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SYNTHESIS OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR 2012 CONCERNING ONGOING EVALUATION

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How was the work conducted?

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1. Member States submitted APRs for 2012 by 30/06/2013
2. Geographic Experts analyzed APRs (regional & national) through a common tool
3. Findings are synthesized and analyzed
4. Draft Report Synthesis APRs for 2012 in Q4/2013

Information on in the organizational set-up and steering in 2012

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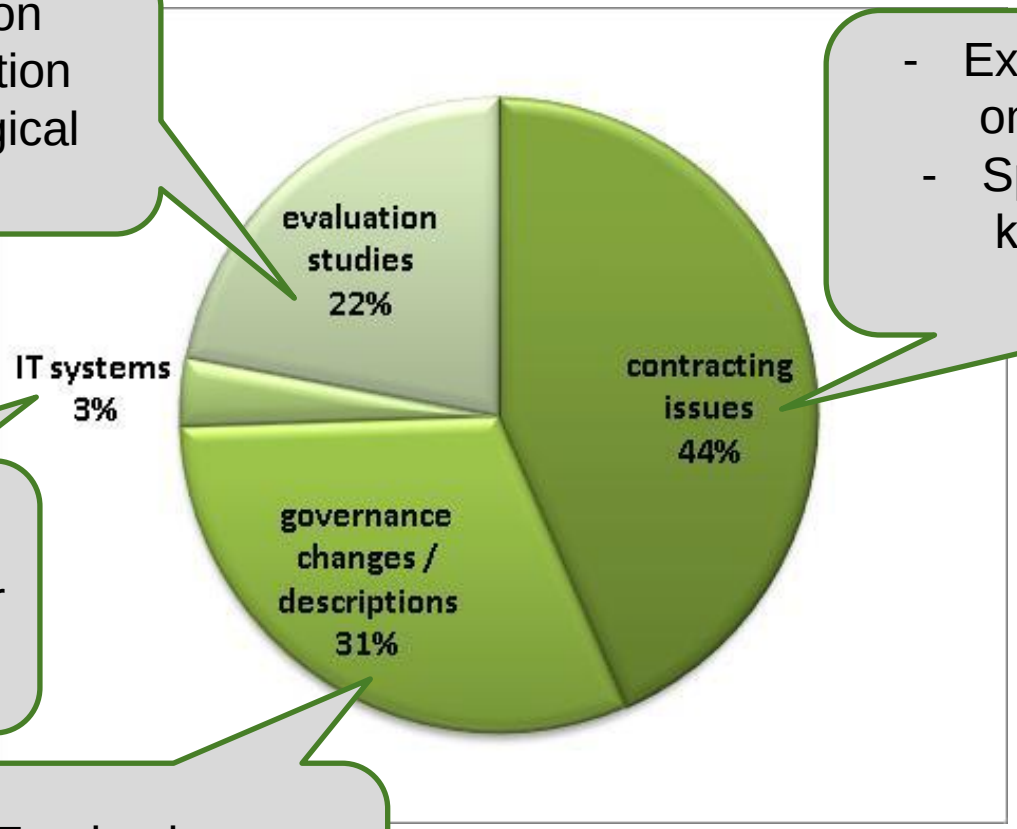
Emphasis on
- data collection
- methodological research

- Ex ante, ex post and ongoing evaluators
- Specific evaluation knowledge “hired’ externally



mprove procedures
r data collection for
ex post

Emphasis on coordination and steering

Evaluation planning

…for steering and structuring the evaluation process

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Different concepts in the current programming period are observed:

- Some planning doc's deal with indicator systems
- Some planning doc's provide an overview of evaluation activities over a certain time period
- A few examples of quite "complete" EPs include a methodological framework, development of activities, the organizational structure (in terms of people, time, resources) *Slovenia, IT Friuli Venezia Giulia*

'existing concept'

→ *build on the current experience for developing your new EP!*

Evaluation steering group

- ✓ HD knows that at least 60% of RDPs have SGs, around 30 APRs describe the composition and tasks in 2012
- ✓ Useful to interlink **implementation** with **evaluation** ☺
- ✓ Who are relevant members? 😐

Next programming period:

- ✓ Steering committee including 7 German Lander prepares specific subjects, e.g. climate protection, business financing of farms
- ✓ Greece established a working group to prepare the new CMES
- ✓ A working group in ES Aragon, in cooperation with the network for agricultural development, carries out a strengths - weaknesses analysis on the Leader methodology

Work carried out for preparing the assessment of impac

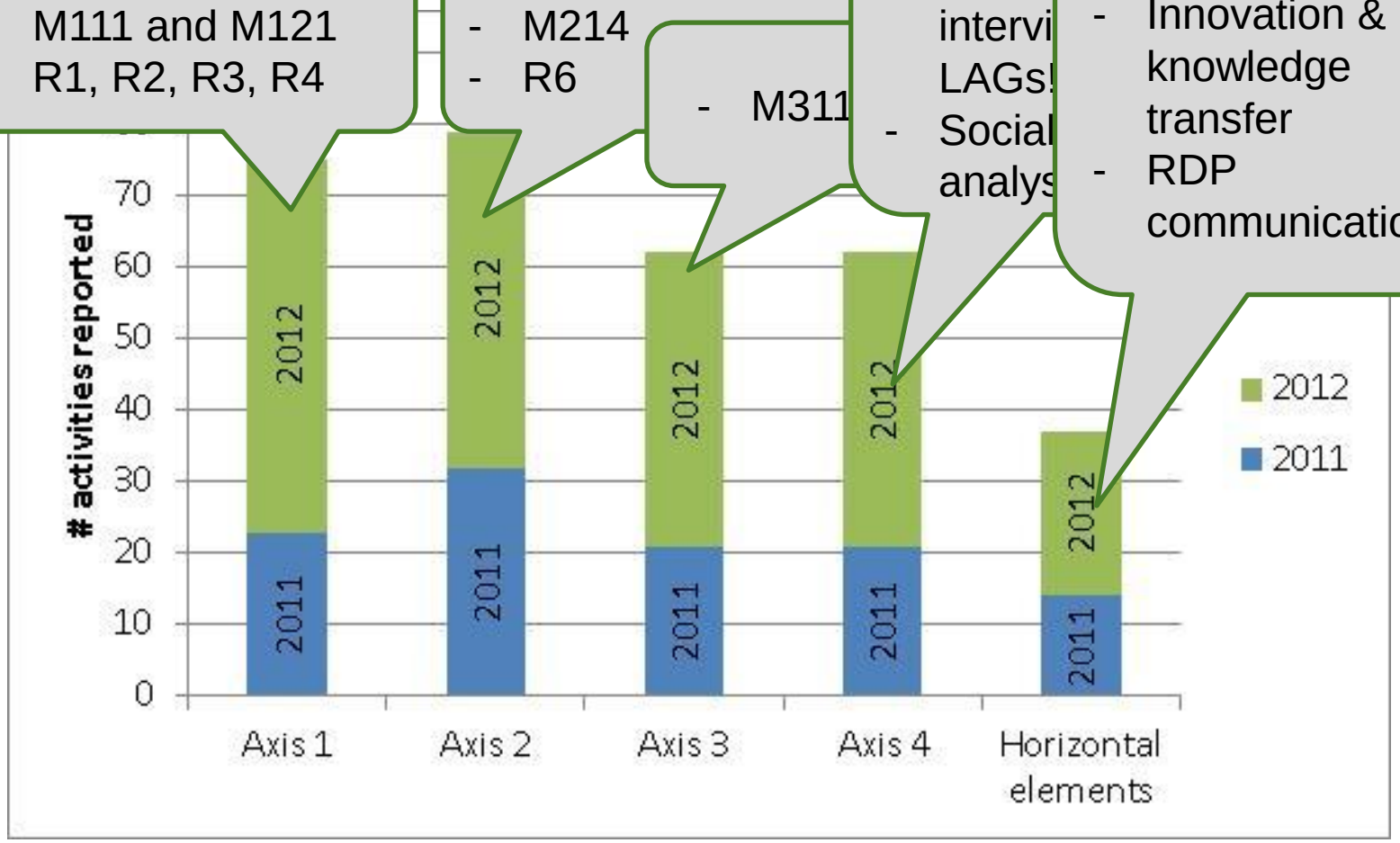
- M111 and M121
- R1, R2, R3, R4

- M214
- R6

- M311

- 39 RD
- Surve
  interv
  LAGs!
- Social
  analys

- Gender mainstreaming
- Innovation & knowledge transfer
- RDP communication



Evaluation studies in 2012

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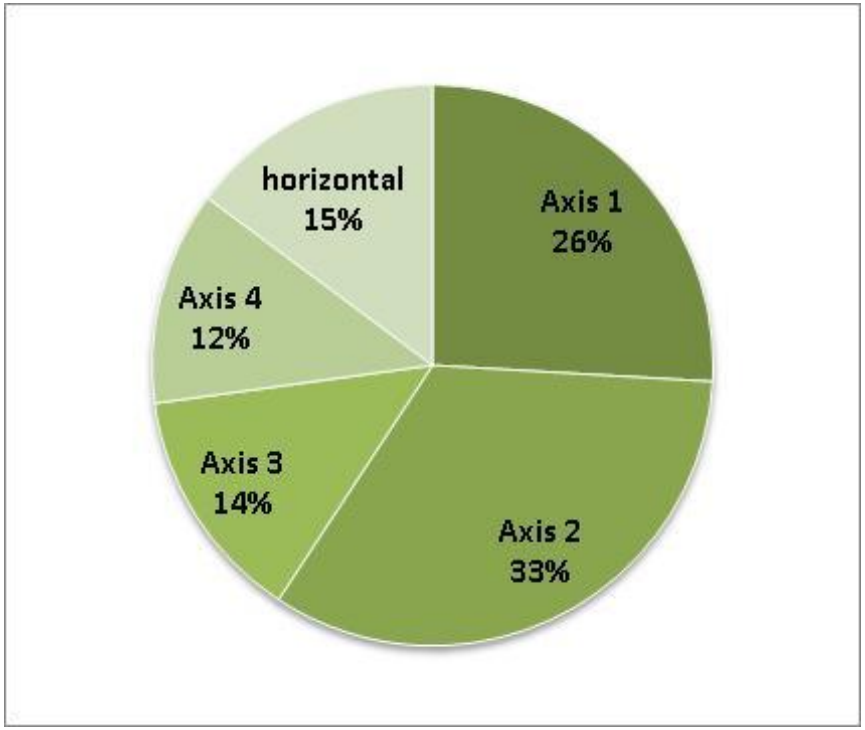
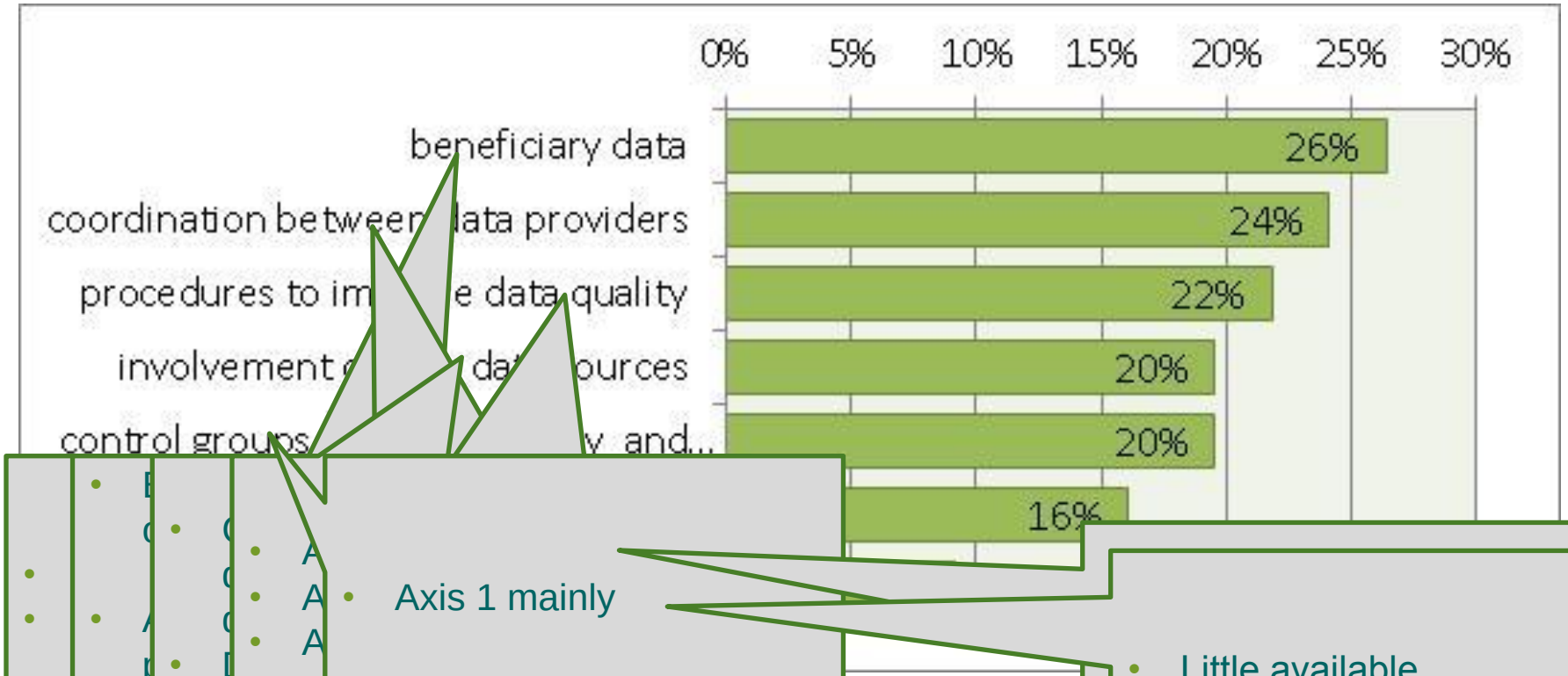


- ✓ Already 81 evaluation studies collected…AT, FI, IE, IT, MT, UK still missing (82 studies in 2011)
- ✓ Increasing focus on Axis 3 and 4 (2011 only 4 and 5 %)
- ✓ Still major focus on Axis 1 and 2

- ✓ Difficulties…
  - ✓ **A systematic reporting is missing**
  - ✓ **Not always publically available (web)**
  - ✓ **Abstracts not available, language…**

Next programming period…?

Data collection



- Axis 1 mainly

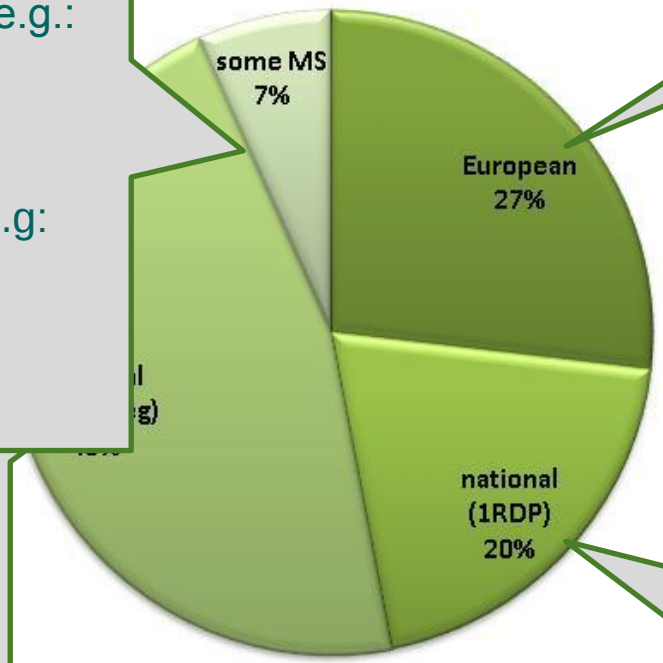
- Little available…
- Environmental topics

Networking activities

- ✓ Face-to-face
- ✓ Digital ‘track’ available, only 50% report it
- ✓ 72% evaluators participated!,
- ✓ 25% data providers present!

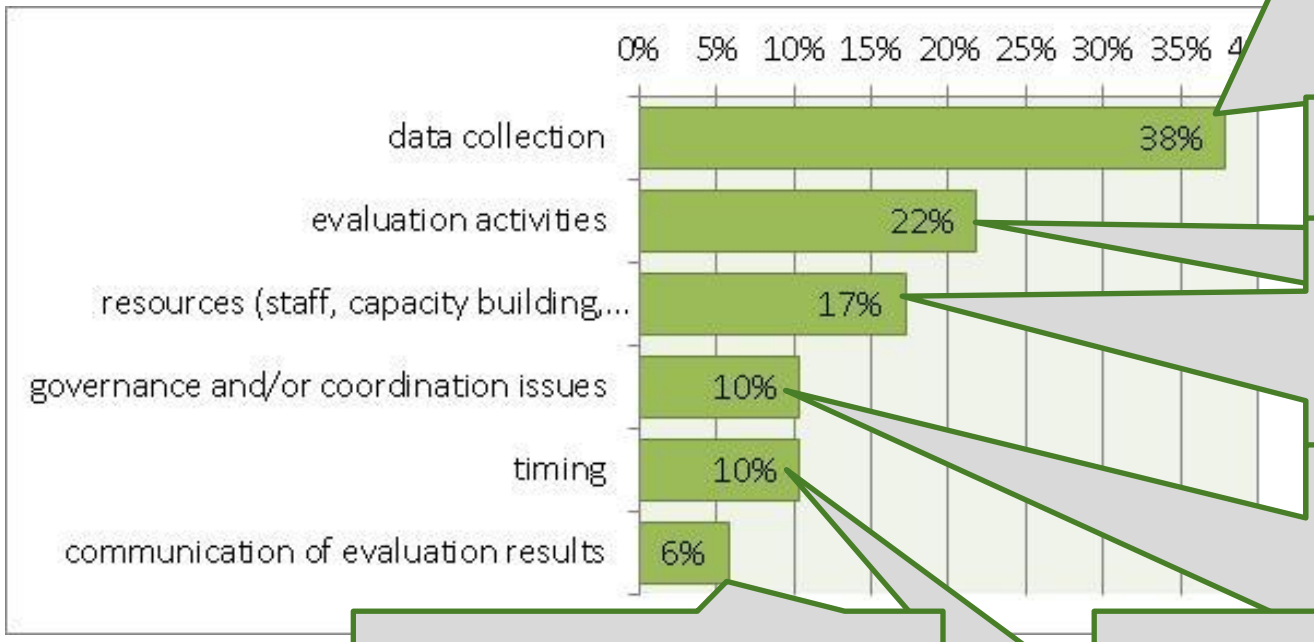
- EXCO (EC-HD)
- GP workshops (HD)
- Other EU events (HD, ENRD, DG Climate)

- “wider” evaluation society e.g.:
  - Baltic conference on biodiversity
  - CAPRI-RD
- Transnational exchange, e.g:
  - CZ and SK
  - PT and Italian NRN
  - EE, LV, SE, DK
  - CY, EL, IT, DE evaluation results (IT),
  - Workshop result indicators (DE)
- Specific workshops, e.g. Leader evaluation



- Focus Groups (HD)
- MS missions (HD)
- New programming period (MA)
- Agri-environmental indicators (MA)

Difficulties encountered



- Difficulties with data availability and data quality
- Lacking definitions of
- Lack of robust methods for some result and
- Unavailability of co-funding hampered RDP implementation
- Turn-over and loss of
- Coordination with agencies / departments

tween

- Follow-up by evaluator for MA not taking place
- Conclusions of evaluation not promoted/shared with implementing bodies
- Communication of evaluation results is limited to the MC

- Long procurement procedures
- Delay for statistical data
- Delays in preparing the next RDP (same personnel dealing with current and new PP)

Conclusions for 2012

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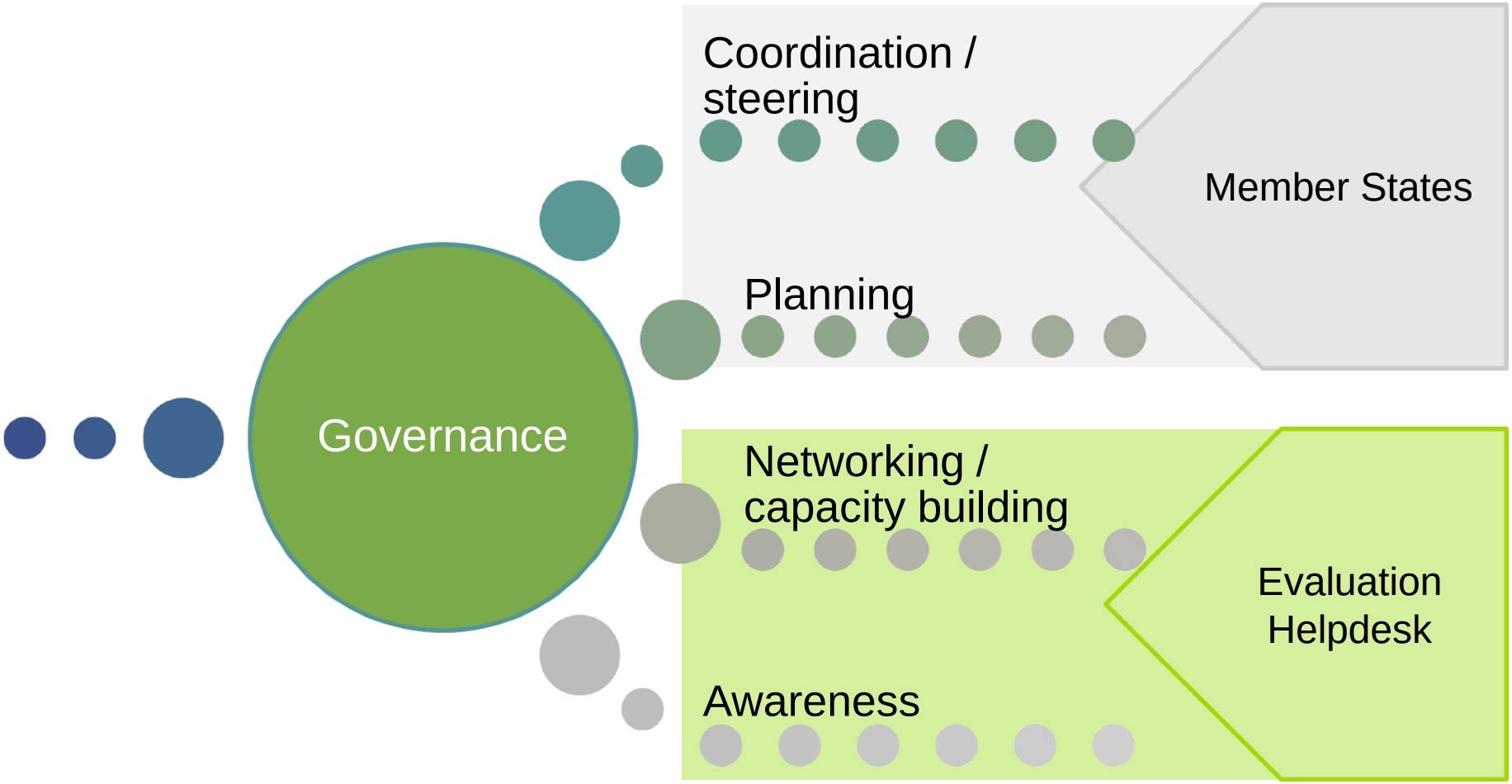

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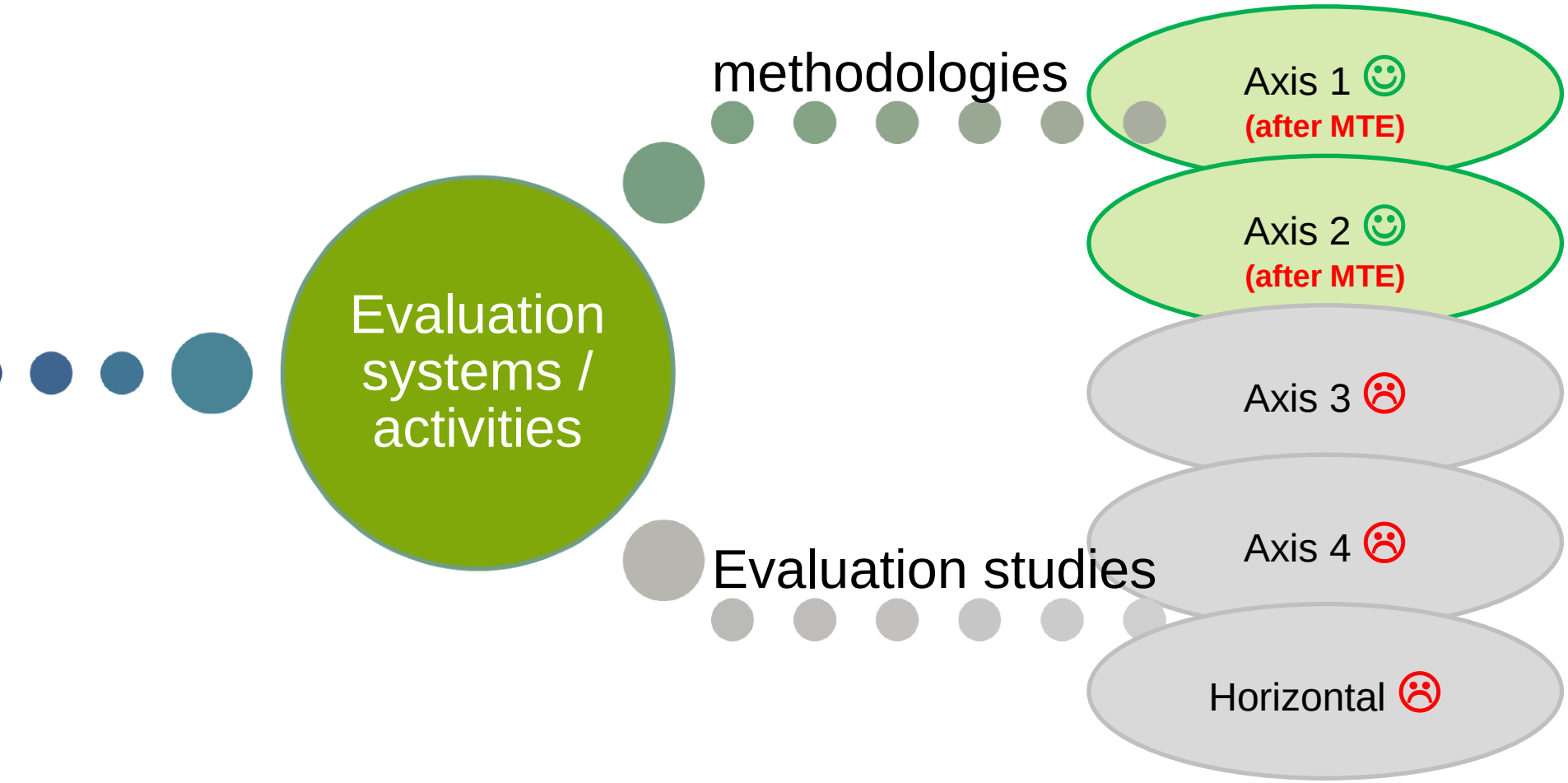

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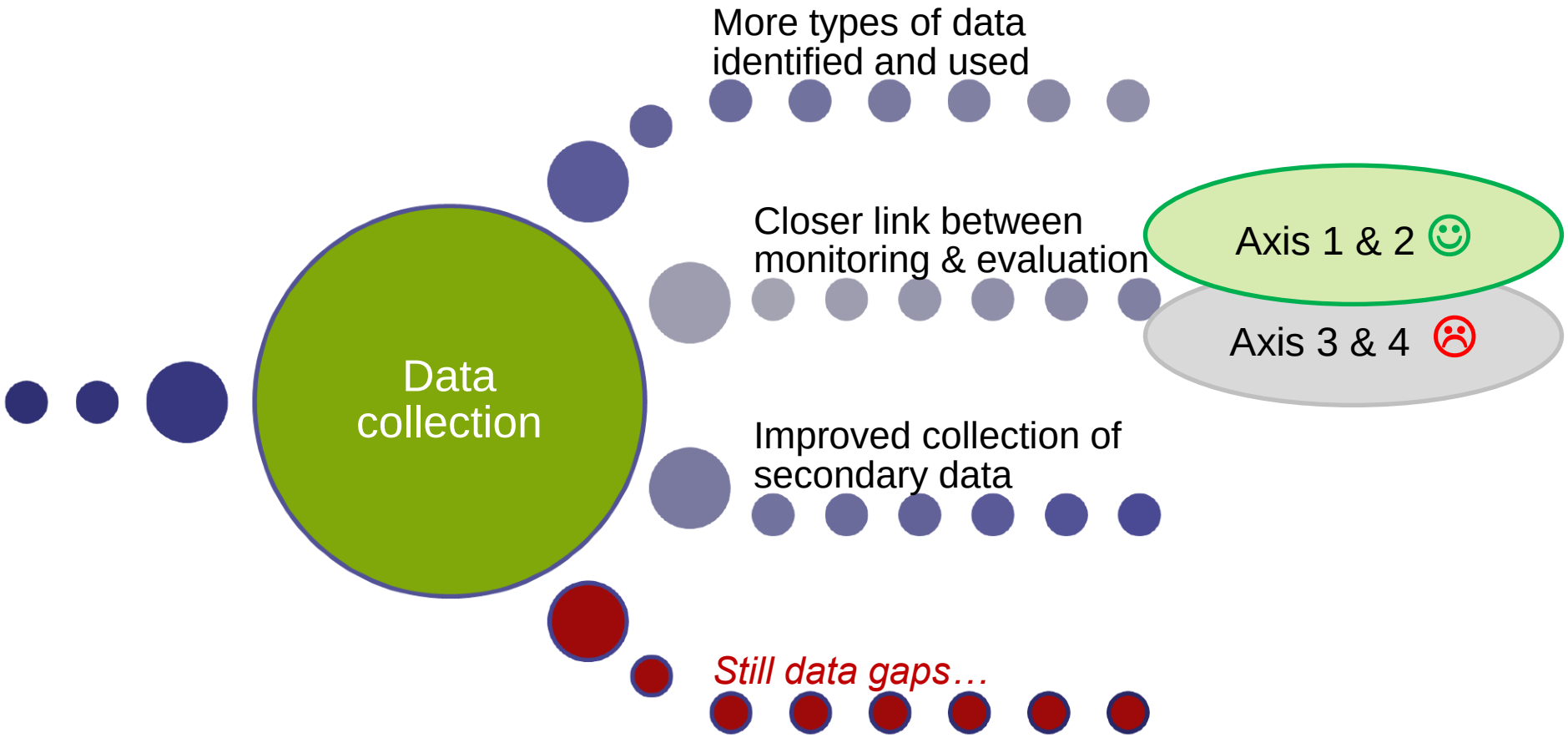

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