

# Summary of OVE's ReTS Annual Report 2021

## IDB Group's Evaluation Recommendation Tracking System (ReTS)

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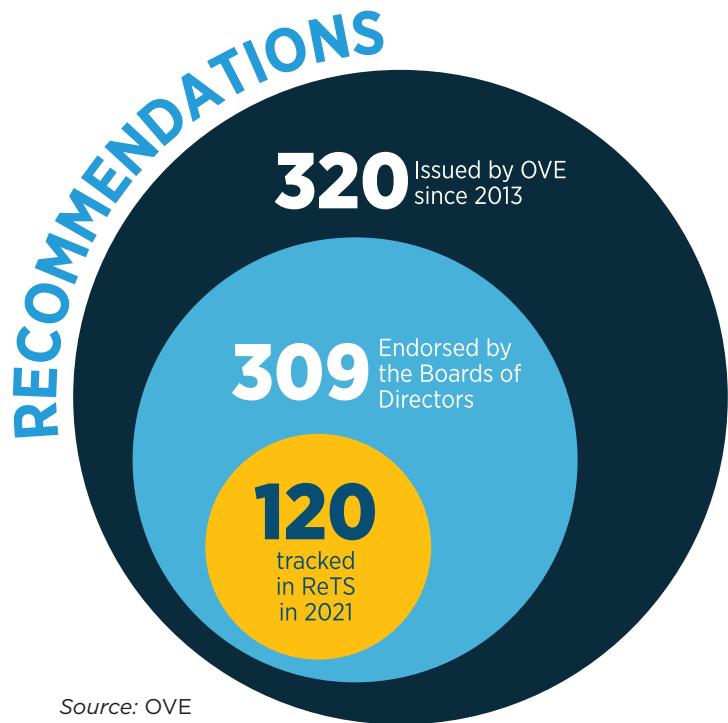
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# Main results of the 2021 ReTS validation

- ✓ OVE has issued 320 recommendations since the ReTS was launched in 2013. The Board has endorsed 309 of those (97%).
- ✓ In 2021, OVE assessed Management's action plans (APs) to address 120 recommendations tracked in the ReTS, derived from 29 evaluations.
- ✓ 70% of the 120 recommendations were directed to the IDB, 26% to the IDB Invest or to both the IDB and IDB Invest, and 4% to the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanisms (MICI).



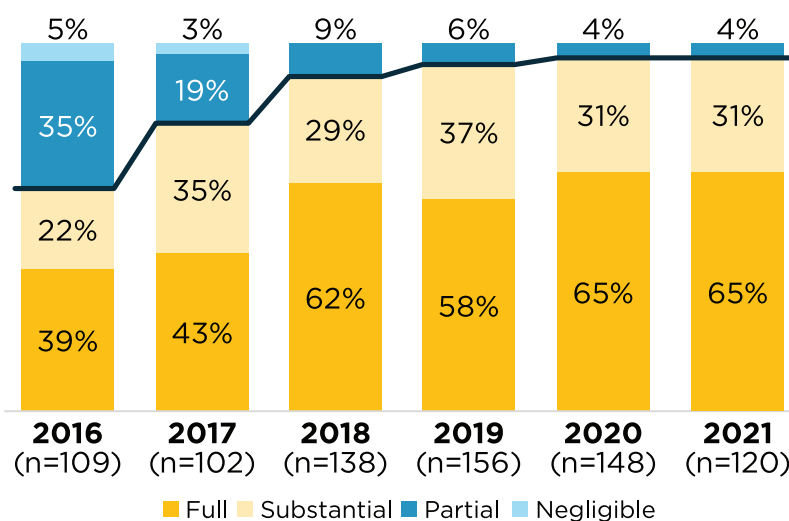
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## Evaluability

The evaluability of the new APs in the 2021 exercise was slightly lower than in the previous year. Although most of the APs have a high evaluability, a fifth of all active APs in 2021 had evaluability shortcomings, a similar proportion to last year.

## Relevance

Relevance of Action Plans by validation year



Source: OVE

- ✓ The relevance of APs remains high. There has been a steady improvement in the relevance of action plans to address recommendations in recent years.
- ✓ In 2021, 96% of APs were fully or substantially relevant. This was due to:
  - the high relevance of new APs, and
  - improvements in some APs from previous validation exercises.

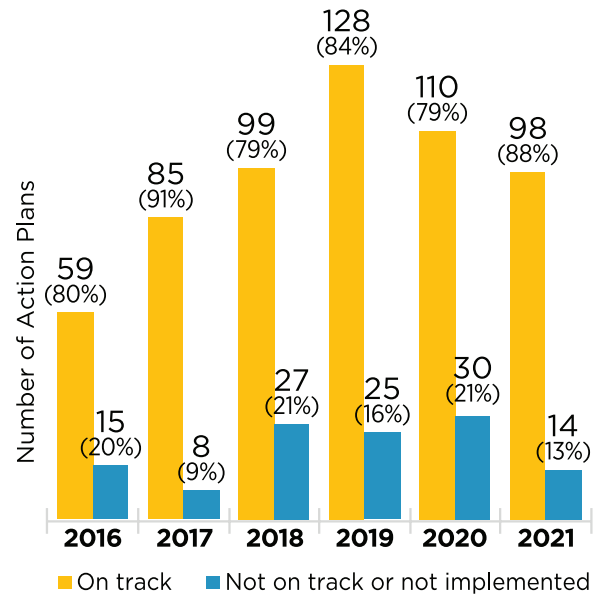
# Implementation

✓ OVE validated the extent of implementation of 112 of the 120 APs included in the 2021 validation exercise. Eight were excluded because they were in the early phase of the AP design and did not have milestones for 2021.

✓ **In 2021, 88% of the APs were implemented according to the expected timeline** (an improvement compared to the previous year: 79% in 2020). 14 of the 112 APs were delayed or were not implemented according to the planned schedule for 2021.

✓ The main reasons for APs with low implementation ratings in 2021 were: i) milestones not achieved, (ii) difficulties in measuring progress due to lack of clear targets, and (iii) lack of information about implementation progress and/or adequate means of verification.

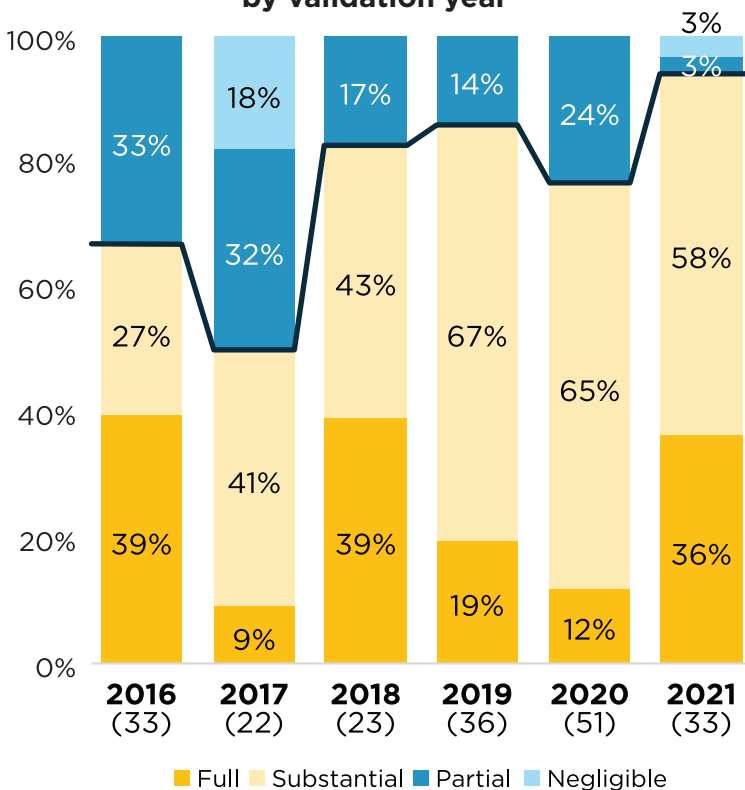
**Action Plan Implementation status by validation year**  
(number and percentage of APs)



Source: OVE

# Adoption

**Adoption of retired recommendations by validation year**



Source: OVE

✓ In 2021, OVE assessed the overall level of adoption of 33 retired recommendations.

✓ **31 (94%) of the 33 retired recommendations were fully or substantially adopted.** The remaining 2 recommendations (6%) were only partially or minimally adopted (both were directed to the IDB: Barbados 2014-2018 CPE and IDB Impact Evaluations). The recommendations that were not adopted referred to the need to analyze the underlying factors of Barbados' weak legal and institutional framework and to develop a transparent funding mechanism for impact evaluations.

## ✔ Eight evaluations completed their implementation period and retired all their APs in 2021:

- ▶ **1 Sector Evaluation:** [Evaluation of Bank support for gender and diversity issues](#). All recommendations were adopted.
- ▶ **2 Corporate Evaluations:** [Evaluation of the Implementation of the Private Sector Merge-out and Independent Assessment of Macroeconomic Conditions](#). All recommendations were adopted.
- ▶ **4 Country Program Evaluations (CPEs):** [Bahamas 2010-2017](#), [Ecuador 2012-2017](#), [Barbados 2014-2018](#), [Peru 2012-2016](#). Out of 14 recommendations, only one was not adopted (CPE Barbados).
- ▶ **1 Project Validation Report:** [PCR/XSRs 2017](#). All recommendations were adopted.



## Early warning

- ✔ OVE identified **5 recommendations** with low relevance (1) or implementation (4) in at least two ReTS validation cycles and that are at risk of not being adopted in 2022 (recommendations correspond to the following Evaluations: Environmental and Social Safeguards, IDB Impact Evaluations, Review of Knowledge Generation & Dissemination in the IDB, and Brazil CPE).



## Main findings ReTS 2013-2021: Monitoring and Evaluation

- ✔ In 2021, OVE presented the main findings on a recurring topic in OVE evaluations: **Monitoring and Evaluation of programs and projects (M&E).**

- ➔ M&E was a recurring theme in OVE's recommendations: 25 recommendations (7 exclusively about M&E, and 18 about broader topics including M&E elements\*)
- ➔ Most of these PAs have been relevant and have been fully or substantially implemented
- ➔ Some examples of implemented actions include:
  - ▶ M&E at the country program level: simplification of the Jamaica country strategy's results matrix and strengthening portfolio tracking in Brazil
  - ▶ M&E at the project level: M&E training for executing units (Trinidad and Tobago), and development of a database to be able to carry out impact evaluations of the support in the agricultural sector

\* Note: M&E topic does not include recommendations derived from PCR/XSR Validation Reports



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