



Looking forward – TCA beyond 2020

E&T TCA officers' meeting

3-5 June 2020

Online meeting hosted by SALTO E&T

New needs for 2021-2027

- Keep the flexibility of simple single activities, while developing the strategic approach with longer term activities
- Establish a clear link between the objectives and the activities
- Define better the roles of the NAs and SALTOs in the process
- Use more precise vocabulary
- Find a good coherence between guidelines, reference documents and supporting tools
- Find better coherence between TCAs and NETs rules
- Make use of simplified costs, where possible

Preparations

- June 2019 fiche
- Feedback from other WGs, NA meetings, Stakeholders' Event
- Studies and position papers received from NAs
- Internal Commission discussions
- Ad-hoc Working Group meeting

General objective

Training and Cooperation Activities and Networking Activities are support activities implemented by the National Agencies aiming to improve the implementation of the programmes in qualitative terms and to make them more strategic by building closer links with relevant elements of policy development.

Specific objectives

1. Support to activities aiming at increasing the quality of programme implementation, ***notably the participation and accessibility of the programmes, as well as community-building and networking between organisations.***
2. Support to activities aiming at enhancing links to European policy cooperation in the fields of education, training and youth as well as to activities aiming at influencing national practices in the concerned fields, ***and vice-versa.***

Type of activities

- Thematic distinction
- *Operational distinction*

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- ***Thematic distinction:***
 - “quality of programme implementation” activities
 - “contributions to policy cooperation” activities

Type of activities

- ***Operational distinction:***

- Single activities: “One time” activities, flexible and bottom-up.
- Long-term activities:
 - Recurrent activities: replication of the same activity
 - Complex activities: set of several activities linked together
 - Research activities (covering the current evidence-based activities)

Type of activities

- ***Remarks:***

- National dimension (preparation / follow-up, and more)
- Online dimension
- Contact-making (TSS) and thematic sessions (THO)

Research activities

- In need for a dedicated model:
 - Online dimension
 - Hiring and subcontracting
 - Translations
 - Dissemination activities
 - Coordination aspect (common to other Long Term activities)

Role of NAs/SALTOs/RC

- ***Operational distinction:***
- Organising NA/SALTO/RC (main organiser)
- Contributing NA/SALTO/RC
- Sending NA/SALTO/RC
- Coordinating NA/SALTO/RC (only for long-term activities)

Planning of activities

Shift from a « micro » to a « macro » approach:

⇒ **STRATEGIC approach to planning: Focus on the outputs** at reporting stage and **compare them to the objectives** of the strategy defined at planning stage

⇒ Annual layer and multi-annual layer

⇒ Preliminary dialogue for the planning of recurrent/complex activities

Planning of activities

Definition of objectives and needs (multi-annual level with possibility to alter annually):

- horizontal and cross-sectoral needs, as well as sectoral needs
- quality of programme implementation as well as policy cooperation
- national level and transnational level

Planning of activities

Clear link between planned activities and identified needs

- Organisation of national activities
- Organisation of transnational activities
- Participation to own activities (national or transnational)
- Participation to other transnational activities

=> Qualitative and quantitative targets

Reporting on activities

- Classic information (type / themes / attendees profiles / duration / NAs involved ...)
- Clear link between the realised activities and the tackled objectives (qualitative)
- Check of quantitative achievements (outreach)

Feedback and impact assessment

- Need for better visibility on the impact of the activities, regarding their own objectives (improving quality implementation of the programmes, contributing to policy cooperation)
- Systematic feedback and « tracking » of participants (incl. newcomers) and their organisations
- Certificates and portfolio, possible use of Youthpass, tracking of learning outcomes

Dissemination

- Dissemination to other colleagues (network of TCA officers) and to the Commission: sharing of resources and results for further use and inspiration
- Dissemination to the general public: give more visibility to the activities (incl. use of social media)