

## Background

In line with the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, art. 54(3), Point b(v), one of tasks of National rural networks (NRNs) is to support **sharing and dissemination of monitoring and evaluation findings**. This requirement reflects the increased emphasis of the NRN support on the evaluation aspects of RDPs during the period 2014-2020. The dissemination and communication of evaluation findings is expected to particularly contribute to the NRN objectives of *'improving the quality of implementation of RDPs'* and of *'informing the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities'*. In the context of these objectives, NRNs can support the evaluation of RDPs throughout whole evaluation cycle: *planning, preparing, conducting and reporting*.

Actual evaluation-related practices vary across the Member States. Some NRNs contribute to the communication of evaluation findings through **publications and events** while others take a more proactive approach by, for instance, **developing trainings, assisting in the collection of data** related to RDP indicators. Some NRNs even have their own **task-forces** on evaluation while others set-up **networks** which "exclusively" deal with evaluation. This causes the question: How better use NRN resources for supporting evaluation of RDPs?

There is a need to further explore activities of NRNs in support evaluation of RDPs and to exchange experiences among Member States in order to develop transferrable good practices.

## Overall Coordination:

### European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development

Boulevard Saint-Michel 77-79, B-1040  
Brussels

Tel. +32 2 737 51 30, +37 1 288 11 439

E-mail: [info@ruralevaluation.eu](mailto:info@ruralevaluation.eu)

## Local Organizers & Hosts:

### Greek Managing Authority of RDP 2014-2020 - Ministry of Rural Development and Food

#### National Rural Network and Publicity Unit:

Ms. Gabriela MICHAIL

E-mail: [gmichail@mou.gr](mailto:gmichail@mou.gr)

#### Evaluation and Institutional Support Unit:

Ms. Anthi KATSIRMA

E-mail: [akatsirma@mou.gr](mailto:akatsirma@mou.gr)

Ms. Maria ANDREANIDOU

E-mail: [mandreanidou@mou.gr](mailto:mandreanidou@mou.gr)

EUROPEAN  
EVALUATION  
HELPDESK  
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT



## Good Practice Workshop

# National Rural Networks' support to the evaluation of RDP

Athens (Greece)

30 November - 1 December 2017

**Venue: AMALIA HOTEL ATHENS**

Address: 10 Amalias ave., Syntagma-Athens,  
105 57, Greece



European Commission





## Objectives

This Good Practice Workshop aims to:

- Explore the possible **activities of NRNs in supporting the evaluation of RDPs** throughout the evaluation cycle: *planning and preparing, structuring, conducting, reporting and follow up*;
- Provide a forum for the exchange of experiences on how **NRNs can support building evaluation capacities and raising awareness on evaluation**;
- Discuss challenges and develop recommendations for better usage of **NRN resources for supporting the RDP evaluation**.

## Main target audiences

Managing Authorities, National rural networks Support units, evaluators and other evaluation stakeholders.

## Method

Presentations of practical examples, plenaries and reflection rounds, interactive working group sessions. Working language will be in English.

## Outcomes

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development.

## AGENDA 30 November 2017

10:00 – 12:00: optional working visit  
“GETTING TO KNOW THE GREEK RDP & NRN” (Venue: bistro “by the glas”, 3 George Souris Str., Syntagma - Athens)

### Setting the frame

12:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
13:00	<b>Welcome</b> by Mr. Charalampos KASSIMIS, General Secretary of Agricultural Policy and Management of European Funds
13:10	<b>Objectives and agenda</b>
13:20	<b>NRNs providing support to the evaluation of RDPs: legal requirements and expectations</b> Ms. Teresa MARQUES, European Commission DG AGRI Unit C.4
13:35	<b>Overview of NRNs activities in supporting evaluation of RDPs</b> Ms. Jela TVRDONOVA, Evaluation Helpdesk
13:50	<b>Practical examples of NRNs activities in supporting the evaluation of RDPs</b> Ms. Simona CRISTIANO, Italian NRN Ms. Maria CUSTÓDIA CORREIA, Portuguese Rural Network
15:30	Coffee break

### Market of experiences

16:00	<b>Discovering the role of NRNs in the RDP evaluation cycle</b>
17:30	End of day 1
19:00	Social Dinner (At own cost)

## AGENDA 1 December 2017

### Developing recommendations

09:00	Welcome coffee
09:30	Introduction to day 2
09:50	<b>Group work: How can NRNs better support evaluation of RDPs in 2019?</b> to summarize the findings of the market of experiences
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	<b>Plenary session</b> to report on and to summarize the outcomes of the group works
12:20	<b>Concluding remarks and outlook</b> Final plenary moderated by the Evaluation Helpdesk
13.00	End of day 2