How should participations be counted in projects consisting of a pathway of various steps? Should participants be counted for each step, or at the end of the global pathway?

Results for a participation record (i.e. a participant) should be reported after the person leaves an operation. If the pathway is one single operation that consists of several projects (stages), then only one result can be reported, namely when the person leaves the operation at the end of the pathway. If a pathway is spread over several separate operations, then both outputs and results for each operation are to be reported separately.

In the case that a person leaves and re-enters the same operation more than once there should be only one participation record with the output indicators referring to the situation on first entry and the result indicators to the situation after the last exit and six months after that date.

For more guidance on this question, see the EC Guidance document on Monitoring and Evaluation (Section 3.1 under Reporting and Annex D section 4.1 "Participants and participation records: some basic rules).

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