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ABBREVIATIONS

AIR	Annual Implementation Report
AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
HR	Croatia
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IT	Italy
LAG	Local Action Group
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
LV	Latvia
MA	Managing Authority
MC	Monitoring Committee
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands, The
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
UK	United Kingdom

1   EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This summary report describes the **progress made by the Member States in implementing the RDP evaluation plans over the calendar year 2017.** The summary is based on the screening of Chapter 2 of 115 annual implementation reports (AIRs) submitted to the European Commission in 2018. Overall, the 115 AIRs submitted in 2018 show a high level of completeness of the Chapter 2 'progress in implementing the evaluation plan'. This is for example reflected by 97% of AIRs containing at least two filled sub-sections of Chapter 2 compared to the 89% submitted in 2017.

Modifications to the RDP evaluation plan have decreased by 30% compared to the previous reporting period. In total, 34 modifications were mentioned in 11 AIRs submitted in 2018. In the context of these modifications, RDP Managing Authorities mainly updated the timeline of the evaluation plan, provided further details on governance and coordination aspects (e.g. establishment of an 'Evaluation Advisory Group' in IT NRN), and adapted evaluation topics and activities (e.g. feasibility assessment of instruments to contrast extreme weather events in UK Wales).

The total number of reported evaluation activities (508) has increased by almost 36% in 2018. The activities concerned all phases of the evaluation cycle, from planning, preparing, conducting evaluations to reporting findings and taking follow-up actions. The biggest increase of activities compared to the previous year was observed in the preparing and structuring phase (+17%). Moreover, the share of activities related to conducting evaluations and disseminating findings increased slightly by +5% and +6%, while the reporting on planning and coordination activities has largely decreased (-31%).

Activities on the provision and management of data have slightly increased. 298 data-related activities have been reported in 2018 compared to 281 activities in 2017. The largest share of activities was on preparing the data provision and management (47%), followed by activities related to the conducting phase (36%), and the planning phase (17% of the total). Many RDPs reported activities related to building or updating data and information systems (76) and data collection (74). Data-management activities in relation to counterfactual analysis were mentioned only in few reports (5).

The number of completed evaluations (192) has increased by 28% compared to 2017 and the overall majority (89%) was published online. More than half of the completed evaluations (66%) were linked to the major EU evaluation milestones and requirements (e.g. 8% to ex post evaluations of RDPs 2007 – 2013, 6% to the ex-ante evaluation of RDPs 2007 – 2013, 43% to enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017, and 9% to the preparation of the enhanced AIRs to be submitted in 2019). Furthermore, self-standing evaluations (27%) on other specific RPD aspects, such as delivery mechanisms, financial instruments, technical assistance were reported, as well as evaluations on other rural issues (7%) such as rural tourism and biodiversity.

The highest share of completed evaluations concerned those evaluations that covered several of the six RDP priorities (40%), followed by evaluations covering only RDP Priority 4 'Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems' (14%). Relatively few evaluations (13%) have been completed in relation to Priority 1 ´Knowledge transfer and innovation´, Priority 2 'Farm viability and competitiveness', Priority 3 'Food chain organisation and risk management', Priority 5 ´Resource-efficient, climate-resilient economy' and Priority 6 ´Social inclusion and economic development'. Completed evaluations were reported also on specific thematic areas (15%), such as innovation (e.g. BE Flanders), environment (e.g. ES Castilla-Mancha, FI – Mainland), and climate change (e.g. UK England). The Member States reported also evaluations on the RDP delivery mechanism (3%), RDP monitoring and evaluation system (3%), and other topics (12%), such as studies on certain rural issues and dynamics (e.g. biodiversity, rural tourism).

The extent of reporting on evaluations findings has overall increased: 79 AIRs contained summaries of completed evaluations (compared to 65 in 2017). Within these summaries, 471 distinct evaluation findings could be identified covering different topics. Following the same trend observed in the completed evaluations above, more than half of the evaluation findings (67%) were linked to one or more RDP priorities and focus areas. Among these evaluation findings, the highest share concerned the RDP Priority 4 'Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems' (21%), followed by Priority 2 'Farm viability and competitiveness' (11%), Priority 6 'Social inclusion and economic development' (10%), Priority 1 'Knowledge transfer and innovation' (7%), Priority 5 'Resource-efficient, climate-resilient economy' (6%), and Priority 3 'Food chain organisation and risk management' (4%). Evaluation findings covering multiple RDP priorities and focus areas (8%) concerned more general aspects of the RDP 2014 - 2020, such as the internal and external coherence of the RDP intervention logic (ES Madrid), good practices observed across the supported projects (ES Aragon), and the challenges in achieving the targets set up in the RDP (SI).

Moreover, 14% of the evaluation findings were connected to other specific thematic areas, such as EIP-AGRI operational groups, NRN, innovation, or RDP synergies with other ESI funds. To a smaller extent, evaluation findings also covered the RDP management and delivery mechanism (8%), RDP monitoring and evaluation system (6%), and other topics (5%), such as ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007 - 2013.

The communication activities in relation to publicising evaluation findings have increased by 23% compared to the previous reporting period. 344 communication activities were reported in 2018, reaching out to 3.97 million stakeholders. These were targeted mainly through websites (3.04 million stakeholders reached), publications and evaluation reports (0.23 million), but also through other channels (e.g. written consultations, newsletters etc.). The most frequently used communication channels included public meetings such as workshops and conferences (128 reported activities), internal meetings involving the RDP Managing Authority, Monitoring Committee, Evaluation Steering Groups, or Paying Agency (93 activities), and website (70 activities).

The follow-up given to evaluation results increased by more than three times in number compared to those reported in the AIRs submitted in 2017 (from 169 to 544). Three quarters of the reported follow-up activities were based on the findings obtained from the enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017, 10% based on self-standing evaluations on the RDP management and delivery mechanism, and still 9% on the ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007-2013 as well as and other completed evaluations (e.g. ex-ante evaluation of RDPs 2014-2020). More than one third of the follow-ups (36%) concerned improvements of the RDP delivery mechanisms, followed by adjustments of the RDP intervention logic (23%), adaptations in the RDP monitoring and evaluation system (23%), and other types of activities (18%) such as drawing general conclusions and recommendations, describing lessons learned or evaluation findings, or providing justifications for not undertaking any follow-up activities.

2   INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

Starting in June 2016, and for every year until 2024, Managing Authorities shall submit to the European Commission an Annual Implementation Report (AIR) on the implementation of their Rural Development Programme (RDP). The AIRs submitted in June 2018 covers the calendar year 2017. Chapter 2 of the AIR provides information about the progress concerning the implementation of the RDP evaluation plan.

This summary report aims to: (1) analyse the information reported in chapter 2 of the AIRs submitted in 2018, and (2) draft a synthesis of the Member States' progress in implementing the evaluation plans, which are part of their RDP.

The summary report is based on a quantitative and qualitative content analysis of chapter 2 of the AIRs submitted in 2018. The methodology, tools and overall analysis have been conducted by the European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development. The screening and extraction of the information reported in Chapter 2 was carried out by an EU-wide team of 26 geographical experts in RDP evaluation.

Chapter 3 of this summary report lays out the findings on the progress made by the Member States in implementing the RDP evaluation plan. The structure follows the seven sub-sections of chapter 2[1] of the AIRs submitted in 2018, namely:

a)   description of any modifications made to the evaluation plan in the RDP during the year, with their justification;

b)   description of the evaluation activities undertaken during the year;

c)   description of activities undertaken in relation to the provision and management of data;

d)   list of completed evaluations, including references to where they have been published on-line;

e)   summary of completed evaluations, focusing on evaluation findings;

f)   description of communication activities undertaken in relation to publicising evaluation findings;

g)   description of the follow-up given to evaluation results.

Chapter 4 presents an overall assessment of the progress in implementing the evaluation plan, as well as specific areas and recommendation for better reporting. Finally, the annex displays the full list of the completed evaluations reported in sub-section d), including also the hyperlinks where the reports have been published online, if available.

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[1] SFC2014 EAFRD AIR technical guidance 'Proposed technical structure and content of Annual Implementation Reports (AIR)

3   THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE EVALUATION PLANS

Overall, the 115 Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) analysed in 2018 show a high level of completeness of the Chapter 2 'progress in implementing the evaluation plan'. This can be observed in the number of sub-sections that are filled in Chapter 2 of the AIRs. Although the overall number varies across the different RDPs, 97% of AIRs contained at least two filled sub-sections of Chapter 2 compared to the 89% reported in 2017. 3% of the AIRs presented only one filled sub-section.

Figure 1.   **Completeness of the AIRs submitted in 2018 by filled- sub-sections in Chapter 2**
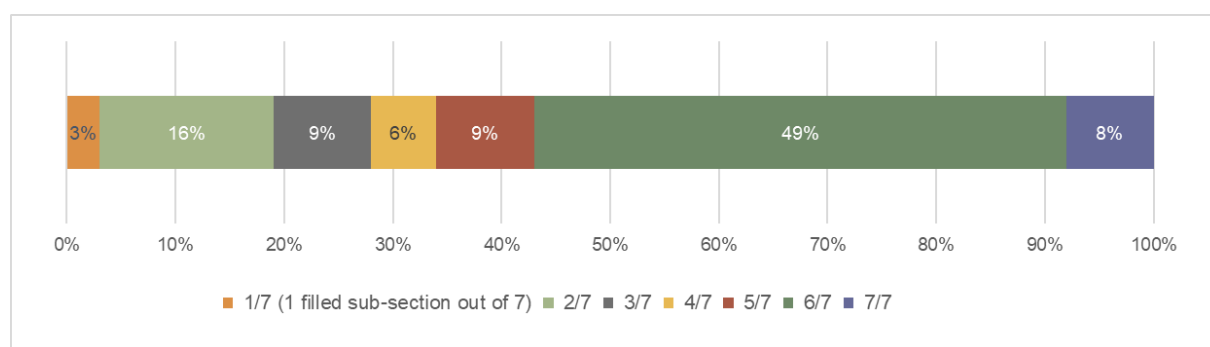
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

Figure 1 shows that more than 50% of the AIRs submitted in 2018 presented six or seven filled sub-sections. Sub-section c) was completed in each submitted AIR, followed by sub-section b) *Evaluation activities* (97% of the AIRs). Sub-sections d) *Completed evaluations*, e) S*ummary of completed evaluations*, f) *Communication activities*, and g) *Follow-up given to evaluation results* were filled in about 70% of the AIRs submitted in 2018. The least filled sub-section was a) *Modification to the evaluation plan* (11 AIRs in total).

To understand the overall progress made by the Member States in implementing the RDP evaluation plan, Figure 2 provides an overview of some selected trends in the information reported in each sub-section of Chapter 2, by comparing the AIRs submitted in 2017[2] and 2018.

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[2] EUROPEAN COMMISSION – Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development – Unit C.4 (2017): Summary Report. Assessment of the implementation of the evaluation plans of RDPs 2014-2020. Chapter 2 of the AIR submitted in 2017.

Figure 2.   Comparison of reported information in Chapter 2 between the AIRs 2017 and 2018

| Reported information related to sub section:	Number of reported information in…	
	AIRs submitted in 2017	AIRs submitted in 2018
a) modifications made to the evaluation plan, with their justification	49	⬇ 34
b) evaluation activities undertaken	374	⬆ 508
c) activities undertaken in relation to data	281	⬆ 298
d) completed evaluations	150	⬆ 192
e) AIRs containing summaries of completed evaluation, with a focus on findings	65	⬆ 79
f) communication activities undertaken in relation to publicising evaluation findings	280	⬆ 344
g) follow-up given to evaluation results	169	⬆ 544

Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

Figure 2 shows that apart from sub-section a), the overall level of information reported in the AIRs in 2018 has increased in almost all the sub-sections of Chapter 2. This increase becomes particularly evident in the higher number of reported activities in sub-section f) *Communication activities* and sub-section g) *Follow up given to evaluation results.*

3.1   Sub-section a): description of any modifications made to the evaluation plan in the RDP during the year, with their justifications

Modifications to the RDP evaluation plan have decreased by 30% compared to the previous reporting period**.** 34 modifications were reported in 11 AIRs submitted by five Member States in 2018. Almost half of the modifications were reported by the RDP ES Castilla Leon and ES National. Overall the modifications concerned all eight sections of the RDP evaluation plan (see Figure 3).

Figure 3.   Modifications reported in relation to the sections of the RDP evaluation plan (N=34)
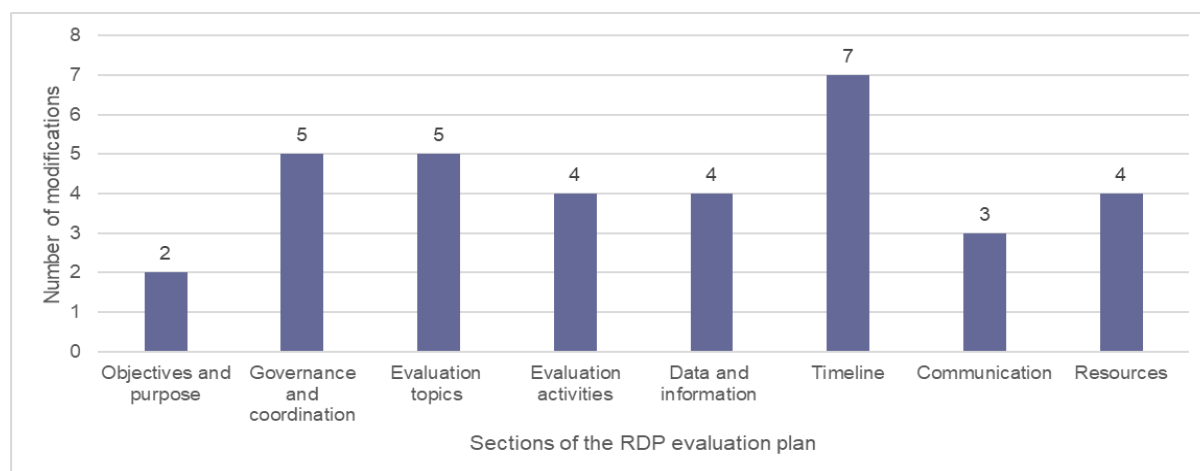
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

More in detail, the reported modifications concerned:

- **timeline (7)**: e.g. adaptations of timetables and evaluation milestones based on the level of RDP uptake (e.g. DE Schleswig-Holstein) or the selection of an independent evaluator (e.g. IT Calabria);
- **governance and coordination (5)**: e.g. adjustments to the frequency and composition of governance meetings. In FR Rural Network the number of Rural Network Committee's meetings was reduced; in UK Wales an evaluation advisory group was established; and in ES Castilla-Leon additional actors and experts were included;
- **evaluation topics (5) and activities (4)**: In IT Trento a thematic evaluation on ´livestock in mountain areas´ was replaced by an evaluation on the ´management of financial instruments´, in UK Wales an additional study on the feasibility of agri-insurance schemes to contrast extreme or catastrophic weather events was introduced;
- **data and information (4)**: e.g. more detailed descriptions on data storage, maintenance, and management, as well as more specifications on the modalities and timelines for specific thematic assessments (i.e. national risk management and technical assistance programme in France).
- **communication (3):** e.g. further descriptions on the content, target, and structure of the communication section of the RDP evaluation plan. In ES Castilla Leon and ES National programme the target actors and communication channels were further specified, UK Wales developed a webpage as part of the NRN website to share the evaluations conducted by the LAGs;
- **resources (4):** e.g. IT Sicily increased the resources for monitoring and evaluation activities, ES National addressed the training and capacity building needs of the personnel involved in RDP monitoring and evaluation;
- **objectives and purpose (2)**: e.g. ES National introduced the objective to promote the transparency in the RDP evaluation, and integrate the recommendations from the ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007 – 2013.

3.2 Sub-section b): description of the evaluation activities undertaken during the year

The number of reported evaluation activities has increased by almost 36% to 508 in 2018. Many evaluation activities were undertaken for the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017. Figure 4 shows the number of reported evaluation activities per Member State with average values for the regionalized countries.

Figure 4.   Number of evaluation activities reported by the Member States * **(N=508).**
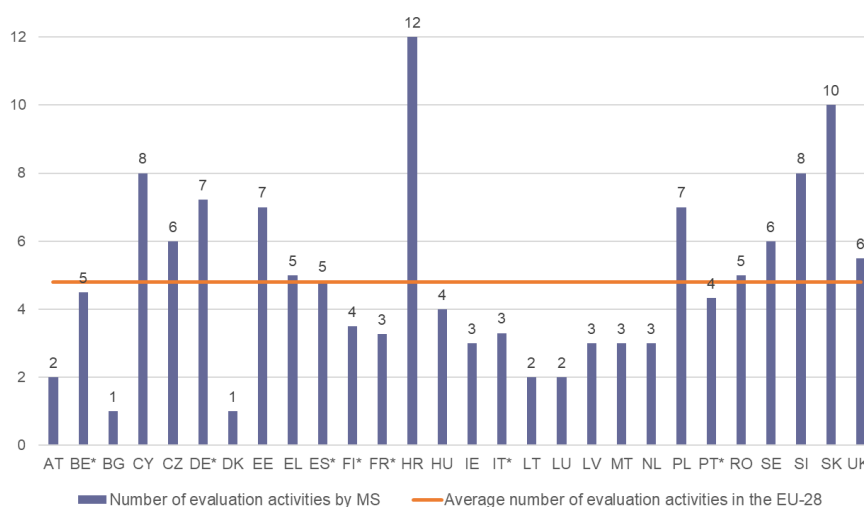
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

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* Average values for the regionalised Member States

SK and HR are the Member States with the highest number of reported evaluation activities in the AIRs submitted in 2018 compared to the EU-28 average (orange line), while BG and DK are among those who reported only few evaluation activities in sub-section b).

The evaluation activities can furthermore be related to the various phases of the evaluation cycle (see Figure 5).

Figure 5. **Reported evaluation activities linked to the main phases of the evaluation cycle (N=508)**
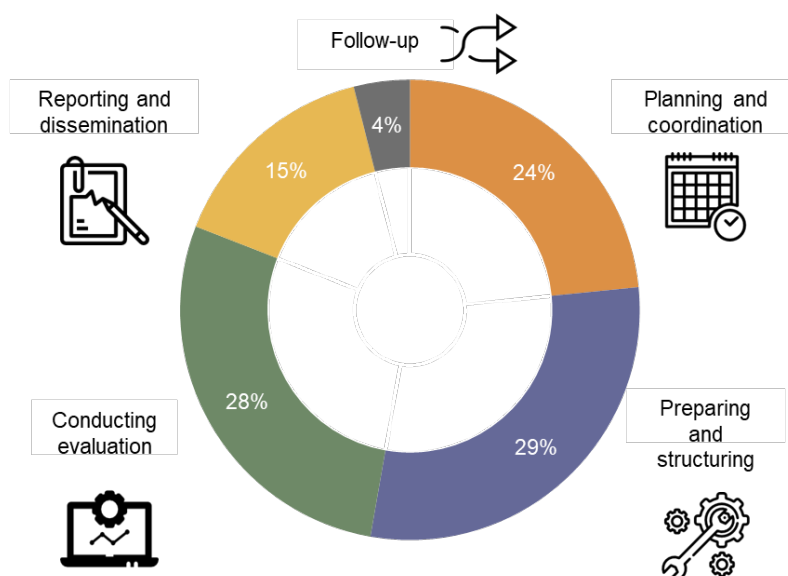
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

The largest share of evaluation activities concerned the preparation and structuring phase (29%), followed by those dealing with conducting the evaluations (28%), planning and coordination (24%), reporting and dissemination (15%), and follow-up (4%). Compared to the previous reporting period, the biggest increase was observed in evaluation activities of the preparing and structuring phase (+17%). Moreover, the share of activities related to conducting the evaluations and disseminating their findings increased slightly by +5% and +6%. The reported planning and coordination activities have largely decreased (-31%). Some examples of the reported evaluation activities for the different phases are shown in the following:

Planning and coordination:

- **setting up thematic and evaluation steering groups** (e.g. ES Aragon, ES Castilla-Leon, IT Rural Network);
- **drafting terms of reference and contracting the functionally independent evaluator** (e.g. FR Auvergne, FR Bretagne, IT Puglia);
- **commissioning and coordinating thematic evaluations** (e.g. UK Wales, IT Piemonte);
- **setting up evaluation elements for the CAP 2021 – 2027** (e.g. FR Rhone-Alpes).

Preparing and structuring:

- developing the evaluation framework and methodologies (e.g. BE Wallonia, BE Flanders);
- screening data sources and information availability (e.g. HR, HU)
- building or updating the RDP monitoring and information system (e.g. CZ, EL, IT Calabria);

- defining and reviewing evaluation elements, such as indicators, tools, templates (e.g. DE Brandenburg/Berlin, DE Rhineland-Palatinate, EL, ES La Rioja);
- building evaluation capacity (e.g. SK, PT Mainland, MT).

Conducting evaluation:

- **data collection** (e.g. ES Andalucía, FR Franche-Comte, UK North of Ireland);
- **assessment of RDP focus areas' achievements** (DE Lower Saxony/Bremen, IT Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano, PL);
- **conducting thematic evaluations** (e.g. DE Thüringen on Animal Welfare, UK England on agri-environment schemes, PT Mainland on "simplified cost option").
- **triangulating evaluation findings** (UK Wales).

Reporting and dissemination:

- reporting findings and lessons learnt from the ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007 – 2013 (e.g. BG, SE, UK England) or IPARD programme (HR);
- reporting findings to the Commission through the enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017 (DE Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, ES Castilla-Leon, IT Basilicata);
- presenting findings to various RDP stakeholders, such as Monitoring Committee (e.g. ES Pays Vasco, FI – Aland);
- disseminating evaluation findings and information for evaluation capacity building (e.g. EL National Rural Network, IT National Rural Network).

Follow-up:

- improving and adapting the RDP management and delivery mechanism (e.g. ES Extremadura)
- reviewing and upgrading the RDP monitoring and evaluation system (e.g. FR Rhone-Alpes)
- addressing the Commission's observations to the AIRs (e.g. ES Extremadura, IT Sicily)
- adapting the RDP intervention logic, targets, and budget (e.g. DE Nordrhein-Westfalen)

Furthermore, evaluation activities covered different topics, as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6. **Distribution of reported evaluation activities across topics (N=508)**
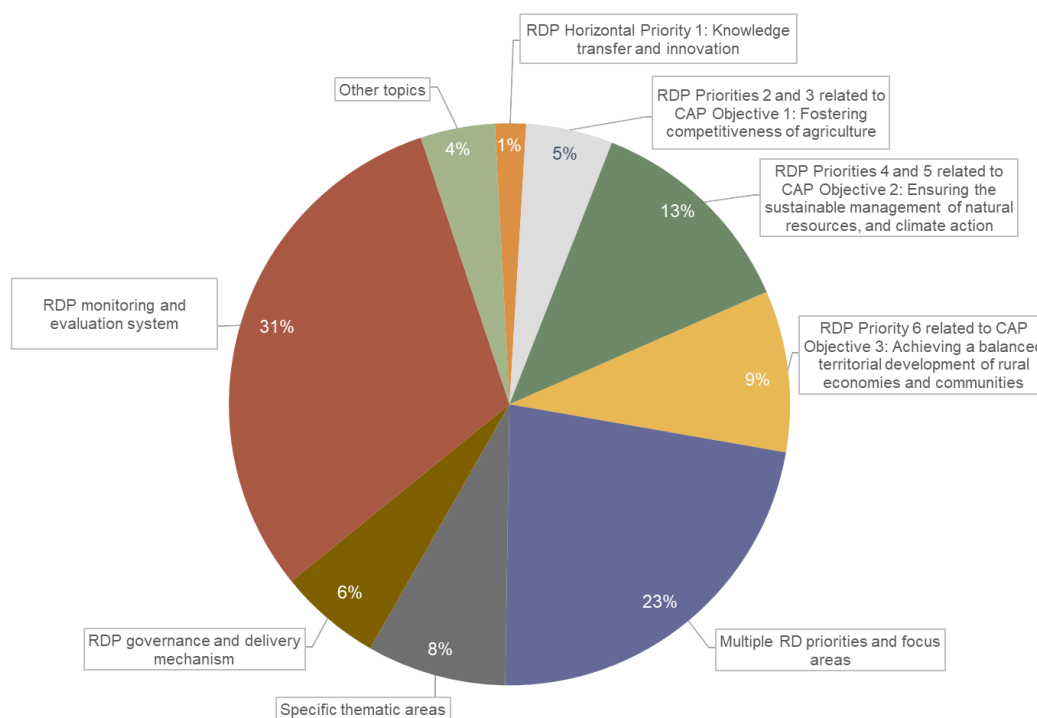
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

The largest group of evaluation activities was directly linked to the assessment of the *RDP priorities and focus areas* (together 51%). Within this group, 23% of the evaluation activities concerned multiple RDP priorities and focus areas. Furthermore, evaluation activities were specifically linked to RDP Priority 4 ´*Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems*' (11%), Priority 6 ´*Social inclusion and economic development*' (9%), and RDP Priority 2 '*Farm viability and competitiveness*' (4%). To a lower extent, evaluation activities dealt also with RDP Priority 1 ´*Knowledge transfer and innovation*´ (1%), Priority 3 ´*Food chain marketing, animal welfare, risk management*´ (1%), and Priority 5 ´*Resource efficiency, and climate resilient economy*´ (2%). Evaluation activities on LEADER/CLLD concerned several aspects, such as the preparation of evaluation frameworks and information systems for the LAGs, the support to the LAG's self-assessment activities (e.g. DE Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), or the analysis of the CLLD strategies (e.g. DE Saxony).

The second largest share of evaluation activities concerned the *RDP monitoring and evaluation system* (31%), such as fine-tuning evaluation concepts, upgrading the data and information system, or analysing and ensuring data quality.

Conversely, a relatively small number of the reported evaluation activities was focused on *specific thematic areas* (8%), such as:

- the effectiveness of RDP technical assistance (e.g. CY)
- the promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination in the RDP implementation[3] (e.g. DE Schleswig-Holstein, ES La Rioja)
- National Rural Network (e.g. IT NRN, FI Mainland, ES National Programme)
- synergies among RDP Priorities (IT Piemonte) and between RDP and other programmes supported by the ESI Funds (e.g. SE and FR Pays de la Loire)
- RDP cross-cutting objectives related to climate change (e.g. ES Castilla-Leon), environment (e.g. SI, UK England), and innovation (e.g. ES La Rioja, DE Sachsen).

To a similar extent, 6% of the evaluation activities focused on the assessment of the *RDP management and delivery mechanisms*, such as carrying out beneficiary surveys to assess their experience with the selection process (e.g. DE Lower Saxony/Bremen) or analyses of the costs of RDP delivery system (e.g. ES Extremadura, DE Lower Saxony /Bremen).

Finally, 4% of the evaluation activities focused on other topics, such as the ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007 – 2013 (e.g. BG), the ex-ante evaluation of financial instruments (e.g. IT Calabria, IT Puglia), or the assessment of RDP schemes for refugees' employment and skills support in rural areas (UK Wales).

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[3] Article 7 of the Common Provision Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

3.3 Sub-section c): description of activities undertaken in relation to the provision and management of data

Activities in relation to the data provision and management have slightly increased compared to the previous reporting period. In total, 298 activities were reported in the AIRs submitted in 2018. Figure 7 illustrates the distribution of the reported activities across three main phases of data management (planning, preparing and conducting).

Figure 7. Distribution of activities across different data management phases (N=298)
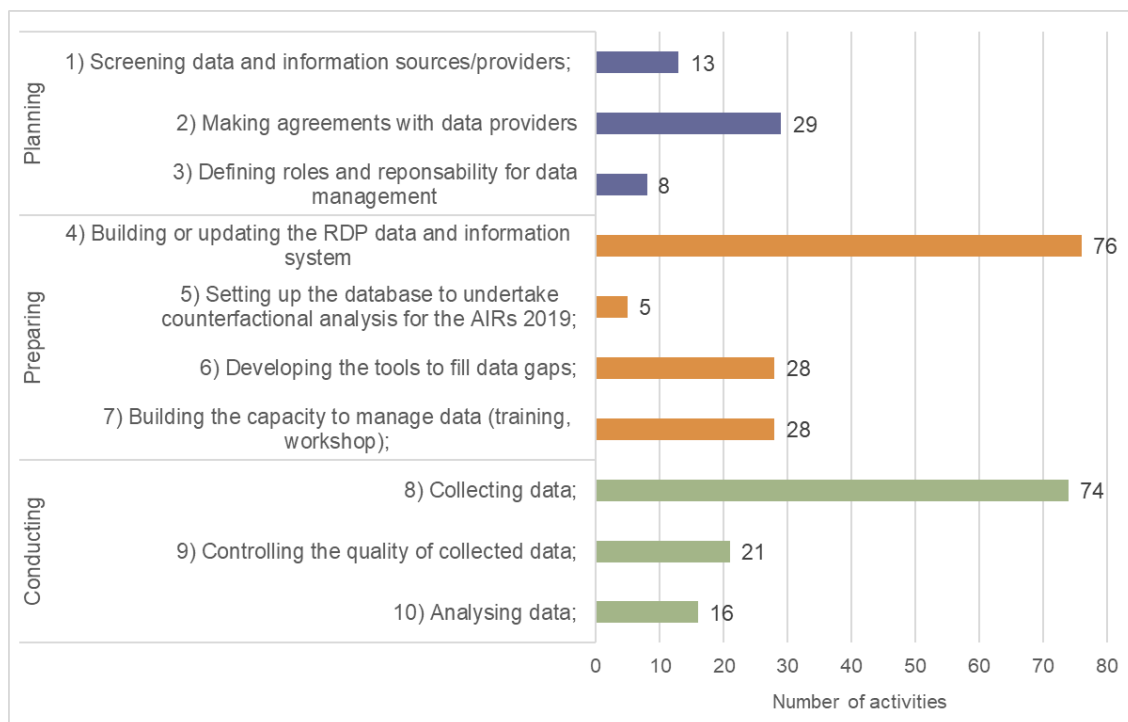
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

Most of the reported activities in relation to data provision and management were related to the preparing phase (47%), mainly the building and updating of the data and information system of the RDP, followed by the activities to fill data gaps and to build capacity. The conduction phase (36%) shows a strong data-collection activity in the Member States (double compared to the previous reporting period). Comparably few activities (17%) concerned the planning of data-management. Within this phase, Member States mostly were concerned with making agreements with data providers.

Some activities concerned already data provision and management for the next AIR to be submitted in 2019 (Box 1).

Box 1.   **Examples of reported activities in relation to data provision and management for the AIRs in 2019**

Planning activities were undertaken in Slovakia to ensure data for the environmental impact indicators to be assessed in 2019. Agreements were signed between the Managing Authority and the Soil Science and Conservation Research Institute (SSCRI) to transfer data on the trends in soil erosion and soil organic matter. In Lithuania, the Managing Authority signed an agreement with the Lithuanian Ornithological Society for a research on ´bird population in agricultural land´. The results of the study will be used for the AIR to be submitted in 2019, as well as in the RDP ex-post evaluation.

Preparatory activities included interviews with a small sample of RDP beneficiaries to test an online survey for the AIR to be submitted in 2019 in France (Picardie); the development of concepts and timeline for collecting additional indicators linked to agri-environmental measures for the AIR in 2019 and the ex post evaluation in 2024 (Thuringen, Germany). In United Kingdom (England), existing surveys were explored to carry out the counterfactual analysis of socio-economic schemes in 2019 (e.g. Farm Business Survey, Farm Practices Survey, and Longitudinal Small Business Survey).

Conducting activities (i.e. data collection, analysis, quality check) were reported from Finland (Mainland) and concerned the collection and publication of the updated values for the common CAP and RDP impact indicators (link). Information on the collection of data on the Common Impact Indicators 35 (Farmland birds index) was reported also from Croatia and Slovenia.

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3.4   Sub-section d): list of completed evaluations, including references to where they have been published online

The annex presents the full list of completed evaluations across topics, including hyperlinks.

The number of completed evaluations (192) increased by 28% compared to 2017 and the overall majority (89%) was published online. More than half of the completed evaluations (66%) were linked to the *major EU evaluation milestones and requirements* (i.e. 8% to ex post evaluations of RDPs 2007 – 2013, 6% to the ex-ante evaluation of RDPs 2007 – 2013, 43% to enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017, and 9% to the preparation of the enhanced AIRs to be submitted in 2019).

Furthermore, *self-standing evaluations on other specific RPD aspects* were reported (27%), such as delivery mechanisms, financial instruments, technical assistance, as well as evaluations on *other rural issues* (7%), such as rural tourism and biodiversity.

More than half of the completed evaluations (67%) were directly linked to the RDP priorities and focus areas as shown in Figure 8 (see orange bars).

Figure 8.   Completed evaluations across main topics (N=192)
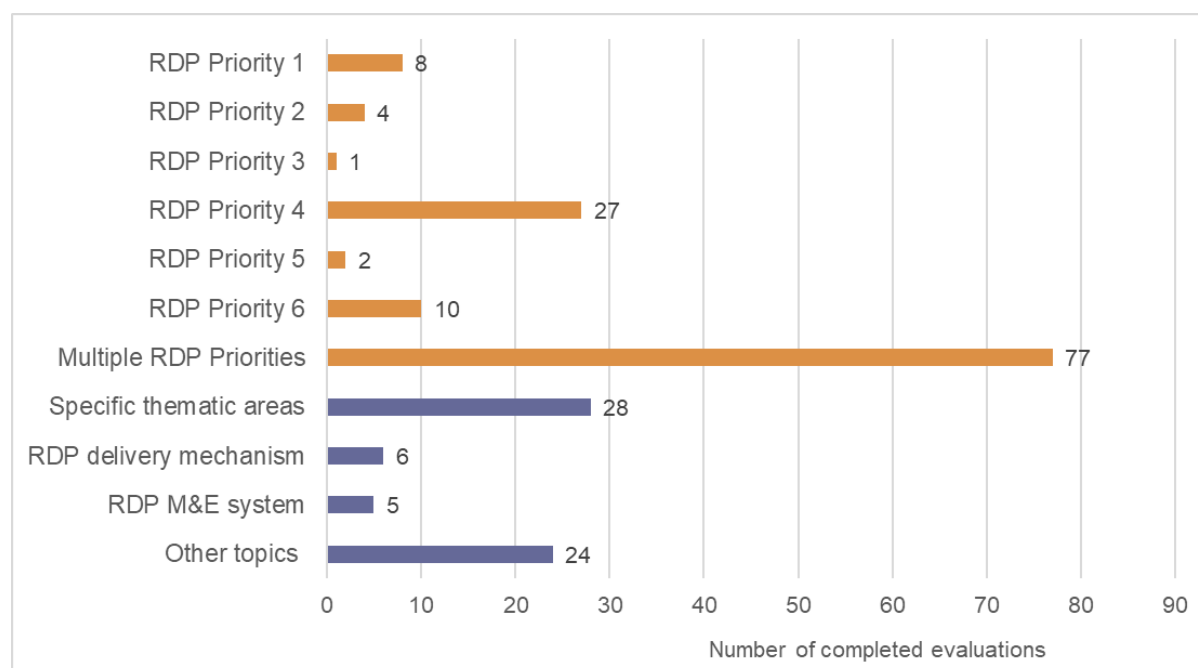
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

Within this group, the highest number of completed evaluations concerned *multiple* RDP priorities and focus areas (77), due to the high number of enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017 which were reported by many Member States in sub-section d). Many completed evaluations (27) covered the RDP Priority 4 "*Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems*". Relatively few evaluations have been completed in relation to Priority 6 ´*Social inclusion and economic development*' (10), Priority 1 ´*Knowledge transfer and innovation*´ (8), Priority 2 '*Farm viability and competitiveness*' (4), Priority 5 ´*Resource-efficient, climate-resilient economy*' (2), and Priority 3 '*Food chain organisation and risk management*' (1).

In addition, completed evaluations (28) were reported also on specific thematic areas, such as innovation (e.g. BE Flanders), environment (e.g. ES Castilla-Mancha, FI – Mainland), and climate change (e.g. UK England). To a lower extent, completed evaluations addressed also the RDP management and delivery mechanism (6), RDP monitoring and evaluation system (5), or other topics (24), such as studies on certain rural issues and dynamics (e.g. biodiversity, rural tourism, impacts of RDPs 2007 – 2013).

3.5   Sub-section e): summary of completed evaluations, focusing on evaluation findings

The extent of reporting on evaluations findings showed an overall increase: 79 AIRs contained summaries of completed evaluations (compared to 65 in 2017). Within these summaries, 471 distinct evaluation findings could be identified covering different topics, as shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9.   Reported evaluation findings across topics (N=471)
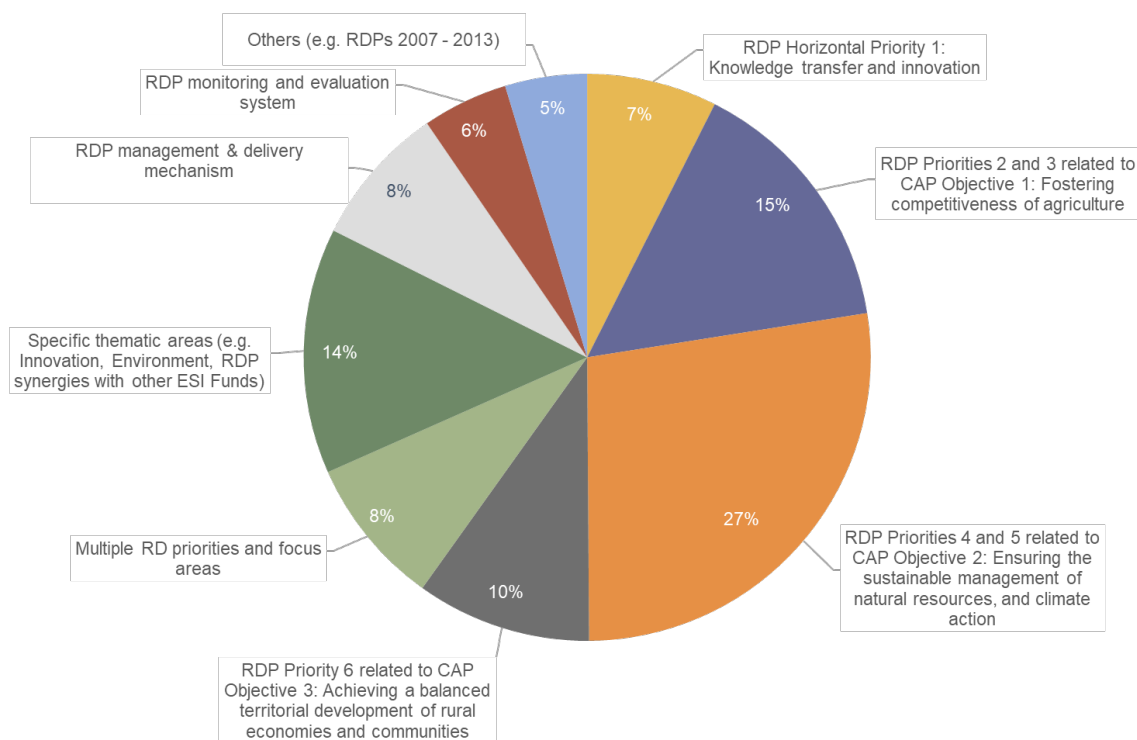
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Following the distribution pattern of the completed evaluations presented above, also more than half of the reported evaluation findings (67%) were linked to one or more RDP priorities and focus areas. Among these evaluation findings, the highest share concerned again the RDP Priority 4 '*Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems*' (21%), followed by Priority 2 '*Farm viability and competitiveness'* (11%), Priority 6 *´Social inclusion and economic development*' (10%), Priority 1 *´Knowledge transfer and innovation´* (7%), Priority 5 *´Resource-efficient, climate-resilient economy*' (6%), and Priority 3 '*Food chain organisation and risk management*' (4%). Evaluation findings covering multiple RDP priorities and focus areas (8%) concerned more general aspects of the RDP 2014 - 2020, such as the internal and external coherence of the RDP intervention logic (ES Madrid), good practices observed across the supported projects (ES Aragon), and the challenges in achieving the targets set up in the RDP (SI). Box 2 provides an overview of reported findings linked to the RDP priorities and focus areas.

Figure 9 shows that further 14% of the evaluation findings were connected to other *specific thematic areas*, such as EIP-AGRI operational groups, NRN, innovation, or RDP synergies with other ESI funds. To a smaller extent, evaluation findings covered the *RDP management and delivery mechanism* (8%), *RDP monitoring and evaluation system* (6%), and other *topics* (5%), such as ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007 - 2013.

Box 2. **Overview of reported findings linked to the RDP priorities and focus areas**

o For **CAP Objective 1: Fostering competitiveness of agriculture** the evaluation findings (15% of the total), covered both the implementation and the achievements of RDP Priority 2 and 3. Member States were able to capture the trends in farm productivity and modernisation in supported farms (e.g. ES Navarra, FR Bourgogne), the changes in the farm net value added (e.g. AT, BG, ES Galicia), the contributions to the generational renewal (e.g. ES Galicia, ES La Rioja, IT Bolzano), as well as observations on the level of uptake registered in 2017 (e.g. CZ, ES Extremadura, FR Auvergne).

o For **CAP Objective 2: Ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, and climate action** the evaluation findings (27%) addressed the implementation and achievements of RDP Priority 4 and 5. In relation to RDP Priority 4, several Member States reported on the trends of the Farmland Bird Indicator (e.g. CY, EE, SI), the changes in the content and dynamics of soil nitrates and sulphates (e.g. EE, DE Saxony, IT Piedmont), and the implementation of agri-environmental schemes (UK England, FR Mayotte, ES La Rioja). For RDP Priority 5, evaluation findings demonstrated the RDP support to carbon conservation and capture (e.g. ES Galicia, ES Navarra, SK), the effects on carbon emissions' reductions (e.g. IT Trento, PL), renewable energy (e.g. LV, ES La Rioja), and investments in energy efficiency and water management (e.g. ES Murcia, FR Bourgogne, IT Bolzano).

o For **CAP Objective 3: Achieving a balanced territorial development of rural economies and communities** the evaluation findings (10%) mainly described the implementation of Priority 6, with a focus on LEADER/CLLD (e.g. PT Madeira, BG, EL, ES Valencia) and the support given to Local Action Groups for implementing, monitoring and evaluating the LEADER/CLLD strategies (e.g. PT Azores, IT Puglia, HR, CY).

o The findings related to the horizontal **RDP Priority 1**: **Knowledge transfer and innovation** concerned the level of uptake (e.g. IT Puglia, ES Galicia), the selection criteria and aspects of the RDP delivery mechanism (IT Bolzano, ES Navarra, IT Trento), as well as the positive contributions towards all RDP priorities (e.g. PT Mainland).

o Evaluation findings covering **multiple RDP priorities and focus areas** (8%) concerned more general aspects of the RDP 2014 - 2020, such as the internal and external coherence of the RDP intervention logic (ES Madrid), good practices observed across the supported projects (ES Aragon), and the challenges in achieving the targets set up in the RDP (SI).

The reported findings on **specific thematic areas** concerned for example the RDP effects on enhancing, conserving, maintaining, or detracting rural landscape (UK England); gender sensitive projects which promote social inclusions and poverty reduction (DE Saxony); the role of the NRN in increasing the participation of stakeholders in RDP activities and projects, as well promoting innovation in the agri-food and forestry sectors (e.g. BE Flanders, ES National, RO); the consistency and synergies between RDP and other regional policies (e.g. FR Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur), and the contribution of technical assistance to the RDP management and evaluation (e.g. CY, ES Valencia, etc.).

The findings on the **RDP management and delivery mechanism** covered multiple aspects of the RDP implementation, such as: the level of uptake, selection criteria, and committed expenditure of several RDP measures (UK Scotland, IT National Rural Network, FR Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur), as well as the level of satisfactions among beneficiaries (e.g. DE Schleswig-Holstein).

Evaluation findings on the **RDP monitoring and evaluation system** discussed the quality of additional indicators for assessing the RDP communication strategy and achievements (e.g. PL, UK England), the availability of indicators to assess the secondary contributions of RDP focus areas (e.g. ES Castilla-Leon); and the data and information system (e.g. PT Azores, AT, ES Murcia).

Finally, evaluation findings were reported also in relation to **other topics**, such as the ex-ante evaluation of financial instruments (IT Calabria), the suitability of the integrated territorial development approach to respond to the needs and specificities of the territory (FR Pays de la Loire); or the analysis of the social media used by the farmers (BE Flanders).

3.6 Sub-section f): Description of communication activities undertaken in relation to publicising evaluation findings

The communication activities in relation to publicising evaluation findings increased by 23% compared to the previous reporting period. In total, 344 communication activities were reported in 2018, reaching out to 3.97 million stakeholders. Figure 10 shows that the stakeholders were reached mainly through websites (3.04 million), publications and evaluation reports (0.23 million), but also through other channels (e.g. written consultations, newsletters etc.)

Figure 10. **Communication activities and stakeholders reached per type of channel (N=344)**
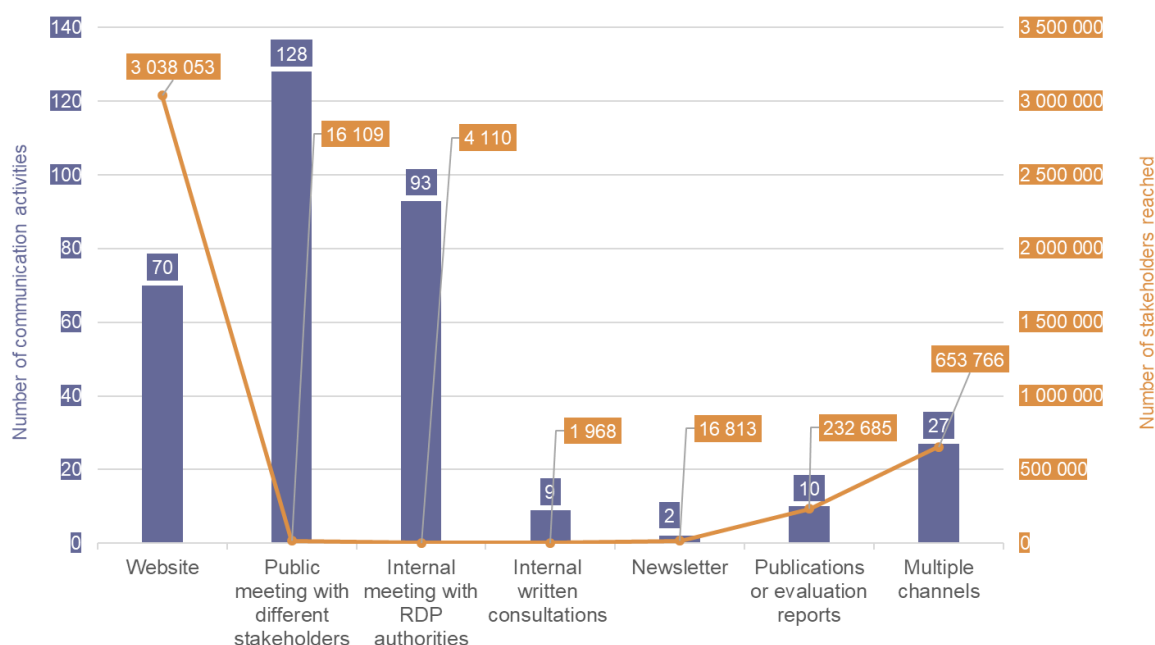
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

The most frequently used communication channels included public meetings such as workshops and conferences (128 reported activities), internal meetings involving the RDP Managing Authority, Monitoring Committee, Evaluation Steering Groups, or Paying Agency (93 activities), and the website (70 activities). To a lower extent, communications were implemented through multiple channels (27), publications or evaluation reports (10), internal written consultations (9), and newsletters (2).

Most of the communication activities were organized by the RDP Managing Authority (47%), followed by national or regional governmental authorities (13%), research institutions (9%), National Rural Networks (8%). Other stakeholders, such as LAG networks, RDP Monitoring Committee and evaluation steering groups organized the remaining 23% of communication activities.

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The 344 communication activities addressed different target groups, as shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11.   Communication activities per type of targets (N=344)
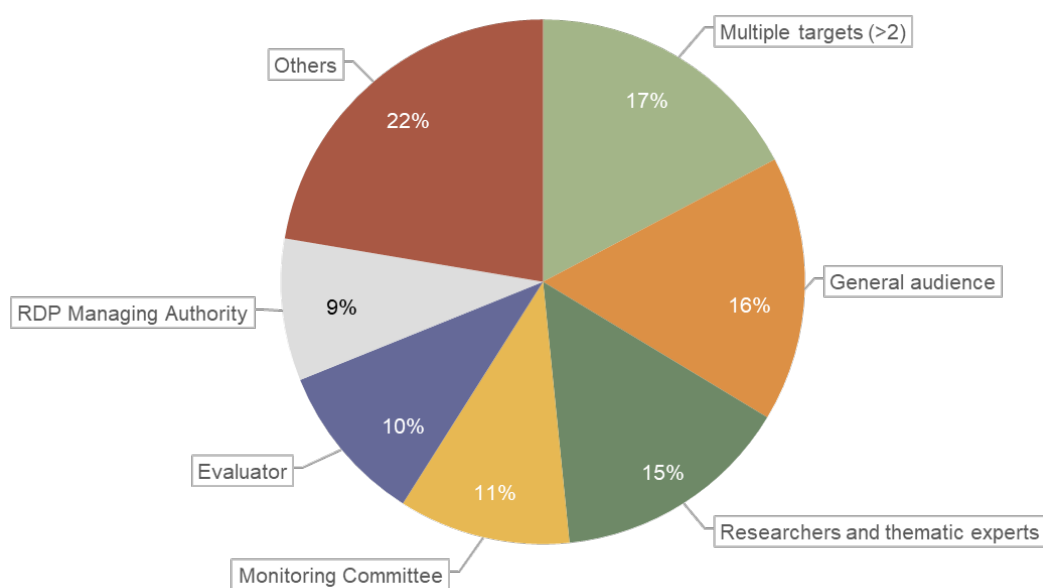
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

Figure 11 shows that the largest shares of communication activities addressed more than one target group (17%) and the general audience (16%), Furthermore, the communication activities targeted researchers and thematic experts (15%), Monitoring Committee (11%), evaluators (10%) and the Managing Authority (9%). Other stakeholders were targeted to a smaller extent (22% in total). These include: Local Action Groups, National Rural Networks, European Innovation Partnership – Operation Groups, National or regional authorities (e.g. ministries, paying agencies), RDP beneficiaries, and RDP evaluation steering groups.

3.7   Sub-section g): description of the follow-up given to evaluation results

The follow-up given to evaluation results increased by more than three times compared to the numbers reported in the AIRs submitted in 2017 (from 169 to 544 in 2018). Almost three quarters of the reported follow-up activities were based on the findings obtained from the enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017, 10% based on self-standing evaluations on the RDP management and delivery mechanism, and still 9% on the ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007-2013, as well as on other completed evaluations (e.g. ex-ante evaluation of RDPs 2014-2020).

Figure 12 shows the distribution of follow-up activities given to evaluation results according to different type of actions.

Figure 12.   Reported follow-up activities given to evaluation results (N=544)
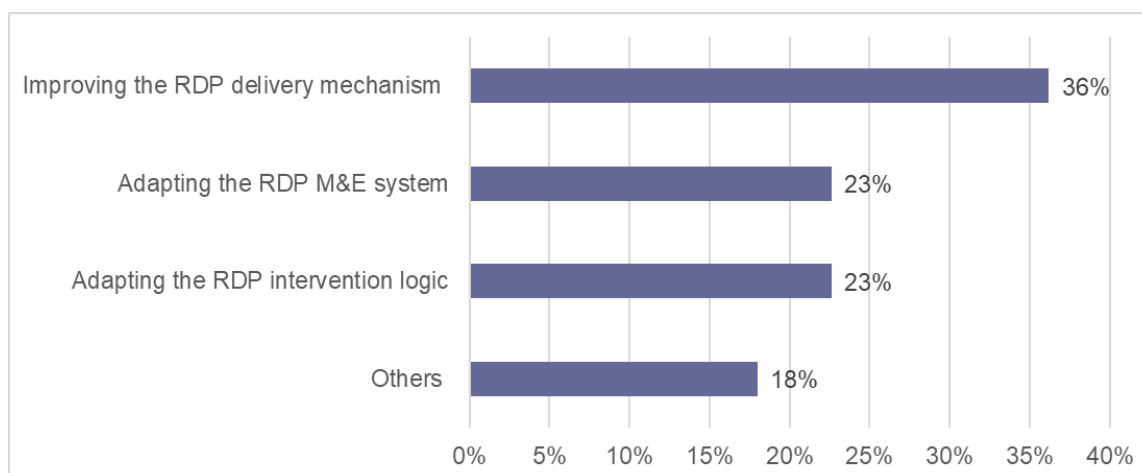
Source: European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development (2018)

More than one third of the follow-up activities (36%) aimed at improvements in the RDP delivery mechanisms, such as aligning timelines and accelerating procedures (e.g. CZ, ES Madrid), designing or updating the RDP communication strategy (in CY and PL), and streamlining administrative procedures for the selection of beneficiaries (e.g. DE Brandenburg/Berlin, DE Saxony).

The second largest share of follow-up activities (23%) concerned adjustments of the RDP intervention logic, such as modifying the financial allocation to RDP measures (e.g. CZ, ES Andalucía, IT Veneto), adapting the selection criteria (e.g. IT Piedmont, DE Bayern), or changing RDP targets (DE Sachsen-Anhalt).

To the same extent (23%), follow up activities dealt with adaptations of the RDP monitoring and evaluation system, e.g. reviewing indicators (e.g. ES Murcia, LU, PL), providing capacity building actions (e.g. PL, FI – Mainland), fine tuning evaluation concepts (e.g. DE Thuringen), revising or designing evaluation methods (DE Sachsen-Anhalt), and planning and preparing the enhanced AIRs to be submitted in 2019 (ES Castilla-Mancha, SI, IE).

18% of the reported follow-ups concerned 'other' types of activities, such as drawing general conclusions and recommendations, describing lessons learned or evaluation findings, or providing justifications for not undertaking any follow-up activities.

4 OVERALL ASSESSMENT

4.1 Summary assessment on the implementing of the evaluation plans in 2018

Based on the information reported in the AIRs submitted in 2018, it can be concluded that **most of the Member States made substantial progress in implementing the evaluation plan**. This can be observed in the higher number of evaluation activities, completed evaluations, communication activities and follow-ups reported in 2018 compared to the previous reporting period.

The evaluation activities undertaken by the Member States in 2017 dealt largely with preparing and conducting evaluations (57% in total), especially for the AIRs submitted in 2017. On the other hand, the number of reported activities concerning planning and coordinating evaluations decreased compared to the previous reporting period (-31%). Activities on disseminating findings from the ex post evaluations of RDP 2007 – 2013 or ex-ante evaluations of RDP 2014 – 2014 were also reported in several cases.

A slightly higher number of activities in relation to data provision and management was reported in 2018 (from 281 in 2017 to 298 activities). The reported activities on data collection almost doubled compared to the previous reporting period. To a similar extent, activities on building or updating the RDP data and information system were also reported (77). While most of the activities dealt with planning, preparing, and implementing the data management systems for the AIRs submitted in 2017, Member States reported also numerous activities focused on the AIRs to be submitted in 2019 (e.g. signing agreements with data providers, preparing surveys, collect impact indicators).

The number of completed evaluations increased compared to the previous reporting period (+28%). Although a great number of completed evaluations were linked to the major EU evaluation milestones and requirements (i.e. ex post and ex-ante evaluations or AIRs), the Member States conducted also numerous self-standing evaluations related to other RDP aspects or rural issues (e.g. delivery mechanism, monitoring and evaluation, biodiversity).

The reported evaluation findings addressed several topics and were focused on different level of analysis (e.g. impacts, results, outputs). Following the same trends observed in the completed evaluations in terms of topics addressed, most of the findings were linked to the RDP priorities and focus area, especially RDP Priority 4 "*Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems*".

The number of reported communication activities significantly increased (+23%) compared to the previous reporting period, reaching out to 3.97 million stakeholders. The most frequently used communication channels were: *public meetings* such as conference and workshop; *internal meetings* involving the RDP Managing Authorities, Monitoring Committee, and Evaluation Steering Groups; and *websites*. Many of these activities were targeted to a wider audience and multiple target groups (e.g. researchers, evaluators, beneficiaries, citizens).

The number of follow-ups given to evaluation findings largely increased (from 169 to 544), and one quarter of the reported follow-up activities were based on the findings obtained from the enhanced AIRs submitted in 2017. Follow-up activities were reported in relation to improving the RDP delivery mechanism, adapting the RDP monitoring and evaluation system, and adjusting the RDP intervention logic.

4.2 Specific areas to be observed

Despite the overall increase in the number of information reported in the AIRs submitted in 2018, specific areas of improvement can be observed with a view of better reporting on the progress in

implementing the RDP evaluation plan. Specifically, the analysis of the information reported in Chapter 2 was challenging in the following situations:

- Reported information sometimes referred to calendar years different from 2017;

- Unnecessary repetitions across various sub-sections of Chapter 2, e.g. between the abstracts of completed evaluations in sub-section d) and the summary of completed evaluations, with a focus on findings, in sub-section e);

- Missing hyperlinks to published evaluations or communication activities, or reported hyperlinks that lead to generic websites in which the right information is difficult to access;

- Conclusions and recommendations were reported instead of clear follow-up activities in section g).

4.3   Recommendations on better reporting

Based on the specific areas observed above, the following recommendations for better reporting in the AIRs can be given to Member States:

- Report only the information corresponding to the previous calendar year (i.e. the progress made in 2018 should be reported in the AIRs to be submitted in 2019);

- Describe evaluation activities in a synthetic and straightforward manner (e.g. avoid describing the whole process behind a main activity);

- Avoid repetitions among sub-sections. For instance, do not repeat the same information in the abstracts of completed evaluations to be reported in sub-section d) and in the summaries of completed evaluations to be reported in sub-section e).

- In sub-section e), the summary should focus mainly on findings, possibly described in a concise and systematic manner (e.g. provide numbers with a unit of measurement);

- Ensure that the reported hyperlinks work, and that the information can be easily accessed;

- In sub-section g), focus only on follow-up actions undertaken, without listing the conclusions and recommendations of evaluations.

5   ANNEX - COMPLETED EVALUATIONS REPORTED IN SUB-SECTION D)

Table 1. This annex illustrates the completed evaluations included by the Member States in the Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) submitted in 2018, Chapter 2, Sub-section d) List of completed evaluations, including references to where they have been published online. For each completed evaluation, the annex provides information on the related Rural Development Programme (RDP), publisher, title of the evaluation, year of publication, language, and reference. Moreover, completed evaluations have been listed according to different topics (see below). **Evaluations covering RDP Priority 1:** *Knowledge transfer and innovation* **and Innovation as RDP cross-cutting objective.**

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Innovation in Flemish agriculture and horticulture. Results of the Agricultural Monitoring Network	2017	BE - Flemish	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/voorlichting-info/publicaties/studies/innovatie-en-toekomst/innovatie-de-vlaamse-land-en-tuinbouw
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Analysis of the implementation of the EIP-AGRI in Saxony	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Guidance with explanations on the EIP-application	N.A.	DE	https://www.smul.sachsen.de/foerderung/4771.htm
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Analysis of the implementation of the funding programme "Knowledge transfer" in Saxony and comparison of the funding conditions in all programme areas 2014-2020	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
EE	Tallinn University of Technology, Department of Economy	Mapping and analysing of different knowledge transfer and Information actions' costs in the frame of Estonian RDP 2014-2020 Measure: Knowledge Transfer and Information actions	2017	EE	N.A.
ES LA RIOJA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment. General Directorate of Rural	Evaluation of the potential of the RDP to promote innovation	2018	ES	http://www.larioja.org/larioja-client/cm/agricultura/images?idMmedia=990222

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
	Development. Government of La Rioja				
FI - Mainland	Consultancy for Regional Development MDI	Assessment of implementation, results and preliminary impacts of the Farm Advisory Services of Mainland Finland RDP 2014-2020. Progress report. February 2017 and April 2018.	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/vaikutukset/arviointi/arviointi-neuvonta/
IT PIEMONTE	IRES Piedmont (Socio-Economic Research Institute)	Knowledge and training needs in agriculture for Piedmont - Final report	2017	IT	http://www.regione.piemonte.it/agri/psr2014_20/valutazione.htm
IT Provincia Autonoma di TRENTO	Managing Authority	5th Monitoring Committee of RDP 2014-2020	2017	IT	http://www.psr.provincia.tn.it/Sviluppo-Rurale-2014-2020/Gestione-e-Controllo/Comitato-di-Sorveglianza/Sedute-Comitato-di-Sorveglianza
NL	Bureau Bartels	Evaluation of the implementation of Measure 16 in RDP III	2017	NL	https://regiebureau-pop.eu/sites/default/files/field/file-attachment/CvT%20bijlage%206.3%20eindrapport%20Evaluatie%20POP3%20Maatregel%2016_0.pdf

Table 2. **RDP Priority 2:** *Farm viability and competitiveness* **and RDP Priority 3**: *Food chain marketing, animal welfare, risk management*

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Calculation economic impact in RDP III	2017	BE - Flemish	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/voorlichting-info/publicaties-cijfers/studies/beleid/berekening-economische-impact-pdpo-iii-2017
DE BRANDENBURG/BERLIN	Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture	Animal welfare in the support of individual investments	2017	DE	www.eler.brandenburg.de

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
FI - Mainland	Pellervo Economic Research PTT	Evaluation of the results and impacts of the Mainland Finland RDP into the competitiveness of the agricultural sector	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/vaikutukset/arviointi/kilpailukukyvaikutusten-arviointi/
IE	IGEES Unit, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform	Spending Review 2017: Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Schemes II	2017	EN	https://igees.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Targeted-Agricultural-Modernisation-Schemes-II-Part-of-the-Spending-Review-2017.pdf
LV	AREI (Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics)	Development opportunities and recommended solutions for small and medium size farms in the context of the RDP	2017	LV	http://www.arei.lv/sites/arei/files/files/lapas/Mazo%20un%20videjo%20saimniecibu_attistiba_2017.dec_.pdf

Table 3. RDP Priority 4: *Ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry* and RDP Priority 5: *Resource efficiency, and climate resilient economy*

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
CY	RDP Managing Authority	Provision of services for the Farmland Bird Indicator and the Common Bird Index for the year 2017	2017	EL/CY	N.A.
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Agri-environmental and climate measures: exploration of six Western European regions.	2017	BE - Flemish	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/voorlichting-info/publicaties-cijfers/studies/landbouw-en-omgeving/agromilieu-en-klimaatmaatregelen
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	RDP III focuses on ecosystem services	2017	BE - Flemish	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/voorlichting-info/publicaties-cijfers/studies/landbouw-en-omgeving/pdpo-iii-zet-op
DE BRANDENBURG/BERLIN	Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture	Assessment of biodiversity effects of ecological priority areas in Brandenburg	2017	DE	www.eler.brandenburg.de
DE THURINGEN	Ministry for Infrastructure and Agriculture	Contributions of Ecological Focus Areas in Thuringia to biodiversity objectives	2017	DE	https://www.thueringen.de/th9/tmil/lawi/eler/eler2014-2020/

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
EE	Agricultural Research Centre	Report of studies carried out in 2017 for ongoing evaluation of RDP 2014-2020 priorities 4 and 5	2018	EE	http://pmk.agri.ee/mak/aruanded-2014-2020/
EE	EE University of Life Sciences	Designing standard unit prices for the supports payable in the frame of EE RDP 2014-2020 measure 08 'Support for investment in the development of forest areas and for the improvement of sustainability of forests'	2018	EE	http://www.eramets.ee/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Metsamajanduslike-tegevuste-u%CC%88hikuhinnad-2017.pdf
EE	Agricultural Research Centre.	Evaluation report of Estonian RDP 2014-2020 measures of priorities 4 and 5, 3rd priority measure animal welfare and 2nd priority activity 'Restoration of stone walls' for 2017.	2018	EE	http://pmk.agri.ee/mak/aruanded-2014-2020/
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development.	Calculation of the common indicator of context nº35: Farmland birds, included in the RDP of Castilla-La Mancha for the programming period. 2014-2020. Update 2017.	2017	ES	Internal Report
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Office of Climate Change of the Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development.	Actions for the promotion and development of the low-carbon rural economy in Castilla-La Mancha	2017	ES	http://www.castillalamancha.es/gobierno/agrimedambydesrur/estructura/ofcacli/actuaciones/promoci%C3%B3n-de-la-econom%C3%ADa-baja-en-carbono-en-el-medio-rural
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development.	Re-evaluation of the Vulnerable Areas to the pollution of nitrates of agrarian origin	N.A.	ES	Internal Report
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development.	Identification and monitoring of Areas of High Nature Value	N.A.	ES	Internal Report

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
FR MAYOTTE	N.A.	Technical and Financial Feasibility study of the Agro-Environmental and Climatic Measures (AECM) of the Rural Development Program (RDP) 2014-2020 of Mayotte	N.A.	FR	http://daaf.mayotte.agriculture.gouv.fr/Evaluation-sur-les-mesures
FR MAYOTTE	N.A.	Agro-Environmental and Climatic Measures: Evaluation Report	N.A.	FR	http://daaf.mayotte.agriculture.gouv.fr/Evaluation-sur-les-mesures
HR	NGO Biom	Analysis of data on Common Bird Species in agricultural habitats and calculation of common agri-environmental indicator of RDP: CCI 35. Population index of common bird species in agricultural habitats for 2017	2017	HR	https://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/FBI-2017-izračun.pdf
HR	NGO Biom	Field data collection on Common Bird Species on agricultural habitats for calculating the common agri-environmental indicator of PRR: CCI 35. Population index of common bird species in agricultural habitats for 2017	2017	HR	https://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/documents/FBI-izvje%C5%A1taj-za-terensko-prikupljanje-2017.pdf
HR	NGO Biom	Analysis of data on Common Bird Species in agricultural habitats and calculation of common agri-environmental indicator of PRR: CCI 35. Population index of common bird species in agricultural habitats for 2016	2017	HR	https://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/BIOM_farmland_bird_printani-i-predano_za_objavu.pdf
HR	Faculty of Agriculture (AF) of the University of Zagreb and Oikon Ltd. - Institute for applied ecology (Oikon)	Assessment of the Common Agricultural and Environmental Indicators RDP 2014-2020, along with a description / methodology for their	2015	HR	http://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/documents/Evaluacijsko-izvjesce_final.pdf

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
		calculation and recommendations for future monitoring			
HR	HR Society for Bird and Nature Protection	Field data collection on Common Bird Species on agricultural habitats for the purpose of calculating the common agri-environmental indicator of PRR: CCI 35. Population index of common bird species in agricultural habitats for 2017	2016	HR	http://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/documents/Izvješće-o-prebrojavanju-ptica.pdf
IE	DAFM / ADAS UK Ltd.	Model Evaluation of GLAS (Green Low Carbon Agri Environment Scheme): Report on Baseline Pollutant Losses	2017	EN	https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/ruralenvironment/ruraldevelopment/ruraldevelopmentprogramme2014-2020/GLASEvaluationBaselineReportModellingPollutantLosses181017.pdf
IE	DAFM / ADAS UK Ltd.	Baseline Analysis of Actions under GLAS (Green Low Carbon Agri Environment Scheme): Full Report	2018	EN	https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/ruralenvironment/ruraldevelopment/ruraldevelopmentprogramme2014-2020/GLASEvaluationBaselineReportFieldSurvey28032018.pdf
LV	AREI (Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics)	Assessment of Soil Quality Indicators in Areas Supported by various RDP 2014-2020 Measures	2017	LV	http://www.arei.lv/sites/arei/files/files/lapas/LAP_pasakumu_ietekme_uz_augsnes_raditajiem_2017.pdf
LV	AREI (Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics)	Societies of Ground Beetles and Rove Beetles in Conventionally and Organically Farmed Agrocenozis	2017	LV	http://www.arei.lv/sites/arei/files/files/lapas/Skrejvabolu_monitorings_LAP_pasakumi.pdf
SE	SE Board of Agriculture	Changes in the quality of meadows and pastures with or without the agri-environmental support	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/utv174.html
SE	SE Board of Agriculture	What measures should be taken to improve conditions for Farmland Birds	2017	EN	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/utv175.html

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
		in Sweden, as reflected in the Farmland Bird Index?			
SI	DOPPS – Bird Life Slovenia	Monitoring of Common Bird Species for the determination of Slovene Farmland Bird Index - partial report for the year 2017	2017	SI	https://www.program-podezelja.si/images/SPLETNA_STRAN_PRP_NOVA/1_PRP_2014-2020/1_4_Spremljanje_in_vrednotenje/4_Monitoringi/ptice/SIPKK_2017_poro%C4%8Dilo_s_prilogami.pdf
SI	Centre for cartography of fauna and flora	Monitoring of selected target butterfly species in year 2017	2017	SI	https://www.program-podezelja.si/images/SPLETNA_STRAN_PRP_NOVA/1_PRP_2014-2020/1_4_Spremljanje_in_vrednotenje/4_Monitoringi/metulji/Monitoring_metulji_2017.pdf
SI	DOPPS – Bird Life Slovenia	Monitoring of the populations of selected target bird species in Natura 2000 sites in year 2017	2017	SI	https://www.program-podezelja.si/images/SPLETNA_STRAN_PRP_NOVA/1_PRP_2014-2020/1_4_Spremljanje_in_vrednotenje/4_Monitoringi/ptice/Porocilo_monitoring_2017_corr.pdf
UK England	As yet unpublished	Farm Bird Survey 2016/17	N.A.	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk

Table 4. RDP Priority 6 *Social inclusion and economic development*, **with specific focus on CLLD/LEADER/LAGs**

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
PL	N.A.	Evaluation of monitoring and evaluation systems in community-led local development strategies (LDS) approved for implementation by Local Action Groups under the Leader approach implemented in the RDP 2014-2020	2017	PL and summary in EN	http://archiwum.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/61514/337819/version/1/file/Raport%20koncowy_Ewaluacja_LGD_7_04.pdf
DE SACHSEN-ANHALT	Ministry of Finance of the State of Saxony-Anhalt, Managing Authority EAFRD Ministry of Finance of the State of Saxony-Anhalt	Coherence Analysis of the Local Development Strategies 2014 - 2020 of the Local Action Groups	2016	DE	https://europa.sachsen-anhalt.de/esi-fonds-in-sachsen-anhalt/ueber-die-europaeischen-struktur-und-investitionsfonds/berichte-und-studien/bewertungsberichte/begleitung-und-bewertung-eplr/
DE THURINGEN	Ministry for Infrastructure and Agriculture	Coherence assessment of LEADER	2017	DE	https://www.thueringen.de/th9/tmil/lawi/eler/eler2014-2020/
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	Preparation of guidelines for the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of local development strategies for the 2014-2020 programming period.	2015	HR	http://ruralnirazvoj.hr/program/ostali-dokumenti/
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	LEADER in Saxony (short reports)	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Yearly documentation of the LEADER action groups	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Theme-specific analysis of the action plans of the LEADER Local Development Strategies	N.A.	DE	Internal Report

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Women in Rural Areas: What can LEADER do for women?	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Interactive LEADER map linking info factsheets to each LAG	N.A.	DE	https://www.smul.sachsen.de/laendlicher_raum/download/20180101_LEADER_Gebiete_mL_n.pdf
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology	Cultural monuments in LEADER funding and regional positioning in the LEADER development plans	N.A.	DE	https://www.smul.sachsen.de/laendlicher_raum/download/2017_08_16_Kulturdenkmale_in_LEADER_End.pdf

Table 5. Multiple RDP Priorities and Focus Areas

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
AT	Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	https://www.bmnt.gv.at/land/laendl_entwicklung/programmbegleitung/Zwischenbericht.html
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	BE - Flemish	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/voorlichting-info/publicaties/studies/beleid/programma-voor-plattelandsontwikkeling-vlaanderen-2014
BE - Wallonia	Public Service of Wallonia - PSW Directorate General of Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment Department of European Policies and International Agreements	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	https://agriculture.wallonie.be/rapports-annuels
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture CZ	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	CZ	http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/dotace/program-rozvoje-venkova-na-obdobi-2014/hodnoceni-a-monitoring/vyrocni-zpravy/vyrocni-zprava-za-rok-2016-soubor.html
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture CZ	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	CZ	http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/dotace/program-rozvoje-venkova-na-obdobi-2014/hodnoceni-

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
					a-monitoring/hodnoceni/prubezna-zprava-o-hodnoceni-prv-zari.html
DE BADEN-WURTTEMBERG	Ministry of Rural and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg	Evaluation of the Rural Development Measures and Development Programme 2014-2020 (MEPL III) - Evaluation Report 2017 (reference period 2014-2016)	2017	DE	https://www.landwirtschaft-bw.info/pb/MLR.Foerderung,Lde/Startseite/Agrarpolitik/Begleitung+und+Bewertung
DE BAYERN	Bavarian Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	http://www.stmelf.bayern.de/mam/cms01/agrarpolitik/dateien/eplr_durchfuehrungsbericht_2016.pdf
DE BAYERN	Bavarian Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry	Measure-specific evaluation of the RDP Bavaria	2017	DE	http://www.stmelf.bayern.de/mam/cms01/agrarpolitik/dateien/eplr_durchfuehrungsbericht_2016_massnahmenspezifisch.pdf
DE BRANDENBURG/BERLIN	Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	www.eler.brandenburg.de
DE MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	Association for Rural Development MVP	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	N.A.
DE RHEINLAND-PFALZ	Ministry of economy, traffic, agriculture and Viticulture	Ex-post evaluation of the programme "Agro-economy, Environment measures, Land development"	2016	DE	www.eler-eulle.rlp.de
DE SAARLAND	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2018	DE	www.eler.saarland.de
DE SAARLAND	RDP Managing Authority	On-going annual evaluation of the Rural Development Programme of the Saarland 2014 - 2020 for the calendar year 2016	2017	DE	http://www.saarland.de/211246.htm

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
DE SAARLAND	RDP Managing Authority	On-going annual evaluation of the Rural Development Programme of the Saarland 2014 - 2020, calendar years 2014 and 2015	2016	DE	http://www.saarland.de/211246.htm
DE SACHSEN-ANHALT	Ministry of Finance of the State of Saxony-Anhalt, Managing Authority EAFRD Ministry of Finance of the State of Saxony-Anhalt	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	https://europa.sachsen-anhalt.de/esi-fonds-in-sachsen-anhalt/ueber-die-europaeischen-struktur-und-investitionsfonds/berichte-und-studien/bewertungsberichte/begleitung-und-bewertung-eplr/
DE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Thuenen Institute of Rural Areas, Thuenen Institute of Farm Economics, Thuenen Institute of Forest Economics.	RDP Schleswig-Holstein 2014 - 2020, Analysis of Uptake and Implementation	2017	DE	https://www.eler-evaluierung.de/fileadmin/eler2/Publikationen/Projektberichte/5-Laender-Bewertung/2017/SH_Inanspruchnahme_Endversion.pdf
DE THURINGEN	Ministry for Infrastructure and Agriculture	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	DE	https://www.thueringen.de/th9/tmil/lawi/eler/eler2014-2020/
EE	EE University of Life Sciences, Institute of Economics and Social Sciences	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	EE	http://ms.emu.ee/userfiles/instituudid/ms/MSI%20failid/Uuringud/Lopparuanne_MAK_2014-2020_hindamine_2017.pdf
EL	Contracting Authority: Managing Authority RDP 2014-2020	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	EL	https://ead.gr/information/evaluation/annual-reports/
ES ANDALUCIA	Unit of Evaluation-DG European Funds + Technical assistance-external evaluators	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://juntadeandalucia.es/organismos/economiayconocimiento/areas/economia/fondos-europeos/paginas/programacion-fondo-agricola.html
ES ASTURIAS	Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios, S.A., (TRAGSATEC)	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	https://www.asturias.es/portal/site/webasturias/menuitem.4b280f8214549ead3e2d6f77f2300030/?vgnextoid=c11ba77bdf885410VgnVCM10000098030a0aRCRD&vgnextchannel=f1a07

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
					e1385dfe210VgnVCM10000097030a0aRCRD&i18n.http.lang=es
ES CASTILLA-LEON	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	https://agriculturaganaderia.jcyl.es/web/jcyl/AgriculturaGanaderia/es/Plantilla100/1284566609776/_/_/_
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	DG Rural Development- Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2016	ES	http://pdr.castillalamancha.es/sites/pdr.castillalamancha.es/files/documentos/pdf/20171221/informe_eval_2017.pdf
ES EXTREMADURA	Management Service of EU Funds, Ecorys Spain	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.juntaex.es/ddgg002/66
ES GALICIA	General Secretariat of the Department of Rural Development	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://mediorural.xunta.gal/areas/desenvolvemento_rural/pdr_2014_2020/avaliacion_e_seguemento
ES I CANARIAS	Evaluation included in the Enhanced AIR in 2017 of the Canarian RDP 2014-2020	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.pdrcanarias.org/images/docprograma1420/IEA/Implementation_report_2014ES06RDRP005_2016_0_es.pdf
ES LA RIOJA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment. General Directorate of Rural Development. Government of La Rioja	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.larioja.org/larioja-client/cm/agricultura/images?idMmedia=906564
ES MADRID	Independent evaluator	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM_InfPractica_FA&cid=1354306692536&idTema=1142598849879&language=es&pagename=ComunidadMadrid%2FEstructura&pid=1273078188154&pv=1354408188226
ES MADRID	Independent evaluator	Ex-ante evaluation of the RDP 2014-2020	2016	ES	http://madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM_InfPractica_FA&cid=1354306692536&idTema=1142598849879&language=es&pagename=Comunid

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ES MURCIA	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	https://pdr.carm.es/web/pdr/informes-de-ejecucion-anual-ampliados
ES national programme	Ministry of Agriculture	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/programas-ue/periodo-2014-2020/programas-de-desarrollo-rural/programa-nacional/
ES NAVARRA	Department of Rural Development, Environment and Local Administration	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.navarra.es/NR/rdonlyres/86815038-FE6D-404A-9A29-3C27FCCBF013/386634/Evaluacioninformeej ecucionanualPDR20142020Ano2016.pdf
ES PAIS VASCO	University of the Basque Country (UPV /EHU)	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.euskadi.eus/informacion/osoa-documentacion/web01-a2osoa/es/
ES VALENCIA	Valencia Institute for Economic Research	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	ES	http://www.avfga.gva.es/es/avaluacions
FI - Aland	Regional Government of Åland Islands/Nord-region. The Statistical Office of Åland Islands	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2018	SE	http://www.regeringen.ax/naringsliv-foretagande/lantbruk/landsbygdsutvecklings-programmet
FI - Mainland	Consultancy for Regional Development MDI	Impact evaluation of the national and coordination projects of the Mainland Finland RDP 2007–2013 and 2014–2020	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/va ikutukset/arviointi/valtakunnallisten-ja-koordinaatiohankkeiden-arviointi/
FR ALSACE	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	http://europe-en-alsace.eu/actualites/ramofeader2017/
FR AUVERGNE	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017 conducted jointly with the Rhône-Alpes RDP	2017	FR	https://www.europe-en-auvergnerhonealpes.eu/documents?fichier_fo

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					nds=FEADER&fichier_programmes=PDR+FEADER&nature=Publications+et+brochures
FR BOURGOGNE	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	https://www.europe-bfc.eu/je-minforme/la-vie-des-programmes/suivi-mise-en-oeuvre/
FR FRANCHE-COMTE	Region of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	Chapter 7 of the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	https://www.europe-bfc.eu/je-minforme/la-vie-des-programmes/suivi-mise-en-oeuvre/
FR GUYANE	Territorial Community of Guyana	RDP Evaluation Guide for the general public	2017	FR	http://europe-guyane.fr/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Guide-Evaluation-versiongrand-public.pdf
FR GUYANE	Territorial Community of Guyana	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	http://europe-guyane.fr/wpcontent/uploads/2017/08/Rapport_final_MEO_PDRG_24novembre2017.pdf
FR LORRAINE	None	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	http://europe-en-lorraine.eu/leurope-sengage-grand-feader/
FR RHONE-ALPES	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	FR	https://www.europe-en-auvergnerhonealpes.eu/documents?fichier_fonds=FEADER&fichier_programmes=PDR+FEADER&nature=Publications+et+brochures
FR Rural Network	Ministry (internal)	Mid-Term evaluation conducted by Action-Environment for AIR 2016	2017	FR	https://www.reseaurural.fr/sites/default/files/documents/fichiers/201710/2017_rrf_rapport_annuel_de_mise_en_oeuvre_du_RRN_2016.pdf
HU	Agricultural Research Institute	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	HU	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/vidkfejlesztsi-program-vp
HU	Agricultural Research Institute	Calculation of the context and result indicators of the RDP	2017	HU	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/vidkfejlesztsi-program-vp

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
HU	Agricultural Research Institute	Determination of the calculation method of the context, result and impact indicators of RDP 2014-2020	2017	HU	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/vidkfejlesztsi-program-vp
HU	Agricultural Research Institute	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	HU	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/vidkfejlesztsi-program-vp
IT ABRUZZO	Economics, Development, and Environment	Chapter 7 of the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	www.regione.abruzzo.it
IT BASILICATA	Regional Public Investments Evaluation and Assessment Unit	Chapter 7 of the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://europa.basilicata.it/feasr/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/4RAA-2016-20giugno.pdf
IT CALABRIA	Calabria Region Department for agriculture and food resources	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/images/pdf/monitoraggio/RAA%202016/Implementation%20report_2014IT06RDRP018_2016_1_it_AMMISSIBILE.pdf
IT CALABRIA	Calabria Region Department for agriculture and food resources	Ex-ante evaluation of RDP 14/20	N.A.	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/psr1420/images/stories/psr_2014_2020/documenti/allegati/vea/VEA_FINAL_REPORT.PDF
IT FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.regione.fvg.it/rafvg/export/sites/default/RAFVG/GEN/programmazione/FOGLIA23/allegati/24082017_1_RAPPORTO_ESTESO_2017.pdf
IT LAZIO	Evaluation Unit who verifies the public investment of Lazio Region	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	www.lazioeuropa.it
IT LOMBARDIA	Agriconsulting Spa	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.psr.regione.lombardia.it/wps/portal/PROUE/FEASR
IT MARCHE	Regional department for Agricultural Policy	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.regione.marche.it/Entra-in-Regione/Psr-Marche/Psr-2014-2020/Monitoraggio#Relazioni-annuali

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
IT PIEMONTE	Piemonte Region - Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017 (Chapter 7)	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.regione.piemonte.it/agri/psr2014_20/monitoraggio.htm
IT Provincia Autonoma di BOLZANO	RTI IZI Apollis	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.provinz.bz.it/land-forstwirtschaft/landwirtschaft/downloads/Valutazione_expost_PSR07_13(2).pdf
IT Provincia Autonoma di TRENTO	IZI Spa Roma	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.psr.provincia.tn.it/Sviluppo-Rurale-2014-2020/Gestione-e-Controllo/Valutazione
IT SARDEGNA	Lattanzio Advisory Public Sector	Ex-ante evaluation of RDP 2014-2020	2015	IT	http://www.regione.sardegna.it/speciali/programmasvilupporurale/psr-20142020/il-programma/valutazione-ex-ante
IT SICILIA	Sicily Region	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	IT	http://www.psrsicilia.it/2014-2020/psr-sicilia-2014-2020/comitato-di-sorveglianza/
IT SICILIA	Sicily Region	Ex-ante evaluation of RDP 2014-2020	2016	IT	http://www.psrsicilia.it/2014-2020/
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	The evaluation of the implementation of LT RDP 2014-2020 for the years 2014-2016	2017	LT	http://zum.lrv.lt/uploads/zum/documents/files/LT_versija/Veiklos_sritys/Kaimo_pletra/Lietuvos_kaimo_pletros_2014%E2%80%932020%20m._programa/Steb%C4%97sena%20ir%20vertinimas/Tyrimai%20ir%20vertinimai/KPP_igyvendinimo_2014-2016_%C4%AFvertinimas_ESTEP.pdf
LU	Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection	In-itinere evaluation of the Luxembourg RDP 2014-2020 - Support Mission to the AIR 2016	2017	FR	https://agriculture.public.lu/de/publications/politique/pdr/evaluation-initinere-2017-pdr2014-2020.html
LV	AREI (Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics)	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	LV	http://www.arei.lv/sites/arei/files/files/lapas/AIR2017_gala_20062017_LAND_www.pdf

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
PL	N.A.	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	PL	http://archiwum.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/62403/342669/version/1/file/Raport_ocena_PROW_IERIGZ_IUNG_ost.pdf
PT Acores	Regional Directorate for Rural Development	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	PT	http://proruralmais.azores.gov.pt/proruralmais/Avalia%C3%A7%C3%B5es
PT Acores	Regional Directorate for Rural Development	Ex-ante evaluation of the Rural Development Program of Azores 2014-2020	2014	PT	http://proruralmais.azores.gov.pt/proruralmais/Avalia%C3%A7%C3%B5es
PT Madeira	RDP Managing Authority	Chapter 7 of the enhanced AIR submitted in 2017	2017	PT	https://proderam2020.madeira.gov.pt/proderam2020/relatorios.html
PT Madeira	AGRO.GES - Society for studies and projects (private company)	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2018	PT	https://proderam2020.madeira.gov.pt/component/jdownloads/category/66-avaliacao-2017-do-proderam-2020-relatorio-final.html?Itemid=-1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	RO	http://www.madr.ro/pndr-2014-2020/implementare-pndr-2014-2020/evaluare-pndr-2014-2020/rapoarte-de-evaluare.html
SI	MK project Ltd.	Evaluation of measures, which are for the first time implemented in the frame of the Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014-2020, the measures which have not been effectively implemented or have not achieved the expected results within the framework of the Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2007-2013, and evaluation of the Slovenian Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.	2018	SI	N.A.

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
SK	Ministry of agriculture and rural development of SK	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	SK	http://www.mpsr.sk/index.php?navID=1192&navID2=1192&sID=43&id=12122
UK England	Defra	Chapter 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/
UK Wales	Glastir Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (GMEP) website	The Final report of the Glastir Monitoring and Evaluation Programme	2017	EN	https://gmep.wales/resources

Table 6. Environment as RDP cross-cutting objective

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
CY	RDP Managing Authority	Report on 27 of the 28 agri-environmental indicators (excluding Index 25 "Trends of the Birds Population Trends")	2017	EL/CY	N.A.
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development	Study on observed effects and perception of climate change in rural areas of Castilla-La Mancha. Proposals for adaptation measures.	2017	ES	Internal Report
ES MADRID	Independent evaluator	Strategic Environmental Assessment of the RDP Madrid 2014-2020	2016	ES	http://intranet.madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM_InfPractica_FA&cid=1354306692536&idTema=1142598849879&language=es&pagename=ComunidadMadrid%2FEstructura&pid=1273078188154&pv=1354408188226
ES NAVARRA	Department of Rural Development, Environment and Local Administration	Preparation of agri-environmental indicators for the Environmental Monitoring Program of the RDP 2014-2020	2017	ES	http://www.navarra.es/NR/rdonlyres/86815038-FE6D-404A-9A29-3C27FCCBF013/400217/Informe2017ano2016versionfinal2.pdf
FI - Mainland	Natural Resources Institute Finland	Evaluation of the environmental effects of the Mainland Finland RDP	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/vaikutukset/arviointi/ymparistotoimien-tuloksellisuusarviointi/

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
IT CALABRIA	Region Calabria Department for agriculture and food resources	Strategic Environmental Assessment of RDP 2014-2020 - environmental report	N.A.	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/psr1420/images/stories/psr_2014_2020/documenti/allegati/vas/VAS_PSR_14-20-rev.pdf
PT Acores	Regional Directorate for Rural Development	Strategic Environmental Assessment Report	2014	PT	http://proruralmais.azores.gov.pt/proruralmais/Avalia%C3%A7%C3%B5es
SE	National Heritage Board	Greater environmental benefit - lower cost	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/rapp2017_15.html
UK England	Defra	Rapid Landscape Monitoring: 2015, 2016/17 survey	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19726&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0456&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
UK England	Defra	Assessing the effects of Higher Level Stewardship options on lowland heathlands and its priority species 16/17	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19714&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0455&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
UK England	As yet unpublished	HLS Whole Agreement Monitoring (resurvey) 16/17	N.A.	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/
UK England	Defra	Climate Change Adaptation 16/17	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19363&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0448&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
CY	RDP Managing Authority	Report on 27 of the 28 agri-environmental indicators (excluding Index 25 "Trends of the Birds Population Trends")	2017	EL/CY	N.A.

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
ES CASTILLA-MANCHA	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Development	Study on observed effects and perception of climate change in rural areas of Castilla-La Mancha. Proposals for adaptation measures.	2017	ES	Internal Report
ES MADRID	Independent evaluator	Strategic Environmental Assessment of the RDP Madrid 2014-2020	2016	ES	http://intranet.madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM_InfPractica_FA&cid=1354306692536&idTema=1142598849879&language=es&pagename=ComunidadMadrid%2FEstructura&pid=1273078188154&pv=1354408188226
ES NAVARRA	Department of Rural Development, Environment and Local Administration	Preparation of agri-environmental indicators for the Environmental Monitoring Program of the RDP 2014-2020	2017	ES	http://www.navarra.es/NR/rdonlyres/86815038-FE6D-404A-9A29-3C27FCCBF013/400217/Informe2017ano2016versionfinal2.pdf
FI - Mainland	Natural Resources Institute Finland	Evaluation of the environmental effects of the Mainland Finland RDP	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/vaikutukset/arviointi/ymparistotoimien-tuloksellisuusarviointi/
IT CALABRIA	Region Calabria Department for agriculture and food resources	Strategic Environmental Assessment of RDP 2014-2020 - environmental report	N.A.	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/psr1420/images/stories/psr_2014_2020/documenti/allegati/vas/VAS_PSR_14-20-rev.pdf
PT Acores	Regional Directorate for Rural Development	Strategic Environmental Assessment Report	2014	PT	http://proruralmais.azores.gov.pt/proruralmais/Avalia%C3%A7%C3%B5es
SE	National Heritage Board	Greater environmental benefit - lower cost	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/rapp2017_15.html
UK England	Defra	Rapid Landscape Monitoring: 2015, 2016/17 survey	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19726&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0456&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
UK England	Defra	Assessing the effects of Higher Level Stewardship options on lowland	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&Project

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
		heathlands and its priority species 16/17			ID=19714&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0455&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
UK England	Not yet unpublished	HLS Whole Agreement Monitoring (resurvey) 16/17	N.A.	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/
UK England	Defra	Climate Change Adaptation 16/17	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19363&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0448&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description

Table 7. RDP delivery mechanism

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Survey of the Flemish Rural Network on social media and communication channels Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	2017	BE - Flemish	https://ruraalnetwerk.be/pdpo-iii/publicaties/rapport-enqu%C3%AAte-van-het-vlaams-ruraal-netwerk-over-sociale-media-en
CY	RDP Managing Authority	RDP Technical Support, Information, Communication	2017	EL/CY	http://www.paa.gov.cy/moa/paa/paa.nsf/page74_gr/page74_gr?OpenDocument
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology Investments in nature protection, incl. nature protection (guideline natural heritage NE)	Survey of the applicants	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology Investments into agricultural holdings	Acceptancy analysis on the frame of the technical support of the RDP 2014-2020	N.A.	DE	Internal Report

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
DE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Thuenen Institute of Rural Areas	Information event for stakeholders of the RDP Schleswig-Holstein - Results of an online-survey of economic and social stakeholders	2017	DE	https://www.eler-evaluierung.de/fileadmin/eler2/Publikationen/Projektberichte/5-Laender-Bewertung/2018/Infoveranstaltungen-SH-Bericht-Online-Befragung-endg1.pdf
IT National programme	Department of competitive policies, agri-food quality, horse racing and fishing	National RDP 2014-2020: Synthesis of the recommendation from the first assessment of the implementation	2018	IT	https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/11903

Table 8. RDP monitoring and evaluation system

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
CY	RDP Managing Authority	Support for the Computerized Monitoring System for the implementation of the RDP	2017	EL/CY	N.A.
CY	RDP Managing Authority	Support for the Computerized Monitoring System for the implementation of the RDP	2017	EL/CY	http://www.paa.gov.cy/moa/paa/paa.nsf/All/857C188D969C133AC225819B003D8451?OpenDocument
ES ARAGON	Department of Rural Development and Sustainability.	Continuous Evaluation Report. 2018	2018	ES	http://www.aragon.es/DepartamentosOrganismosPublicos/Departamentos/DesarrolloRuralSostenibilidad/AreasTematicas/PROGRAMACION_DESARROLLO_RURAL/ci.PDR_SEGUIMIENTO_EVALUACION.detalleDepartamento?channelSelected=a45f5cf907444410VgnVCM1000002e551bacRCRD
IT PIEMONTE	IRES Piedmont (Socio-Economic Research Institute)	Evaluation framework for the RDP 2014-2020	2017	IT	http://www.regione.piemonte.it/agri/psr2014_20/monitoraggio.htm
SE	SE Board of Agriculture	Capacity assessment of the preconditions for evaluation of results and impacts of support for broadband in Sweden	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/utv171.html

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	Appraisal of the monitoring system for the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.	2016	EN	http://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/documents/Zavr%C5%A1no-izvje%C5%A1%C4%87e-%E2%80%93-Procjena-sustava-pra%C4%87enja-Programa-Ruralnog-razvoja-2014-2020.pdf

Table 9. National Rural Network

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
BE - Flanders	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Flemish Rural Network. Internal evaluation. 2017 working year	2017	BE - Flemish	https://ruraalnetwerk.be/node/2568
DE National Network	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture	Ongoing evaluation 2015 / 2016	2017	DE	https://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/service/die-dvs/
ES national programme	Portal of the National Rural Network	Enhanced evaluation report 2014-2020 of the NRN	2017	ES	N.A.
FI - Mainland	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Evaluation of the National Rural Network 2017	2017	FI	https://www.maaseutu.fi/maaseutuverkosto/vaikutukset/arviointi/maaseutuverkoston-arviointi/
HU	Agricultural Research Institute	Evaluation of the activities 2014-2016 of the National Rural Network	2017	HU	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/vidkfejlesztsi-program-vp
IT Rural Network	Policy department for the competitiveness and quality of quality agri-food, fishery and horse riding.	National Rural Network Programme 2014-2020: evaluation report of the activities conducted in 2017	2017	IT	https://www.reterurale.it/valutazionerrn2017
SE	SE Board of Agriculture	Ongoing learning evaluation of the National Rural Network	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/utv176.html

Table 10.   Synergies between RDP and other EU Funds

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
FR PAYS DE LA LOIRE	Ernst & Young	Horizontal evaluation of the integrated territorial development approach supported by the ERDF and EAFRD	2017	FR	http://www.europe.paysdelaloire.fr/
SE	SE Board of Agriculture, SE ESF council, SE Growth Council	Evaluation of the managing authorities of the ESI Funds in Sweden	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/utv172.html

Table 11. Financial Instruments

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
ES EXTREMADURA	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment	Ex-ante evaluation of a new multi-regional financial instrument for the EAFRD Funds 2014-2020	2014	ES	http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/programas-ue/periodo-2014-2020/marco-nacional/
IT BASILICATA	Regional Public Investments Evaluation and Assessment Unit	Ex-ante evaluation of financial instruments	2017	IT	http://europa.basilicata.it/feasr/programma/valutazione/
IT CALABRIA	Region Calabria Department for agriculture and food resources	Ex-ante evaluation of RDP 14-20 financial instruments	N.A.	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/vea-psr
IT PUGLIA	N.A.	Ex-ante evaluation report of the financial instruments of the Puglia Rural Development Program 2014-2020	2017	IT	http://psr.regione.puglia.it/documents/8737693/0/Rapporto+di+valutazione+ex+ante+degli+strumenti+finanziari+del+Programma+di+Sviluppo+Rurale+2014-2020/81447c27-4939-4127-8112-1f48ded622bc?version=1.1 and http://psr.regione.puglia.it/
IT SARDEGNA	RTI SINLOC SPA - ECOTER SRL	Ex-ante evaluation of financial instruments in the context of RDP 2014-2020	2018	IT	http://www.regione.sardegna.it/speciali/programmasvilupporurale/notizie/psr-2014-2020-valutazione-ex-ante-degli-strumenti-finanziari-della-regione-sardegna

Table 12. Other topics

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
BG	Ministry of agriculture, food and forests, Rural development directorate	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2017	BG	N.A.
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology LEADER	Vacancy - Tourism - Village renewal	N.A.	DE	Internal Report and https://www.smul.sachsen.de/lfulg/download/Rollups_Umnutzung_web.pdf
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology/Agriculture, Environment and Climate / Ecologic Biologic Cultivation	Final report Direktstaat	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
DE SACHSEN	Saxon State Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Geology LEADER	Rural Area Saxony in numbers	N.A.	DE	Internal Report
EE	Turu-uuringute AS	Study on the residents' awareness on the Estonian Rural Development Programme and European Fisheries Fund	N.A.	EE	https://www.agri.ee/sites/default/files/content/uuringud/2017/uuring-2017-mak-ekf-maine.pdf
ES ASTURIAS	Observatory of the Territory. Department of Geography of the University of Oviedo.	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2017	ES	https://www.asturias.es/portal/site/webasturias/menuitem.4b280f8214549ead3e2d6f77f2300030/?vgnextoid=c11ba77bdf885410VgnVCM10000098030a0aRCRD&vgnextchannel=f1a07e1385dfe210VgnVCM10000097030a0aRCRD&i18n.http.lang=es
ES CANTABRIA	Community Fund Advisory and Control Service	Analysis of community aid to support farm incomes	2017	ES	https://www.cantabria.es/web/secretaria-general-cdrgpb/detalle/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_DETALLE/16811/629402

RDP	Publisher	Title	Year	Language	Reference
ES EXTREMADURA	Region Plus Consulting	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	ES	http://www.juntaex.es/ddgg002/45
ES EXTREMADURA	Management Service of EU Funds	Annual Implementation Report 2015	2016	ES	http://www.juntaex.es/ddgg002/66
ES MADRID	Independent evaluator	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	ES	https://www.compartimoss.madrid.org/sitios/PDR/default.aspx
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	Ex post evaluation of IPARD Programme	2017	HR	https://ruralnirazvoj.hr/files/documents/EX-POST-EVALUACIJA-IPARD-PROGRAMA-RH-2007-2013.pdf
IT CALABRIA	Region Calabria Department for agriculture and food resources	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	N.A.	IT	http://www.calabriapsr.it/monitoraggio-e-valutazione
IT FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	RDP Managing Authority	Ongoing evaluation, including midterm and ex post evaluation of RDP 2007-2013 for the period 2012-2015	2016	IT	http://www.regione.fvg.it/rafvg/cms/RAFVG/economia-imprese/agricoltura-foreste/psr-programma-sviluppo-rurale/FOGLIA113/
IT LIGURIA	Lattanzio Advisory & Consel	Ex post evaluation of RDP 2017-2013	2016	IT	http://www.agrilagurianet.it/it/impresa/sostegno-economico/programma-di-sviluppo-rurale-psr-liguria/psr-2007-2013/valutazione.html
IT PIEMONTE	IRES Piedmont (Socio-Economic Research Institute)	Rural observatory of Piedmont Region - 2017	2017	IT	http://archive.digibess.eu/islandora/object/librib:292204/datastream/PDF/content/librib%2092204.pdf
IT SARDEGNA	Institute for the studies on industrial relations	Ex post evaluation of RDP 2007-2013 Sardinia	2016	IT	https://sites.google.com/site/valutazionepsrsardegna/home/vedi-tutti-i-prodotticonsegnati
IT SICILIA	Sicily Region	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	IT	http://www.psrsicilia.it/2014-2020/psr-sicilia-2014-2020/monitoraggio-e-valutazione/
IT TOSCANA	Independent Evaluator RDP 2007-2013	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	IT	http://www.regione.toscana.it/monitoraggio-e-valutazione

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IT TOSCANA	Independent Evaluator RDP 2007-2013	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	IT	http://www.regione.toscana.it/monitoraggio-e-valutazione
IT TOSCANA	Independent Evaluator RDP 2007-2013	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013	2016	IT	http://www.regione.toscana.it/monitoraggio-e-valutazione
PL	NA	Evaluation of result and impact indicators of the Communication Strategy for RDP 2014-2020	2017	PL	http://archiwum.minrol.gov.pl/content/download/64582/353749/version/1/file/Ocena%20wskaźników%20Strategii%20komunikacji%20PROW%20FINAL%2014.12.2017%20r.%20(1).pdf
SE	SE Board of Agriculture	Ex post evaluation of the RDP 2007-2013: summary	2017	SE	https://webbutiken.jordbruksverket.se/sv/artiklar/ra171.html
UK England	Defra	Breeding Wader Survey 16/17	2017	EN	http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19767&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=LM0462&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description
UK Wales	WEFO	Ex post evaluation of the 2007-2013	2016	EN	https://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/previous/programme-evaluation/59394495/?lang=en