



# Thematic Working Group “Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD”

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# Why LEADER/CLLD evaluation?

## LEADER:

- Bottom up, multi-sector, partnership and area based tool
- From rural development laboratory to widely used rural policy instrument

## CLLD:

- Enlarged in scope of actions, size of budget and eligible beneficiaries/territories



# Why LEADER/CLLD evaluation?

LEADER/CLLD should be evaluated as any other intervention supported by EU policy in order to:

- **Increase the accountability and transparency** of interventions,
- **Demonstrate achievements** towards EU national and local objectives,
- **Assess effectiveness, efficiency, results and impacts**, and
- **Learn how to design and implement** LEADER/CLLD better



# What are the legal requirements in relation to evaluation?

## Managing authorities

### Evaluation plan:

- topics and activities linked to the contribution of CLLD strategy and
- support for evaluation at LAG level

### Assessment of results and impacts, and answering the evaluation questions:

- Contributions of LEADER/CLLD to EU rural development policy objectives
- Contribution to EU2020 strategy

(808/2014)

## Local action groups

M&E activities in the CLLD strategy (including costs) and their implementation

Development of CLLD strategy' specific evaluation questions and indicators

Provision of information for RDP evaluation

(1303/2013 and 1305/2013, Art.71)



# Common monitoring and evaluation system and LEADER/CLLD

**Intervention logic** – LEADER/CLLD programmed under focus area 6B but contributing also to other focus areas

One **common evaluation question** (adapted to Leader): “To what extent has LEADER/CLLD contributed to local development?”

**Common indicators** in operations database (at RDP level) for:

- Leader approach
- For projects implemented under CLLD strategy
- For monitoring the Leader contribution to main focus areas



# TWG objectives

TWG aims to complete the CMES and existing guidelines and provide sufficient information and guidance to carry out effective evaluation of LEADER/CLLD

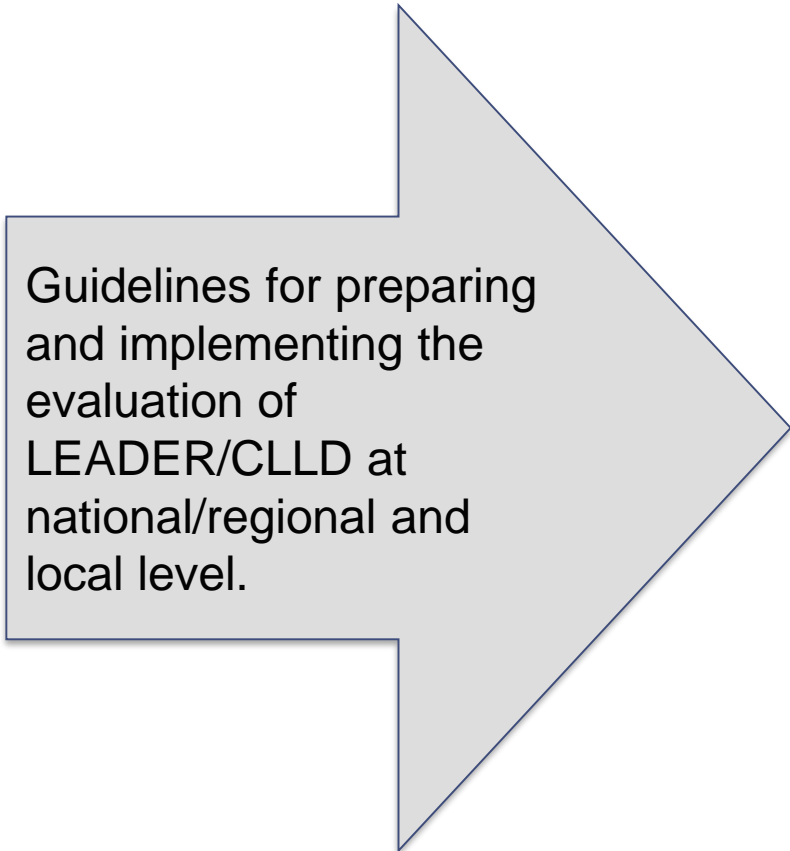
Specific objectives are to:

- Examine and address the major challenges in the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD,
- Build up and capitalise on existing experiences in evaluation of LEADER/CLLD,
- Identify and design effective solutions and approaches in the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at national/regional and local levels;



# TWG product and target audience

## TWG PRODUCT



Guidelines for preparing and implementing the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at national/regional and local level.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

### EU level

DG Agri services involved with LEADER/CLLD and evaluation (E4, H1, H3, H5)  
Other DGs and their evaluation support units

### RDP level

MAs (RDP and PA), PA, MC, NRNs, evaluators

### LAG level

Local action groups  
Evaluators  
NRNs





# Composition of the TWG and participation of stakeholders

## COMPOSITION OF THEMATIC WORKING GROUP

Permanent Team of Evaluation Helpdesk

Core team members

Thematic experts

Commission

### PEER REVIEWERS

including

ENRD Contact Point  
EIP-AGRI Service Point

## INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

### EXPERT GROUP ON MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE CAP

#### SOUNDING BOARD

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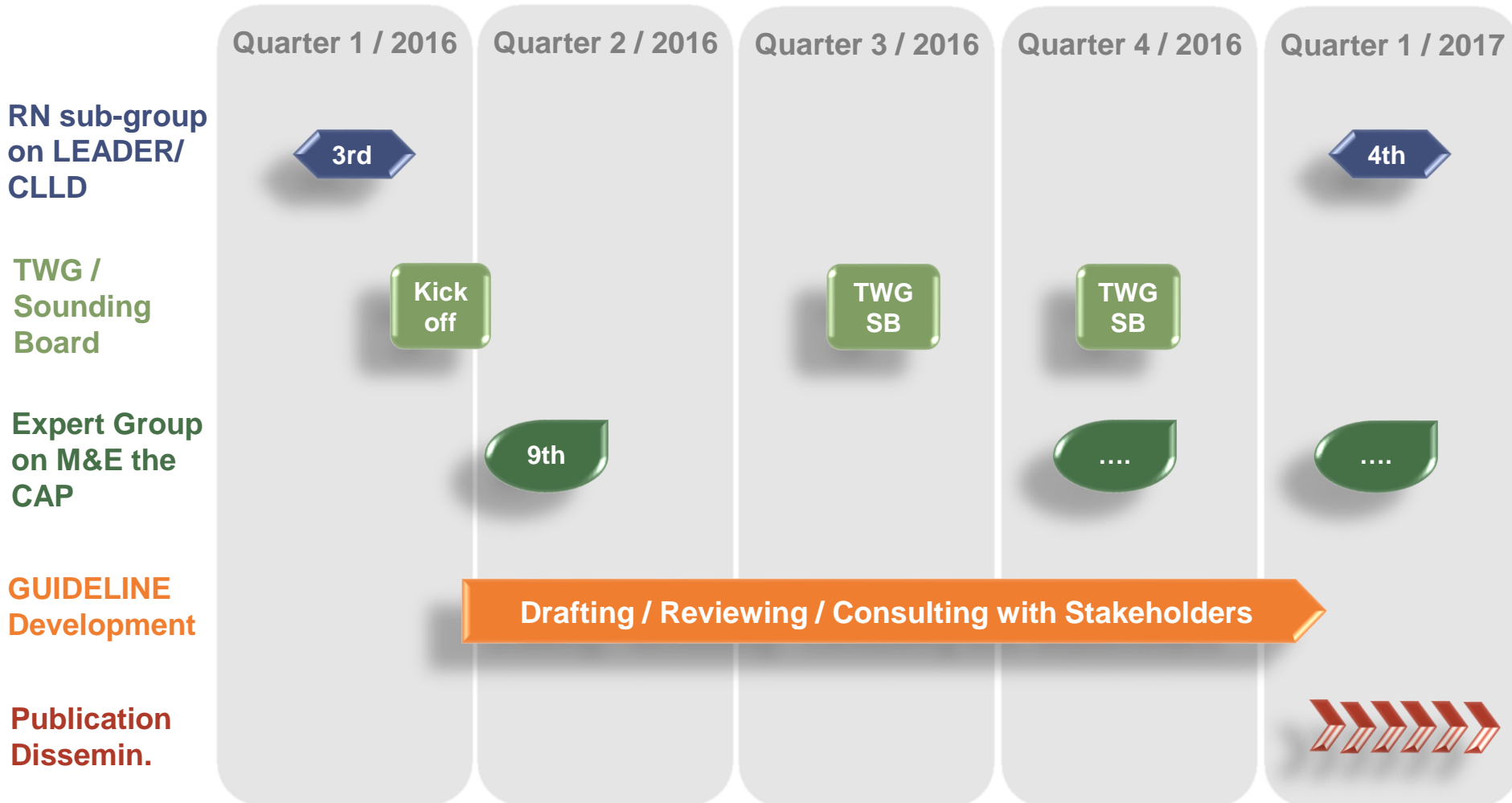
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Subgroup on LEADER/CLLD



# Working process and indicative timeline





# Questions to the Subgroup on LEADER/CLLD

1. What **topics/questions** should be specifically evaluated in LEADER/CLLD?
1. What are the **major challenges** in evaluating LEADER/CLLD and should therefore be tackled in the guidelines?



# How can you answer the questions?

- In discussion after my presentation
- Write in the handout
- Email to [info@ruralevaluation.eu](mailto:info@ruralevaluation.eu),  
subject: LEADER/CLLD



# Thank you for your attention!

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