

## Liability assessment

### Short description

Different parties in a program have different liabilities. The liabilities are very important and often form an unseen agenda, as they determine the interests and particularly the perception of individual risk – in terms of damage to reputation or financial claims. Often the focus is on the 'stakes' of different parties, but liabilities may be equally important.

Liabilities have a large bearing on the motivation to achieve objectives – either to actively pursue success or to primarily prevent failure and complaints.

This has a large effect on the propensity to overspend (see the OPR instrument), the interest in open or closed communications, the risk taken in partnering.

In the liability assessment a basic matrix is made of all stakeholders. Their specific liability under various scenarios is assessed: objectives are achieved, objectives not at all achieved, important side effects occurring.

On the basis of the liability assessment implementation programs can be adjusted – in terms of compensating, reducing or sharing negative liabilities

Stakeholder	Liability in case of:		
	Objectives achieved	Objectives failed	Important side-effect
Designer			
Funder			
Implementer			
Regulator			
Target population			
More..			