

European Rural Networks' Assembly

Self-Assessment of European Rural Networks based on their Strategic Framework

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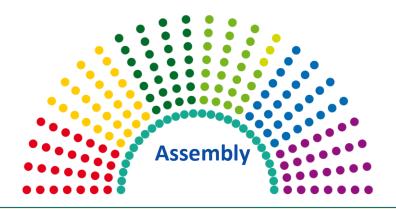
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Self-Assessment

Through **self-assessment**, networks assess their own operations on an on-going basis, with the aim of drawing lessons learnt and to continuously adapt their rolling plan and improve their activities.



The Assembly shall ensure appropriate monitoring and assessment of the activities of the ENRD and EIP network with regard to the objectives and the tasks set up in the Regulation



Where should we start from?

Conclusion from 2nd meeting of the Assembly:

"Likewise evaluation, on-going self-assessment starts with developing an **intervention logic** for the network, with setting clear objectives and indicators, and then goes on with continuously monitoring the progress and feeding results back into the work of the network."

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Strategic Framework an on-going tool



3 General Objectives 7 Specific Objectives 15 Operational Objectives Approx. 30 Types of activities Approx. 40 Output Indicators 25 Result Indicators 22 Assessment Questions







Strategic framework Developed by RN Steering Group



Output indicators

[data collection by network support units]

Result indicators

[questionnaire(s)]

Assessment questions

[questionnaire(s)]

General Objective 1: Enhance participation

Specific Objectives as per Regulation (EU) 1305/2013

Increase the involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation of rural development

(Art. 52.2.a)

Operational Objectives

Understanding RD stakeholders and their needs:

 Stakeholders diverse needs and potential for involvement in RDP implementation is widely understood

Increasing stakeholder capacity for meaningful involvement:

 The Networks provide a platform where targeted exchanges
 take place involving

Types of Activities

- Surveys & needs analysis
- Stakeholder profiles
- Seminars, workshops and other events
- Periodicals, magazines, social media exchanges
- Website updates, including relevant toolkits
- Methodological good practices
- Thematic Groups

Output indicators

- Number of survey reports
- Number of stakeholder profiles produced and/or updated
- Number (and type) of participants at events
- Number of editions of relevant publications produced
- Number of methodological good practices
- . Number of visitors to

Preliminary 'result' indicators

- Relevance of event content
- · Usefulness of events
- Improved skills/capacity of NSUs to involve NRN stakeholders
- Improved skills/capacity of targeted stakeholders to be involved in rural development

Questions with regard to the achievements of the EU RNs

- Do networks and other stakeholders feel that their needs were well addressed?
- Were examples/practices used by stakeholders in their national/regional contexts?
- Did stakeholders disseminated further the results of ENRD activities/ information produced?
- Have various







RN Self-assessment process 2017



Step 1: Development of the methodology for the self-assessment (Short methodological document) & Draft questionnaire.



Step 2: Development of the tools for data collection

Start data collection on available data from the Service units (SP, CP, HD)

Carry out the survey and summarize the results in a working document



Step 3: Data collection, analysis and reporting

Deadline: Presentation of the final document at the 4th Assembly



3rd Assembly meeting

 General agreement on Selfassessment process;

7th Steering Group meeting

- Presentation of the methodology for the self-assessment
- Fine tuning the methodology with the SG member
- Presentation of the questionnaire and fine-tuning

8th Steering Group meeting

- Presentation of the first draft of the working document with results from questionnaire and data on outputs indicatorsfrom the Service units (EIP, CP, HD)
- A Focus session by the SG members

4th Assembly

• Presentation of the selfassessment results





