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SYNTHESIS OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR 2011 CONCERNING ONGOING EVALUATION

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How was the work conducted?

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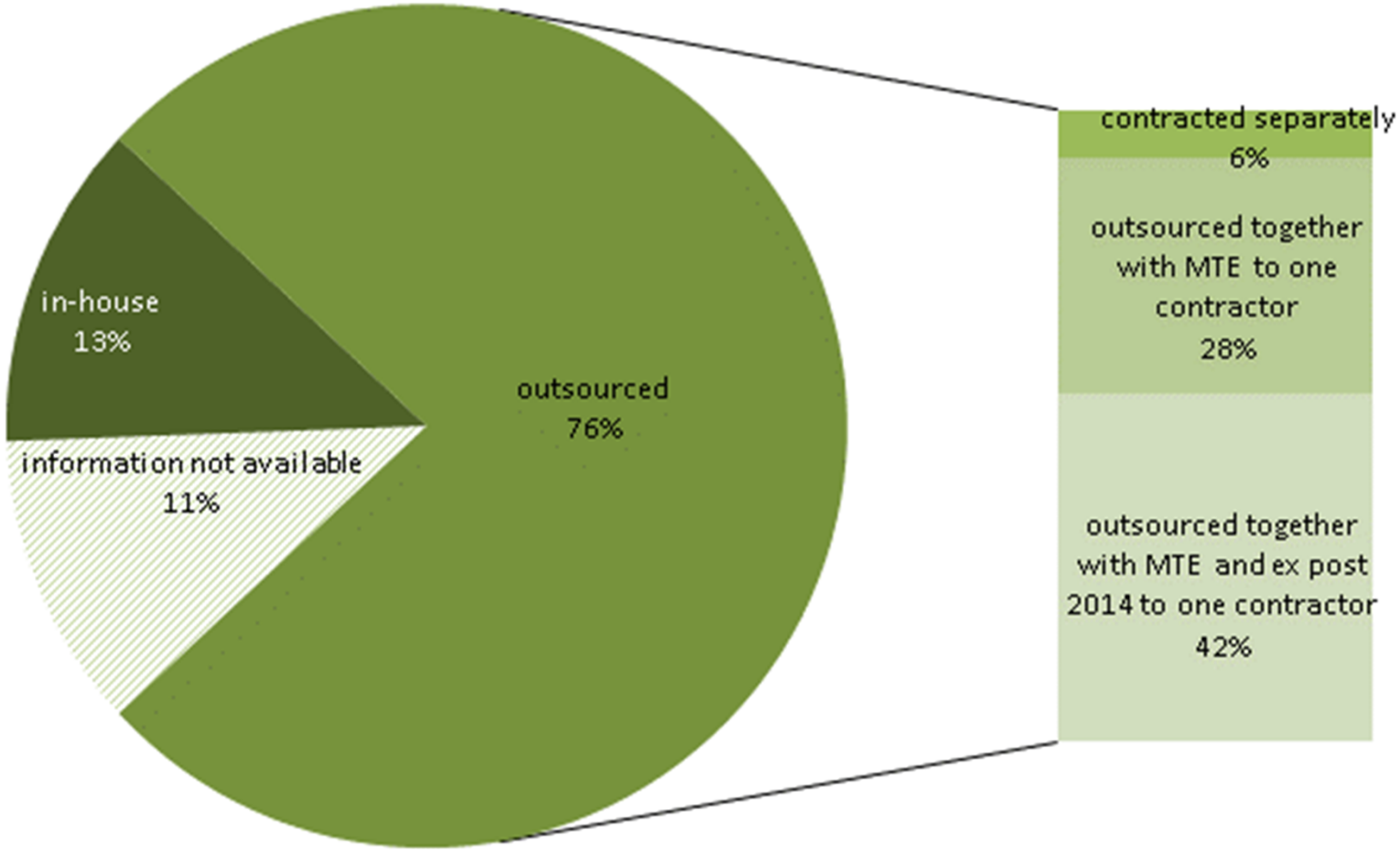
1. Member States submitted APRs for 2011 by 30/06/2012
2. Geographic Experts analyzed 87 APRs (regional & national) through a common tool
3. Findings are synthesized and analyzed
4. Draft Report Synthesis APRs for 2011 in Q4/2012

Overview of ongoing evaluation systems



Changes in the organizational set-up and steering in 2011

In order to….

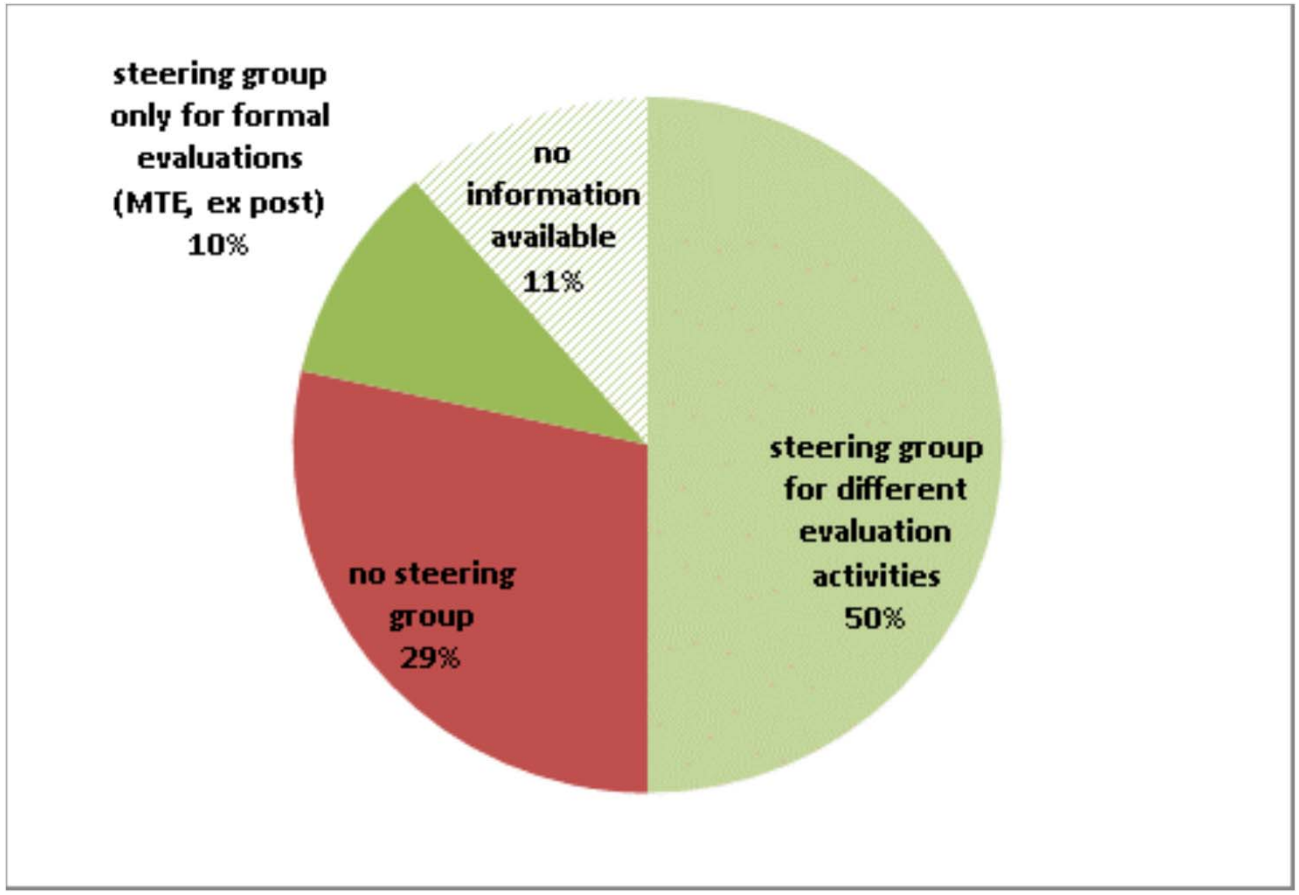
- ***improve evaluation governance***, ***enhanced steering of ongoing evaluation*** through increasing collaboration and involvement of stakeholders

- Improve the ***quality of evaluation***

- Improve ***data provisions***.

- ***targeted capacity building*** activities on specific evaluation topics (e.g. counterfactual analysis, added value of Leader, participatory evaluation, etc.).

Steering Group



Evaluation plan

Evaluation plans or similar planning documents are used in order to steer and structure the evaluation process.

They:

- are ***internal documents for steering evaluation*** (EE, EL, ES_AND, ES_BAL, ES_GAL, ES_La Rioja, ES_MUR, ES_NAV, FR _Île de la Réunion, IT_PIE, IT_LIG, AT, HU).
- typically contain ***information on the evaluation system, the planned evaluation activities, resources and dissemination activities***

Evaluation activities - *Development of evaluation approach*

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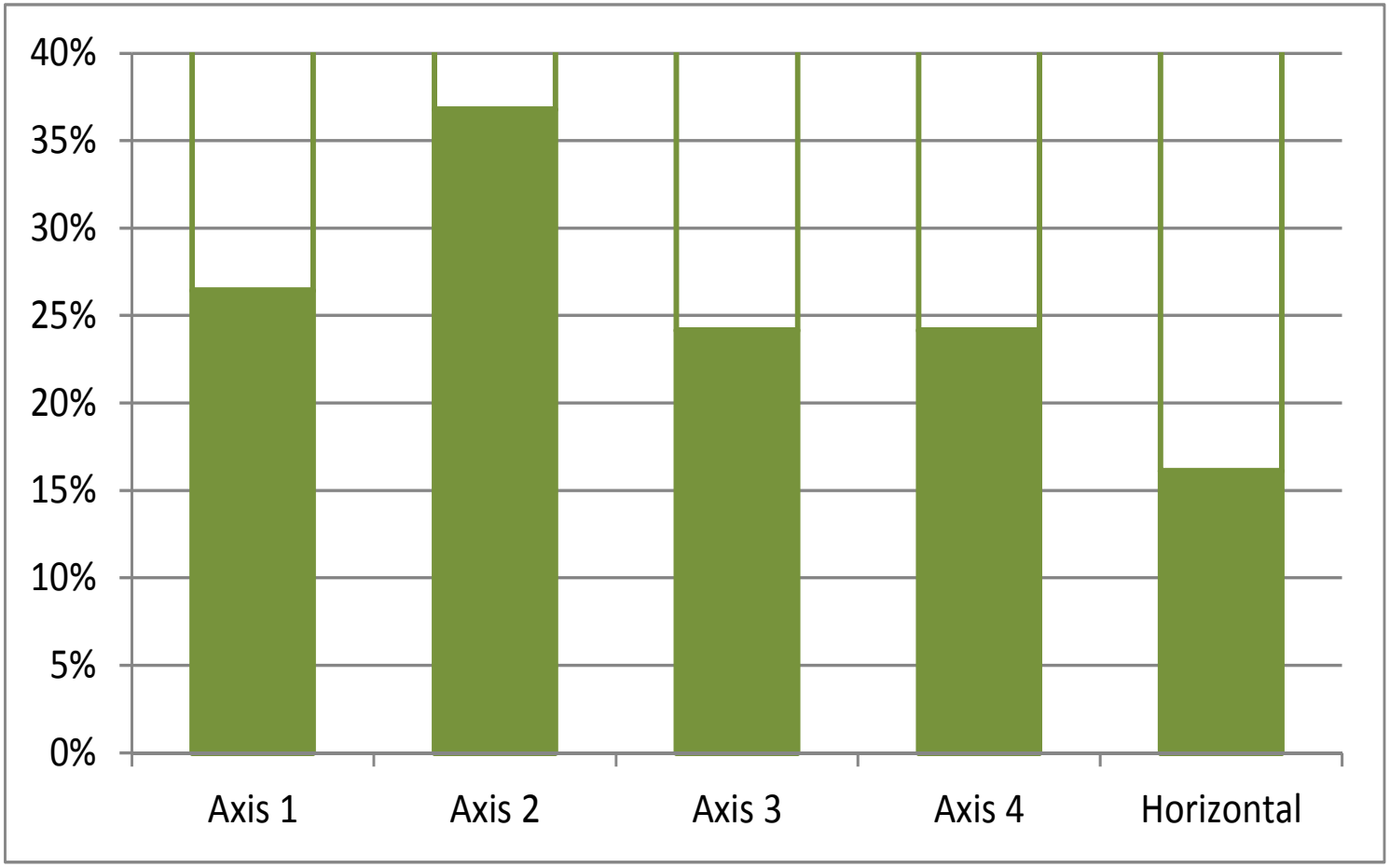
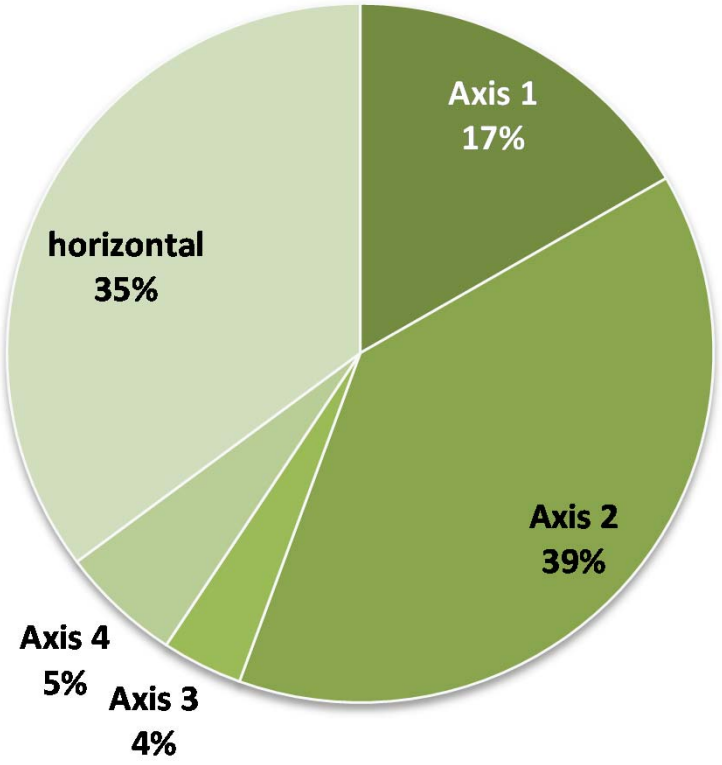
- ***Update of the evaluation design*** in order to assess socio-economic and/or environmental ***impacts***
- Improved evaluation ***methods***
- Simplification, definition, update and improvement of ***indicators***,
- Review, update and improve, or enlarge the existing ***monitoring and information system***

% of APRs describing assessment of impacts



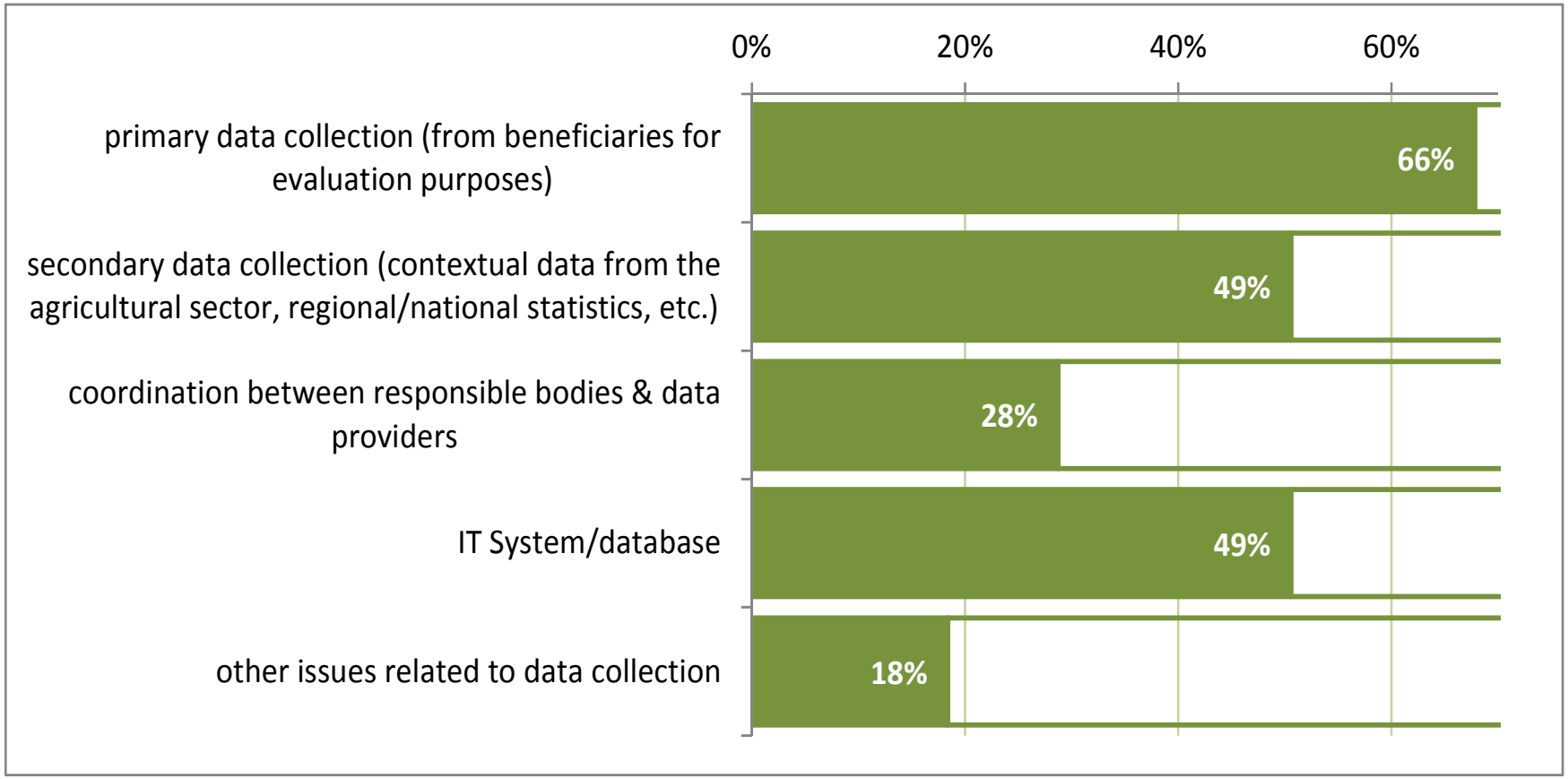
Evaluation studies in 2011



- ✓ The overall majority of evaluation studies ***covers Axis 2*** and to a lesser extent horizontal issues.
- ✓ The ***distribution*** of evaluation studies across Member States shows ***big differences.***

→ difficult to interpret as **a systematic reporting is missing.**

Data collection



➔ ***Solid activities to improve RD monitoring IT systems in particular in the environmental sphere and in conjunction with Pillar 1.***

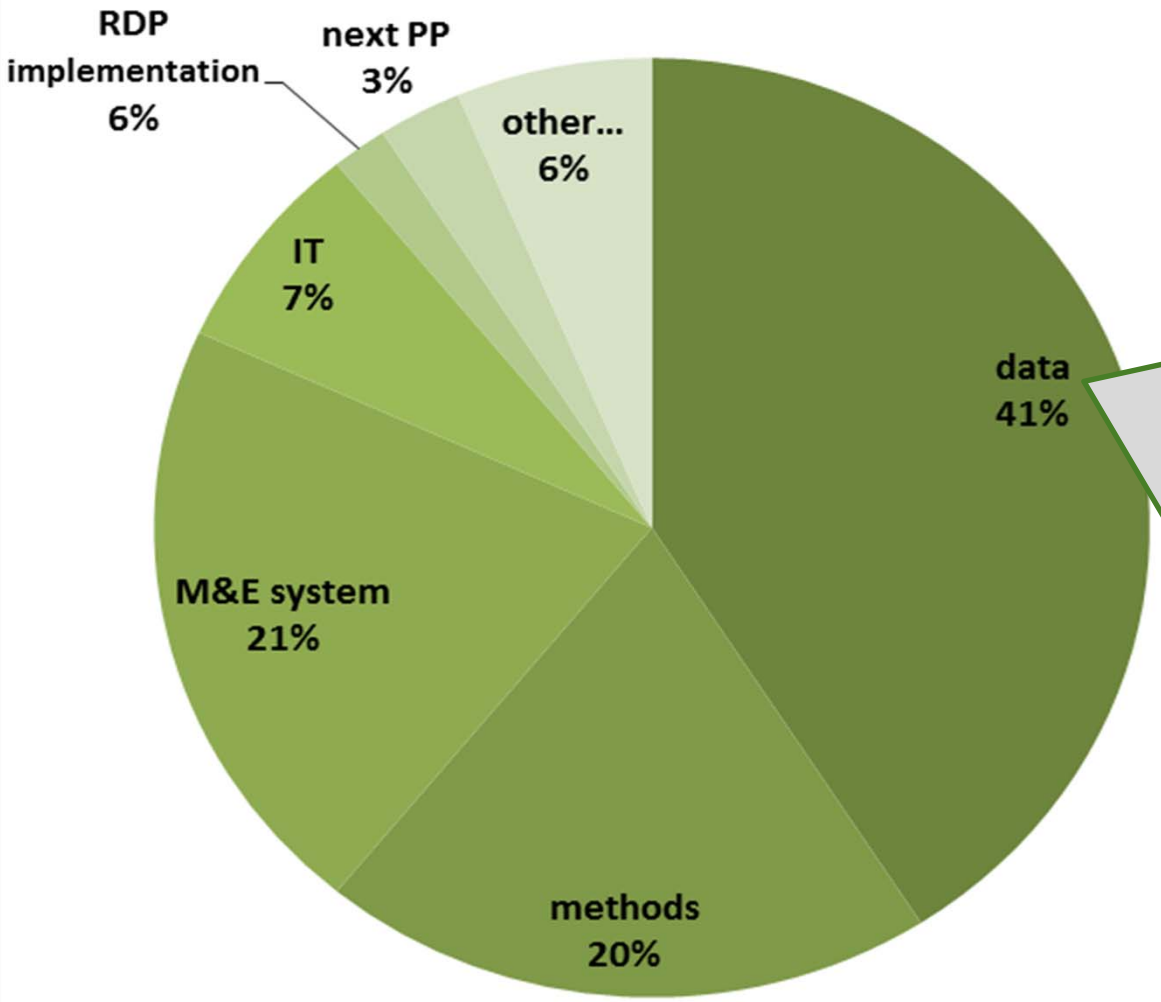
Networking activities

- ExCo meetings
- European stakeholder conference “Monitoring and Evaluation of CAP post-2013)”,
- International EU events (seminars Vienna, Ancona
- GP Workshops

- Focus groups of the Evaluation Expert Network
- Workshops, seminars, conferences

- bilateral meetings with Commission services.
- Meeting of the MA with evaluator
- MC sessions, public events, etc.

Difficulties encountered



- Difficulties with data availability and data quality
- Lacking definitions of indicators
- Unavailability and/or inappropriate timing of data for baseline indicators (difficulties to quantify impacts)
- Difficulties regarding calculations of result indicators mainly R2 and R7

Conclusions for 2011

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- ☺ **Overall progress on evaluation design, evaluation methods, data collection, and IT infrastructure**
- ☺ **Particular attention to environmental monitoring and assessment of environmental impacts**
- ☺ **Evaluation studies are increasingly used as a tool in conducting ongoing evaluation**
- ☺ **Increase of capacity building activities and enhancement of evaluation awareness was also observed across the APR for 2011.**

In spite of the progress reported….

- ☹ ***difficulties regarding some indicator definitions, data collection, IT systems, quantifying impacts***
- ☹ ***low programme performance and lack of administrative capacities***

Outlook to APR for 2012

What will be specifically interesting to report on?

- **How are you using ongoing evaluation and what are the benefits of it?** (studies, capacity building, networking, etc.)
- **How and to whom are you disseminating your evaluation results? (**purpose / target audience / dissemination tools)
- ***What lessons learnt during ongoing evaluation can be transformed*** into then next programming period ?

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Thank you for attention!