European Rural Networks'
Steering Group

Planned Network Activities
Upcoming activities relating to evaluation.

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2017

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

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools
- Guidance „Evaluation of LEADER CLLD"
- Guidance „Evaluation of innovation"
- Guidance „Assessment of RDP impacts in 2019"

2. Good practices in RD evaluation
- How to report on evaluation in the AIR?
- Evaluation and National Rural Networks

3. Better evaluation capacity
- Training on follow up of AIR in 2017
- Training on evaluation of LEADER/CLLD
- Other training activities

4. Further developed M&E system
- Synthesis of evaluation components included in AIR submitted in 2017

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. 6, 7, 8
- Evaluation Helpdesk website

Thematic Working Group #3 „Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD" (Q2)

Objective: Develop support for the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD

Understanding:

- How to **evaluate** LEADER/CLLD at RDP and LAG level?
- How to **support** the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at LAG level?

Developing practical help:

- How to assess **contributions of LEADER/CLLD** to focus-area related policy objectives and show evaluation findings in answers to Evaluation Questions?
- How can LAGs **assess the CLLD strategy** (including, if possible, the assessment of the delivery mechanism and of the added value of LEADER/CLLD)?

Expected outcome: _Guidance and support material for evaluation stakeholders_

Thematic Working Group #4 „Evaluation of innovation" (Q2-3)

Objective: Develop support for the evaluation of innovation

Understanding:

- Why to evaluate innovation? What is the legal framework for the evaluation of innovation in RDPs? How can RDPs foster innovation?

Analysing practices:

- What are the evaluation practices in the Member States?

Developing practical help:

- How to answer the Common Evaluation Questions related to innovation?

Expected outcome: *Guidance and support material for Member States*

Thematic Working Group #5 „Assessment of RDP impacts in 2019" (Q4)

Objective: Develop support for the evaluation activities necessary for the Annual Implementation Report to be submitted in 2019

- **Focus of the the AIR in 2019 is to assess**
    - progress towards the objectives of the programme and
    - contributions to achieving the Union strategy
- **Provide practical help for**:
    - assessing the impacts of RDPs
    - purpose and use of the impact indicators
    - linkages between RD policy and other policies and factors which affect impact indicator values,
    - proposed methods for estimating the net effect of RD interventions

Expected outcome: _Guidance and support material for Member States_

Synthesis of evaluation components integrated in the AIR submitted in 2017 (Q2-3)

Objective: Provide an overview of the achievements of EU rural development policy

- Synthetize key information contained in the Annual Implementation Reports, chapter 2 and 7

- Show:
  - The progress in implementing the Evaluation Plan
  - Results achieved in relation to each focus area and priority
  - Answers to common evaluation questions #1-21

Expected outcome: Working paper

Good Practice Workshops

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Objective: Learn from evaluation practices in the Member States

Workshop #5 (Q3, 19/20 Sept. in Latvia):

- "How to report on evaluation in the Annual Implementation Reports: experiences and outlook"

Workshop #6 (Q4):

- Evaluation and National Rural Networks
  - How can NRNs support the evaluation at RDP and LAG-level?
  - How are NRN activities evaluated?

Expected outcome: _Workshop reports_

Yearly capacity building events

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Objective: Build evaluation capacities in the Member States

TOPIC #1: "Follow-up of the Annual Implementation Reports in 2017: What are the stakeholders' main lessons learnt from answering the Common Evaluation Questions?"

- What were strengths & weaknesses of the evaluation process in 2017?
- What follow-up is needed at the Member State level?
- What is the need for support in view of the AIR in 2019?

TOPIC #2: Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD (Q1-Q4)

- How to evaluate at RDP and LAG level

Expected outcome: capacity building material

Questions

1. Do the upcoming evaluation-related activities **correspond to your needs**?

2. Are there any **other evaluation-related needs** or topics to be addressed?

3. Is the **timing** of the activities appropriate?

Thank you for your attention!

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