

National Rural Network Evaluation

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Programme objectives and intervention logic

1st Set of measures Improvement of governance	
Supporting central, regional and local Administrations in the improvement of rural development programmes' performance, in terms of efficiency, efficacy and integration with other policies.	<p>1.1.1 Horizontal support to Administrations engaged in the Rural Development Programme implementation</p> <p>1.1.2 Support to the establishment of the national monitoring and evaluation system</p>
Encouraging the connection of national, regional and local Institutions with horizontal and vertical partnership in the implementation of rural development policies and their coordination with other policies.	<p>1.2.1 A national standing forum on partnership</p> <p>1.2.2 Inter-regional workshops for development</p>

3rd Set of measures Diffusion of good practices and knowledge	
Capitalizing, diffusing and transferring experiences, good practices and innovations	<p>3.1.1 Identification and analysis of transferable good practices/innovations and relevant information</p> <p>3.1.2 Transfer of good practices/innovations and relevant placement into different contexts</p>
Promoting and encouraging the diffusion of possibilities and results of rural development policies.	<p>3.2.1 Supporting the promotion of services in favour of rural actors</p> <p>3.2.2 Information on contents and results achieved by CAP and rural development policies</p>

2nd Set of measures Strengthening of the managerial and planning capacities	
Supporting the acquisition, updating and improvement of managerial and planning capacities of individuals involved in the implementation of Rural Development Programmes, also with a view to integration and coordination with the other policies.	<p>2.1.1 Preparation of training programmes for Local Action Groups in the process of formation</p> <p>2.1.2 Organisation of experiences and know-how exchange</p> <p>2.1.3 Workshops on pilot ideas and integrated projects</p>
Supporting partnership capacity between territories and actors involved in rural development.	<p>2.2.1 Technical assistance to inter-territorial and transnational cooperation</p> <p>2.2.2 Technical assistance to cooperation among institutions</p>

4th Set of measures Management of the Network	
	<p>4.1.1 Implementation, management and operation of Network structures</p> <p>4.1.2 Communication Plan and publicity of interventions</p> <p>4.1.3 Monitoring and evaluation of the Network</p>

The Evaluation Plan: defining the governance

@ **Who's who & who does what:**

- MA, Independent evaluator, Steering group, Stakeholders: skills, roles and functions

@ **What to do:**

- Priorities of the evaluation activities
- Methodologies, data and sources
- Outputs & timing
- Programme specific evaluation questions

@ **How to do it:**

- Call for tender for selecting the evaluator (published in May; closed in Nov 2009)
- Procedures and relations between the different actors

Priorities of the evaluation activities

- @ Report on the evaluability conditions:
 - @ Updating and review the programme **indicators**
 - @ Assessing the Adequateness of **data** and **sources**
- @ Focusing on the:
 - @ Capability to create an **objective-led network**
 - @ Working with the stakeholders in a **participative approach**
 - @ Capability to enhance the RDPs' and local **governance**
 - @ Capability to support **cooperation**, **networking** and **exchange** of practices at all levels
 - @ Efficiency of the NRN's **organization**
 - @ Effectiveness of **communication** activities
 - @ Utility of **outputs** and **services** provided by the NRN

NRN and the evaluator

Participativeness

- Continuous involvement of the stakeholders
- Learning evaluation
- Participation to meetings organized by NRN
- Supporting the selfevaluation exercise

- User-friendly reporting
- Meetings
- Dialogue & exchange of views

Communication

Usefulness

- Result-management oriented
- Encouraging changes in behaviours

The evaluation design: approach, methods, tools

Programme strategy & objectives

- Project cycle management approach
- Cause & effects approach

Impact indicators



Global objectives

Result indicators



Specific Objectives

Output indicators



Actions

MA's specific evaluation demand

- Focusing on priorities
- Developing AEQs

Programme strategy & objectives

Updating the ex-ante evaluation

Consistency of the assessments

Desk analysis

PCM & S.M.A.R.T.

Additional set set
“networking indicators”

Ex ante indicators (output, result and impact): check, updating, review and additional set.

- Scale-assessment
- Sub-articulation for impact indicators (qualitative setting)

Desk analysis & interviews

Sources

Mapping the evaluation **NEEDS**

Research & Desk analysis

Interviews

Drafting & Selecting evaluation **QUESTIONS**

Multicriteria analysis

Sharing and Revising the **EQs** with the MA and the NRN

Focus group

Desk analysis

Defining **INDICATORS**

Desk analysis

PCM & S.M.A.R.T. criteria

Additional EQs: themes and methods

NRN supportiveness

- Rural Governance
- Ruralactivizenship
- Addressing Local needs

Desk analysis

Communication NRN's Organization

- Dissemination
- Territorial Coverage
- Structures and the internal relations
- Task mngnt
- Participative approach

Field analysis &
participative evaluation
(interviews, Delphi
method, EASW, Focus
group, brainstorming)

LEADER, Cooperation, Good practises

- Human capital
- Behavioural changes
- Utilization of good
practises

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Outputs as scheduled

Output	Deadline
Report on impact, result and output indicators	Delivered (22 April 2010)
Report on the Evaluability Conditions and design of the evaluation	Delivered (22 May 2010)
Draft Mid-Term Evaluation Report	By 30 October 2010
Mid -Term Evaluation Report	By 15 December 2010
Draft Annual Report	By 30 March (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Annual Report	By 30 May (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Draft ex-post evaluation	By 30 March 2015
Ex-post Evaluation	By 30 May 2015

Thank you for your attention

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