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Upcoming activities of the ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk

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Better Evaluation Methodologies and Tools



Thematic Working Group 7: Preparing for the ex-ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plan

Launch of Thematic
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evaluation of RDPs 2014-
2020: Learning from practice

2021-2027

Tools &
support for
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States

Working Package 4:

Appraisal of the planned monitoring, data collection and implementation arrangements of the CAP Strategic Plan



Working Package 3:
Appraisal of the IL and targets of the CAP Strategic Plan



Working Package 2:
Appraisal of the SWOT and needs assessment



Working Package 1:
Preparing the ex ante evaluation





Ex post evaluation of RDPs 2014-2020: learning from practice

Objectives

- Address **weaknesses** in the assessment of RDP achievements and impacts
- Improve calculation of **result and impact indicators**
- Tackle **emerging issues** in the assessment of priority areas (e.g. social indicators, environment, climate)

Ex post evaluation of RDPs 2014-2020: learning from practice



WORKING PACKAGE 1:

Assessment of RDP effects on achieving
a balanced territorial development of
rural economies and communities

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WORKING PACKAGE 3:

Assessment of RDP effects on
fostering the competitiveness
of agriculture

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WORKING PACKAGE 2:

Assessment of RDP effects on
ensuring the sustainable
management of natural resources,
and climate action



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EvaluationWORKS!
2019



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Estonia and Latvia

DATE OF WORKSHOP
21 November 2019

LOCATION
Valga, Latvia

STRENGTHS
of the evaluations in the AIR 2019

- The availability of results from various long-term field studies and surveys specific data and access to data from FADN and the Paying Agency helped to achieve a more robust evaluation.
- Smooth cooperation among RDP actors was achieved.
- Professional and diverse teams of evaluators made evaluations more successful.
- A wide selection of additional indicators were used.
- Lessons learned from the AIR 2017 were useful and taken into consideration.

WEAKNESSES
of the evaluations in the AIR 2019

- A lack of time for the assessment of impacts.
- Calculating RDP net contributions.
- Data gaps were found regarding Priority 5.
- A lack of suitable methodologies for assessing innovation made it difficult to assess.
- FADN data was not always representative.

ISSUES RELATED TO THE EX ANTE EVALUATION

- The timing of the programming of the CAP Strategic Plan is uncertain considering that the EU regulation is not approved yet. Changes in the EU regulation might affect the content and process of the programming and the ex ante assessment of the CAP Strategic Plan.
- Uncertain coordination and timing of the ex ante assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment if it is organised as an iterative process (e.g. how to exclude overlap between the ex ante and Strategic Environmental Assessment).
- Setting targets at the right levels.
- Ensuring that recommendations from the ex ante assessment are taken into account in the CAP Strategic Plan.

NEEDS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT

- Practical examples of quantitative evaluations of RDP synergies.
- Practical examples on the process of how to go from findings to conclusions.
- Practical examples of calculating RDP net effects.

"We found similar challenges when calculating some indicators and assessing the impact of the RDP. Similar joint discussions with the evaluators of the neighbouring countries (Lithuania, Sweden and Finland) would be desirable in the future as it helps to better evaluate our own work and solve issues encountered. We look forward to a similar meeting next year."

— Ulta Bonga, Institute of Agri, Insurance and Economics, Head of Rural Development Evaluation Division

Croatia

DATE OF WORKSHOP
28 November 2019

LOCATION
Zagreb, Croatia

STRENGTHS
of the evaluations in the AIR 2019

- The evaluation process and its findings provide a very useful tool for monitoring the RDP's progress, as well as for programming RDP measures for the CAP 2021-2027.
- LACs turned out to be essential agents in mobilising RDP for RDP measures. LACs were also found to be instrumental in gathering data relevant for the applications.
- The data used for the Farmhand Bird Index Indicator was very robust due to the studies the Managing Authority commissioned on this subject.
- Students were engaged to process data collected for the purpose of the RDP evaluation.

WEAKNESSES
of the evaluations in the AIR 2019

- Monitoring of many indicators can still be improved, particularly environmental indicators.
- Data collection, storage and management can also be improved further. Most critical is the robustness, reliability and accessibility issues in obtaining digital data and complex, bureaucratic and demanding for most potential applicants.
- The Croatian regulation on public procurement is very complex.

ISSUES RELATED TO THE EX ANTE EVALUATION

Main challenges

- The relevant legislation is still not detailed and communicated by the European Commission.
- The new reporting and consultation requirements are still not known.
- Croatian legislation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment permits only licensed organisations to perform it, which narrows down the selection of potential evaluators.

Main solutions

- Managing Authorities should insist on clarifications and timely information regarding the relevant legislation.
- When tendering, licensed Strategic Environmental Assessment organisations could take on board experienced agri-environmental experts to strengthen their teams.

NEEDS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT

- More workshops of this kind should be organised.
- Members of the Steering Committee and notably the Monitoring Committee should be provided capacity building on the evaluation and in particular on the upcoming tasks and requirements. This would help in building the evaluation culture in Croatia.
- A special workshop should be organised for stakeholders collecting and processing data in order to teach them how to do it and understand the importance of organising for stakeholders collecting and processing data in order to teach them how to do it and someone is ready using the data they collect and/or process.
- Organise a workshop on the role of the National Rural Network in the evaluation process and how it can support the dissemination of evaluation findings.

"The topic of this workshop was highly relevant and organised at an important time. The workshop was very well-structured and implemented. It enabled me to better comprehend how complex the RDP evaluation is and how to approach the challenges ahead of us in preparing the CAP Strategic Plan."

— Biserka Marković Krstić, Secretary General LEADER Network Croatia

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Von den jährlichen Durchführungsberichten 2019 zur Ex-ante-Bewertung des GAP-Strategieplans

From the AIR in 2019 to the ex ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plan

Des RAMO 2019 à l'évaluation ex ante du plan stratégique de la PAC



Nachdem die Mitgliedstaaten die jährlichen Durchführungsberichte 2019 zur Ex-ante-Bewertung des GAP-Strategieplans vorbereitet haben, ist es nun an der Reihe der Mitgliedstaaten, die Ex-ante-Bewertung des GAP-Strategieplans vorzubereiten. Um die Mitgliedstaaten bei dieser Aufgabe zu unterstützen, hat der Europäische Evaluation Helpdesk im Jahr 2019 eine Reihe von Schulungsevents für die Mitgliedstaaten organisiert. Diese Schulungsevents haben zwei Hauptthemen:

1. Welche Lehren können wir aus den jährlichen Durchführungsberichten 2019 ziehen?
2. Welche Lehren können wir aus der Ex-ante-Bewertung des GAP-Strategieplans ziehen?

Diese Schulungsevents wurden teilweise auch in 2020 durchgeführt. Der Europäische Evaluation Helpdesk bietet weiterhin Materialien für die Ex-ante-Bewertung des GAP-Strategieplans an.



After reporting on their evaluations in the Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) 2019, Member States are now taking stock of the lessons learned to prepare for the ex ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plan. In order to support Member States, learn from their experiences and better prepare, the Evaluation Helpdesk's EvaluationWORKS! 2019 yearly capacity building events have addressed two main questions:

1. What are the key lessons from the AIR in 2019 for the set-up of the monitoring and evaluation system post 2020?
2. What lessons shall be taken into account during the ex ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plans 2021-2027?

These capacity building events took place in 2019 with a few being held in January of 2020. In total 23 events took place for 25 Member States.

The Evaluation Helpdesk provides the overall methods and materials for the EvaluationWORKS! trainings, offering tools to cover general open issues in a structured way, which were further tailored to the needs of the different Member States by the corresponding Geographic Experts. These events provided the opportunity for evaluation stakeholders in each Member State to identify and discuss



Après avoir rendu compte de leurs évaluations dans les rapports annuels de mise en œuvre (RAMO) 2019, les États membres font maintenant le point sur les enseignements tirés pour préparer l'évaluation ex ante du plan stratégique de la PAC. Afin de soutenir les États membres, de tirer des enseignements de leurs expériences et de mieux se préparer, le Helpdesk Évaluation a abordé deux questions principales lors des événements annuels de renforcement des capacités organisés en 2019 dans le cadre de son programme EvaluationWORKS! :

1. Quels sont les principaux enseignements des RAMO 2019 pour la mise en place du système de suivi et d'évaluation après 2020 ?
2. Quels enseignements doivent être pris en compte lors de l'évaluation ex ante des plans stratégiques de la PAC pour la période 2021-2027 ?

Ces événements de renforcement des capacités ont eu lieu en 2019 et quelques-uns se sont tenus en janvier 2020. Au total, 23 événements ont eu lieu pour 25 États membres.

Le Helpdesk Évaluation fournit l'ensemble des méthodes et du matériel pour les formations EvaluationWORKS!, offrant des outils pour couvrir, de manière structurée, les questions générales encore en suspens, outils qui ont été adaptés aux



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