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1. All agencies have been evaluated at least once, except for three agencies¹. Evaluations are either carried out by the Commission or the agency, depending on the provision in the founding act. These provisions have been aligned over time with the Common Approach² according to which the Commission carries out agencies' evaluations periodically, normally every five years. By now only one agency's regulation (European Institute for Gender Equality) puts the obligation to commission an independent external evaluation on the agency itself. Evaluations are carried out even when the founding regulations do not provide for it³.

The outcomes of the evaluations carried out by the Commission take the form of a Staff Working Document, which is publicly available⁴ and contains lessons learned as recommendations. In total, 21 of such evaluations are publicly available⁵. These are the basis for possible follow-up action (e.g. improved guidance or closer monitoring of specific aspects or an impact assessment and a legislative proposal), where relevant.

2. The state of play of individual agencies' evaluations can be monitored via the 'Have your Say' platform⁶. There are currently ten evaluations ongoing. In line with the Better Regulation guidelines and toolbox (in particular tool #47)⁷ agencies' evaluations assess agencies'

¹ Translation Centre for the bodies of the EU (CdT), the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the EU Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). For CdT and EUIPO evaluations are ongoing and for EMA there was one in 2019 which focused on fees.

² https://european-union.europa.eu/system/files/2022-06/joint_statement_on_decentralised_agencies_en.pdf (see point 60).

³ Only the founding regulations of CdT, the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and EMA do not contain such provisions.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/publications_en?f%5B0%5D=oe_publication_title%3Aevaluation.

⁵ The European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) (C(2014)242), the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office) (SWD/2016/304), Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) agencies (the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), the European Training Foundation (ETF) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)) (SWD/2024/222), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) (SWD/2022/103), European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) (SWD/2022/103), the European Supervisory Authorities (the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)) (COM/2022/228), EEA (SWD/2024/205), the European Labour Authority (ELA) (SWD/2025/128), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCCDA) (SWD/2019/174), the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) (SWD/2017/502), the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) (SWD/2014/122), The European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) (SWD/2017/249), the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) (SWD/2025/183), EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA) (SWD/2024/173), The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) (SWD/2024/75) and the Single Resolution Board (SRB) (COM/2019/213).

⁶ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives_en?category=EVALUATION (introducing 'agency' in the keywords field to filter).

⁷ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/88ebf8bb-79c1-4cf2-975b-c643dcc766f8_en?filename=BRT-2023-Chapter%206-How%20to%20carry%20out%20an%20evaluation%20and%20a%20fitness%20check_0.pdf.

performance on the basis of five criteria: effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance, and EU added value.