

Method used for defining selection criteria

Rural Development Program
Alsace - FRANCE



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Location and rural development program



Alsace :

- Around 8 000 km²
- 1,9 millions inhabitants
- 2 french departments

Rural development program 2014-2020 :

- Approved 23th October 2015
- 119,24 millions € :
 - 61% natural resources and climate
 - 27% competitiveness of agriculture
 - 12 % local development

Selection criteria : method

- « Partnership » method :
 - Workshops with thematic groups before monitoring committee
 - Method used all along the construction of the rural development program
- 2 types of partnerships :
 - **wide partnership** on the rural development
 - **restricted partnerships**
 - => definition of one group of experts per type of operation
- Group of experts :
 - ⇒ Construction of the rural development program
 - ⇒ Consulted on the definition of the selection criteria

Composition of the experts' group

- Four types of partners :
 - ❖ Representative(s) of the Managing Authority
 - ❖ Thematic experts
 - ❖ Co-financers
 - ❖ Instructors



Role of each member

- **Managing Authority**
 - ❖ Coordination, animation, mediation
 - ❖ Expert in European funds
- **Thematic experts**
 - ❖ Technical knowledge of the thematic
- **Co-financers**
 - ❖ Possibility of financing the selected projects
- **Instructors :**
 - ❖ Clear separation between eligibility criteria and selection criteria
 - ❖ Interest of the project and verifiability

Examples of expert groups (1/2)

- Measure 4 - type of operation “barn” :
 - ❖ Co financers (State, local authorities, Water Agency)
 - ❖ Farmers’ representatives
 - ❖ Managing authority
 - ❖ Instructors (State)
- Measure 6 - type of operation “methanization”
 - ❖ National expert
 - ❖ Regional expert
 - ❖ Managing authority
 - ❖ Instructors (Region Alsace)

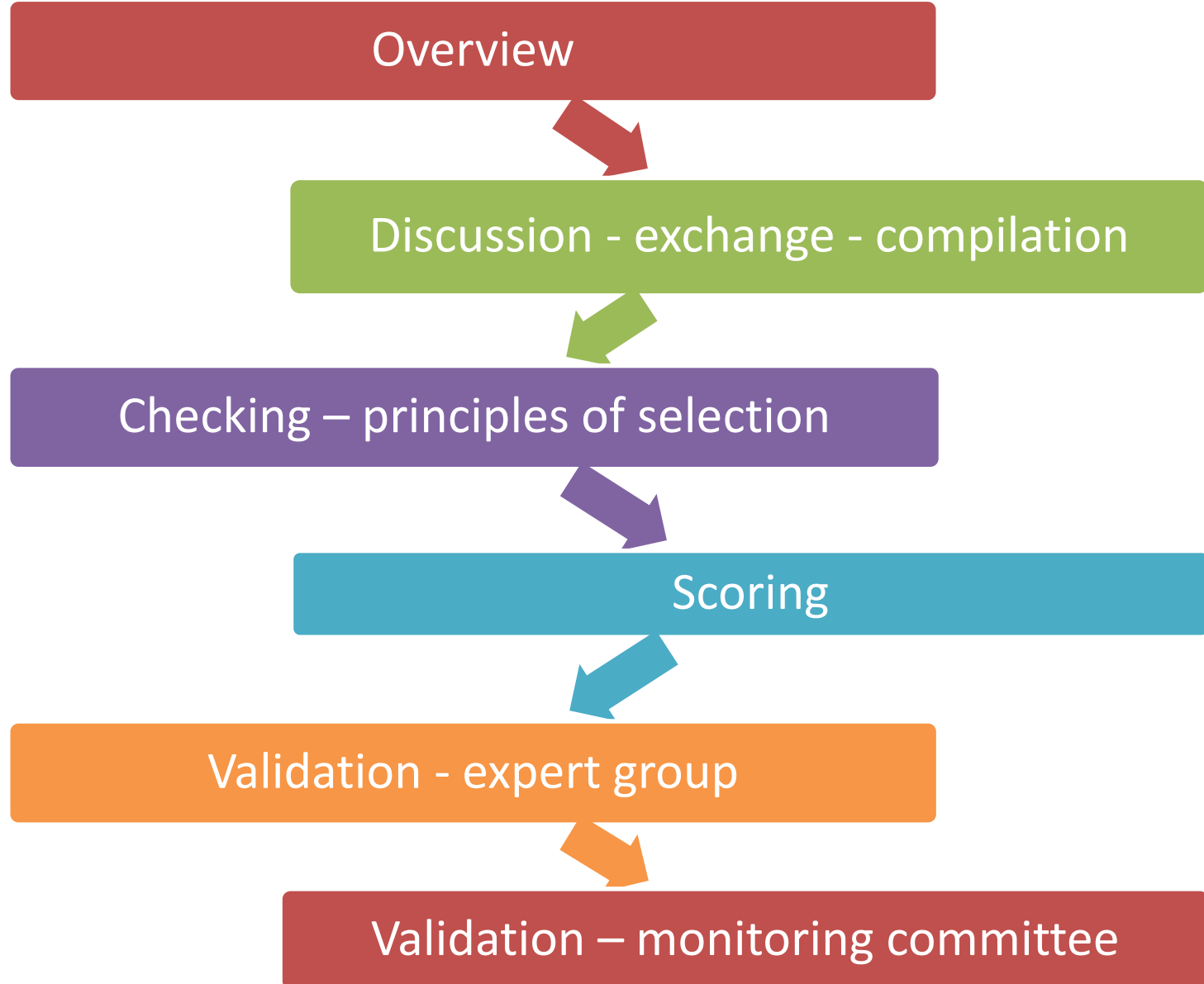


Examples of expert groups (2/2)

- Measure 6 - type of Operation “tourism” (bicycle path):
 - ❖ Partners responsible for tourism valorization and promotion
 - ❖ Partners responsible for bicycle path (ex : construction, maintenance)
 - ❖ Managing authority
 - ❖ Instructors (Region Alsace)



Workshops' stages



Advantages and disadvantages of this method

- Advantages :
 - ❖ Competences' optimization
 - ❖ Homogenization of the criteria between co-financers
 - ❖ Appropriation of the selection criteria
 - ❖ Consensus, general agreement
- Disadvantages :
 - ❖ Time
 - ❖ Difficulty to find experts



Thank you for your attention

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