



# Monitoring and evaluation of NRNs: requirements and expectations

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## Two programming period

- 2007-2013
- 2014-2020

Monitoring and Evaluation of NRNs in each has specific characteristics!

## 2007-2013 programming period: the story so far....

- Initially nothing specific for NRNs in Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (CMEF)
  - No common monitoring indicators...but a necessity to evaluate
- Mid Term Evaluation (MTE)
  - Evaluation network guidance document for MTE of National Rural Network Programme (NRNP) (example of indicators, intervention logics...)
  - Specific evaluations of the NRNPs
  - Little in MTEs of national/regional Rural Development Programme (RDP)

## 2007-2013 programming period: still to come....

- Ex post evaluation
  - Due by 31.12.2016
  - Should cover NRNs part of the RDP and NRNPs
- Guidance being developed
- Expectations for Ex-post
  - How have the NRNs contributed / intervention logic
  - What have the NRNs contributed / identify achievements
  - + good practice, lessons to be learnt for the future

## 2014-2020 programming period: Expectations

- Intervention logic designed from start
  - 4 objectives in basic regulation
  - List of minimum tasks (as activities)
  - Better understanding of rationale
- NRN Covered by ex-ante evaluation
  - Support for good design
- Minimum common monitoring requirements to be completed by programme specific elements
- NRN Included in Evaluation plan (evaluation activities foreseen)
- Better planning/design → facilitates monitoring, evaluation, self-assessment...

## 2014-2020 programming period: NRN Objectives

- Improve involvement of stakeholders in RD implementation
- Improve quality of implementation of RDPs
- Inform broader public and potential beneficiaries of policy and funding opportunities
- Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas

## 2014-2020 programming period: Common M&E Elements

- Common output indicators: minimum list reflecting all the actions from art. 54. To be completed by programme specific output indicators. To be submitted in Annual Implementation Report. Collected by MA/NSU.
- No common result indicators, only specific. To be designed depending on the programmes specific objectives/results expected
- Common Evaluation Question
  - To what extent has the NRN contributed to achieving the objectives of Article 54(2)?
- Evaluation results in 2017 and 2019 Annual implementation report + ex post



# 2014-2020: Common Outputs



## Activities (NRN art. 54)

- (i) activities regarding the collection of examples of projects covering all priorities of the rural development programmes
- (ii) facilitation of thematic and analytical exchanges between rural development stakeholders, sharing and dissemination of findings
- (iii) provision of training and networking activities for local action groups and in particular technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational co-operation, facilitation of co-operation among local action groups and the search of partners for the measure referred to in Article 36
- (iv) provision of networking activities for advisors and innovation support services;
- (v) sharing and dissemination of monitoring and evaluation findings;
- (vi) a communication plan including publicity and information concerning the rural development programme in agreement with the Managing Authorities and information and communication activities aimed at a broader public
- (vii) the participation in and contribution to the activities of the European network for rural development.

**O.25 Nr of projects examples collected and disseminated by NRN**

**O.24 Nr thematic and analytical exchanges set up**  
**Out of which:**

- devoted to LAG including support to cooperation
- devoted to advisors and/or innovation support services
- focused on sharing and disseminating M&E findings

**O.25 Nr of events organized, publications and other communication tools**  
**Out of which:**

- devoted to LAG including support to cooperation
- devoted to advisors and/or innovation support services
- focused on sharing and disseminating M&E findings

**O.26 Number of ENRD activities in which the NRN has participated/actively contributed**



## 2014-2020 programming period: programme specific elements

- Additional output/result indicators
- Impacts?
- Specific Evaluation Questions
- Evaluation activities specified in Evaluation Plan : identify achievements of NRN objectives and contribution to RDP(s)

## 2014-2020 programming period: summary

- Clearer initial structure (objectives, list of actions...)
- Minimum common elements to allow comparison (common outputs...)
- Space and need for programme specific elements (specific objectives, indicators, evaluations questions)

*This should result in closer links to programme, better evaluation and clearer demonstration of achievement*



***Thank you for your attention!***