

Integration Assessment Grid

For assessing the integration level of a project or a strategy

What is needed?

Time: 15-30 minutes

Participants: individually or in a group

Material support: blank version of the integration assessment grid (see overleaf)

› *Repeat this exercise several times during the lifetime of your project to check on progress and adapt if needed.*

In today's urban landscape, projects and policies need to be designed and implemented in the most integrated way in order to be sustainable.

Thus, project coordinators are advised to use the integration assessment grid as a tool to evaluate and improve their project's integration level through time.

What for?

- › To **assess** a project or policy's degree of integration.
- › To **come up with solutions** to work in a more integrated, thus sustainable way

How to use it?

Step 1 - To fill in the integration grid, reflect on the basis of your project and score 1) if you are already working in an integrated way 2) if it is relevant to your project.

You can then fill the table in. For each dimension of integration, indicate the current level of integration and the opportunities for improvement.

- › **Policy / sector**
- › **Horizontal**
- › **Vertical**
- › **Territorial**
- › **Hard and soft investments**

Step 2 - Debrief and think about how changes can be applied to your project in order to make it more integrated.

Do not hesitate to adapt this tool to your own needs, by adding columns, for instance. In group, a column to rank the level of integration can be useful to trigger a discussion.

Go further in the assessment of your Integrated Action Plan by using the **Self-Assessment tool for IAPs**



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Types of integration	Description	What is the current situation?	To what extent can progress be made?
Policy/sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Integrate economic, social and environmental challenges<input type="checkbox"/> Join up solutions and minimise the effects of negative externalities		
Horizontal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Develop partnerships at local level<input type="checkbox"/> Bring together all of the main actors around a challenge		
Vertical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Align policies, interventions and funding upwards<input type="checkbox"/> Vertical chain of governance<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure coherence and build scale		
Territorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure cooperation takes place between adjacent municipalities in functional urban areas<input type="checkbox"/> Minimise edge effects and displacement of problems		
Hard and soft investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Integrate physical investments with human resources in urban regeneration<input type="checkbox"/> For instance, ERDF + ESF<input type="checkbox"/> Avoid silos		