



## Background

Capturing and reporting results is one of the most compelling tasks for the improvement of the EU's rural development policy. The Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) submitted by the RDP Managing Authorities to the European Commission are an important means to accomplish this objective.

The first experiences of the AIRs submitted in June 2017 deliver a unique opportunity for several actors to critically reflect on the functioning of the RDPs' evaluations, primarily regarding:

- **Coordination and management:** e.g. How do planning, timing, allocation of resources, contracting the independent evaluator and collaboration with data providers work in practice?
- **Methodology and tools:** e.g. Are the methods and indicators used adequate for answering the relevant evaluation questions regarding data availability, RDP uptake, and resources?
- **Reporting:** What lessons and ideas can be shared about reporting evaluation information and findings through the SFC template and other reporting formats (reports, workshops, etc.)?

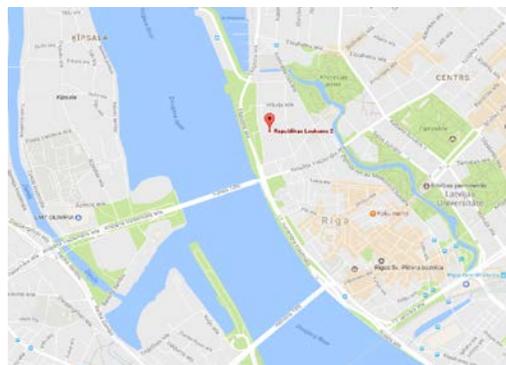
This Good Practice Workshop will address the main challenges faced by Member States and attempt to draw solutions from different stakeholders. The engagement of participants will contribute to the simplification and improvement of the evaluation in the AIRs submitted in 2019 and the ex post evaluation.

### Read More:

[Guidelines – “Assessment of RDP Results: How to Prepare for Reporting on Evaluation in 2017”](#)

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## How to reach the meeting venue?



### Venue:

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## Good Practice Workshop

# “How to report on evaluation in the Annual Implementation Reports: experiences and outlook”

Riga (Latvia), 19-20 September 2017



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## Objectives

This Good Practice Workshop provides a forum for Managing Authorities, evaluators and other evaluation stakeholders to:

- Take stock of the challenges the involved actors had faced when carrying out the necessary monitoring and evaluation activities related to the AIR submitted in 2017;
- Provide a critical assessment of the fitness of the CMES in showing the achievements of rural development policy;
- Explore ideas and possibilities for simplification in relation to preparing, conducting and reporting evaluations at the EU and Member State level;
- Identify needs for supporting the evaluation stakeholders in their activities.

## Main target audience

Primarily Managing Authorities and evaluators. Other evaluation stakeholders are welcome.

## Method

Interactive presentations, discussion in plenum and working group sessions. Working language will be in English.

## Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development and conclusions from this workshop will be presented to the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP.

## AGENDA 19 September 2017

Setting the frame	
13:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
14:00	<b>Welcome</b> Hosting organization
14:15	<b>Objectives and agenda</b> Hannes Wimmer, Evaluation Helpdesk
14:30	<b>The AIR submitted in 2017: expectations and use</b> Teresa Marques, European Commission DG AGRI Unit C.4
14:45	<b>A picture of the evaluation activities in the Member States and success stories</b> Evaluation Helpdesk
15:15	<b>Coffee break</b>

Gathering Stakeholders' Experiences	
15:15	<b>Challenges, solutions and proposals for better preparing and reporting in the AIRs</b> Working session
17.30	<b>Reflection round on the utility of the EC's feedback letter</b>
17: 50	<b>Summary of day 1</b> Sari Rannanpää, Evaluation Helpdesk
18.00	<b>End of day 1</b>
19:00	<b>Social Dinner (At own cost)</b>

## AGENDA 20 September 2017

Working on solutions	
09:00	<b>Welcome coffee</b>
09:30	<b>Introduction to day 2</b> Sari Rannanpää, Evaluation Helpdesk
9:45	<b>Parallel Sessions: Showing the achievements of RDPs in the AIRs 2017 – sharing experiences from the Member States</b>  <b>Session A: CAP objective 1:</b> <i>Case study on the assessment of RDP results under the Focus Area 2A – the application of the counterfactual analysis in Slovakia (Marek Pihulič)</i>  <b>Session B: CAP objective 2:</b> <i>Case study on the assessment of RDP results under the Focus Area 4A, 4B, 4C – the combination of spatial analysis and qualitative assessment in Latvia (Peteris Lakovskis)</i>
11:05	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:20	<b>Session C: CAP objective 3:</b> <i>Case study on the assessment of RDP results under the Focus Area 6B - The application of the MAPP method in Estonia (Mati Mõtte)</i>
12:30	<b>Developing better support for AIRs 2019</b> Evaluation Helpdesk
12:50	<b>Concluding remarks</b>
13:00	<b>End of Workshop</b>