

## INTERMEDIATE EVALUATION OF THE SWISS RADON PROGRAMME 1994-2014

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### CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

The "Swiss Radon Programme 1994-2014" is based on the Radiological Protection Ordinance of 22 June 1994 and is associated with the Radon and Waste Technical and Information Centre of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (SFOPH). In order to obtain decision-making bases for an optimisation of the programme from 2005 onwards, the SFOPH is arranging for an interim evaluation to be carried out. The Office wishes to know whether the programme and the measures it contains are relevant, expedient and effective in the given context.

### QUESTIONS

The following questions should be answered by the interim evaluation:

1. Is the strategy to attain the programme's goals relevant and expedient?
2. In which areas of action are improvements needed so that the Radon Technical and Information Centre of the SFOPH can make an optimal contribution in the short and medium terms towards achieving the intended effects of the Radon Programme?
3. In which areas has the cooperation between the participants (the Confederation, the Cantons, the Communes and construction specialists) and affected parties (owners of homes and buildings, tenants) proven successful, and in which areas are improvements needed so that the programme's goals can be attained? What is the influence of contextual conditions?

### METHOD

In order to answer the first question, a concept evaluation is being carried out (target/actual comparison). This evaluation examines whether the Radon Programme has suitable goals, indicators, measures, resources and organisational precautions in order to achieve the desired goals efficiently. The basis for this is formed by a documentary analysis and qualitative interviews with experts.

In order to answer the question about the areas of action with potential for improvement, an in-depth analysis is being carried out on selected measures to show the interrelation of effects between the activities of the SFOPH (output) and the effects that the measures have achieved for the target group (impact). This makes use of target/actual and pre/post comparisons. The basis for the analysis is formed by a documentary analysis and further qualitative interviews with experts.

The third question deals with the cooperation among the participants (the Confederation, the Cantons, the Communes and construction specialists) and the parties affected (owners of homes and buildings, tenants). To clarify whether this cooperation has proven successful (target/actual comparison) and to find out where improvements are needed, a written survey of the central players is being carried out.

### INFORMATION

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