



Thematic Working Group “Evaluation of Innovation”

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Innovation in the EU rural policy

Innovation together with environment and climate change is one of the **cross-cutting EU rural policy objectives**

Rural development priorities and focus areas

Union priority

Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry, and rural areas with a focus on:

Focus area 1A Fostering **innovation** cooperation and the development of the knowledge base in RA

Focus area 1B strengthening links between agriculture, food production and forestry and research and **innovation**

Knowledge transfer, advisory services and cooperation, but all other measures as well

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National rural networks

EIP groups, local actions groups, advisors, activities of NRNs and all single RDP innovative projects under focus areas



Why to evaluate innovation?

- **Demonstrate** the progress in fostering innovation through the RDP by...assessing its effectiveness and efficiency in contributing to the achievements of RD objectives (Accountability!)
- **Target** the support better in favor of innovative practices
- **Ensure a common learning on** how to achieve more innovation via RDPs



Legal requirements related to evaluation of innovation?

Specify in the Evaluation plan:

- topics and activities linked to cross-cutting issues

Ensure the assessment of RDP results and impacts, provide answers to the evaluation questions related to

- **Focus area 1A and 1B** (AIR of 2017, 2019, ex post)
- **Cross-cutting objective on innovation:** „To what extent has the RDP contributed to fostering innovation?“ (AIR of 2019, ex post)

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Thematic working group: objectives and expected outcome

Objectives

Examine and address the major challenges in the evaluation of innovation

Review existing experiences in the evaluation of innovation

Identify and design effective solutions in the evaluation of innovation inside of the RDP

Expected outcome

Guidelines for the evaluation of innovation, complementing existing guidance and the CMES;



Thematic working group – composition

DRAFTING THE GUIDELINES

Permanent Team of
Evaluation Helpdesk

Core team members

Thematic experts

PEER REVIEWING

DG AGRI

Experts

INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS

EXPERT GROUP ON MONITORING
AND EVALUATING THE CAP

ENRD Contact Point
EIP-AGRI Service Point

SOUNDING BOARD

Expert Group on Monitoring and
Evaluating the CAP

Rural Network Steering Group
Sub-group on innovation



Examples of main aspects to be addressed in the guidelines

- Identifying the **evaluation subject**
- Using the **Common Monitoring and Evaluation System** (CMES) and programme specific evaluation elements
- **Methodology** for evaluation of innovation
- **Management** of the evaluation of innovation



Working steps

- 10th meeting of Expert group for M&E of CAP – 18 november 2016 (information and discussion with MS)
- Kick off meeting - 12 December 2016 (concept and outline)
- Two meetings of Sounding Board - March and April 2017 (commenting the text)
- 11th meeting of Expert group for M&E of CAP (discussing the draft guidelines)



Interactive session: questions

- a. Are there any **practices** with regard to evaluation of innovation in your Member State?
- b. What are the **needs to be addressed by the guidelines** on evaluation of innovation?



Thank you for your attention!

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