



# Evaluation

## Rigorous independent evaluations to enhance performance.

Regeneris has a wealth of experience evaluating economic development policies, programmes and projects. We provide evaluation services to government departments, national agencies, local enterprise partnerships and other local organisations. Our expertise and track record covers the full breadth of economic development intervention types.

Our independent evaluations help our clients to enhance delivery and management by providing robust evidence about how their initiatives and investments are performing at key stages in their implementation. We often work closely and collaboratively with clients as they design and deliver initiatives. For example, designing the evaluation and monitoring plan, undertaking an interim evaluation and then completing the final evaluation.

Our rigorous and insightful approach is respected by our clients, major funders and stakeholders. The evaluation evidence is used to ensure accountability in terms of the use of funding. It helps to understand what works and to refocus approaches in order to enhance impact and value for money. It has also been used to inform the design of future policy and initiatives.

Our team of economists and researchers are experts in a wide range of quantitative and qualitative evaluation and research techniques. This includes various forms of desk based analysis, systems and process audits, consultation with stakeholders, large scale surveys of beneficiaries and counterfactual impact evaluation methods.

### Questions we can help our clients answer about their policies, programmes or projects:

- How should they be monitored and evaluated and what resources are needed?
- Were they well designed and adequately justified?
- How well were they implemented and managed? Could it have been improved?
- What difference have they made for the beneficiaries and their economies?
- Have they provided overall value for money to the funders and stakeholders?
- What has worked well and what are the lessons for the future?



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## **RE:NEW Economic Impact Evaluation**

Domestic carbon emissions are a major source of London's greenhouse gas emissions. The RE:NEW project is a large scale domestic energy efficiency scheme introduced by the Mayor of London in order to secure major reductions in domestic greenhouse gas emissions. An independent evaluation was required to understand the effectiveness and value for money of the approach and to provide lessons for future initiatives.

Our team produced a detailed evaluation report which showed that the expert support provided by RE:NEW helped organisations design and deliver domestic energy efficiency projects which significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions. We made recommendations about how the benefits could be enhanced in the future and using these insights we helped prepare an ERDF funding bid for a successor phase of the scheme.

## **Evaluation of £160m Wales Business Fund**

The Wales JEREMIE Fund was the first of its type to be launched in the UK and one of the first in the European Union. It invested nearly £160 million in loan, mezzanine and equity finance in Welsh SMEs.

Regeneris was appointed to undertake a detailed evaluation of the overall performance of the fund and the value it added to the Welsh economy.

Our evaluation was drawn on heavily by Finance Wales and Welsh Government in the design of the new Wales Business Fund, as well as being used by the European Investment Bank to inform their own approach to funding SME finance initiatives.

## **English 2014-20 ERDF Evaluation Scoping Study**

The Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) appointed Regeneris and Middlesex University to design the monitoring and evaluating framework for the 2014-20 English ERDF programme. They wanted to ensure that the programme level evaluation would provide robust and reliable evidence of the delivery and impact of an investment programme with an overall value in excess of £5bn.

Regeneris advised on the performance management framework for this ambitious and complex programme, and recommended how best to measure the programme's overall impact nationally. Regeneris also prepared the approach for the ERDF project evaluation and drafted the guidance which has been issued to ERDF grant recipients by DCLG.

Our advice on the national programme evaluation framework has been fully implemented by DCLG, whilst the guidance on project evaluation has been published and is currently being used by evaluators across England.

## **Evaluation of the Ser Cymru University Research Capacity Initiative**

Ser Cymru is a £30m initiative to enhance the research capacity of Welsh universities in a number of STEM areas. It is funded through the Welsh Government, the Welsh ERDF programmes and the European Community's Horizon 2020 programme.

Regeneris and Oldbell3 undertook the scoping and mid-term evaluation of this initiative on behalf of the Welsh Government. We advised on the strengths and weaknesses of the evaluation methods for assessing the impact of additional research capacity within the universities. This included evaluating research outcomes and additional funding secured by research fellows, as well as the research intensity and productivity of Welsh business. We used counterfactual impact methods and research outcome datasets. The mid-term evaluation is currently being implemented.

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