

Guideline for the ONLINE S3 toolbox tool/application Legal and Administrative Framework

ONLINE S3 – 710659 – Guidelines for the pilot experimentation phase



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HISTORY OF CHANGES

Version	Date	Contributing partner	Summary of changes
Version 0.1	2016-10-07	RIM	Structure of the document, elaboration of required information as a template for all tools
Version 1.0	2016-05-26	IIL	Initial Draft

DISCLAIMER

The opinion stated in this report reflects the opinion of the ONLINE S3 consortium and not the opinion of the European Commission.

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BACKGROUND AND RATIONAL

Research & Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) are designed, implemented and monitored in the framework of a set of directives, regulations and communications at European Union (EU) level. The EU level acts are transposed or applied into national legal, regulatory and administrative laws, regulations and procedures. This creates a complex legal environment in which the management authorities responsible for European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) as well as the public-private partnerships involved in RIS3 operate.

The core legal acts related to RIS3 are those governing the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), however, other EU level programmes and financial instruments provide complementary or related support to RIS3 and should be considered in the RIS3 policy cycle, as illustrated below.

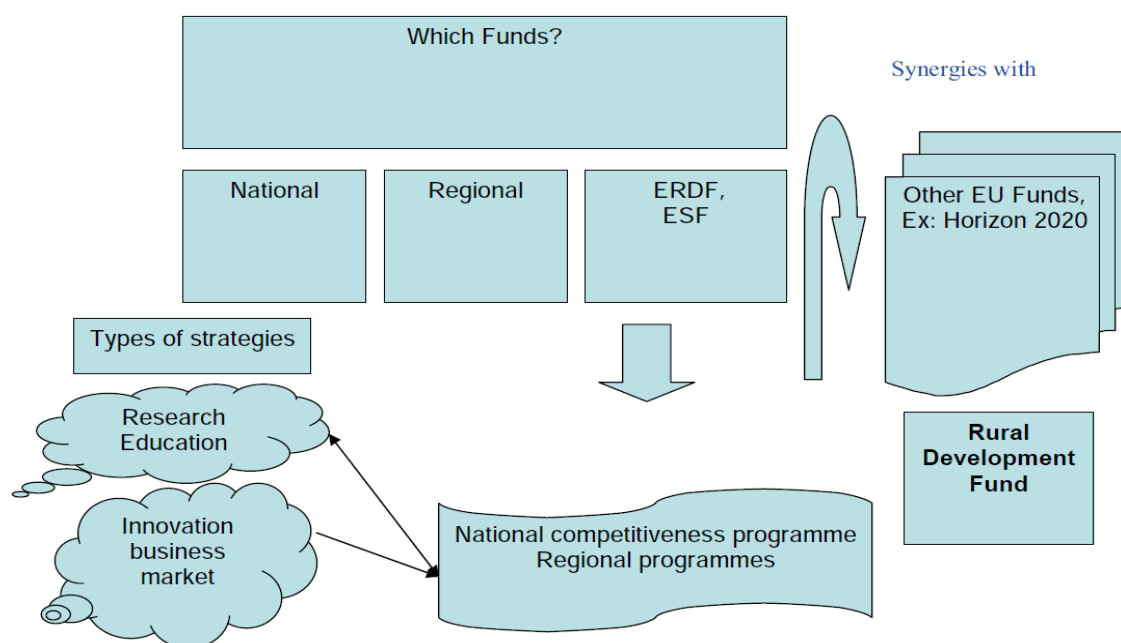


Figure 1 provides the rationale behind this ONLINE S3's application.

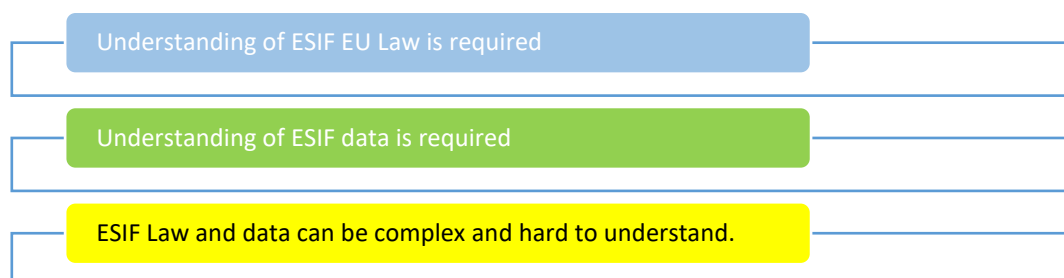


Figure 1 Rational behind this ONLINE S3 application



DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION

This method will provide users with access to up to date information on legislative and related texts governing the smart specialisation design, implementation and evaluation process. The tool will provide a means of identifying, tracking and mapping (links between various legal acts, etc.) the legislation or related policy texts that provide a framework for the implementation of projects using the ESIF funds. This includes ERDF regulations and EU processes of selecting and funding projects in the framework of national / regional Operational Programmes (OPs).

This method uses tools to help users visualise ESIF data. The Open Data Portal for the European Union provides multiple datasets. It provides tools to explore, filter, and sort the data in the datasets. Furthermore, it provides a set of tools to create graphs and charts of the selected data.

This method will also provide links to sources that compile legislative texts which can be easily searched for relevant sections to ESIF EU law.

The possibility of developing visualisations that enable users to explore how one legislative act is linked to others (e.g. a primary legislative act and all related secondary legislation or synergies/linkages between primary legislative acts) should also be explored

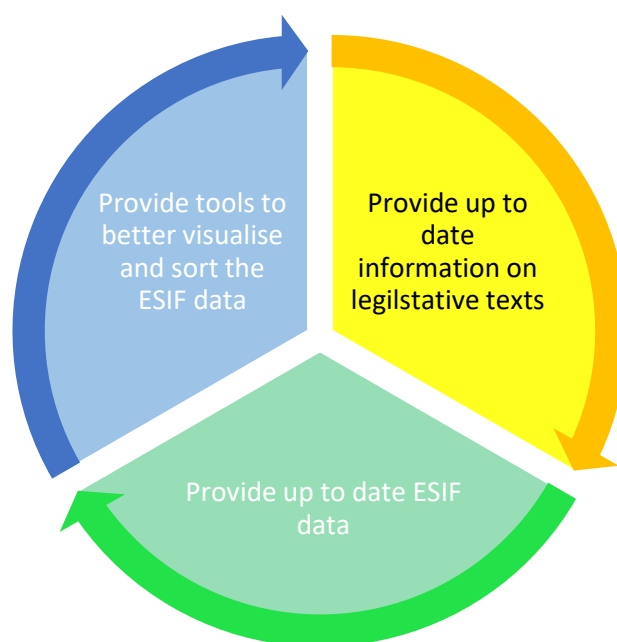


Figure 2 Overview of this ONLINE S3 application



BENEFITS TO KEY ACTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS

One of the key benefits of this method is that it takes a complex concept and makes it easier to digest. It enables users to take massive amounts of data, filter and sort it, and then present it in an easily understandable and shareable graph or chart.

Furthermore, it enables users to quickly and easily find pertinent ESIF EU Legislation and Law. This will allow users to reduce the amount of time spent trying to understand and filter through irrelevant laws and legislations and spend more time focusing on relevant information.

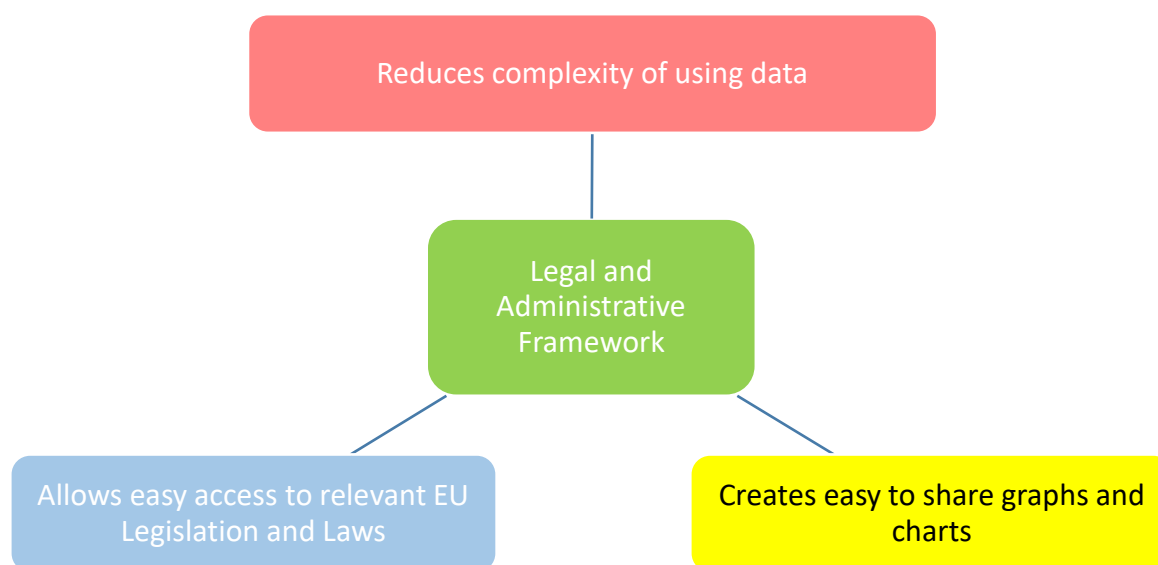


Figure 3 Benefits to stakeholders when using this ONLINE S3 application



KEY ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS

The app has the following restrictions:

- The user must go to the Open Data Portal for the European Union to access the graph and chart making tools.
- The site only contains links to EU Law repositories. It does not locally host its own.
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When using this application, attention should be paid to following requirements necessary to achieve high quality outcomes:

- The data should be filtered and sorted appropriately. If unwanted data is left in, it may cause the graphs or charts to be incorrect. For example, if only data from Austria is required, be sure to remove all data from other countries.
- The user must know what they want to accomplish before starting the process. The tool will not guide the user or suggest what data needs to be filtered. The user must be aware about what data needs to be filtered, what type of graph or chart should be used, and what columns should represent the axis of the visualisation
- The user should be aware about what type of law they are looking for when searching for legislation. The user should have keywords or a topic to search for to help filter legislative documents.

This method aims to have the following outcomes:

- The user will have a better understanding of EU Law pertaining to ESI Funds.
- The user will be easily able to understand ESIF data through graphs and charts they created.

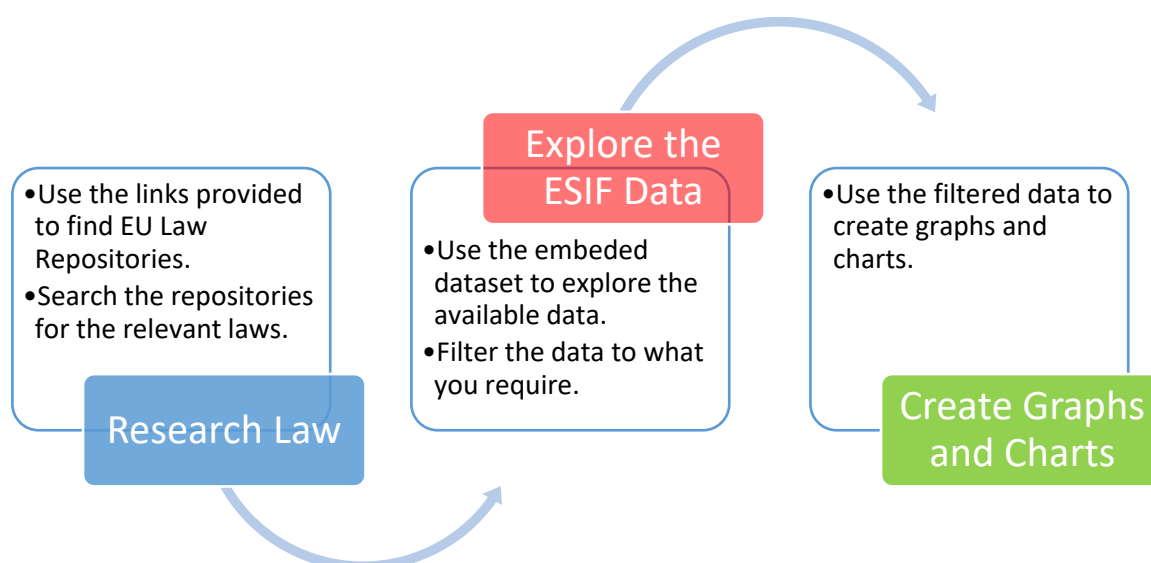


Figure 4 Key issues when using this ONLINE S3 application



A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Guide

This view allows the user to explore a table of ESIF data:

ESIF 2014-2020 Finance Implementation Details Dataset

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ESIF 2014-2020 Finance Implementation Details						
	ms	MS_name	CCI	Title	Ver	
1	AT	Austria	2014AT05SFOP001	Employment Austria - ESF		^
2	AT	Austria	2014AT05SFOP001	Employment Austria - ESF		
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Figure 5 ESIF Dataset View



The data can be filtered and sorted using these buttons:

ESIF 2014-2020 Finance Implementation Details Dataset

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Figure 6 Filter options for ESIF Dataset



Clicking the menu button presents more options for the user:

ESIF 2014-2020 Finance Implementation Details Dataset

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Figure 7 Menu option for Dataset View

The 'More Views' button takes the user to create charts and maps of the data:

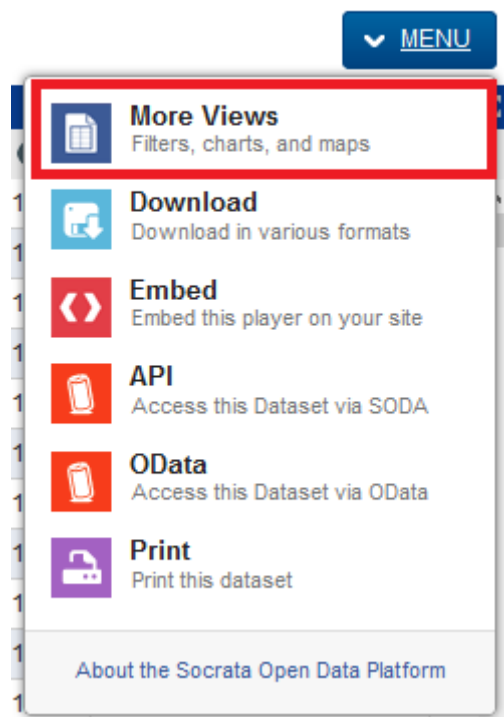


Figure 8 Option to see more views

The 'Download' button allows the user to download the data for offline use:

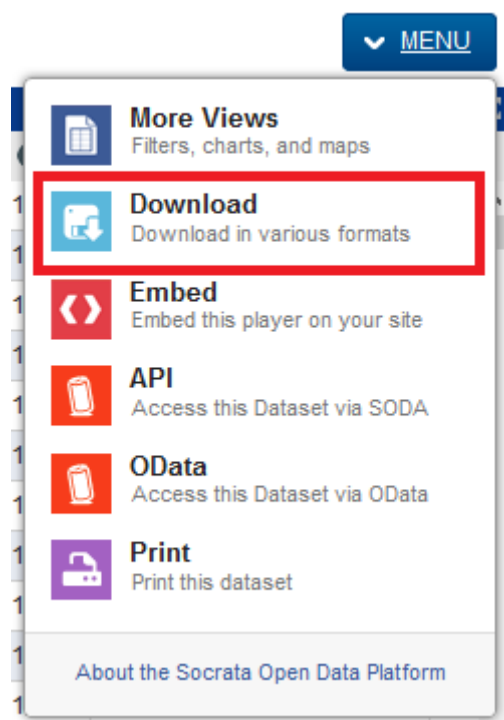


Figure 9 Option to download current selected data



The 'Go To Data Exploration Tool' button will take the user to the main page:

ESIF 2014-2020 Finance Implementation Details Dataset

[MENU](#)

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Figure 10 Button to go to The Open Data Portal for the European Union

By following the EU Law Links, the user can explore EU regulations and laws on other websites:

EU Law Links

- [EUR-Lex](#)
- [RegioWiki](#) (requires creation of an account)
- [European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020: official texts and commentaries](#)
- [Practical Law: EU Law](#)

Figure 11 Links to ESIF EU Legislative Law



FURTHER INFORMATION



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