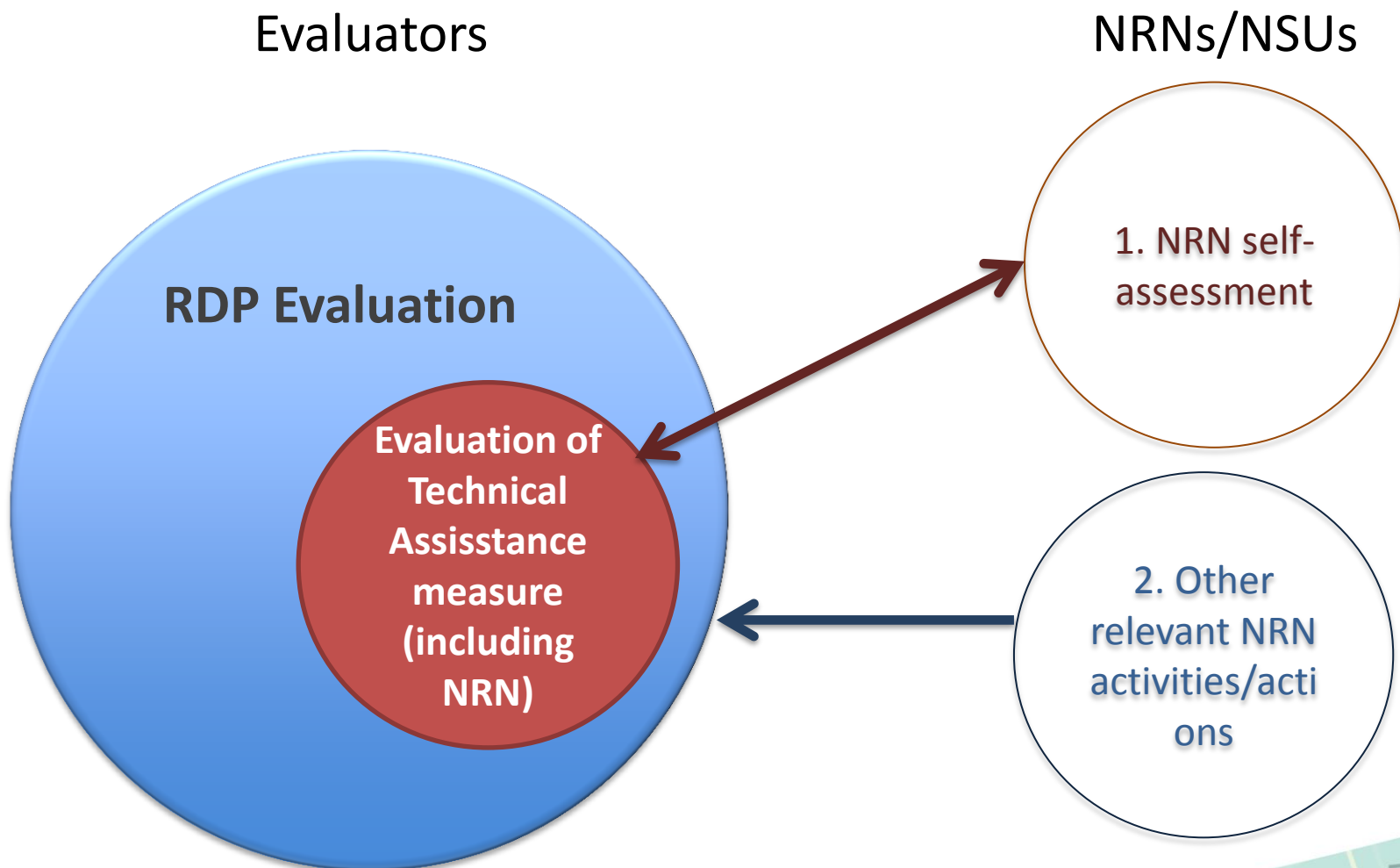# NRN contribution to RDP evaluation
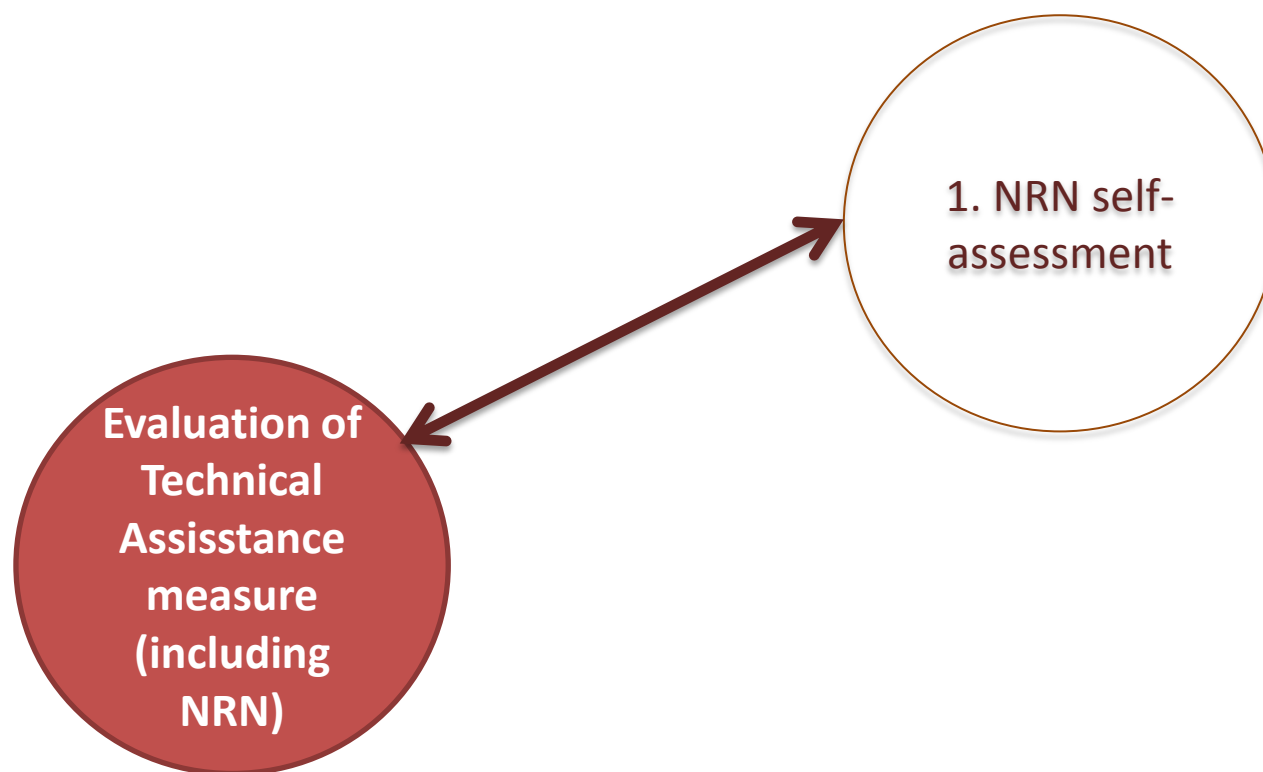
Challenges & solutions

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Links between the work of NRNs & evaluators

Evaluators

NRNs/NSUs

RDP Evaluation

Evaluation of Technical Assisstance measure (including NRN)

1. NRN self-assessment

2. Other relevant NRN activities/actions

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NRN Self-assessment & evaluation

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# 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

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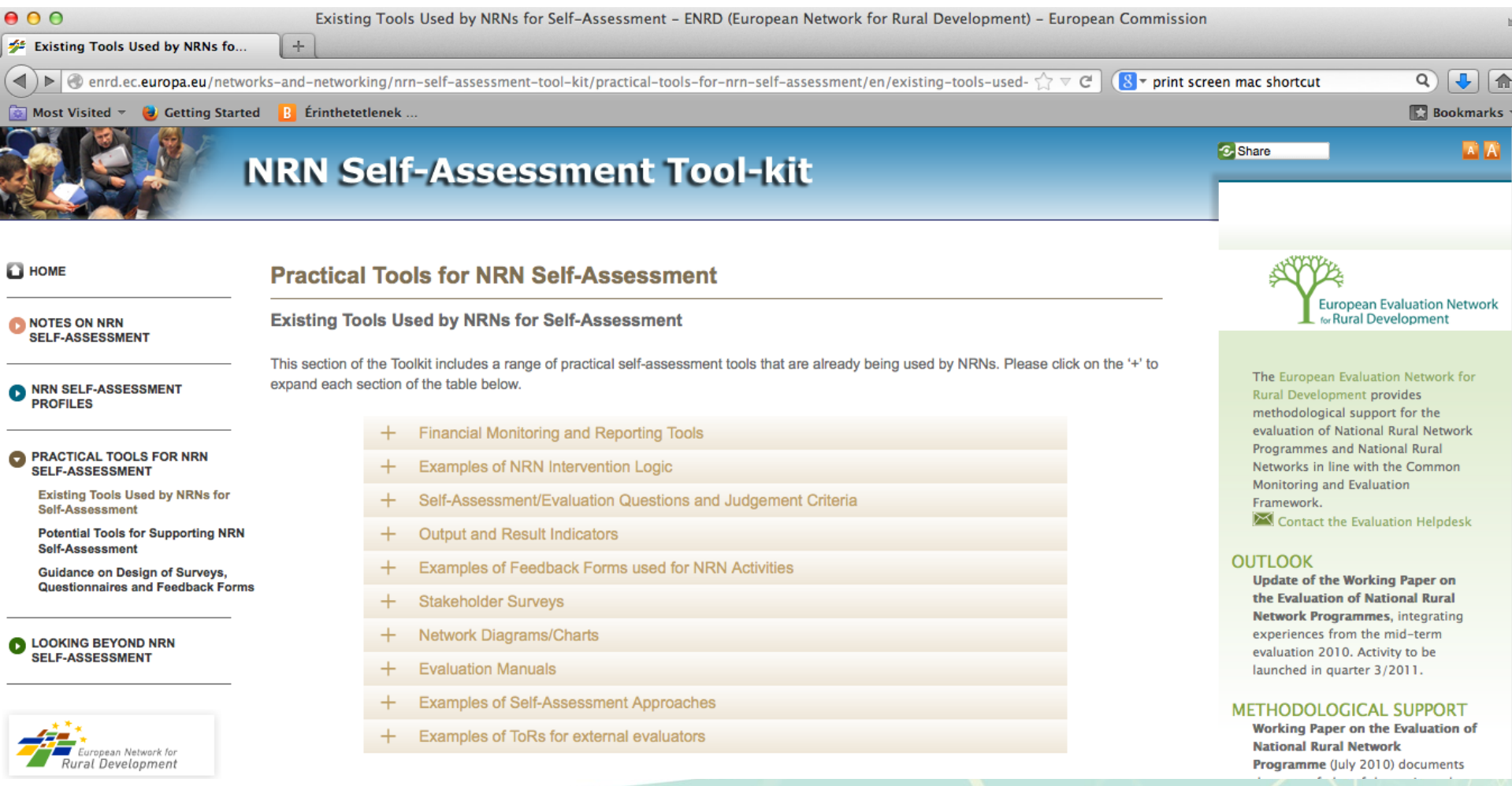Sure, evaluations keep me in business.

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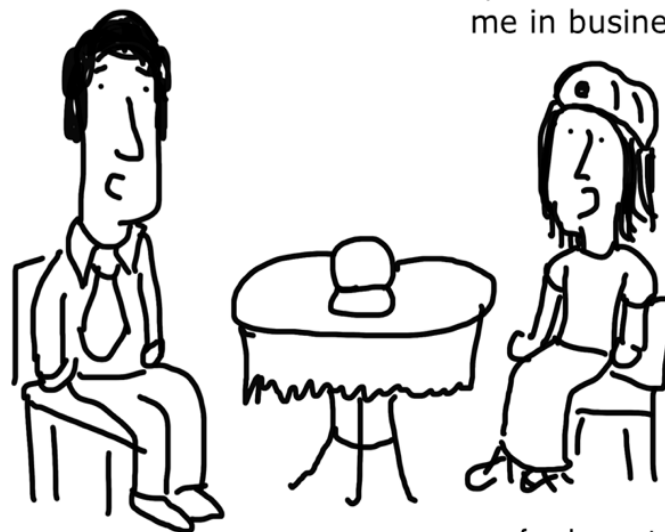
Tools & methods commonly used by NRN self-assessment

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

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

The NRN's contribution to RDP evaluation

RDP Evaluation

- Evaluation planning
- Evaluation implementation
- Dissemination of results

2. Other relevant NRN activities/actions
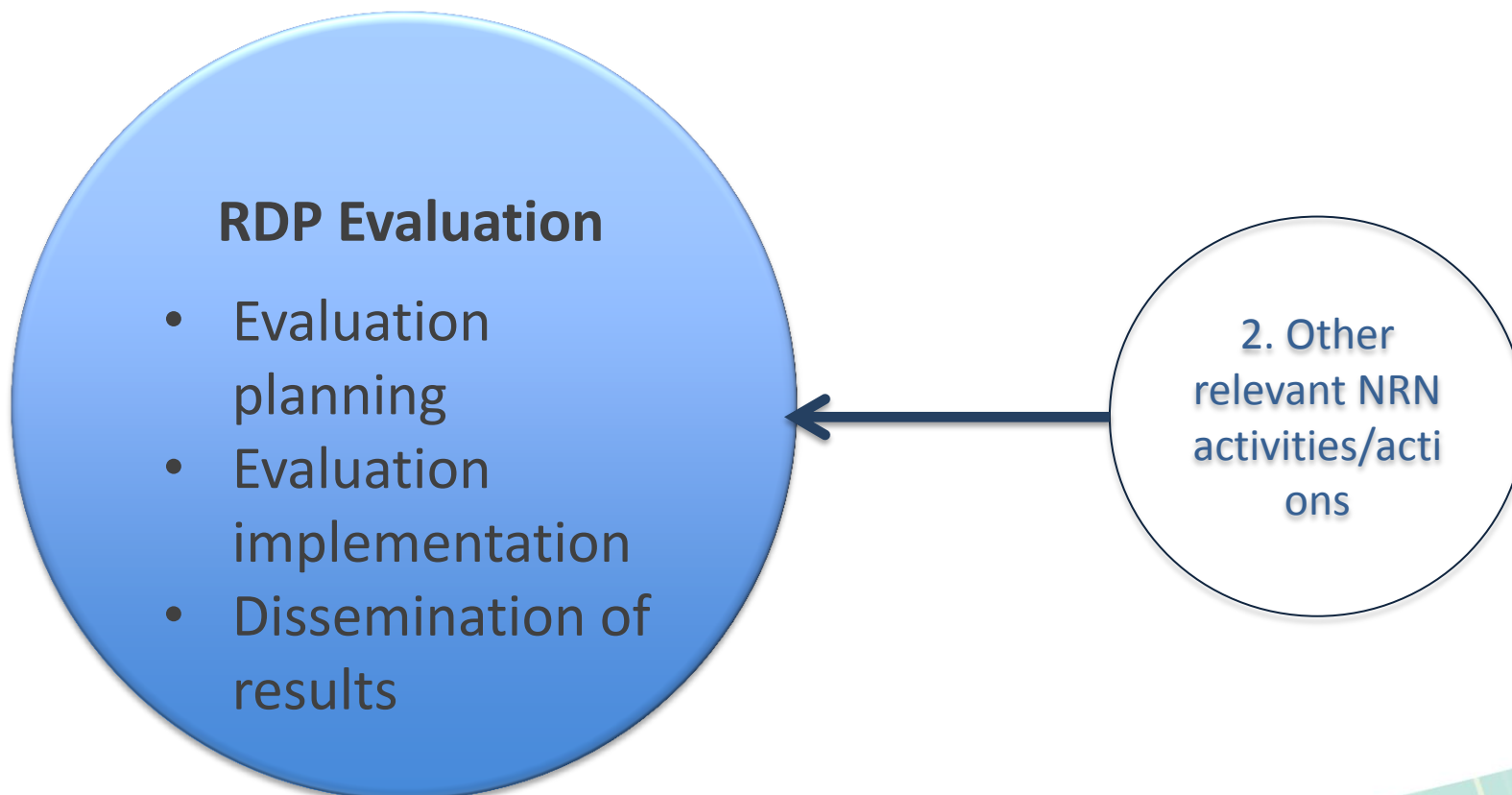
Use of stakeholder contacts in evaluation

- 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
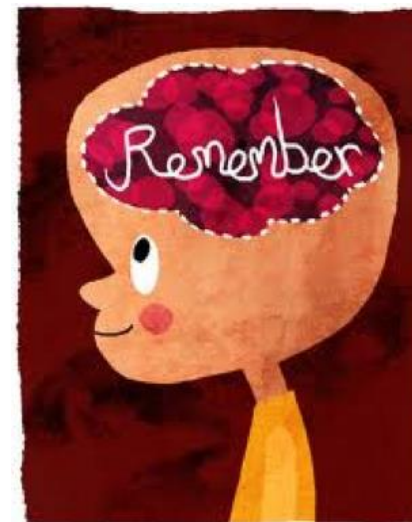
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Dissemination of RDP evaluation results

- 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.

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Key message…

NRNs are not only 'evaluation subjects'…

… they can also be 'evaluation tools'.

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