



# European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP

**Draft Annual Work Programme 2022**

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# Content



Introduction

Objectives and tasks

Needs

AWP 2022



Leader of the ongoing “Framework contract for the evaluation studies of the CAP, synthesis and cross-thematic issues”

Holistic evaluation competencies covering all CAP objectives and instruments from both EAGF and EAFRD CAP funds

Large company (> 500 employees) headquartered in Brussels with a long track record in delivering support services to the EC

Large network including thematic and geographic experts and academics, with participation in several Horizon 2020 projects



Leader of the ongoing “European Evaluation Helpdesk for rural development”

Specific expertise in Pillar 2 evaluation; experience in conducting evaluations related to the third general CAP objective

Specialised company with more than 12 years of experience in running the evaluation helpdesk for DG AGRI

Network of geographic experts with well-established relationships with Member States’ Managing Authorities

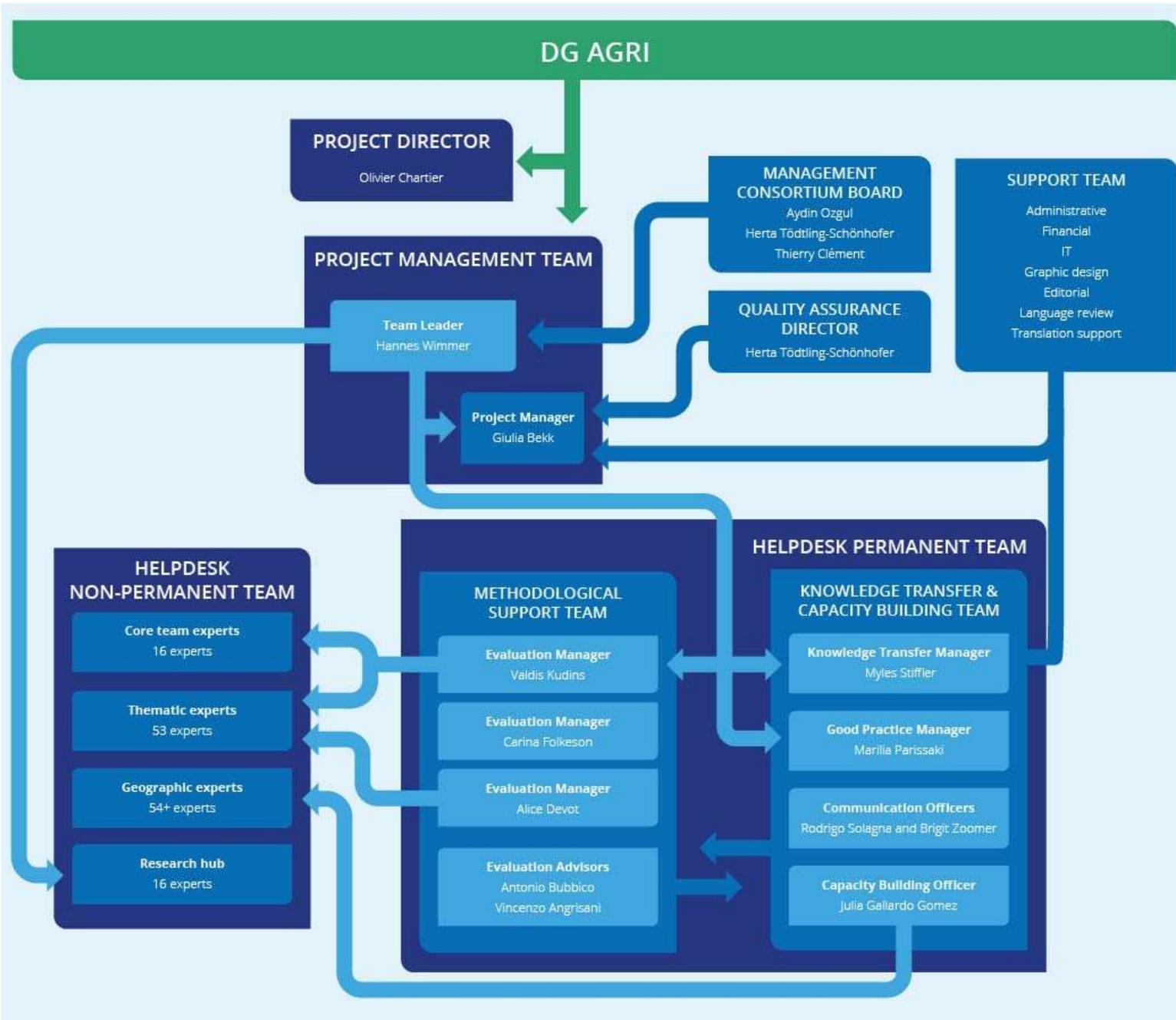


Leader of the ongoing “Framework contract for the evaluation of CAP measures contributing to the general objective of viable food production”

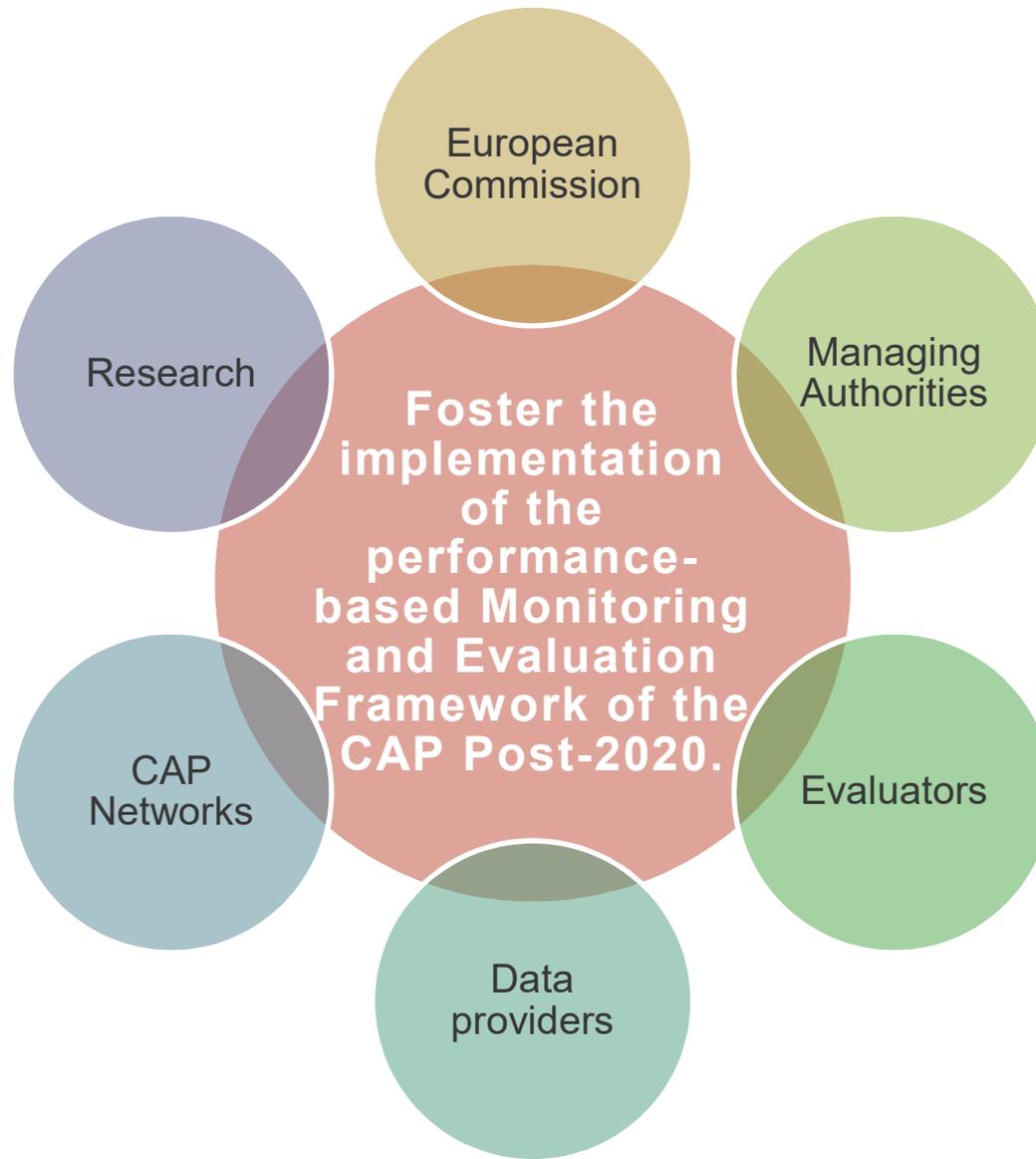
Specific expertise in Pillar 1 evaluation; experience in conducting evaluations related to the first and second general CAP objectives

Specialised company with more than 15 years of experience in implementing evaluation studies for DG AGRI

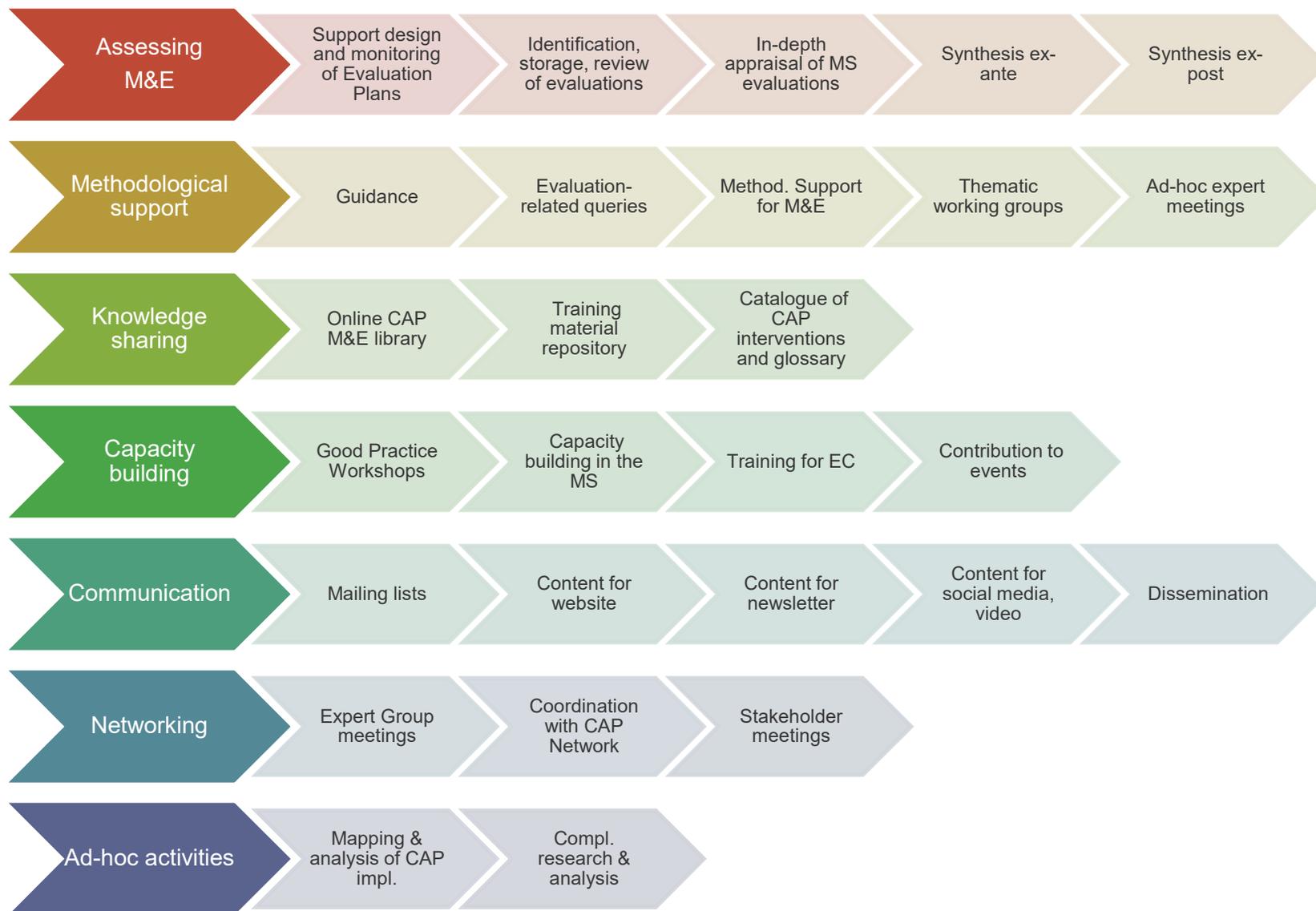
In-house CAP evaluation experts and access to a large network of thematic and geographic experts



# Overall objective and target groups



# Tasks





# Draft Annual Work Programme 2022 – selected / key activities

1. Guidance and methodological support to Member States
2. Knowledge sharing
3. Analytical tasks

→ Your feedback on the suggested topics is very welcome!

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# 1. Guidance and methodological support to Member States

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# Guidance for Member States

*Suggested topics for 2022:*

- *Evaluation Plan as tool to steer CAP evaluations (Q1-Q4)*
- *Data and methods for assessing the net impact of the CAP on Environment and **climate-related objectives** (SO d, e, f) (Q2-4)*
  - focus on ‘most difficult’ indicators (e.g. nutrient leakage, farm bird index)
  - focus on Pillar 1 types of interventions

Guidance  
documents

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Thematic  
Working  
Groups



## Guidance for Member States

*Other possible topics:*

- *Data and methods to assess **GAEC***
- *Guidance linked to **Green Deal***
- *Data and methods for assessing the net impact of the CAP objectives related to **food security** (SO a, b, c)*
- *Data and methods for assessing the net impact of the CAP on objectives related to **socio-economic fabric** (SO g, h, i)*
- *Data and methods for assessing **specific CAP aspects** (Leader, innovation, CAP Networks, Technical Assistance)*

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# Capacity building/Peer learning in Member States

Suggested topics:

- ***Evaluation plan***

- Exchange of key lessons and to develop features of the evaluation plan
- Focus on Pillar 1 evaluation experience
- Support to Member States to assess data gaps/needs and develop strategies to address data-gaps
- Set-up of database with key information on EPs

- ***Free choice of topic for a peer-learning event, e.g. to focus on specific technical aspects or wider evaluation aspects***

**2** capacity  
buildings  
per MS

Feedbacks  
on trainings

**1**  
database  
with key  
info on EPs

# Helpdesk for evaluation queries



Objectives:

- **Replying to evaluation-related queries**
  - can be sent in any EU language!
- **Sharing of Frequently Asked Questions**
  - through webpage
  - Other means (e.g. capacity buildings, newsletter etc.)

Replies  
within  
**15** days

**1**  
database  
for queries

Regular  
FAQ  
updates



## 2. Knowledge sharing

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# Good Practice Workshops



*Suggested topics for 2022:*

- *Assessment of **environmental and climate-related CAP objectives**, focus on water quality, soil or biodiversity impact.*
- *Evaluation of **sectoral interventions** (e.g. F&V): methodologies, data availability and data-needs*
- *Methodology and data for **BISS evaluation**: taking stock from past experience at EU level, implication for evaluation at Member States level*

**3** Good  
Practice  
Workshops

# Good Practice Workshops



*Other possible topics:*

- *Assessment of **AKIS** / innovation / **EIP***
- ***Ex ante evaluation** of the CAP-Strategic Plans, good practices, lessons learned*
- *Assessment of **risk management***
- ***Food supply chain:** practices in quantifying the distribution of value added along the food chain*

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## Collection & review of evaluations

### Objectives

- **Collect, review and share Member States' evaluations**
- **Summarise relevant evaluations**
- **Select evaluations for in-depth appraisal**
- **Provide feedback on appraisals**

### *Further information:*

- *Link to [Member States completed evaluations 2014-2022](#)*

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database  
with  
evaluations

English  
summaries  
of relevant  
evaluations

30

quality  
appraisals

# Catalogue of CAP interventions



## Objectives

- **Collect all interventions planned and described by Member States in CAP Strategic Plan**
- **Categorise interventions (objective, type, sector, farm practice etc.)**
- **Translate in EN**
- **Share through digital database of CAP interventions on webpage**

Searchable  
database of  
CAP interv.



## Communication and dissemination

### Objective

- **Increase outreach of the Helpdesk activities within European CAP Network**
- **Dissemination of CAP evaluation findings**

3  
newsletters

### Examples of topics in 2022:

- *New CAP Evaluation Helpdesk support services publicity*
- *Understanding the PMEF framework and its elements*
- *Evaluation Plan as tool to steer CAP evaluations*
- *Ex-ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plans*

Website,  
social  
media

Event-  
contrib.



### 3. Analytical tasks

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# Mapping and analysis of the implementation of the CAP



## Objectives

- **Analysing Member States' intervention logic, delivery choices and the motivation behind them**
- **Assessment of the joint effort in terms of**
  - expected results and effects on CAP objectives
  - potential contribution to other EU policies and strategies (e.g. Green deal, Farm2Fork).

Overview  
of implem.  
choices

Typology of  
MS's focus  
on CAP  
objectives



# Synthesis of ex-ante evaluations

## Objective

- **Analysing and synthetising the ex-ante evaluations of the CAP Strategic Plans**

11  
synthesis  
questions

## Focus

- Synthetise Member States' evaluation findings
- Assessment of overall quality
- Identification of good practices and areas for improvements
- Answering of 11 synthesis questions (covering the evaluation criteria)
- Conclusions on contribution towards CAP Specific Objectives

conclusions



## Methodological support for DG AGRI's M&E activities

### *Examples of topics*

- *Use of meta-evaluation for assessing CAP interim impacts (how to collect and compute data from national evaluation at EU level)*
- *Synthesis of research papers to identify specific methods to be used for CAP assessment of income support*
- *Contributions to EU policies and strategies (Green Deal, Farm to fork)*
- *Feasibility of using cost benefit analysis and methodology for assessing the efficiency of CAP interventions*
- *Review of the sampling schedules and the reporting requirements stemming from other relevant legislation (e.g. the Water Directive), with a view to helping synchronise assessment of indicators and planning of evaluations with other reporting requirements*

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support  
activities

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and tackled  
under other  
task

# Methodological support for DG AGRI's M&E activities



## *Ideas for additional studies or working groups*

- *Assessing how income support (BISS and couple support) influences farm practices in relation to environmental and climate objectives*
- *Developing an analytical framework for assessing innovative eco-schemes practices (e.g. certification schemes, integrated production)*
- *Impact of the COVID-19 on EU agri-food sector and CAP performance assessment*
- *Testing satellite data for analysing environmental effects*
- *Feasibility of experimental approaches to assess net impacts of the CAP*
- *Use of coefficients to estimate net impacts of the CAP on environment (interrelation with JRC-work)*
- *Mapping of data-availability/gaps on selected indicators*

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# Q&A and next steps



## **1. What are your needs and priorities?**

- *Please send us your comments in writing by 23 December or*
- *contact us directly if you wish to discuss further questions, observations, ideas.*

## **2. Fine-tuning and finalisation of Annual Work Programme in Q1/2022**



# Thank you for your attention!

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