

# EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REYKJAVÍK DECLARATION (2025)



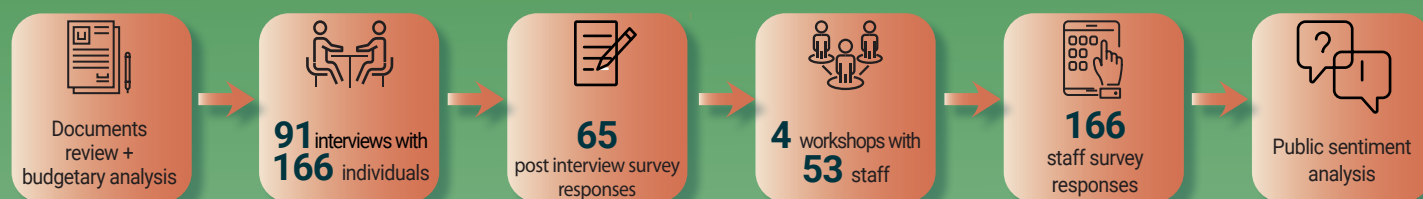
## Purpose

Assess how the Declaration has guided the implementation of measures to achieve intended results and any resulting initial changes

## Intended use

Input for the Committee of Ministers' budget discussions and lessons about first phase of implementation for Council of Europe senior management

## Methodology



## Findings

**Public perception of relevance:** Positive - though communication efforts have not reached beyond government circles

**Effective operationalisation:** Restructured Programme and Budget and alignment of work with the Declaration, leading to an increased budget - though this does not cover previous cuts nor match the Declaration's aspirations

**Important first steps:** Several key initiatives launched or accelerated though unmet expectations remain in some areas

**Efficiency:** Timely implementation in areas with political consensus and efficient approaches in new initiatives

**Coherence:** Strengthened internal and external cooperation - though transversal work and external dimension still require more focus

**Transversal issues:** Improved civil society engagement and youth participation – though not meeting aspirations yet

## Recommendations

**Sustaining momentum:** Develop a strategic approach to maintain commitment and engagement on new priorities

**Improving processes:** Foster inclusive, transparent processes and promote cross-cutting collaboration

**Addressing unresolved issues:** Establish scenarios on scope and resources needed for civil society and youth engagement, decentralisation and external partnerships

**Managing expectations:** Strengthen management framework for initiatives with high expectations

**Effective communication:** Sharpen messaging to better promote work to various stakeholders