**European Rural Networks'
Steering Group**

Capacity building activities to support the evaluation of RDPs

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Why are we building evaluation capacities?

How do we build capacities?

On what topics?

What was achieved?

Why do we need to build evaluation capacity?

- **Get a common understanding** of how we evaluate Rural Development Policy

- **Discuss challenges** linked to the implementation of the Common Monitoring and Evaluation System

- **Ensure comparability** of evaluation outcomes

AWP2016

Improve the evaluation of EU RD policy (Art. 52.2.d.)

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 "Evaluation of HNV farmland"
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.
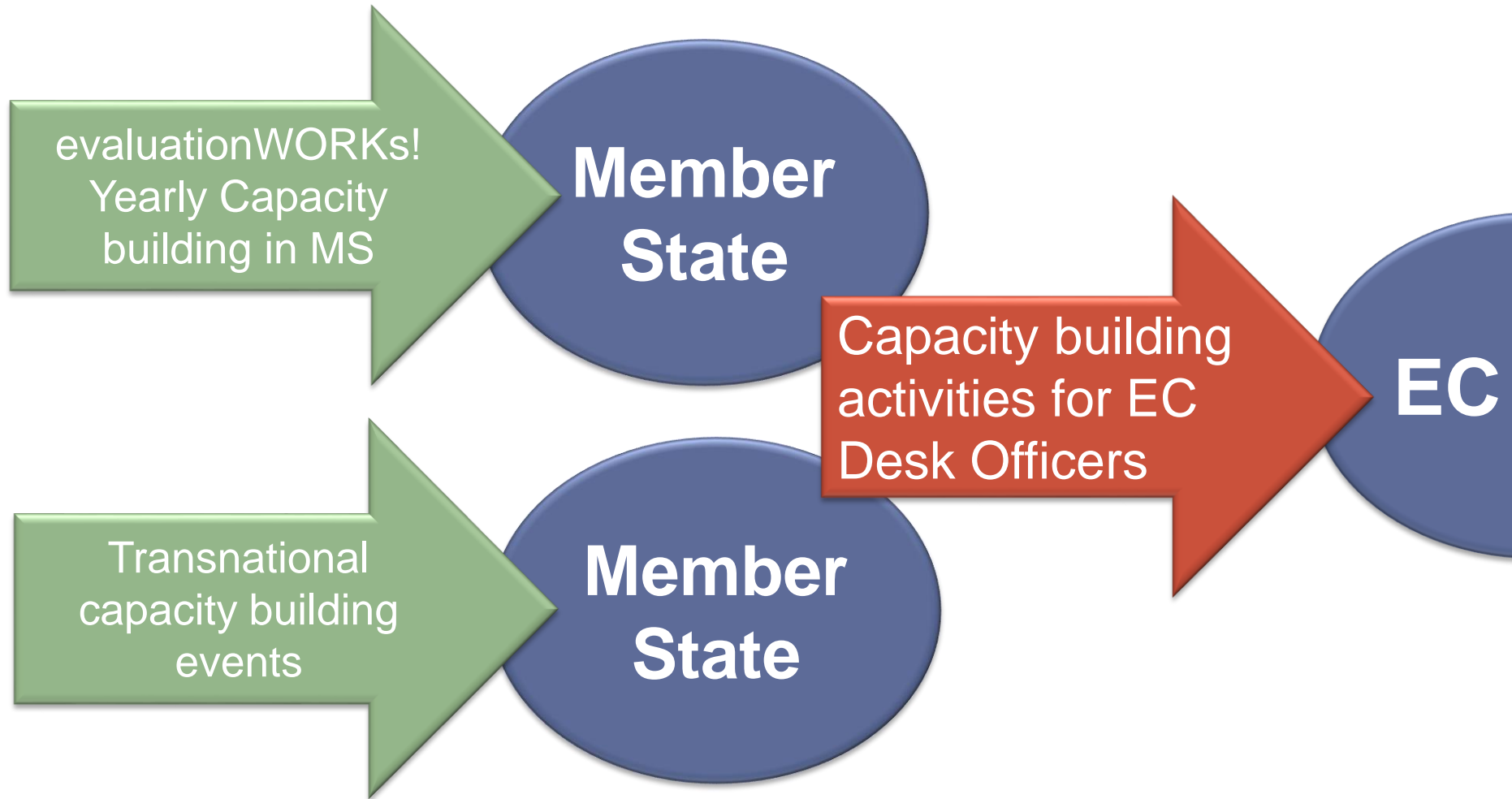
6. Up to date communication on evaluation topics

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

How do we build evaluation capacities?

evaluationWORKs! Yearly Capacity building in MS →

Member State

Transnational capacity building events →

Member State

Capacity building activities for EC Desk Officers →

EC

Topics for capacity building

The CMES	Setting up the system to answer EQs	Evaluation of Leader/CLLD	Evaluation of National Rural Networks

Topics

Capacity building
in 2015/2016

Topics for capacity building?

The CMES	Setting up the system to answer EQs	Evaluation of Leader/CLLD	Evaluation of National Rural Networks

Purpose and use of CMES

CMES elements and their links

Difference CMES and CMEF

What's new?

for MA, LAGS, PA...

Topics for capacity building?

The CMES	Setting up the system to answer EQs	Evaluation of Leader/CLLD	Evaluation of National Rural Networks

Purpose of EQs & requirements

When to answer which questions in 2017/2019

How to set up the system to answer EQs?

for MA, evaluators

Topics for capacity building?

| The CMES | Setting up the system to answer EQs | Evaluation of Leader/CLLD | Evaluation of National Rural Networks |

EC requirements on evaluation of Leader

Role of actors in supporting evaluation at RDP/LAG-level

Specificities of LEADER evaluation at RDP/LAG-level

for MA, LAGs

Topics for capacity building?

The CMES	Setting up the system to answer EQs	Evaluation of Leader/CLLD	Evaluation of National Rural Networks

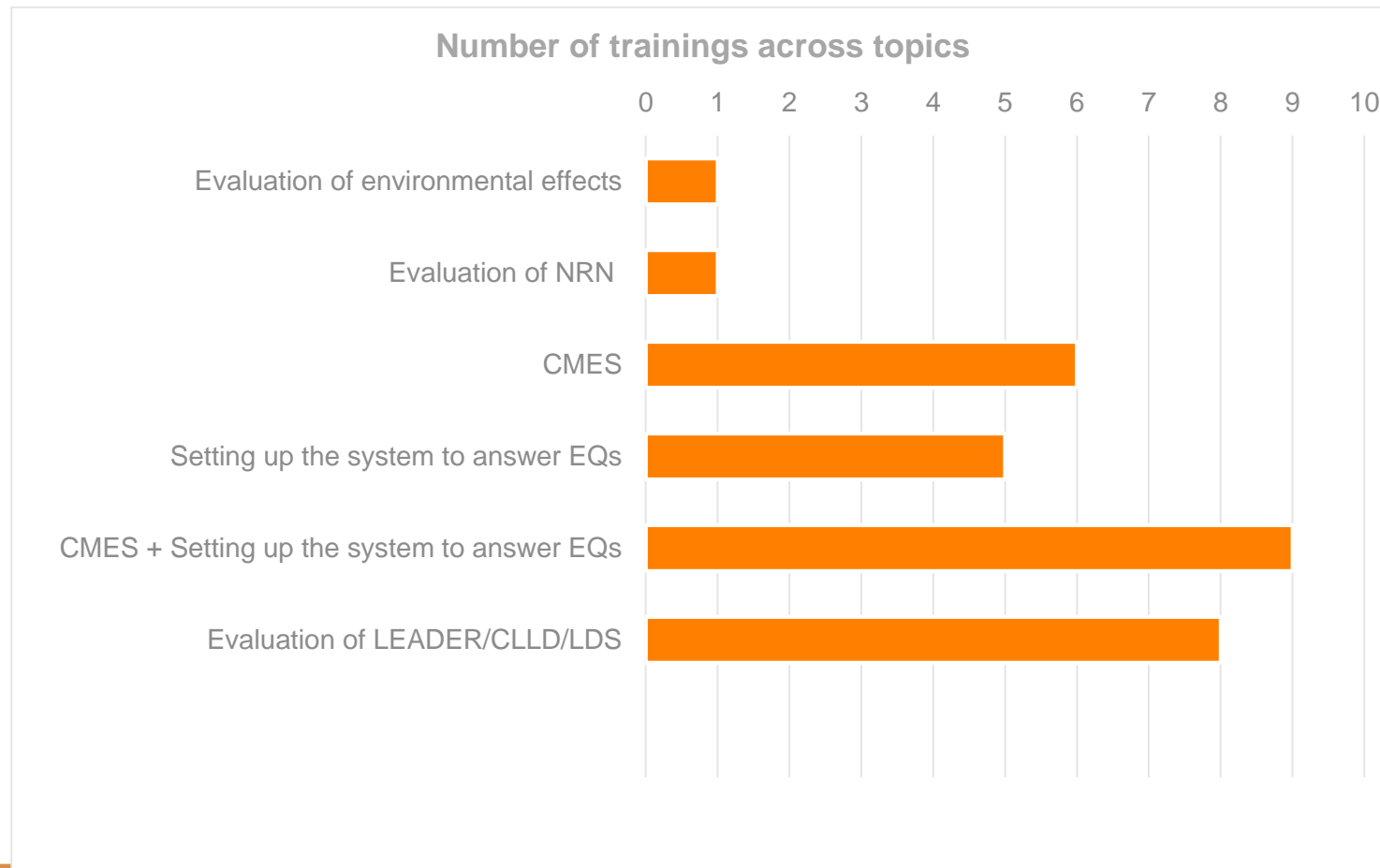**Purpose of evaluating NRN**

Distinction and interrelation between monitoring, self-assessment and evaluation

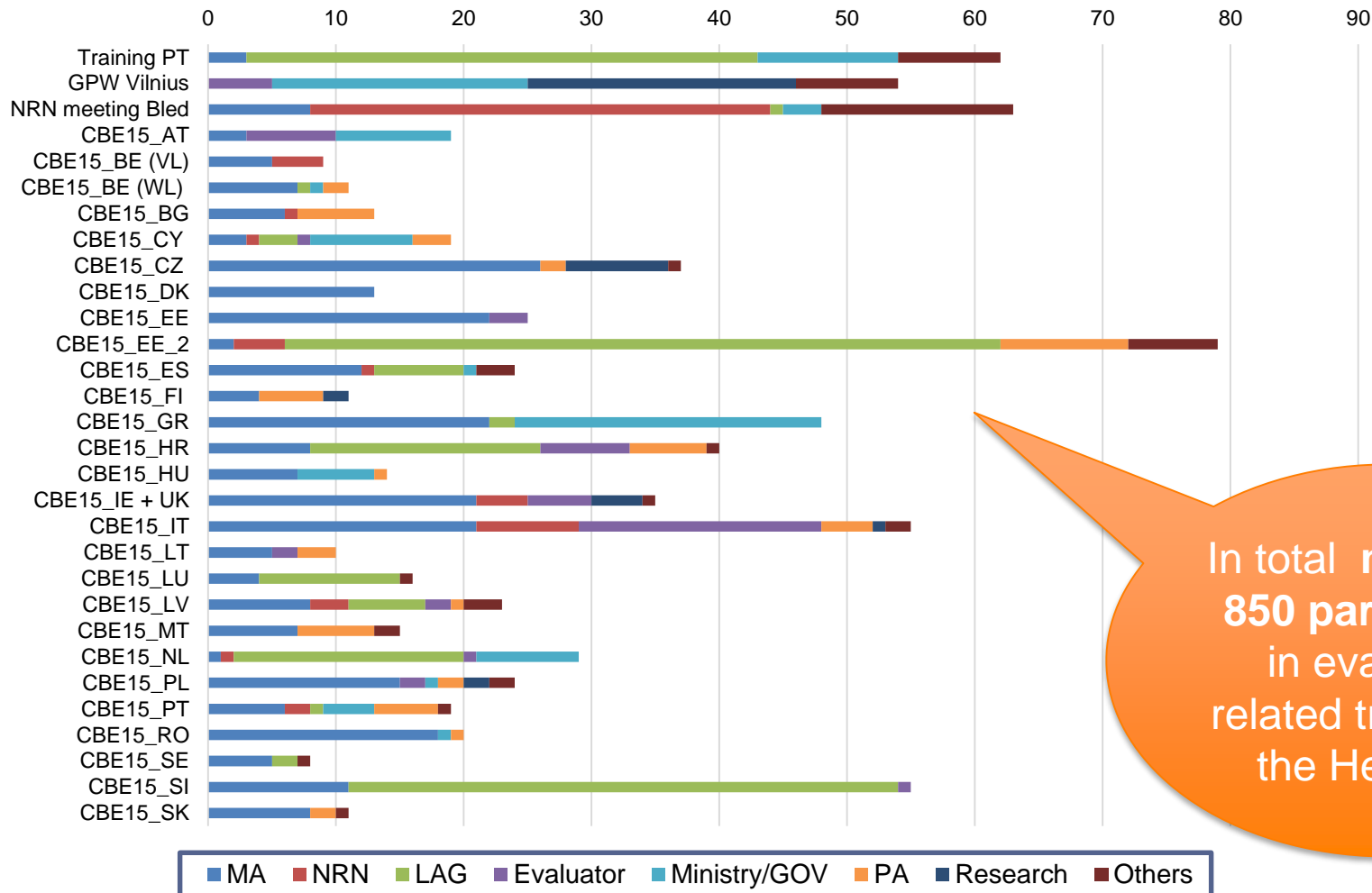**Formulation of EQs, judgement criteria, indicators**

for MA, NSU

How many trainings were organized?

Number of trainings across topics

Topic	Number of trainings
Evaluation of environmental effects	1
Evaluation of NRN	1
CMES	6
Setting up the system to answer EQs	5
CMES + Setting up the system to answer EQs	9
Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD/LDS	8

How many participants attended Helpdesk trainings so far?

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Distribution of participants by category and by MS

Legend: MA, NRN, LAG, Evaluator, Ministry/GOV, PA, Research, Others
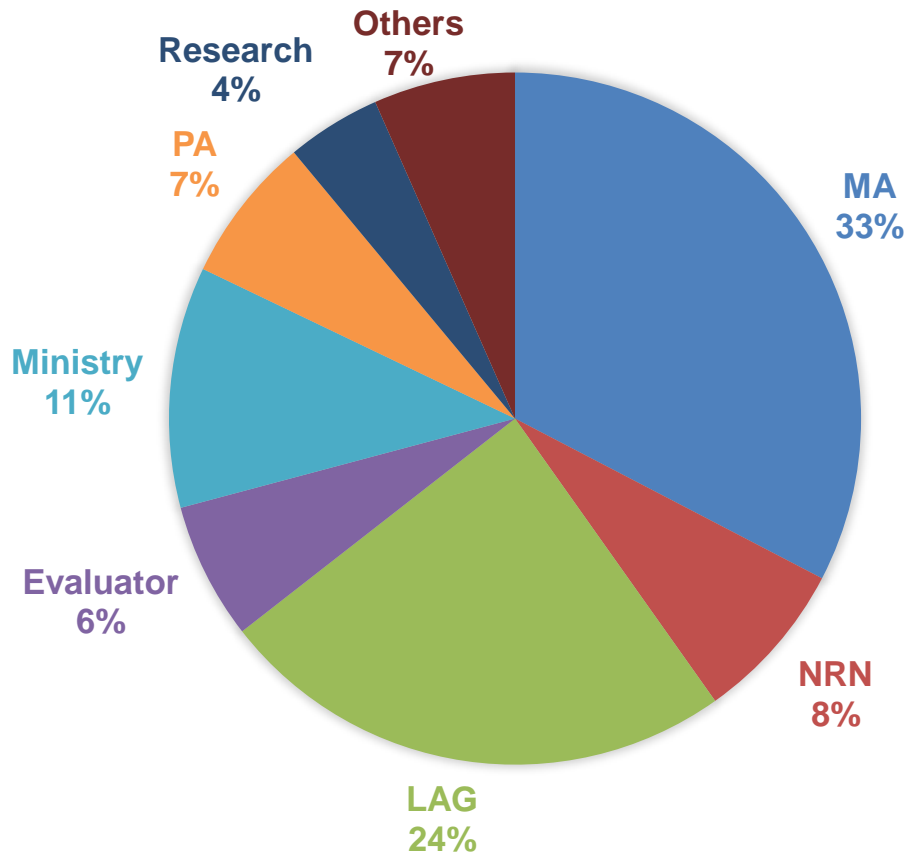
In total **more than 850 participants** in evaluation related trainings of the Helpdesk!

Who attended the trainings?

Distribution of participants by category

- Research 4%
- Others 7%
- PA 7%
- Ministry 11%
- Evaluator 6%
- LAG 24%
- NRN 8%
- MA 33%

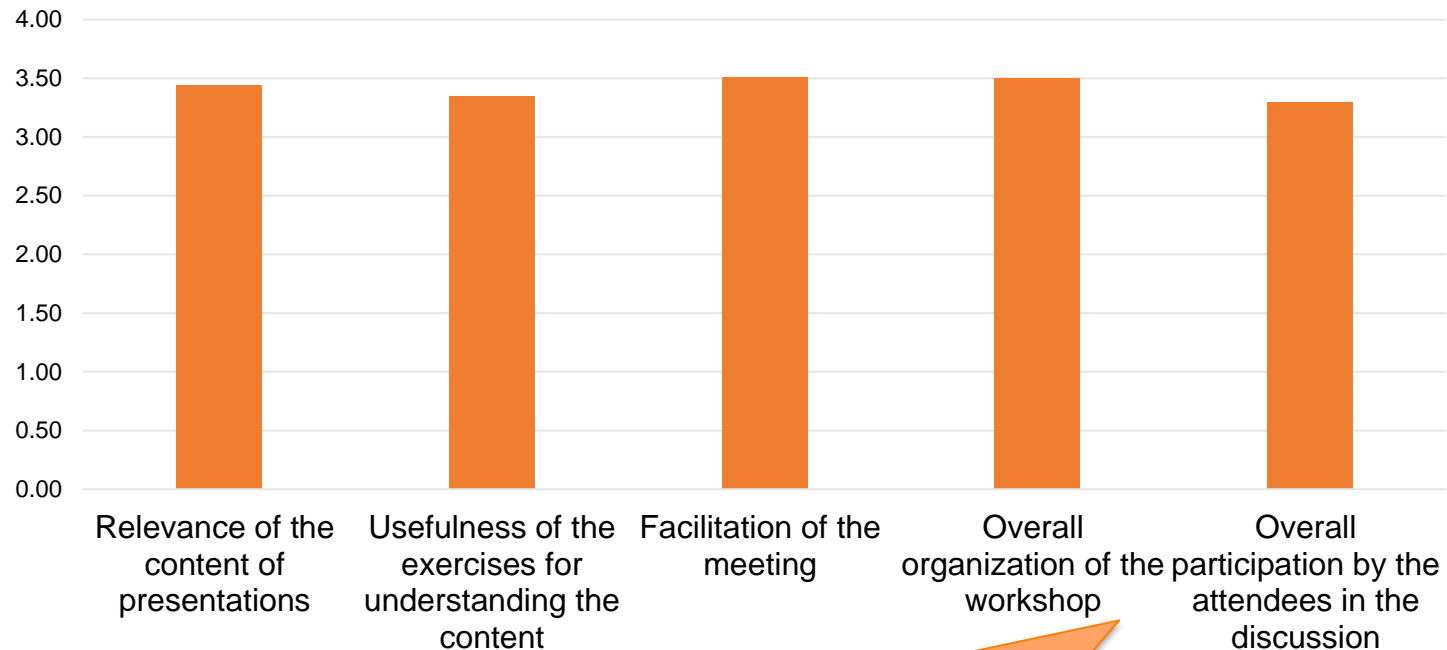Majority of participants from Managing Authorities and ministries

Big share of participants from LAGs / NRN

Evaluators, researchers, Paying Agencies still less represented

How did the participants assess the quality of the trainings?

Overall assessment by training participants

Bar chart with y-axis from 0.00 to 4.00. Categories:
- Relevance of the content of presentations: ~3.45
- Usefulness of the exercises for understanding the content: ~3.35
- Facilitation of the meeting: ~3.50
- Overall organization of the workshop: ~3.50
- Overall participation by the attendees in the discussion: ~3.30
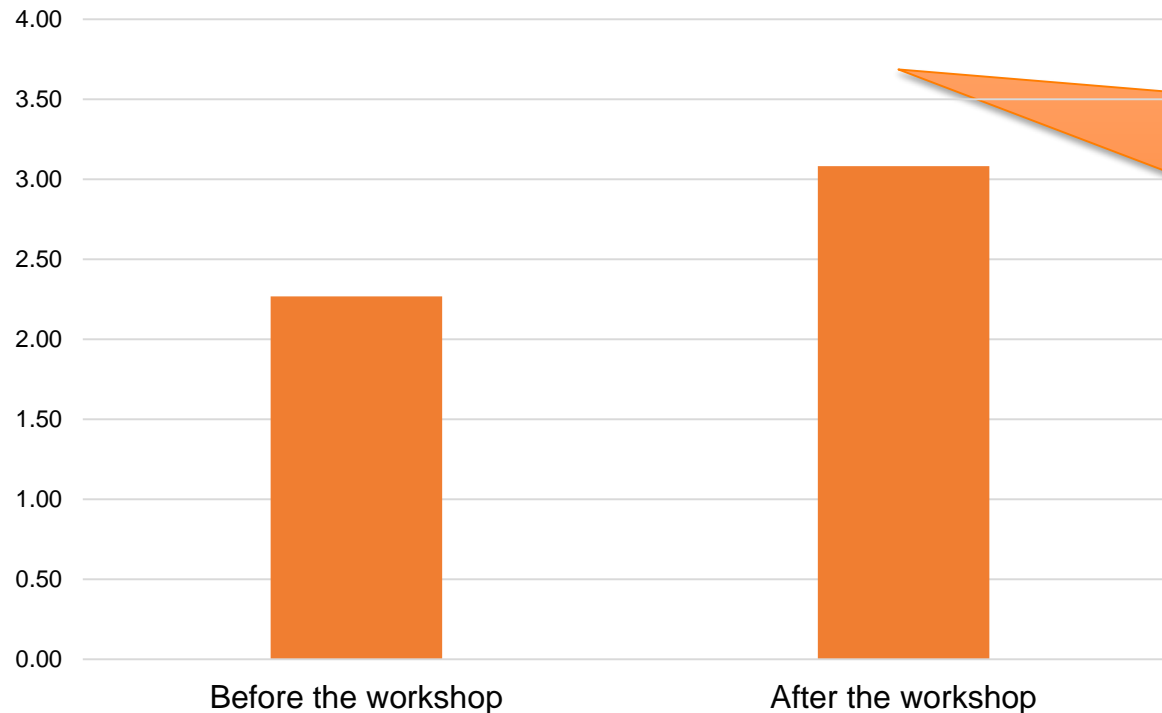
The **feedback form**:
- included closed and open questions
- was filled by 69% of participants
- scale (very good-4; good-3; fair-2 and poor-1)

To what extent could participants increase their knowledge in the trainings?

Increase of knowledge of the attendees

Participants confirm increase of knowledge on evaluation due to training

Conclusions

- Capacity building attracted so far **mostly Managing Authorities and ministries** concerned with building up the monitoring and evaluation system in the Member States.

- Representatives of **Local Action Groups and NRNs** are increasingly interested in evaluation-related trainings due to new evaluation requirements.

- **Awareness** for evaluation-related capacity building has considerably increased in the Member States (e.g. many follow-up actions).

For discussion

1. **Who** needs to build evaluation capacity in your Member State?

2. On **what topics** does capacity in evaluation need to be built in 2016?

3. How can **networks** support the building of evaluation capacity in your Member State?

Thank you for your attention!

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