Existing experiences of systematic data management

-   Case of Slovenia –

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Data collection and management by data collectors

- **Responsibility of RDP data collection**: PA (applications, claims, payments), except Leader (MA, payments by PA)

- **Separate bases for data collections**: common RDP application for 1st and 3rd axis (except measure 113), 2nd axis own application, Leader data gathered in separate system

- CMEF → **Guidelines** for monitoring and implementation SI RDP 2007-2013 (prepared by MA) → **IT application** for capturing data from application forms → **data basis** for capturing initial situation of each operation (output level data)

Beneficiary data

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Data collection and management by data collectors

- **E-application form** (introduced gradually): measures 112, 121, 122 and 123

  - ➤ **Important step of reducing** administrative work for applicants, farm advisory service and PA (faster, easier ← real-time checking, help assistance, less errors, possibility to fullfil anywhere...)

  - ➤ **Fully follows the tender documentation**: basic info (measure, call for tender, date...), applicant, investment/project, costs, financing, land use, farm assests (buildings, machinery, equipment,...), plantation, irrigation, workforce, market, indicators

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Data collection and management by data collectors

- **Result/progress level data**: application and/or from data reported by beneficiaries

- **Obligation of 5-years reporting** period on achieved targets of supported project/investment after project completion

- **Different approaches for reporting** on these results:

  - for 'investment' type of measures (e.g. farms with no other type of bookkeeping): FADN

  - for companies, municipalities, LAG,…: special report form (prepared for each measure by MA, public available)

- **Progress is assessed** by comparison of data from application (e.g. initial situation) and data from reporting (e.g. situation in year N)

- **In case of non-reporting** sanctions are provided

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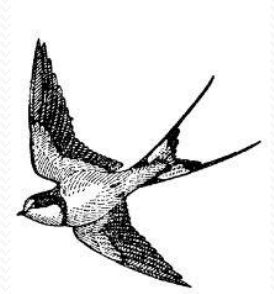# Collection of other data relevant for RDP

- **Whole Slovenia** is addressed as **rural area**

- **No special 'working group'** for RDP data, indicators

- Data are collected in cooperation with **public and nonpublic institutions:**

  - SORS: main data 'provider', very good statistical coverage on national level

  - Water quality (pollution by nitrates and pesticides) & HNV area: Slovenian Environment Agency

  - Water quality (Gross nutrient balances): Agricultural institute of Slovenia

  - FBI index: DOPPS - BirdLife Slovenia

Non-beneficiary data

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Collection of other data relevant for RDP

- For the purpose of RDP impact assessment of preserving biodiversity a **new monitoring** of trends of population of farmland birds (**FBI index**) has been established

- **RDP Contexual data:** all available, except for 2 indicators:
  - ➢ Gross fixed capital formation in forestry
  - ➢ Gross Phosporus Balance

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Future challenges to set up a robust monitoring system for evaluation

- **Main challenge**: a huge amount of data exists: how to make them more operational?

- All documents, guidelines,…. **prepared in time** are crucial!

- **A lot of manual work** still remains for final analysis on aggregate level, AIRs, monitoring tables

- Possibility of **direct connection IT application/data base** → SFC2014 system

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Future challenges to set up a robust monitoring system for evaluation

- **Common IT application for whole RDP** (e-application form, e-claims, e-reporting); how to incorporate current 2nd axis as data are collected via direct payment campaign?

- **Common demands for all structural funds** (Partnership Contract): better and faster immediate action on state level

- Any kind of **common guidelines on IT requirements** for all EU27 is foreseen?

Thank you for your attention!