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Rural development evaluation post- 2013

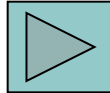
**What can be expected and
how to prepare**

Workshop on "Evaluation activities 2007-2013 – Evaluation perspectives 2014-2020", Athens, 6 June 2012

RD evaluation post-2013

- *The term 'ongoing evaluation' does not figure in the legislative proposals for post-2013*
- *The idea lives on in the evaluation plan*
- *Shift of focus from building the ongoing evaluation system to planning and carrying out evaluations*
 - *Building on the achievements of the current period*
 - *Planning evaluation activities for the entire period (evaluation plan)*
 - *Need for further capacity building, data development, etc. remains*
- *No mid-term evaluation; enhanced implementation reports in 2017 and 2019*
- *More flexibility for evaluations to serve the needs of (i) programme implementation and (ii) EU level reporting*

RD evaluation post-2013

- *RD evaluation embedded in an overall M&E system for the CAP as a whole (Article 110 HZ regulation)*
- *Common (impact) indicators for the 2 pillars* 
- *1st and 2nd pillar evaluations likely to be carried out quite differently*
 - *Second pillar at programme level on the basis of the revised CMEF*
 - *First pillar evaluations carried out largely by COM*
- *Separate EU evaluation network for rural development*

Legal framework for the evaluation plan

Article 49 CSF regulation:

- An evaluation plan shall be *drawn up* by the MA for each RDP
- MS shall ensure that *appropriate evaluation capacity* is available

Article 83 RD regulation:

- COM shall establish *minimum requirements* for the evaluation plan
- MS shall organise the production and gathering of the requisite *data* and supply the *information* provided by the monitoring system to the evaluators

Article 9 RD regulation:

- MS to carry out an analysis of the *needs* relating to monitoring and evaluation requirements and to provide sufficient *resources* and *capacity building* activities to address these needs (under discussion in Council WP)

What does the evaluation plan imply for MS?

*Evaluation plan has the potential to become the **major steering tool** for RD evaluation in the next period*

***Minimum requirements** were discussed for the first time during a good practice workshop in Vienna in May 2012:*

- Plan sequence of evaluation activities with respect to the enhanced AIRs in 2017 and 2019, and the ex-post evaluation
- Outline resource needs and capacity building activities
- Outline data provision arrangements and link to monitoring
- Describe evaluation approaches, including for specific issues (horizontal issues, LEADER, etc.), and quality assurance mechanisms
- Describe relationship between RD evaluation and evaluations for other policies (possibility of joint evaluation plan with other CSF funds)

Possibility to have evaluation plan (steering tool) implemented through annual work programmes (management tool)?

What can be done to prepare for post-2013?

- *Link the preparation for the ex-post 2007-2013 with the preparations for post-2013*
 - *Much of what has been said this morning will also be useful for the next period*
- *Start preparations for the **ex-ante** of RDPs 2014-2020 as soon as possible*
- *Begin early with the preparation of the **evaluation plan***
 - *see it as an **opportunity** to engage the different actors in a concerted effort to prepare for evaluation in the 2014-2020 period*
- *Ensure support from the **political level***

Upcoming COM events

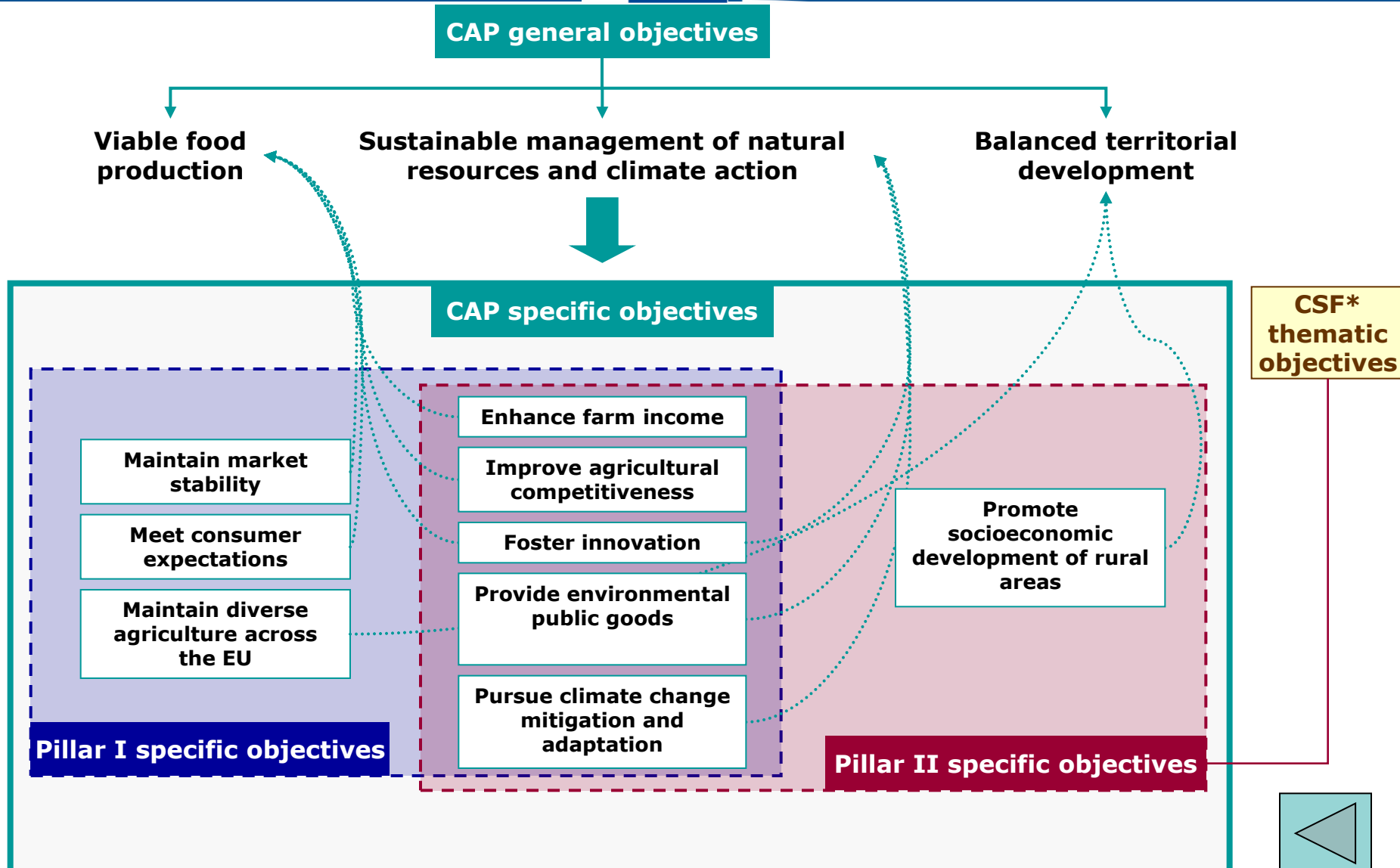
- *Meeting of the evaluation expert committee on 12 June*
 - *Discussion of revised indicator list (focus: impact indicators; result indicators for 2nd pillar)*
 - *Ex-ante guidelines (+ preliminary list of context indicators)*
- *Meeting of the 1st+2nd pillar expert group on 14 June*
 - *Discussion of Art 110 of the HZ regulation; presentation of the list of common M&E indicators for the CAP (both pillars)*
- *Meeting of the RDC + PAs on 20 June*
 - *Focus: output + result indicators; indicator plan*
- *After the summer: consolidated indicator list*
- *End 2012: draft implementing acts*

Thank you !

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CAP intervention logic



*CSF: Common Strategic Framework including the EFRD, ESF, CF, EAFRD and EMFF