



European Evaluation Network
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Background

The EU 2020 strategy for a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth aims to reduce GHG emission by 20% compared to 1990 levels, use 20% of renewable energy sources in the final energy consumption and a 20% increase in energy efficiency.

Rural areas are being called upon to step up their efforts to meet the ambitious climate and energy targets of the EU. The land use sector, acting as a source but also as a sink for greenhouse gas emissions, offers interesting and feasible possibilities for implementing technical and economic measures to reduce emissions and to adapt to climate change.

Managing Authorities (MAs) are at the moment approaching the *ex post* evaluation of 2007-2013 RDPs and designing the 2014-2020 programmes. A good understanding of the impacts of mitigation and adaptation activities becomes fundamental in the formulation of 2014-2020 RDPs in order to maximize their effective and efficient contribution to rural development, CAP and EU 2020 objectives. Some measures in the 2007-13 RDPs addressed climate change and many lessons can be drawn from the assessment of the 2007-2013 RDPs which can help MAs and evaluators in the formative evaluation of new programmes at the development and design phase of mitigation and adaptation activities for the 2014-2020 RDPs.

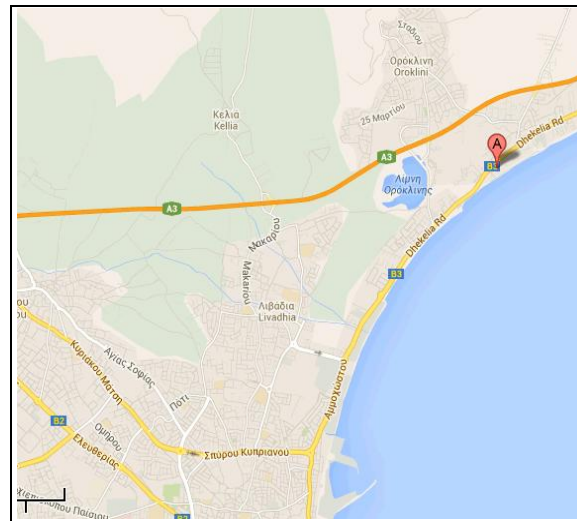
Read more:

[Approaches for assessing the impacts of RDPs in the context of multiple intervening factors](#)

[The application of the High Nature Value Impact indicator](#)

[Guidelines for the ex ante evaluation of 2014-2020 RDPs](#)

How to reach the meeting venue?



The **venue** can be reached by Taxi /bus from Larnaca Airport in approximately 20 minutes (for approx. 35 Euros).

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Good Practice Workshop

Climate change mitigation and adaptation in RDPs:

*Assessing the scope and
measuring the outcomes*

Cyprus, 10-11 February 2014

Venue information:

[Princess Beach Hotel](#)
Dekhelia Road, Postal Code 7041,
Larnaca, Cyprus

Participation is limited and therefore subject to confirmation via e-mail.



Thematic focus

The Good Practice Workshop aims to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of good practice and experiences in the assessment of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities within RDPs among Managing Authorities from Member States, evaluators and researchers.

Objectives

- **Share good practice** in national and international experiences with climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture and forestry
- **Identifying effective approaches** to assess the contribution of the climate change mitigation and adaptation related measures of 2007-2013 RDPs
- **Review the main challenges and solutions adopted** to assess the contribution of climate change mitigation and adaptation related measures
- **Draw main lessons** to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of mitigation and adaptation related measures of the 2014-2020 RDPs

Main target audience

Managing Authorities, evaluators and researchers.

Method

Presentations, case studies, discussions, and interactive group work. (Working language: English)

Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the European Evaluation Network for Rural Development and presented to the Evaluation Expert Committee.

Agenda 10 Feb 2014

13:00 Setting the frame

• Welcome	Mr Nikos Kouyialis- Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus
• Objectives of the workshop and agenda of the day	Evaluation Helpdesk
• Climate change in the EU: Current context and trends	Herwig Ranner European Commission, DG AGRI
• Assessing RDPs contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation	Zelie Peppiette European Commission, DG AGRI
• Increasing capacities of RDPs to respond to climate change challenges	Dr Bill Slee - Evaluation Helpdesk

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Sharing experiences

• Case studies : Assessing climate change mitigation and adaptation activities	
• Cyprus	Dr Androula Georgiou*
• Spain	Ricardo Pedraz **
• Ireland	John Muldowney***
• Wales	James Skates ****
• Reflection round on case studies	Evaluation Helpdesk

18.00 End of day 1

Agenda 11 Feb 2014

09:00 Identifying effective responses

• Introduction to the day	Evaluation Helpdesk
• RDP climate change mitigation and adaptation activities in Europe: presentation of survey results	Angelos Sanopolous Evaluation Helpdesk
• Group work: mapping effective RDP responses to climate change mitigation and adaptation	Evaluation Helpdesk

11:45 Coffee break

12:15 Concluding session

• Summary conclusions	Evaluation Helpdesk
• Next steps	European Commission
• Workshop closing	Evaluation Helpdesk

13.00 End of workshop (light lunch)

Please note: Flight, transport and accommodation need to be arranged by the participants.

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