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Veronica Gaffey was Head of Evaluation in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission from 2007 to 2015. She was appointed Director of Resources in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission in July 2015.

Veronica joined the Evaluation Unit in 2000 from the ESF Evaluation Unit based in the Ministry for Enterprise and Employment in Dublin, Ireland. There she managed the unit from its inception in 1992. Before that she worked in the Ministry for Labour from 1986. Her academic background is the study of English literature.

In the Evaluation Unit in DG REGIO, her priority was to improve the evidence available on the performance of Cohesion Policy. She and her colleagues influenced the strengthened result orientation for Cohesion Policy for 2014-2020. She also worked to improve the reporting by Member States on the achievement of their objectives, to support the building of evaluation capacity in the Member States and to ensure that Managing Authorities carry out more evaluations on the impacts of the policy.