



# The European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development 2014 - 2020

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# Introduction



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# The legal basis

Article 52 of Regulation (EU)  
No 1305/2013

Specific support should be provided  
for the evaluation of Rural  
Development Programmes (RDPs).

As part of the tasks of the European  
Network for Rural Development  
(ENRD)

The European Evaluation Helpdesk  
for RD...

- Is one of the two support units of the ENRD (besides Contact Point)
- Assumes “evaluation function”
- Provides technical support for carrying out evaluation-related tasks
- Works under the guidance of Unit E.4 in DG AGRI

# Relation to EU Rural Networks



## EU Rural Networks Assembly and Steering group

Two EU  
Rural  
Networks...

Three  
Support  
Units...

Guided by  
DG AGRI....

**ENRD**



**ENRD  
Contact  
Point**

Unit H.3

**Evaluation  
Helpdesk**

Unit E.4

**EIP-AGRI  
Network**



**EIP-AGRI  
Service  
Point**

Unit H.5

# Target group



- ...manage evaluations
  - Managing Authorities,
  - Evaluation units within ministries
  - Public administrations & EC Services
- ... provide data for evaluations
  - Paying Agencies
  - Data managers, statistical offices
- ... carry out evaluations & assessments
  - Evaluators
  - LAGs, NRN
- ... disseminate evaluation-related information
  - Monitoring Committees
  - National Rural Networks
  - ENRD, EIP-AGRI Network, etc.

# What are our challenges?



- The implications of one CMEF for the CAP
- Comparability of evaluation findings at EU level
- Data management for evidence-based evaluation
- Effective communication and dissemination of evaluation findings
- Broadening up and strengthening the network of evaluation stakeholders



# Who we are

**Metis GmbH** (AT) is the contractor,  
supported by the sub-contractors:

- IDEA Consult (BE)
- The University of Patras (GR)
- The James Hutton Institute (UK)

## Experience in

Evaluations at EU level

Know-how from former Helpdesk

Practical evaluation experience

Data handling and methodologies

Expertise on Pillar 1 - Pillar 2

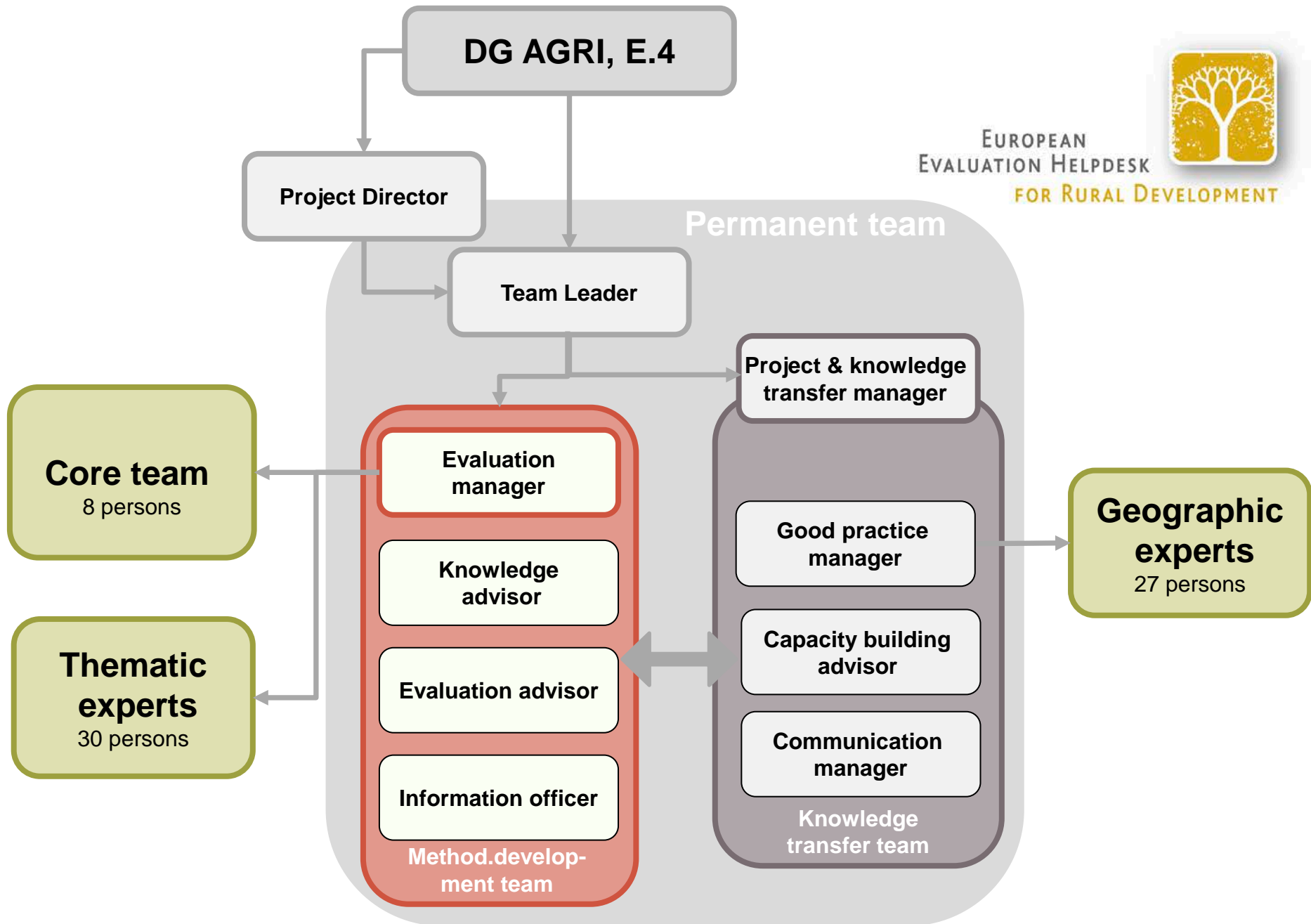
Training & capacity building

Advanced methods

Research



EUROPEAN  
EVALUATION HELPDESK  
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT







# ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2015



Contribute to the improvement of the evaluation of EU rural development policy.

1. development and dissemination of appropriate methodologies and tools

MT 2: Methodological support

AT 3: Ad-hoc expert meetings

AT 4: Organisation and coordination of a TWG

2. collection and exchange of good practices

MT 3: Identification and exchange of good practice

AT 5: Organisation and follow-up of a GP Workshop

3. capacity building, including the provision of training

MT 4: Capacity building and training

AT 8: Prep. & deliv. of a training session for DG AGRI rural

AT 9: Prep. & deliv of a training session for Member States

4. contributing to the further development and implementation of the M&E system for RD

MT 5: Assessment of the implementation of the EP of RDPs

AT 7: Synth. of the 2017 and 2019 enhanced AIR

5. supporting members of the network in organising evaluation related events

MT 7: Organisational support

AT 10: Support for stakeholder meetings

6. communicating with network members on evaluation related topics and supporting communication

MT 6: Comm. tools and dissemination of information

MT 8: Filing and record keeping

AT 6: Production of a newsletter

MT 1: Management of the Team and the Project

AT 2: Finalising the project

AT 1: Setting up the Evaluation Helpdesk

# Annual work programme 2015



Type of activities	Key outputs (not exhaustive)
1. Thematic Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thematic Working Group on <b>complementary result indicators</b></li><li>• Thematic Working Group on <b>topic to be decided</b> by Member States</li></ul>
2. Analysis on RD and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inventory of evaluation-related information from MS</li><li>• Screening of <b>Evaluation Plans</b></li><li>• Screening of <b>Annual Implementation Reports</b> (from 2016)</li></ul>

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Type of activities	Key outputs (not exhaustive)
3. Good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Good practice database</b> with examples on<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to organize evaluation processes</li><li>• How to apply evaluation methodologies</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Good practice workshops</b> e.g. on data-management for evidence-based evaluations etc.</li></ul>
4. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yearly <b>capacity building event</b> in Member States</li><li>• Evaluation-related <b>contributions</b> to<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP</li><li>• NRN meetings, EU Rural Networks Assembly and Steering Group</li><li>• Evaluation conferences</li></ul></li></ul>

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5. Guidance / training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Answers to <b>evaluation-related queries</b></li><li>• <b>Glossary</b> of key-terms</li><li>• Guidance document on <b>Evaluation Plan</b> (update)</li><li>• Guidance document on <b>Evaluation of NRNs</b> (update)</li><li>• Guidance document on <b>complementary result ind.</b></li><li>• Training on <b>Common Monitoring and Evaluation System</b> or <b>Ex-post evaluation</b> RDPs 2007-2013 (tbc)</li><li>• <b>Training on evaluation</b> of Local Development Strategies, NRN</li></ul>
6. Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guidance documents</li><li>• Working papers</li><li>• Newsletters with evaluation-related articles</li></ul>

# Annual work programme 2015



Type of activities	Key outputs (not exhaustive)
7. Website/ social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Website</b> in en/fr/de as sub-section of the ENRD</li><li>• <b>Social media</b> in line with Communication Strategy</li></ul>
8. Networking (NRNs, LAGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordination with NRNs</li><li>• Coordination with ENRD-CP &amp; EIP-AGRI Network SP</li><li>• Coordination with national evaluation networks</li><li>• Coordination with national Evaluation societies</li></ul>

# Thematic Working Group on complementary result indicators



**FAQs**

**Thematic Work**

**Guidance document**

How to calculate target indicators if respective measures are not programmed under a specific focus area?

How to assess additional contributions of measures to focus areas?

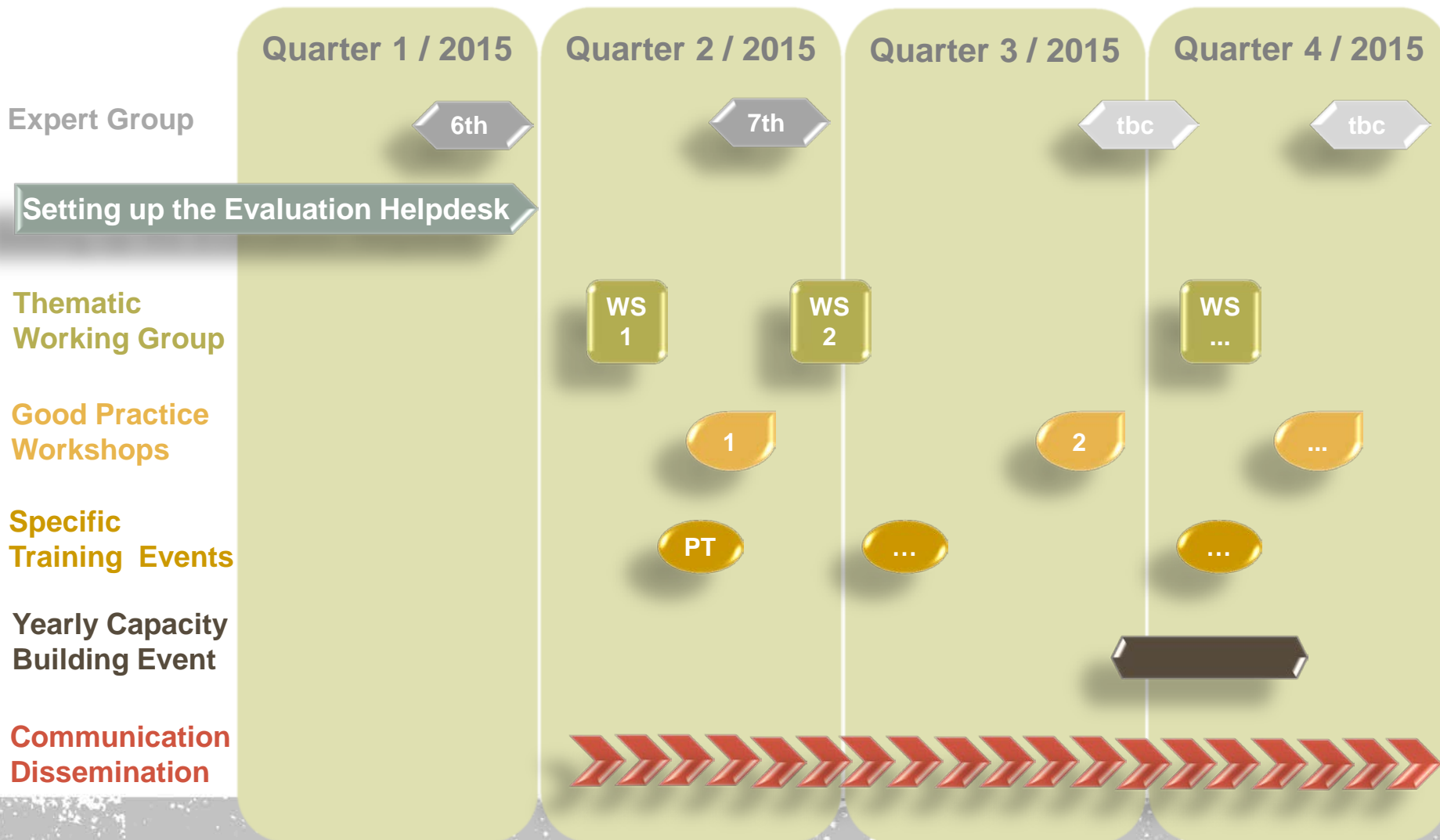
How to use complementary results indicators?

How to report on the evaluation plan?

Guidance on the assessment of values for the complementary result indicators

(EC Reg. no. 808/2014)

# Indicative Timeline





# Thank you for your attention!



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