary capacity building.
- **Peer-to-peer workshops** for the pilot MAs and experts

OUTPUTS

- **An analytical framework** to support MAs as they advance in building beneficiary capacity
- **Tailored action plans** for pilot MAs
- **A synthesis report** summarising pilot project lessons-learned
- **A toolkit** to support MAs across the EU in building beneficiary capacity

PILOT MANAGING AUTHORITIES

MA of Corsica ERDF-ESF+ Regional Programme, France
 MA of Emilia-Romagna ERDF Regional Programme, Italy
 MA of Technical Assistance Programme for European Funds, Poland
 MA of Programme Sustainable 2030, Portugal
 MA of North-East Regional Programme, Romania
 MA of Danube Region Programme

