# Results: improve consistency of result standard: baseline

**Note:** This suggestion addresses Principle 7.2 from a consultation driven by Monitoring and Evaluation experts from UK CSOs Jan – Mar 2017 – see <http://discuss.iatistandard.org/t/results-discussion-space-and-tag-2016-17-path/502/> (specific text relating to Principle 7.2 copied below as justification). Technical suggestions were devised by technology specialists at the Nethope Athens conference March 2017.

Technical suggestion:

1. Add *iso-date* attribute (type xsd:date) to result/indicator/baseline
2. Add location and dimension elements (per result/indicator/period/actual/location and result/indicator/period/actual/dimension respectively) to result/indicator/baseline
3. Change *baseline* element cardinality to 0..\* to permit disaggregations
4. Non-backwardly compatible: deprecate *year* attribute from result/indicator/baseline

Justification:

* **Issue:** There are a number of areas of the result standard that are inconsistent (capability in one area is missing in other), making it more difficult to understand and use the standard than it could be otherwise.