ENRD
Evaluation Helpdesk activities

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Outline

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The legal basis

Article 52 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013

Specific support should be provided for the evaluation of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)

As part of the tasks of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)

The European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development:

Is one of the two support units of the ENRD (besides Contact Point)

Assumes "evaluation function"

Provides technical support for carrying out evaluation-related tasks

Works under the guidance of Unit E.4 in DG AGRI

How do we identify the needs?

- **Discussions in the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP**

- **Annual Stakeholder survey**

- **Evaluation-related queries from Member States and DG AGRI**

- **Questions from the Evaluation Helpdesk geographic experts**

- **Discussions with the Rural Networks' Steering Group and Assembly**

Emerging topics (survey 2015)

Understanding evaluation requirements
- **CMES** (AT, BG, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, EL, FI, SK)
- **Indicators** (AT, BE, CY, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, MT, PL, PT)

Managing and implementing evaluations
- **Implementation of Evaluation Plan** (BG, DE, NL, RO)
- **Drafting terms of reference for evaluations** (AT, HU, MT, PL, RO)
- **Assess quality of evaluations** (FI, IT, LT, SI)
- **Dissemination of evaluation results** (CZ, EE, ES, FI, FR, HR, PT, SI, UK)

Sound preparation of evaluation milestones
- **Ex post evaluation 2007-2013 RDPs** (BE, CZ, CY, DE, ES, IE, HU, HR, LV, PL, RO, SK, FR)
- **Enhanced AIR** (AT, BG, CZ, FI, FR, SI, UK, FR)

Emerging topics (survey 2015)

Creating the evidence for robust evaluation

- **Data for evaluation** (CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, HU, IE, IT, MT, NL, PL, SI, SK)
- **Use of SFC-data for evaluation purposes** (BE, FR, MT, SK)

Resolving methodological evaluation issues

- **Evaluation questions** (AT, CZ, DE, EL, FI, PT, FR)
- **Complementary result indicators** (CZ, DE, EL, FI, NL, SE, SI)
- **Secondary effects** (AT, BE, DE, EE, IT, PT, SE, UK)
- **Evaluation of impacts** (AT, BE, ES, FR, HU, LT, PT, RO, SE, SI, UK)
- **Evaluation of environmental aspects** (AT, DK, FI, IE, HU)

Specific evaluation requirements

- **NRN evaluation** (BE, BG, CY, EL, LV, NL, RO, SE)
- **LAG-level evaluation** (BE, BG, CY, EE, EL, FI, HR, IT, NL, RO, SE, SI)
- **Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD** (DK, EE, IE, IT, NL, RO)

Emerging topics (Expert Group)

Evaluation topics

- **ESI Funds common issues (innovation, climate change)** (IT, PT)
- **Advisory services** (IT)
- **Agri-environment & environmental aspects in general (best practices)** (DE, FR, UK)
- **Simplification of controls and agri-environmental objectives** (UK)
- **Pillar I/Pillar II links** (DE)
- **Ex post evaluation 2007-2013 RDPs** (IT)

Methodologies

- **How evaluation is carried out in different MS** (FR)
- **Use of counterfactual analysis in RD** (PT)

Priorities of work (concluded/ongoing and for 2016)

Improve the evaluation of EU RD policy

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

- **Guidance "Assessing RDP results"**
- **Guidance "Evaluation of NRNs 2014-2020"**
- **Working Paper Evaluation-related queries**

- **Guidance "Evaluation of Leader/CLLD"**

Priorities of work (concluded/ongoing and for 2016)

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

- **Good Practice Workshop "Assessment of environmental effects"**

- **Good Practice Workshop "Approaches to define High Nature Value farming"**

- **Good Practice collection (various topics)**

Priorities of work (concluded/ongoing and for 2016)

3. Better evaluation capacity

- **Training on:**
    - **Common Monitoring and Evaluation System**
    - **Evaluation Questions**
    - **Evaluation of Leader/Local Development Strategies**

- **Training on:**
    - **Evaluation of National Rural Networks**
    - **Ex post evaluation 2007-2013 RDPs**

- **Other training activities**

Priorities of work (concluded/ongoing and for 2016)

4. Further developed Monitoring and Evaluation system

- **Assessment of the progress in implementation of the Evaluation Plans (=> screening of the Annual Implementation reports)**

5. Well organised evaluation-related events

- **Evaluation-related input for Expert Group meetings, ENRD events, NRN meetings, and other events/evaluation conferences**

Priorities of work (concluded/ongoing and for 2016)

6. Up-to-date communication on evaluation topics

- **Rural Evaluation NEWS no. 1, 2, 3, 4, (5)**

  - **subscribe@ruralevaluation.eu**

- **Evaluation Helpdesk website – revamped**

  - **http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/evaluation/**

- **Other publications**

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