

Synthesis of ex ante evaluations

State of play

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Legal reference for the synthesis of ex ante evaluations

Article 79 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on Support for Rural Development by the EAFRD

Synthesis of ex ante evaluations to be undertaken under the responsibility of the Commission

Latest by 31st December of the year following submission of the relevant evaluations

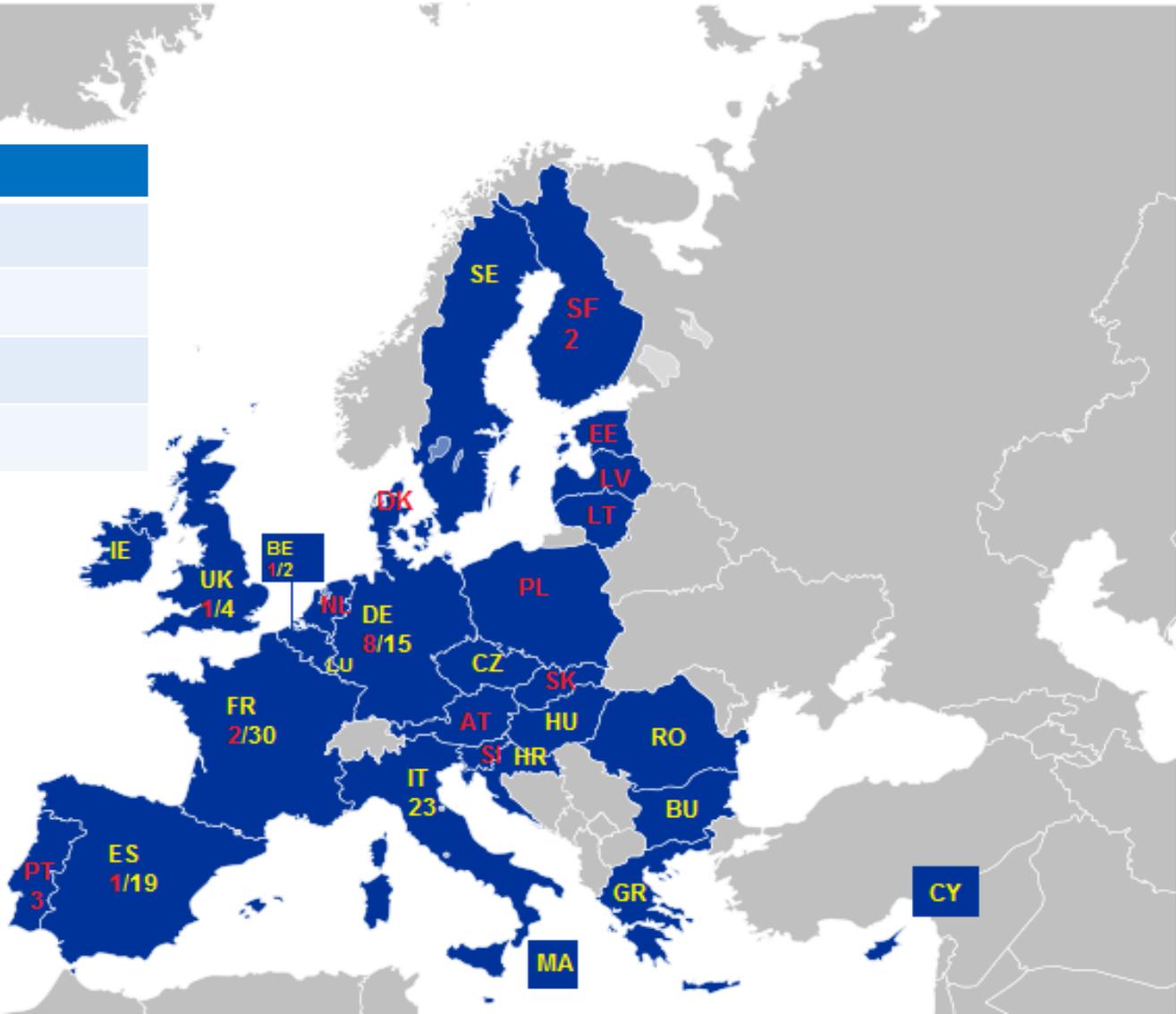
Main challenges of the synthesis

- Increased number of RDPs/ex ante evaluations
- RDPs in different stages of the approval process
- Varying degrees of completeness of ex ante evaluation reports / RDPs
- Completion of synthesis within contract deadlines (draft final report due end of October 2015)

Rural Development Programmes in the EU per country

situation as at 13/02/2015

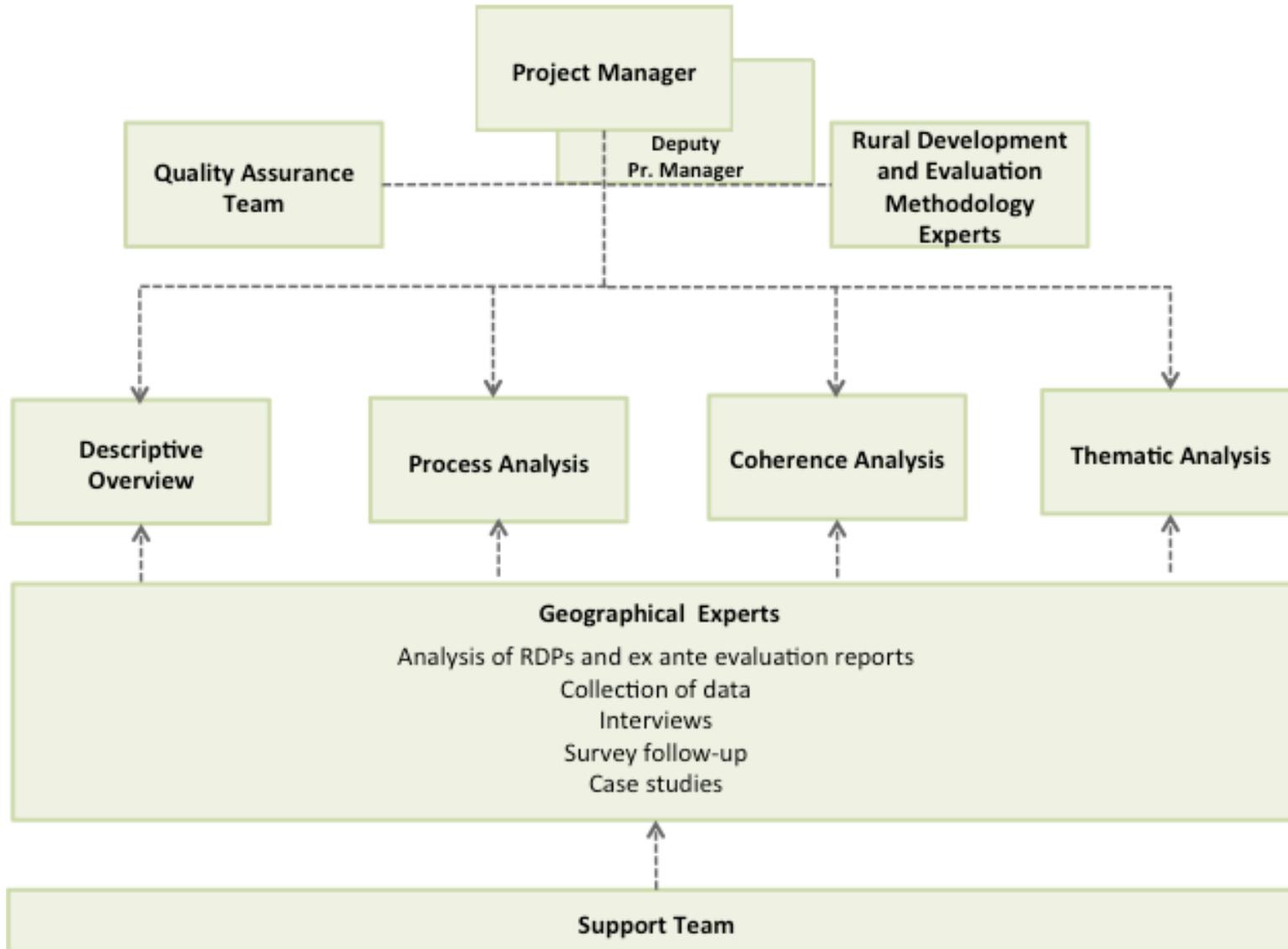
Adoption	of 118 RDPs
Dec. 2014	9
Feb. 2015	18
→ May 2015	34
May 2015 →	57



Evaluation themes

- Evaluation Theme 1: Process
- Evaluation Theme 2: Intervention logic and internal coherence
- Evaluation Theme 3: External coherence
- Evaluation Theme 4: Thematic clusters
 1. Investment
 2. Knowledge transfer, advisory services and the EIP
 3. Agri-environment - climate
 4. Forestry
 5. Young farmers, small farmers and areas with natural constraints
 6. Risk management

Project organisation



Evaluation methodologies and tools - Overview

Methods/Tools	Applicable for evaluation theme			
	Descriptive (2 EQs)	ET1 (5 EQs)	ET2 & ET3 (6 + 2 EQs)	ET4 (15 EQs)
Analytical Grids	X	X	X	
Screening templates			X	X
Survey of MAs		X	X	
Interviews				X
Case studies				X
Clustering	X	X	X	

Evaluation methodologies and tools – Key content

- Summary of findings of the ex ante evaluations for each ET
- Identification of information gaps
- Clustering criteria for assessing the completeness of the information provided in ex ante reports
- Coverage of information gaps with the survey
- Interviews in the context of case studies for ET4

Survey – Preliminary key topics

- Intervention logic and hierarchy of objectives
- Role of CLLD and LAGs
- Contribution to EU2020 targets
- Methodologies for quantified target values for indicators / expected impacts
- Difficulties encountered in identifying context indicators / impacts
- Specific evaluation systems – measuring progress and results
- Human resource, administrative, technical needs for programme implementation
- Bottlenecks identified in implementation arrangements
- Emphasis on horizontal themes – justification
- Key success factors for effective coordination (ex ante evaluation process)
- Key success factors for effective coordination (with other ESI Funds/Pillar I)

Case studies – Key selection criteria

- Budget (max / min / %)
- Geography
- Thematic cluster specific criteria, e.g.
 - Investments in irrigation / water management (TC1 Investment)
 - MS with equivalent practices to greening (TC3 agri-environment-climate)
 - Existence of forest management plans (TC4 forestry)
 - Support to areas with natural constraints (TC5 YF, SF and ANC)
- Finalised programmes