


Update on the Thematic Working Group Evaluation Plan Guidelines

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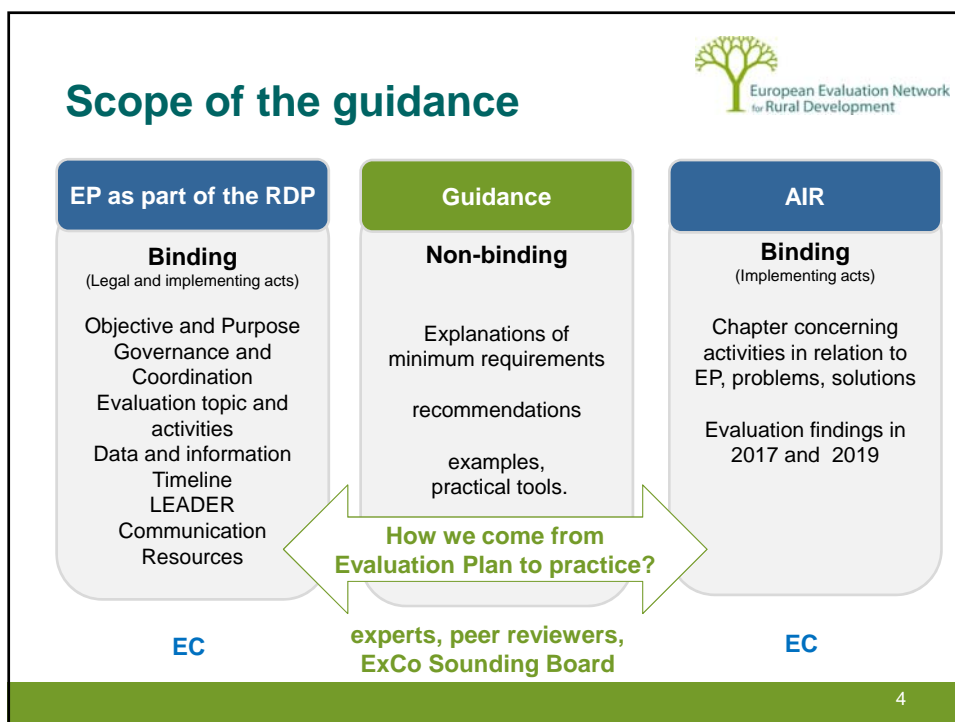
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State of play



- **20 March: 14th Evaluation Expert Committee:** presentation of the content of the Evaluation Plan, comments from ExCo members
- **21 March: Formal kick off meeting of the TWG.** Discussion of content, structure, length of the guidelines
- **March/April:** Experts draft **first text-inputs** for guidelines
- **29 April: 2nd ad hoc meeting of the TWG** with experts and peer reviewers: discussing open issues in relation to individual chapters
- **30 April: 15th Evaluation Expert Committee:** Presentation of revised minimum requirements for the Evaluation Plan

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Establishing and implementing the EP of 2014-2020 RDPs

(proposed draft structure)



- **Part I: Evaluation Plan in the RDP**
How to fulfil the minimum requirements?
 - Objectives / Purpose
 - The legal framework
 - Elements of the EP to be covered in the RDP
- **Part II. From Plan to Practice.**
Recommendation on how to implement the Evaluation Plan
 - Following the 8 sections of the minimum requirement showing a) what needs to be covered, b) recommendations how it can be done
- **Part III: Toolbox**
 - Indicative template for EP as part of the RDP
 - Indicative template for ToR for evaluations
 - Indicative template for Annual Work Programme (not mandatory)
 - Generic time plan for conducting evaluation during programming period

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Feedback concerning... Overall structure



ExCo

- **Short**, but sufficient information on the development and implementation of the EP
- Focused **only on minimum requirements for EP**, for reporting, there is time for guidance

TWG

- **Guidelines must take account of differences between MS** → must remain open to different choices of MS
- EP is a base for **evaluation during the programming period**.
- **DG Agri's specific approach** should be reflected in guidance.

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1. Objective & purpose



ExCo

- Highlight **objectives and added value** of evaluation
- Explain the **utility of each element** of the Evaluation Plan
- Summarize changes, **compared to on going** evaluation

TWG

- Focus not only on the **compulsory document** to be delivered to EC but also show recommendations how evaluation can be **effectively steered and implemented.**

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2. Governance



ExCo

- Pros and Cons of **different governance structures**
- **Role of stakeholders** in the implementation of the EP, e.g. decisions on evaluation methods, data collections etc.
- Links between the **EP, national policies and other operational programmes, Coordination of evaluation across EU funds**

TWG

- Must **not duplicate** what is already written in the RDP concerning the set-up of monitoring and evaluation
- **Coordination and communication** among stakeholders should be highlighted
- **Proportionality** needs to be respected

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3. Evaluation topics & activities



ExCo

Description of **evaluation methods** and their application in relation to:

- Economic, social and environmental analysis
- Measures with the biggest budget and implemented across programming periods;
- Complementary result indicators;
- Specific evaluation themes;

Monitoring;

Interpretation of **target indicators** and the rationale behind;

Link **Evaluation Plan and AIR**

TWG

- **Topics must remain open** to upcoming evaluation needs (e.g. foresee ad-hoc evaluations)
- **Evaluation tasks and activities** should focus on results & impacts
- **Evaluation Questions** to be expected at the level of Focus Areas (+ horizontal issues)

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4. Data and information



ExCo

- **Actors, structures and methods** for data management and collection;
- **Identification of data** to be collected for evaluation and their sources;
- The use of **case studies**.

TWG

- Clarify what is needed to set up a **targeted data management system**?
- Focus on **data-gaps** and foreseen solutions to overcome them.
- **Cost** of data needs to be considered.

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5. Timeline



ExCo

- **Timing** and time flexibility for evaluation activities carried out during the programming period;

TWG

- Need to define **timing** for the most important evaluation **milestones, tasks, activities**.
- Need to indicate **what should be done in which time** in order to observe the programme implementation and its achievements.

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6. LEADER



ExCo

LEADER is a specific evaluation topic,

TWG

Need to clarify:

- **What shall be evaluated** in relation to Leader? (**added value** and/or **contribution of Leader to RD objectives**)
- What is the role of **self-evaluation**?
- How can it be **linked to evaluation of RDP**?

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7. Communication



ExCo

- Communication, dissemination, **use of results** for programme management.

TWG

Need to define:

- To **whom and by whom** should the evaluation result be communicated?
- What is the role of **rural networks**?
- **What** shall be communicated?
- **What** channels should be used?
- **When and how often**?

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8. Resources



ExCo

- Methods to estimate the **budget for evaluation**
- Methods how to **evaluate resources**
- Budget (indicative) **for training, capacity development**
- **Outsourcing** of evaluation

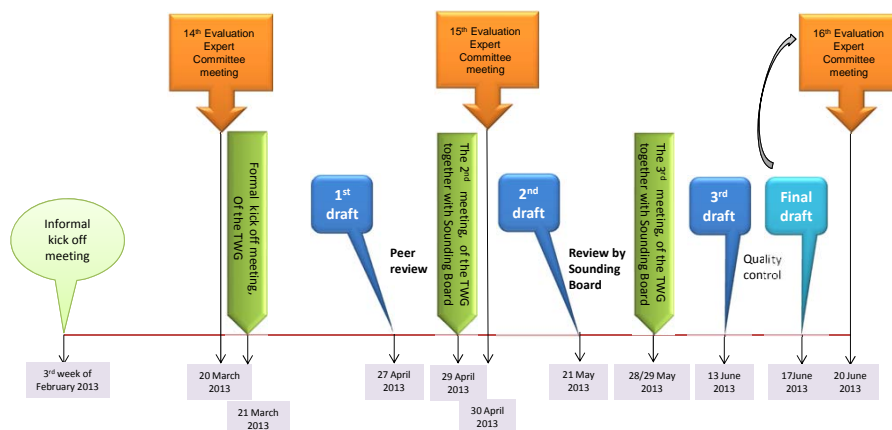
TWG

Need to clarify:

- How should we **plan resources** for evaluation tasks envisioned in the EP?
- What **types of resources**?
- What needs to be taken into consideration in planning resources?
- How can we fill **resource gaps**?

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Next steps



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Sounding Board



- 28 May 2013 (2 pm – 4:30 pm): **Meeting of the Sounding Board** for Evaluation Plan Guidelines in Prague on (organized back to back to Good Practice Workshop on 27/28 May)
- Members of the Evaluation Expert Committee are **welcome register and to attend** (invitation will go out in the coming days).

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Thank you for your attention!