

European Rural Networks'
Assembly

Priorities and activities of the ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk

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Objectives of EU rural networks

Needs and emerging topics

Snapshots on our work

Outlook

General and specific objectives of EU Rural Networks



General
Objectives

**Enhance
participation**

**Improve the
policy quality**

**Increase
awareness**

Specific
Objectives

A. Stakeholders' involvement in rural development

B. Dialogue between farmers and research community

C. Inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process

D. Exchange of expertise and good practice

E. Improve the quality of RDPs

F. Support the evaluation of RDPs

G. Informing the broader public on the benefits of rural development policy





Putting SG priority themes into practice

1. Simplification
2. Advisory services-knowledge transfer-innovation
3. Local food- short supply chain-urban-rural, small farms
4. Pillar 1- Pillar 2 linkages
5. Demographic change + social inclusion
6. Multifund approaches
7. Green economy, Jobs + growth
8. Starting up NRNs
9. Evaluating network activities
10. Climate change

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

3. Better evaluation capacity

4. Further developed M&E system

5. Well-organized evaluation related events

6. Up to date communication on evaluation topics

→ Horizontally addressed by Helpdesk activities

Identifying specific priorities



Discussions in
Expert Group on
M&E the CAP

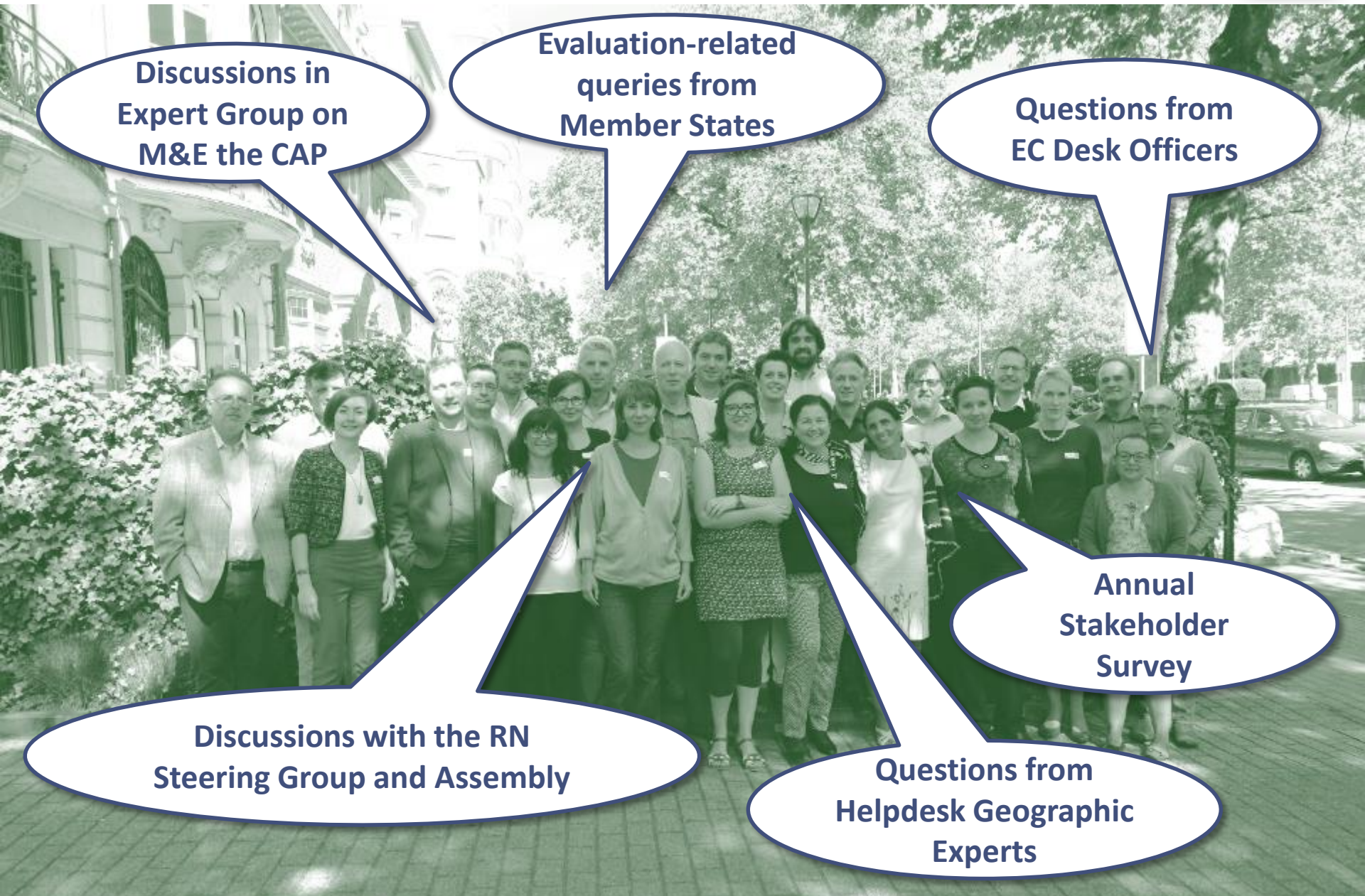
Evaluation-related
queries from
Member States

Questions from
EC Desk Officers

Annual
Stakeholder
Survey

Discussions with the RN
Steering Group and Assembly

Questions from
Helpdesk Geographic
Experts



Emerging topics (survey 2015)

Understanding evaluation requirements

- **CMES** (AT, BG, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, EL, FI, SK)
- **Indicators** (AT, BE, CY, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, MT, PL, PT)

Managing and implementing evaluations

- **Implementation of Evaluation Plan** (BG, DE, NL, RO)
- **Drafting ToR for evaluations** (AT, HU, MT, PL, RO)
- **Assess quality of evaluations** (FI, IT, LT, SI)
- **Dissemination of eval. results** (CZ, EE, ES, FI, FR, HR, PT, SI, UK)

Sound preparation of evaluation milestones

- **Ex post eval.** (BE, CZ, CY, DE, ES, IE, HU, HR, LV, PL, RO, SK, FR)
- **(enhanced) AIR** (AT, BG, CZ, FI, FR, SI, UK, FR)

Emerging topics (survey 2015)

Creating the evidence for robust evaluation

- **Data for evaluation** (CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, HU, IE, IT, MT, NL, PL, SI, SK)
- **Use of SFC-data for evaluation purposes** (BE, FR, MT, SK)

Resolving methodological evaluation issues

- **Evaluation Questions** (AT, CZ, DE, EL, FI, PT, FR)
- **Complementary result indicators** (CZ, DE, EL, FI, NL, SE, SI)
- **Secondary effects** (AT, BE, DE, EE, IT, PT, SE, UK)
- **Evaluation of impacts** (AT, BE, ES, FR, HU, LT, PT, RO, SE, SI, UK)
- **Evaluation of environmental aspects** (AT, DK, FI, IE, HU)

Specific evaluation requirements

- **NRN evaluation** (BE, BG, CY, EL, LV, NL, RO, SE)
- **LAG-level evaluation** (BE, BG, CY, EE, EL, FI, HR, IT, NL, RO, SE, SI)
- **Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD** (DK, EE, IE, IT, NL, RO)

Objective 1: Better evaluation methods and tools



How to prepare and report on evaluation in the AIR 2017?

Updated guidelines on Evaluation Plan (06/15)

Guidelines: Assessment of RDP results (12/15)

Guidelines: Evaluation of NRNs (02/16)

WP evaluation related queries (06/15, 11/15)

Guidelines: Evaluation of Leader/CLLD (2016)

How to evaluate NRNs?

How to assess secondary effects?

Objective 2: Good practices in RD evaluation



GPWS Assessment environmental effects

Good practice collection (ongoing)

GPWS HNV Farmland (2016)

How to assess
environmental results
and impacts?

How deal
with data
gaps?

How to improve
robustness of
evaluation?

Objective 3: Better evaluation capacity



Yearly capacity building events in MS (17)

Specific Helpdesk training carried out in PT

Q&A session for EC Desk Officers (3)

Training on Ex-post evaluation

Training on evaluation of NRN

How to understand
the new CMES?

How to
evaluate
Leader/LDS?

How to set-up
the system to
answer EQs?

Helpdesk Priorities

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

Guidance “Assessing RDP results”
Guidance “Evaluation of NRN 2014-2020”
Working Paper Evaluation-related queries
Guidance “Evaluation of Leader/CLLD”

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

Support the evaluation of RDPs

SG involvement

Provide feedback on usefulness
(Sounding Board)

Indicate relevant topics and needs
(Annual Stakeholder Survey)

Monitor advancement of MS evaluation activities (Report to Assembly)

Support dissemination & networking at wider level (RN meetings)

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