



Assessing Environmental Effects of Rural Development Programmes: Practical solutions for the ex post evaluation 2007-2013



Good Practice Workshop, Vilnius 27-28 Oct. 2015

OUTLINE



Who we are?

What we do?

Why a good practice workshop?

Agenda of the day

Who we are?



EU Rural Networks Assembly
and Steering group

Two EU Rural
Networks...

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Evaluation
Helpdesk

Unit H.3

Unit E.4

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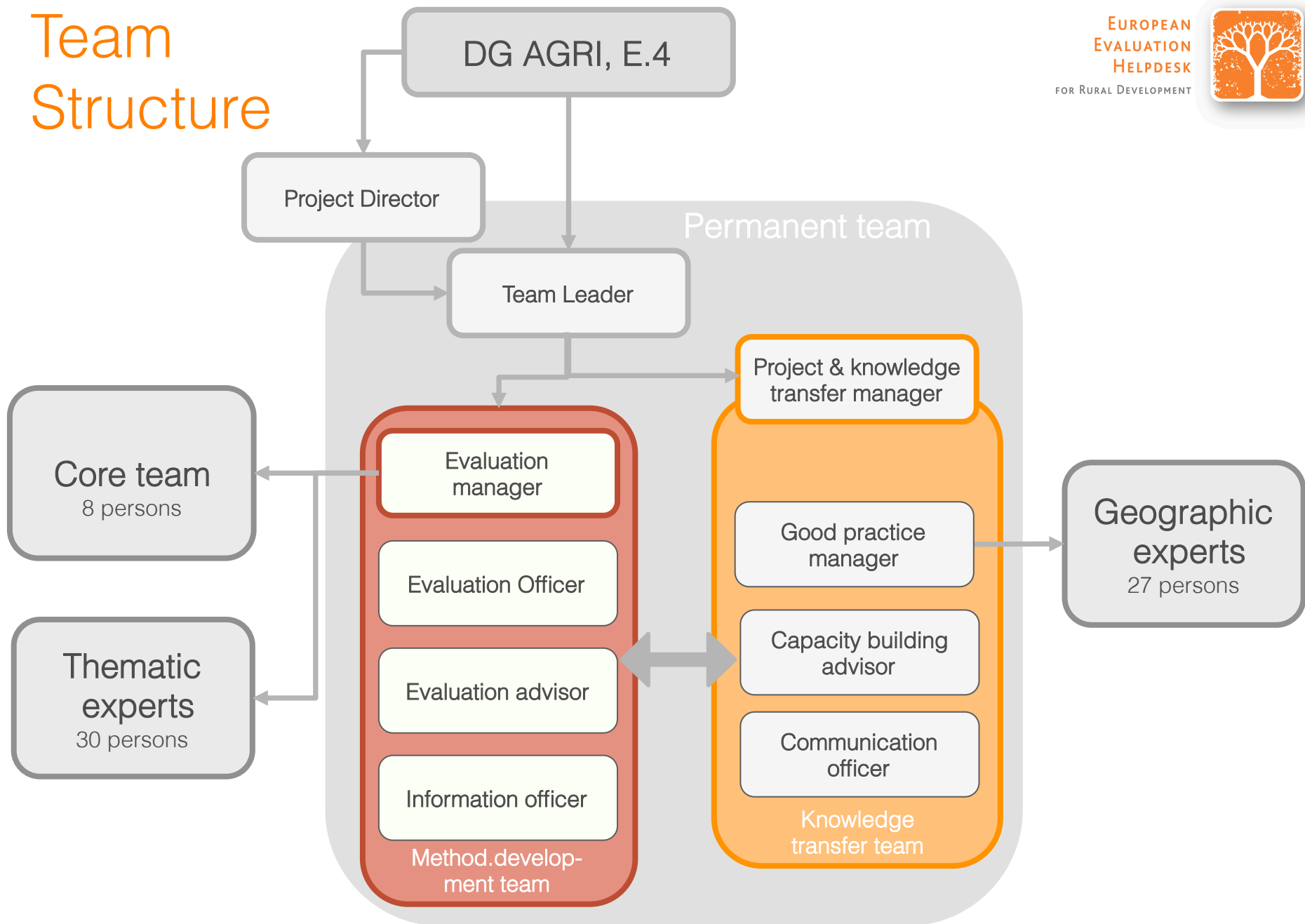
EIP-AGRI
Service
Point

Unit H.5

Three Support
Units...

Guided by
DG AGRI....

Team Structure



Objectives & activities

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

Guidance „Assessing RDP results“
Guidance „Evaluation of NRN 2014-2020“
Working Paper Evaluation-related queries
Guidance „Evaluation Leader/CLLD“ (2016)

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

GP WS „Assessment of env. effects“
GP WS „Approaches to define HNV farml.“
Good Practice collection (various topics)

3. Better evaluation capacity

Training on CMES, EQs, eval. Leader/LDS
Training on evaluation of NRN, ex post
Other training activities

4. Further developed M&E system

Assessment impl. of Evaluation Plans

5. Well-organized evaluation related events

Evaluation related input for Expert Group meetings, ENRD events, NRN meetings, other events.

6. Up to date communication on evaluation topics

Rural Evaluation NEWS no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Evaluation Helpdesk website - *revamped*
Other publications

Improve the evaluation of EU RD policy

(≈Art. 52.2.d.)

Why a good practice workshop?



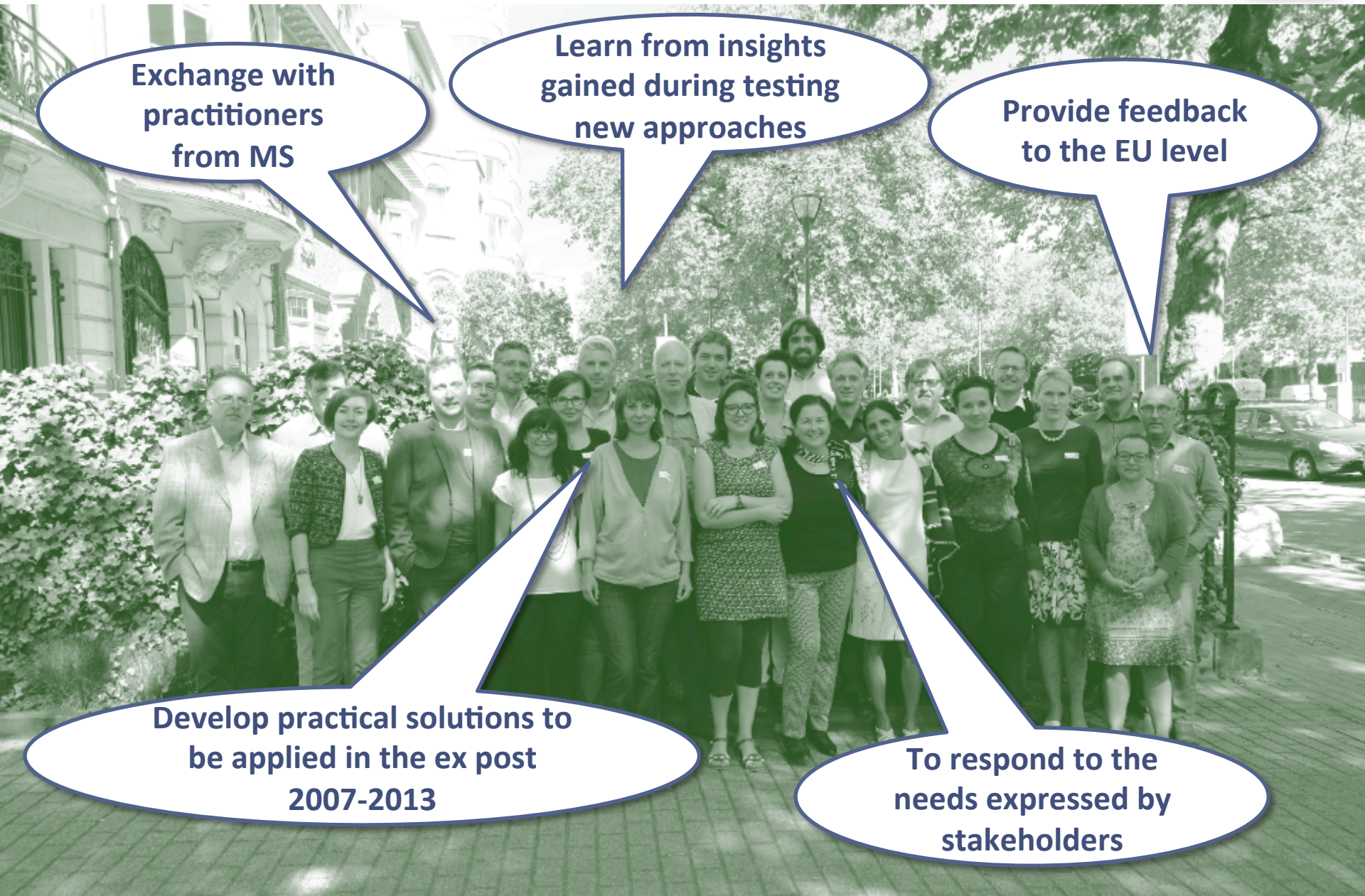
**Exchange with
practitioners
from MS**

**Learn from insights
gained during testing
new approaches**

**Provide feedback
to the EU level**

**Develop practical solutions to
be applied in the ex post
2007-2013**

**To respond to the
needs expressed by
stakeholders**





Agenda of day 1

13:00 Setting the frame

- Welcome, objectives
- Ex post of RDP's environmental results & impacts: What are the expectations and the uses?
- Evaluation challenges and stakeholder expectations

15:00 Sharing experiences

- Case studies from LT; FI/IT; HU/Scotland; EE
- Reflection Round
- End of day 1 (18:30)

Social Dinner



Agenda of day 2

09:00 Developing solutions

- Introduction
- Group work
- Presentation of group work

11:15 Concluding sessions

- Summary of conclusions
- Workshop closing

13:00 Lunch



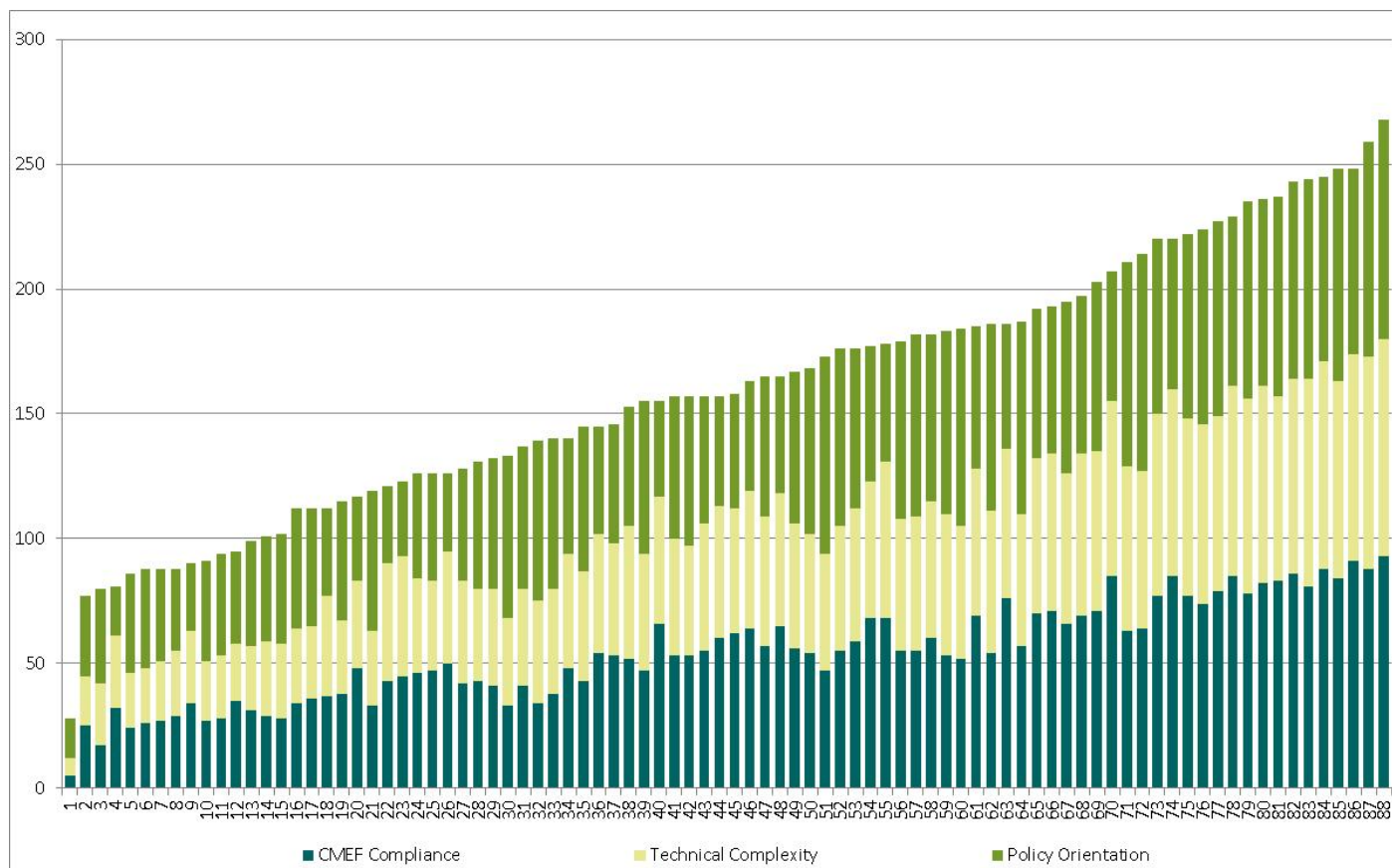
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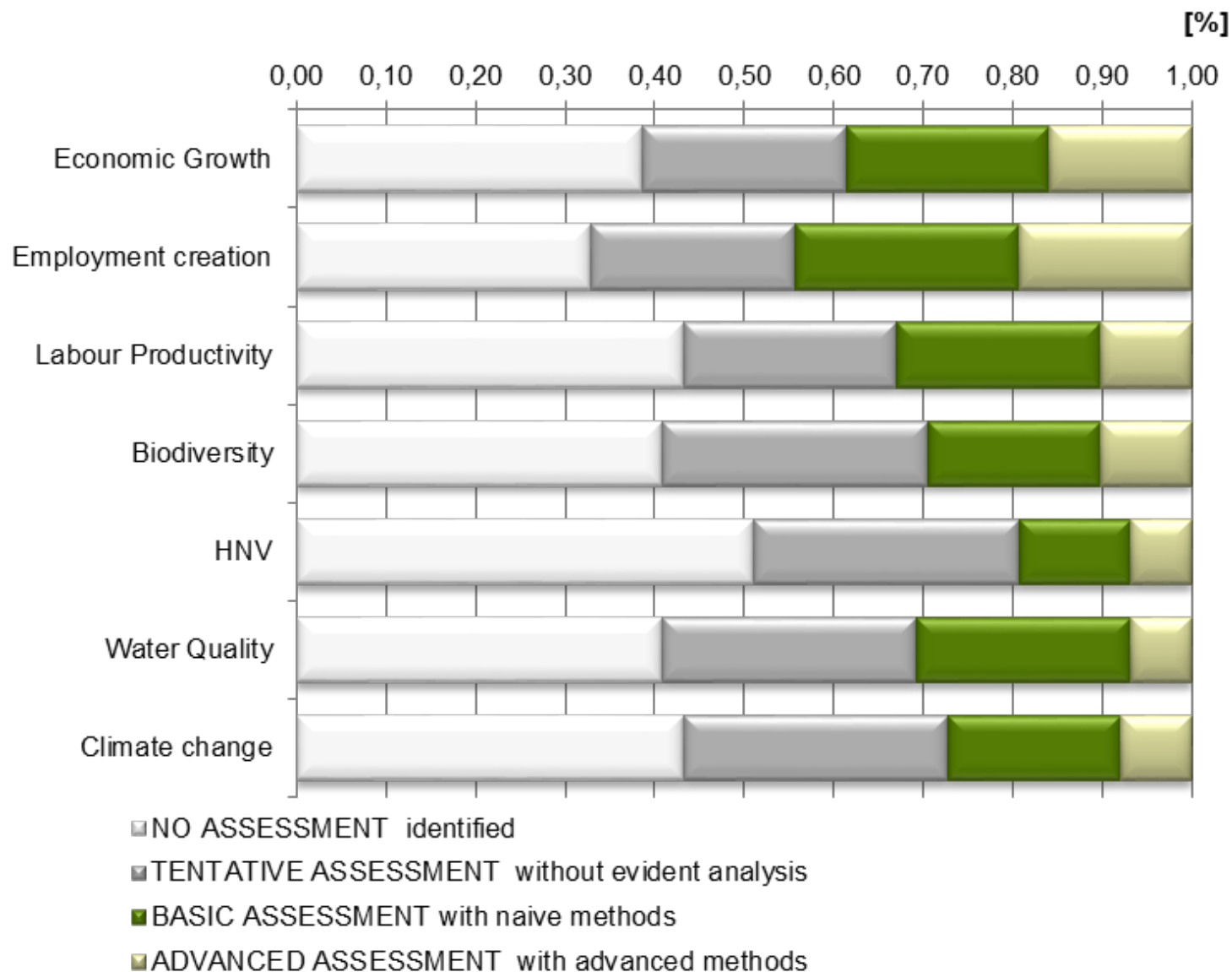
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Lessons from the MTE

Outcome of the MTE methodological assessment

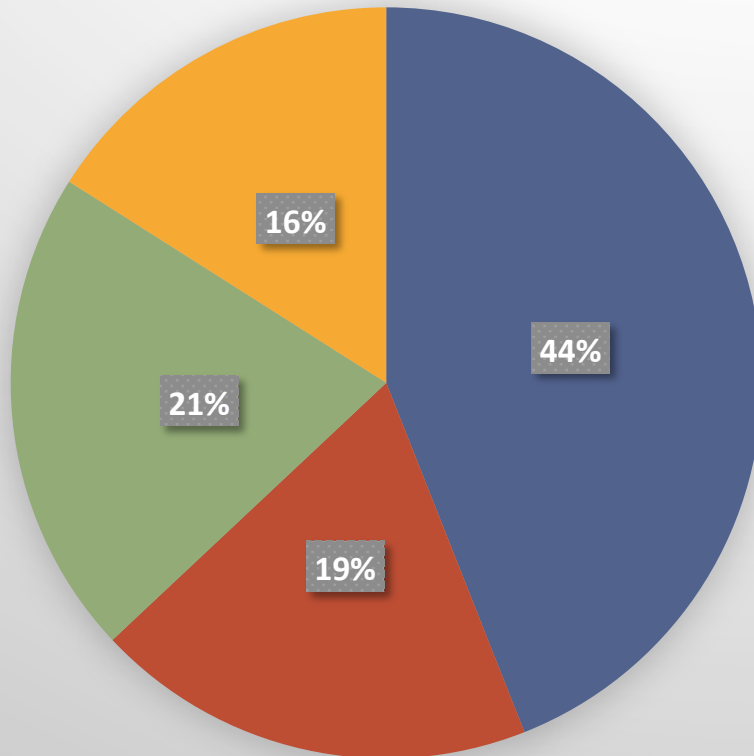






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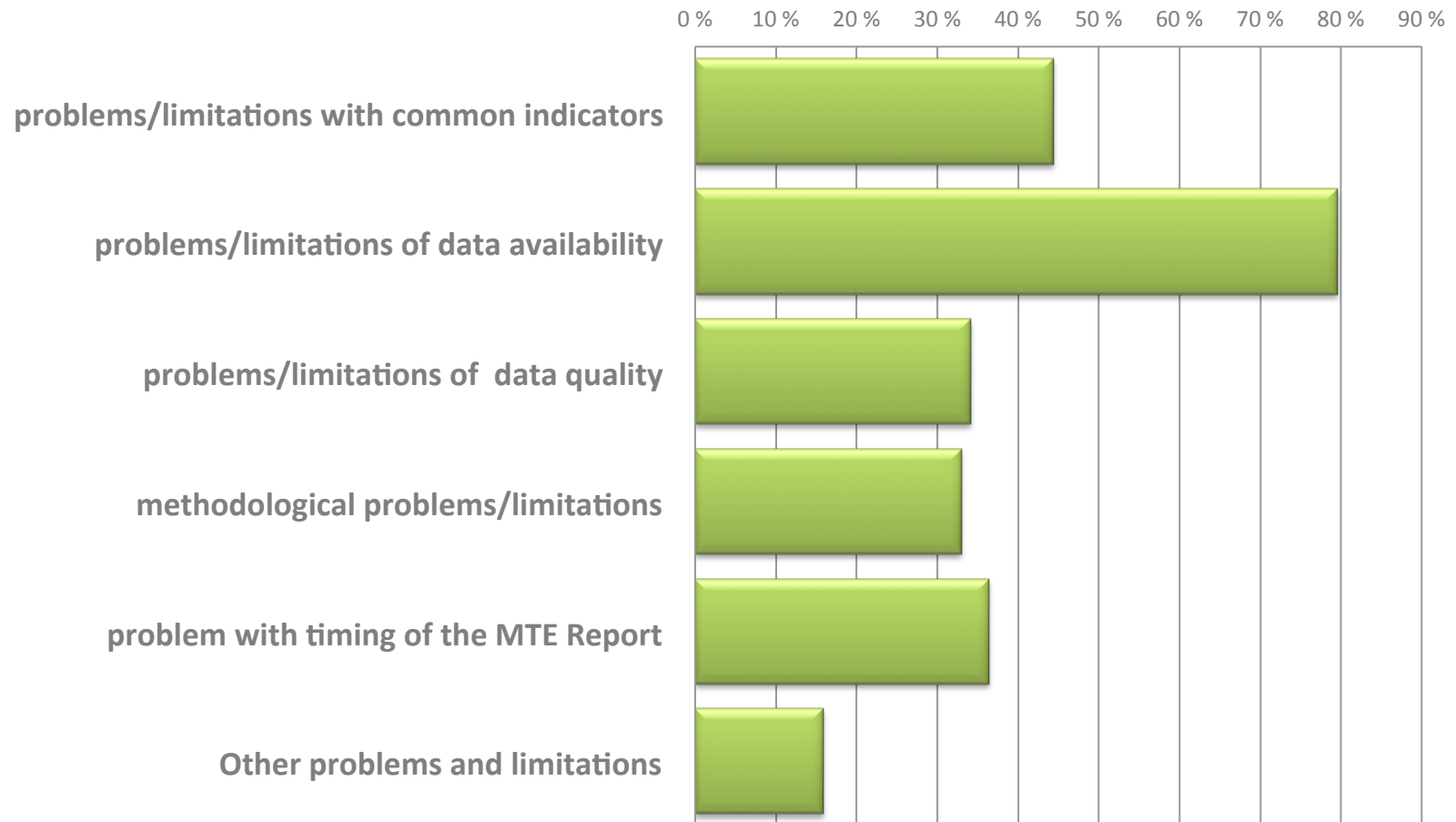
Use of counterfactuals and netting out effects



- No counterfactual/net effects considered
- Naiïve methods for counterfactuals/net effects
- Advanced methods for counterfactuals/net effects
- No counterfactuals/net effects, but envisaged

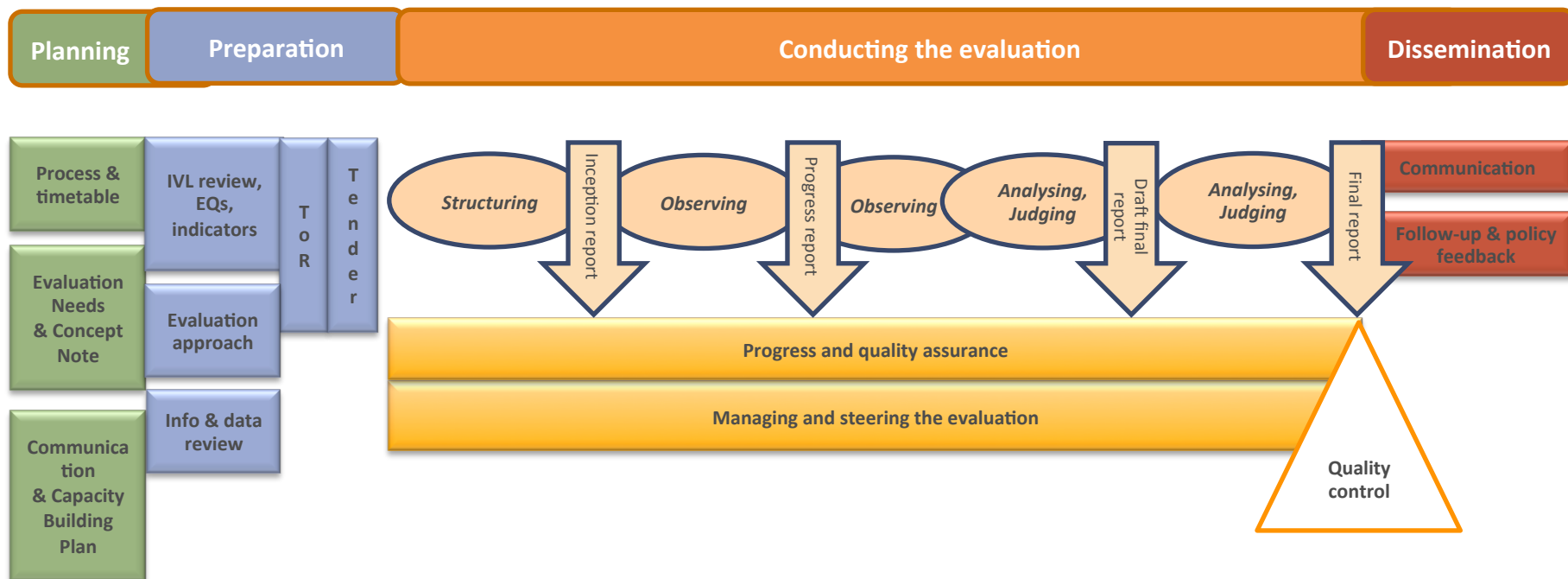


MTE problems and limitations





Process of *ex post* evaluation



Case studies



1. **Approach to assess environmental effects** in the ex-post evaluation (LT)
2. Addressing challenges of evaluating impacts of RDPs on **climate stability** - experiences from case studies in Finland and Italy (IT+FI)
3. Addressing challenges of evaluating impacts of RDPs on **soil quality** - Hungary and Scotland (UK+HU)
4. Evaluation of agri-environment schemes' **biodiversity** objective (EE)



Reflection round on case studies

1. What **SOLUTIONS** do the presented case study show us that are applicable in your context?
2. What **CHALLENGES** remain to be resolved in order to apply this approach in your context?

