

# BICG supporting the TPGs

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# Purpose of the BICG

- Connection between TPGs and the BFUG (and the Board) (no direct reporting from the TPGs to the BFUG)
- Connection between the TPGs
  - Coordination and alignment of activities thanks to presence of all TPGs in the BICG
  - Providing a forum to address common issues and challenges and to exchange some good practice in how to make TPGs work
- Ultimately: making proposals for how best to support implementation



# Key activities in practice

- **Drafting and dissemination of a template for national action plans**
- **Template for the TPGs for their work plans**
- **Collection and analysis of priorities in the areas of the TPGs from the national action plans → identification of needs to adjust TPG work plans accordingly**
- **High correspondence of key topics**



# Mid-term observations from the BICG

- **Projects provide great support** to the TPGs, but need to be aware of the differences in scope, and the amount of work to ensure engagement in the TPGs priorities themselves
  - Staff exchanges and PLAs have proven to be very helpful!
- Not all countries that have priorities in the TPG topics are members of the TPGs! → why?
- **Profile of representatives in the TPGs needs to be “managed”**
  - ENIC-NARICs, QA agencies, stakeholder organisations → expertise
  - BUT: must ensure frequent connection with the BFUG representatives/ ministry
- Participants find the TPGs useful, but it is not clear to what extent support structural and regulatory change at national level

# Some reflections

- Much more sharing and exchange between TPGs and with the BICG than in previous periods → important as all topics are highly connected
- Connections with other WGs, as relevant is much welcome
- Maturity in running the TPGs (TPG D new, but catching up nicely) → consolidated and well-tested working methods and activities
- **Transfer of learning in the TPGs to national level could be strengthened**
- Good practice: a) regular national meetings and feedback mechanisms and b) TPG members can speak for the system
- Discussion in March BFUG on working methods and effectiveness of the approach