

Efficient evaluation of the RDPs 2007-2013

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Outline

- Why evaluate?
- RD evaluation system 2007-2013
- Ongoing evaluation and the role of the evaluation network
- State of play of the mid-term evaluation
- Next steps



Why evaluate?

- Accounting for the use of public money
- Improving the policy
- Assessing whether the measures have been effective and efficient
- Identifying necessary improvements
- *“All significant proposal for a revision or new measure should be based on an evaluation of the policy framework already in place”*

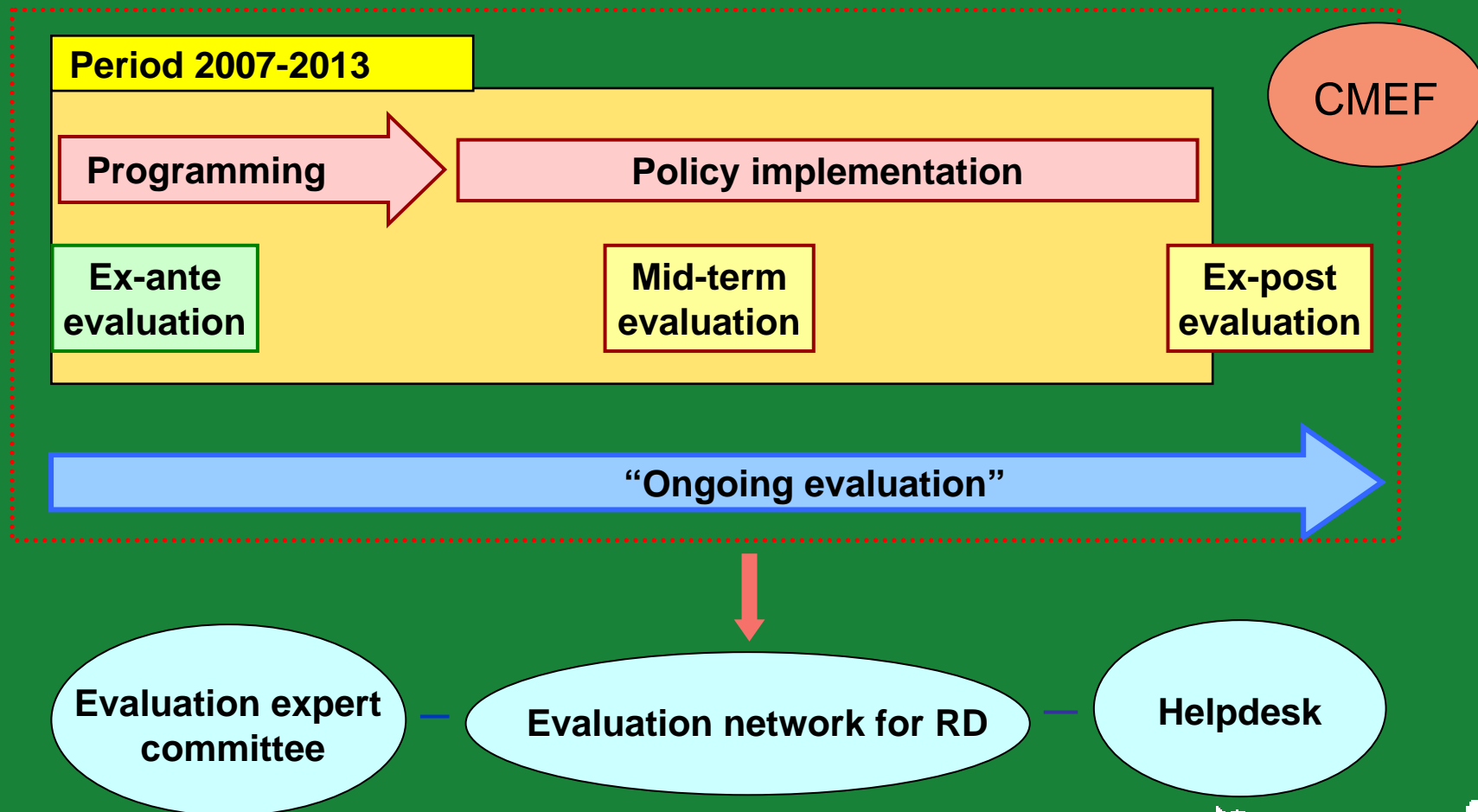


RD evaluation

- Comparable results that can be linked to the Community priorities and objectives
- Results that feed back into policy design and programming
- Evaluation at programme level based on
 - ... a set of common indicators
 - ... plus programme-specific indicators
 - ... a set of common evaluation questions
- Additional information and appropriate evaluation tools and methods needed



RD evaluation system



Bringing the actors together...

- **Evaluators:** assess the impacts of programmes and measures
- **Member States:** ensure availability of data on general trends, outputs and results; steer the evaluation process; report to the Commission
- **Commission:** provides methodological support, facilitates the exchange of good practice, synthesises mid-term & ex-post evaluations

⇒ **European evaluation network
for rural development**

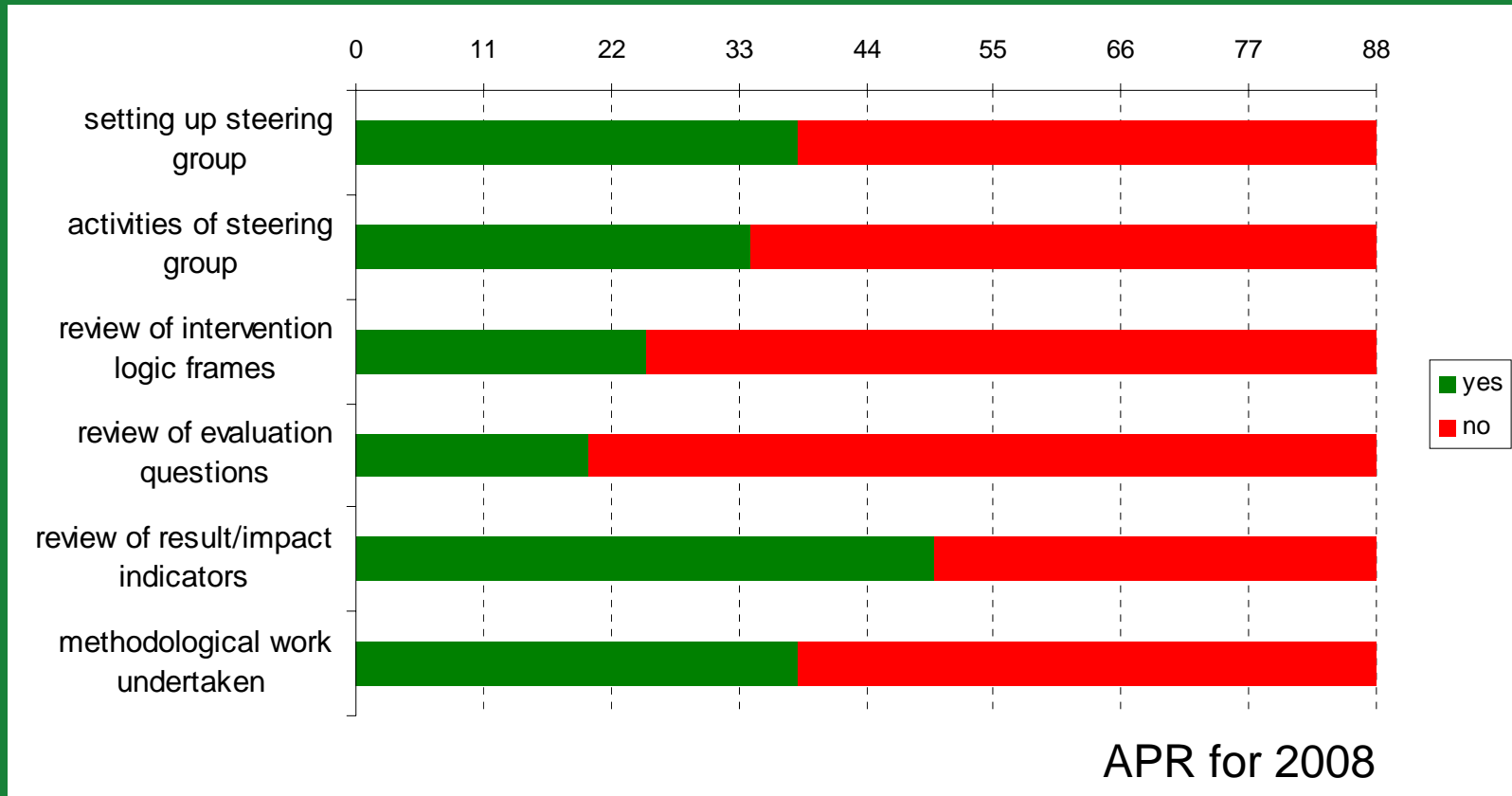


Ongoing evaluation in practice

- Ensuring capacity building early on
- Timely development of data and information
- Establishing good evaluation practice
- Regular assessment of progress and feedback through annual reporting
- Preparing the ground for the mid-term and ex-post evaluations (2010, 2015)
- Making evaluation a continuous, integral process of the rural development policy

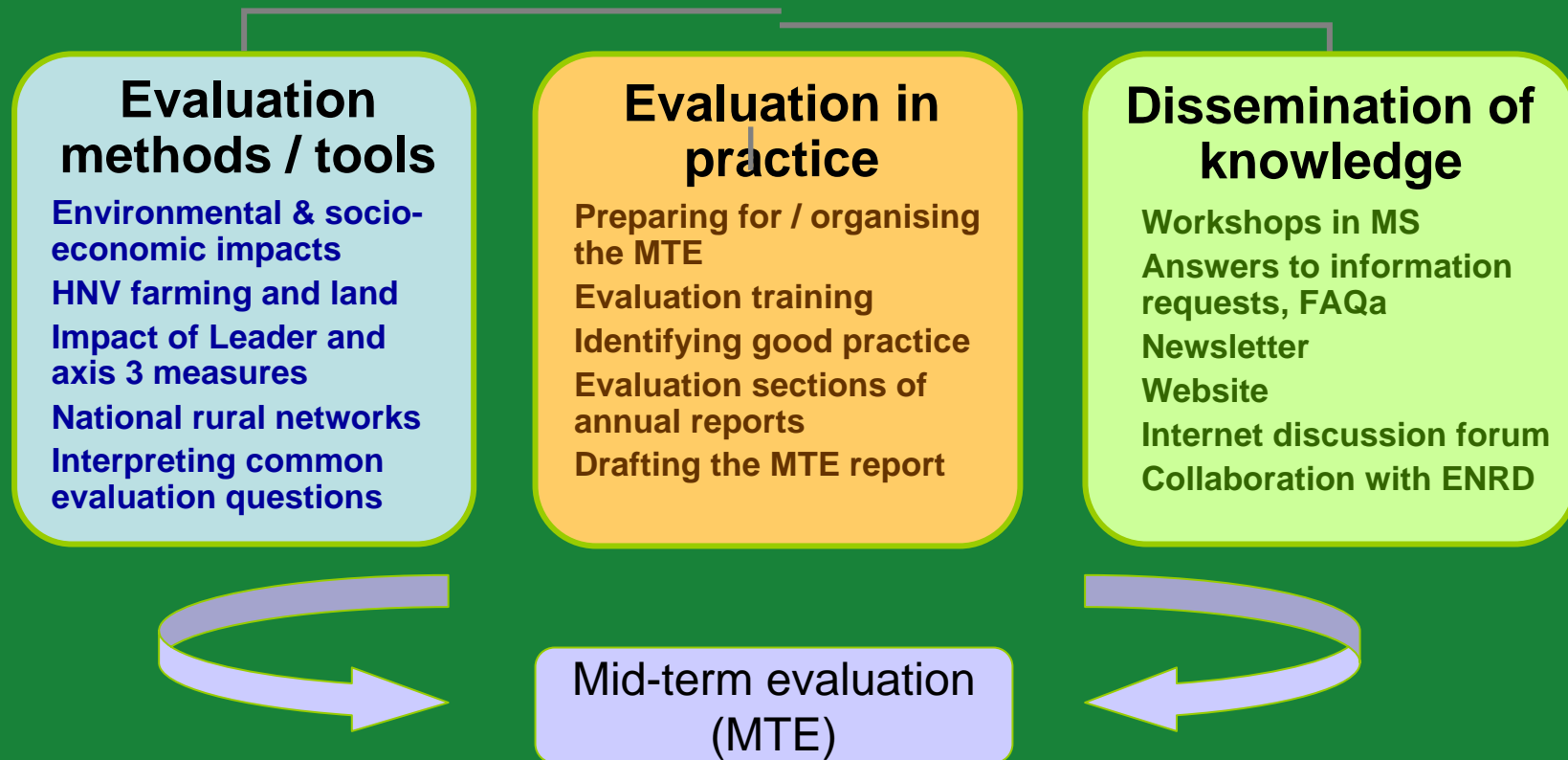


Example of ongoing evaluation

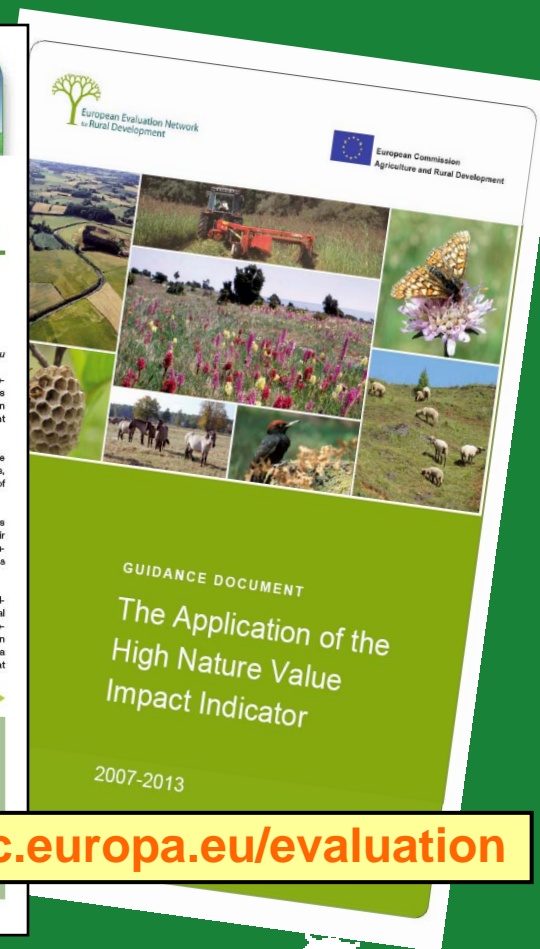


Support from the evaluation network

Focus on providing guidance and support for the implementation of the evaluation system and for building evaluation capacity



Examples of guidance



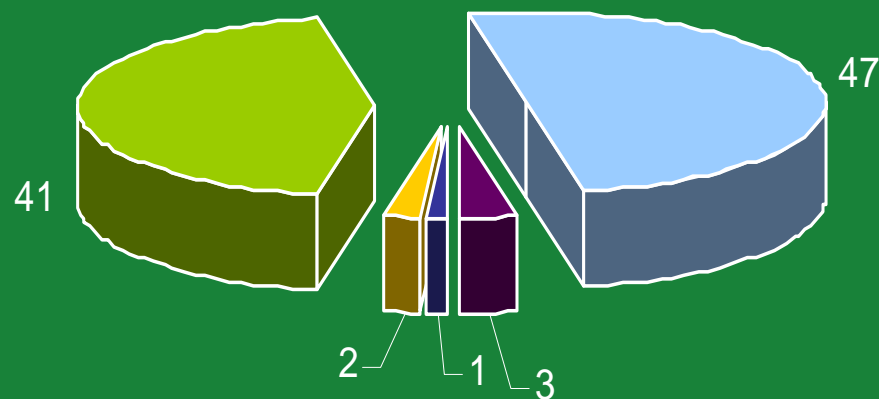
<http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/evaluation>

Where are we?

- A significant investment has been made to put the ongoing evaluation system in place
- The evaluation network is up and running
- An active dialogue among the MS is emerging
- A considerable amount of capacity building and preparatory activity has been going on in MS
- MS are better prepared for the MTE than in the previous period → better results are expected
- Implementation remains challenging / some MS less advanced than others



Where are MS with the MTE?



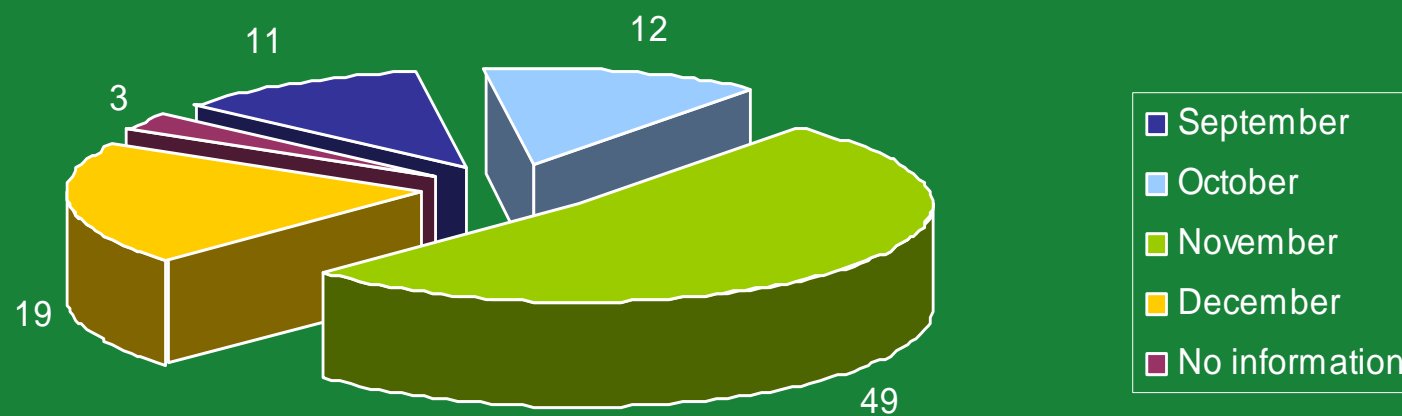
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First feedback on good practice

- Involvement of stakeholders in the MTE-process (via the steering group)
- Ongoing evaluation being the basis for MTE (same evaluator)
- Collection of additional data (outside the CMEF)
- Focusing the evaluation on certain measures
- Exchange of experiences and evaluation methods (via national networks, across borders, through the evaluation expert committee)



Next steps

- MTE recommendations for programme improvements in the current period
- Synthesis of MTE reports (in 2011)
- MTE conclusions for the next period
- Lessons learned from the MTE for the evaluation process including ex-post

