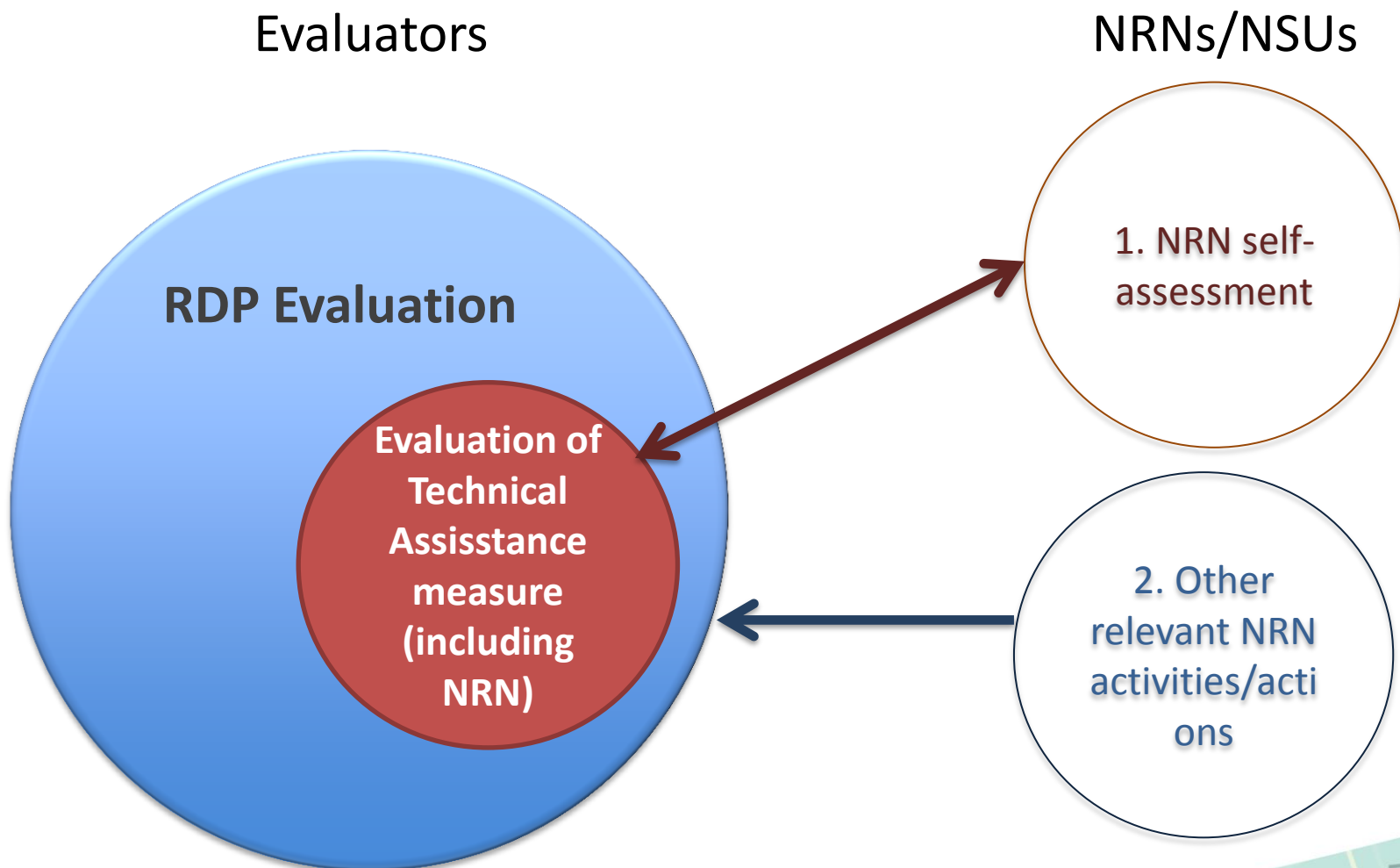


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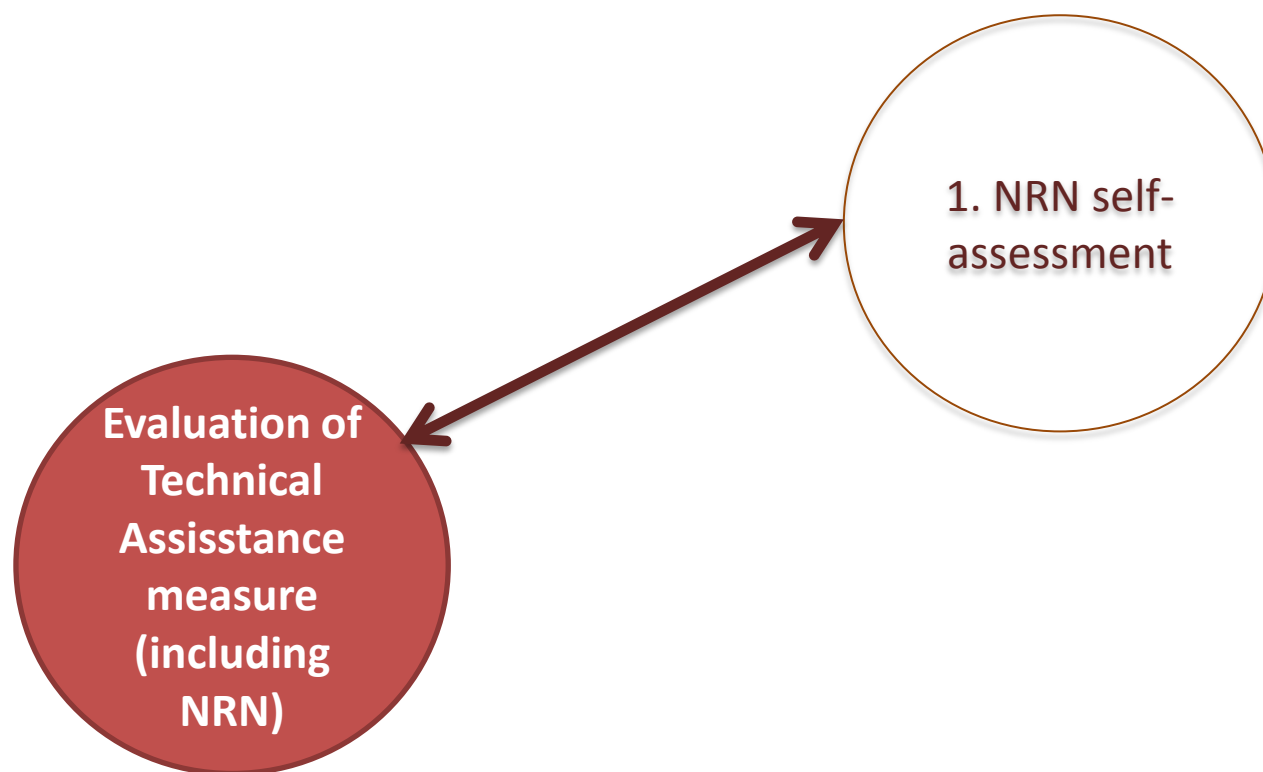
*Challenges & solutions*

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# Links between the work of NRNs & evaluators



# NRN Self-assessment & evaluation



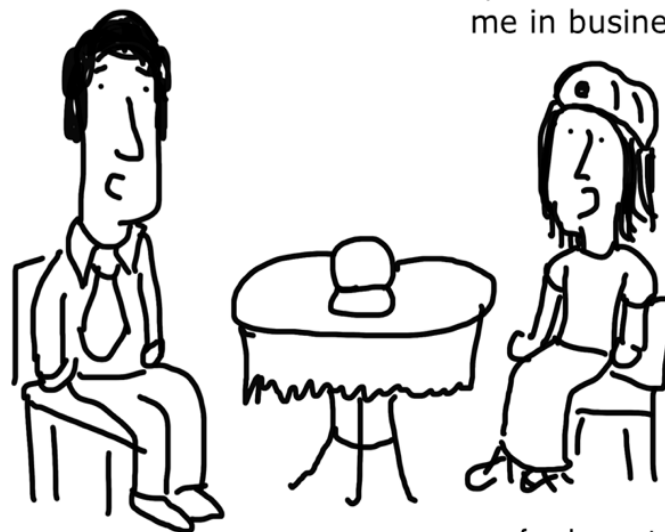
## Mutual exchange and learning

- Joint working offers opportunities for mutual exchange & learning
- Evaluators can make use of NRN self-assessment methods and tools (including indicators) & *vice versa*
- Evaluators can use/learn from NRN self-assessment results & *vice versa*

Case of Italy: Evaluation Steering Group, specific working group on indicators, MA/NRN & Evaluator working together

Could you help me predict my outcomes?

Sure, evaluations keep me in business.



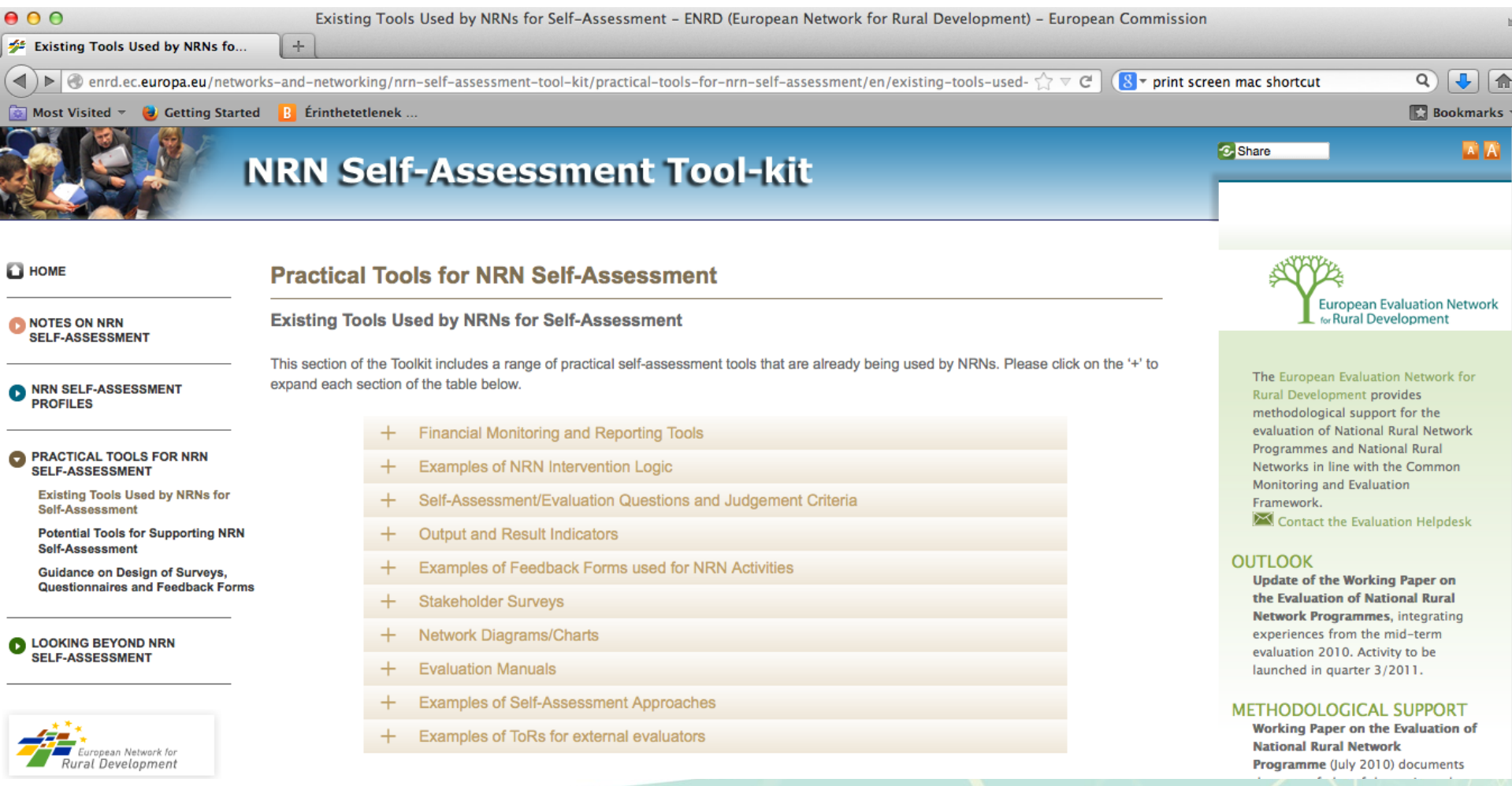
# Tools & methods commonly used by NRN self-assessment

Case of Wallonia:  
Brainstorming with  
stakeholders – mind map –  
logical framework -  
prioritisation



- NRN Steering Committees & Coordination Committees / Regular coordination meetings
- Participation of networks in RDP monitoring committees
- Progress reports & annual reports
- Stakeholder surveys
- More complex participatory (stakeholder) methods

# Self-assessment methods & tools - NRN Self-assessment Toolkit



Existing Tools Used by NRNs for Self-Assessment – ENRD (European Network for Rural Development) – European Commission

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### Practical Tools for NRN Self-Assessment

#### Existing Tools Used by NRNs for Self-Assessment

This section of the Toolkit includes a range of practical self-assessment tools that are already being used by NRNs. Please click on the '+' to expand each section of the table below.

+	Financial Monitoring and Reporting Tools
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### OUTLOOK

Update of the Working Paper on the Evaluation of National Rural Network Programmes, integrating experiences from the mid-term evaluation 2010. Activity to be launched in quarter 3/2011.

### METHODOLOGICAL SUPPORT

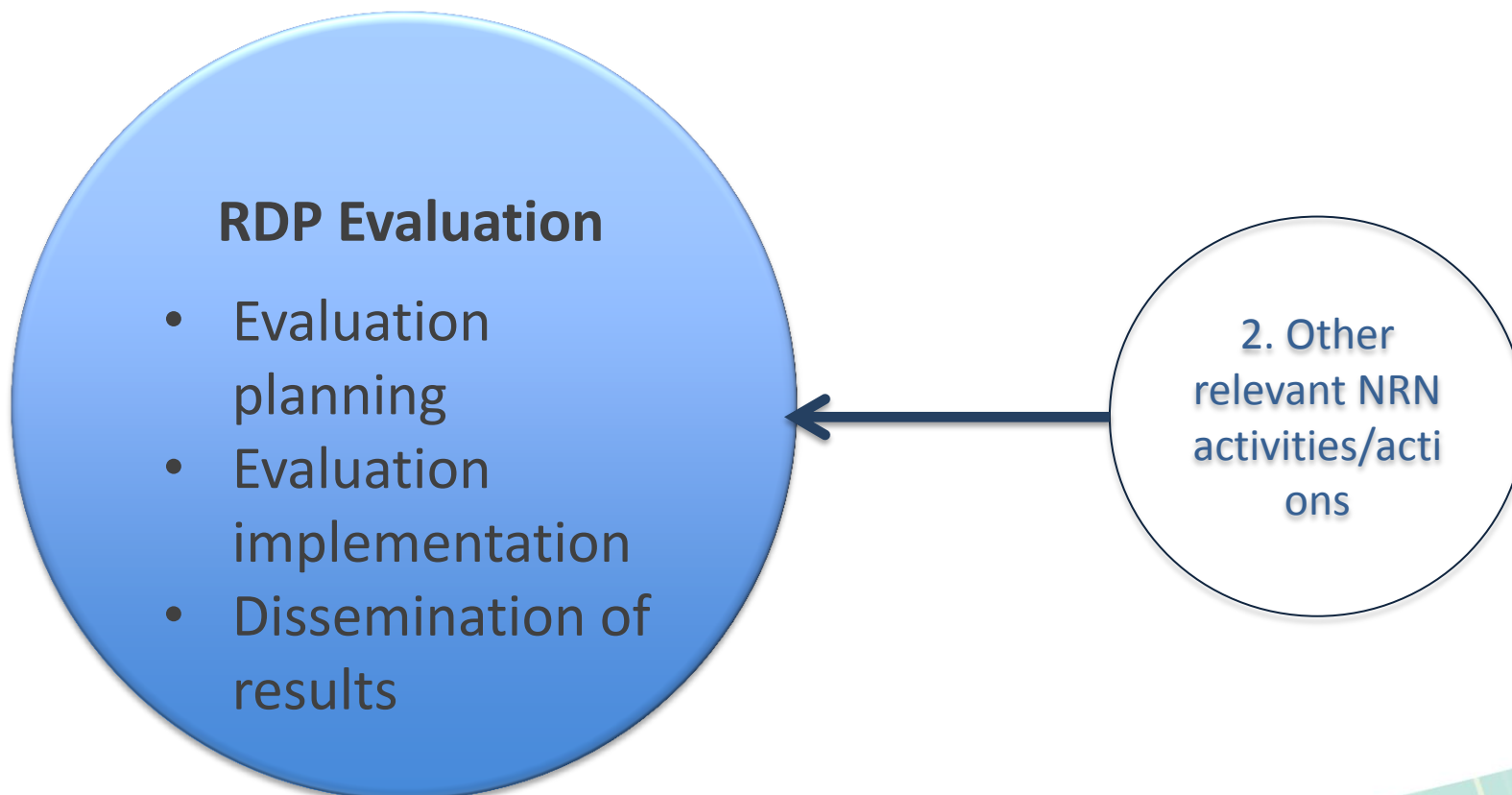
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# The NRN's contribution to RDP evaluation



# Use of stakeholder contacts in evaluation

- Access of NRNs to wide range of stakeholders
- Channel it into RDP evaluation & programming
- Especially useful for ex-ante evaluation & RDP design/adjustment

The experience of the NL NRN: Interactive working session with various stakeholders (2009) to discuss the complexities of RDP & develop solutions; Review of developments through stakeholder interviews (2013) and suggestions for the next RDP development (2014-20).





# Contribution to RDP evaluation

- Assessment of certain aspects of RDP implementation
- Especially, NRN contributions to the evaluation of LEADER

Example of Denmark: The NRN decided to study LEADER implementation in Denmark and explore how the added value of LEADER can be highlighted and measured



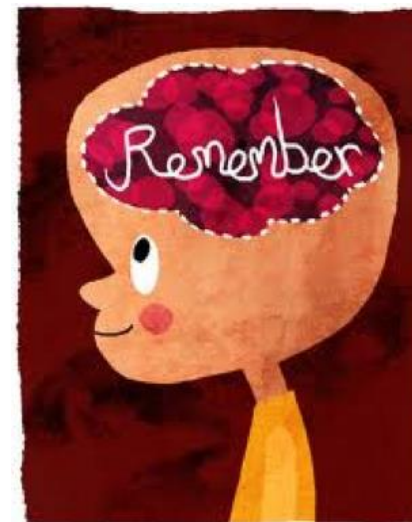
# Dissemination of RDP evaluation results

- Raise awareness about the results of RDP evaluation
- Inform stakeholders and generate discussion

The Welsh example:  
Workshop on monitoring and evaluation – opportunity for the Welsh Government to discuss various aspects (especially Axis 3 & 4) of the mid-term evaluation.



## Key message...



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NRNs are not only 'evaluation subjects'...

... they can also be 'evaluation tools'.