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The National Rural Network presents **e-valprog**: e-learning course on the evaluation of rural development programmes



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OBJECTIVES

In order to disseminate and consolidate the culture of evaluation it is necessary to improve the quality of evaluations and to raise awareness about the need of carrying out those that better provide useful knowledge for the design and the implementation of development policies. To spread knowledge and improve the skills of actors directly involved or interested, the Italian National Rural Network has launched E-VALPROG, a free e-learning course on the evaluation of EU rural development policy, aiming in particular at:

- disseminating basic knowledge on the theory of evaluation
- providing tools and information to better organize the evaluation activities
- consolidating the vision of evaluation as a useful tool for the policy making processes
- raising awareness on the role that people can play in the evaluation processes
- fostering a more conscious participation of people to the issues of rural development.



FOR WHOM IS THE COURSE INTENDED?

The course represents a useful tool for those who work on management and implementation of development policies:

- officials of the regional administrations and delegated bodies in charge of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)
- public and private bodies operating on territories (municipalities, mountain communities, socio-economic partners, paying agencies, integrated chain partnerships, etc.) and sharing the processes of implementation of RDPs with administrations
- all those who are interested in the evaluation of socio-economic development policies (evaluators, teachers, researchers, ONGs, professional organizations, etc.).



STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

THE EVALUATION: PRINCIPLES, APPROACHES, METHODS

Module 1 - Introducing evaluation

Module 2 - Approaches and the evaluation design

Module 3 - The evaluation need and the experimental method

Module 4 - Acquiring data and information for evaluation

Module 5 - Managing the evaluation processes

THE EVALUATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Module 6 - The evaluation of the European Rural Development Policy

Module 7 - The governance of the European Rural Development Policy evaluation

Module 8 - The common evaluation questions

THE MONITORING OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Module 9 - The monitoring of the European Rural Development Policy

TECHNICAL ANNEX

Module 10 - Statistics and evaluation



DIDACTIC METHODOLOGY

Experts in evaluation working for the Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force of the NRN and for universities and research institutes.

Attendees can broaden and customize training supply using both links to other internet sites suggested in the modules and references collected in the virtual library.

Each module includes an entry test, one or more tutorial lessons, and bibliographic references.

The course can be followed on line by an e-learning platform. Access to classes and all other services of the course is free and always available. It is the student who decides how to organize his own time.

Tutorial support on line with the coordinators.

The forum section gives the chance to discuss with the teachers and the other attendees.

Final certificate of attendance.

The e-learning E-Valprog will be available on the National Rural Network website (www.reterurale.it), Monitoring and Evaluation section, and Agriregionieuropa (www.agriregionieuropa.it).

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