

**European Centre for Development Policy Management
Supervisory Board**

**Response to the External Evaluation period 2022-2026
December 2025**

1. During its meeting on the 21st of November 2025 the Board of Governors of the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) considered the draft report of the team that conducted the External Evaluation of ECDPM's implementation of its Strategy 2022-2026 and subsequently assessed the final draft. The evaluation covers the period from 2022, the year in which the current strategy was initiated, to October 2025.

The evaluation team of Scanteam was composed as follows:

- Mr. Arne Disch, PhD (team leader),
- Prof. Radmilla Nakarada PhD,
- Mr. Charles Mutasa PhD,
- Ms. Stephanie Crasto, MSc

The overall logic and robustness of the methodology was assessed and confirmed by an independent Reference Group that consisted of:

- Mr. Koen Sizoo, (Former Head and Deputy Director, International Research and Policy Evaluation Department (IOB), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands)
- Prof. Dr. Jörg Faust (Director, German Institute for Development Evaluation - DEval Germany) & Former Chair of DAC-OECD Evaluation Network (EvalNet).

2. The Board concludes that the evaluation process was conducted in a professional and independent manner in line with the Terms of Reference on which the Board had commissioned the evaluation.

3. The Board accepts the report and discharges and thanks the external evaluation team and the independent Reference Group.

4. The Board wishes to express its appreciation for a well founded report, that is methodologically rigorous and provides a wealth of insight into all dimensions of ECDPM's full range of activities.

5. The Board notes with satisfaction the overall positive appreciation by the external evaluation team of the work of ECDPM and would like to congratulate the staff and management for their commitment, professionalism, creativity and rigour.

6. The Board values the recommendations included in the report and also welcomes the useful suggestions made by the evaluation team in support of ECDPM continuing to prepare its 2027-2031 strategy in a rapidly changing geopolitical and funding environment.

7. The Board has taken note with appreciation of the Management Response to the external evaluation exercise and looks forward to work with staff and management on the ongoing development of ECDPM's 2027-2031 strategy.

8. The Board agrees to sharing and publishing the final report summary and the management's response.