

# From Ongoing Evaluation towards the Evaluation Plan

Vienna, 14 May 2012

# Good Practice Workshops – What for?



- Forum for exchange on practical issues in relation to monitoring and evaluation → topics proposed by MS
- Produce practical outcomes
- Create knowledge on M&E and feed it back to Member States' and EU actors

# Good Practice Workshops – which one have taken place so far?



- Evaluation of National Rural Network Programmes Brussels, Belgium – 7 February 2012
- High Nature Value farmland and forestry Edinburgh, Scotland – 20 February 2012
- Drafting terms of reference for ex ante evaluations Brussels, Belgium - 1 March 2012
- From Ongoing Evaluation towards the Evaluation Plan - Vienna, Austria - 14 May 2012

# Where can I find the outcomes?

## <http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/evaluation/>



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### Good Practice Workshop

#### Good Practice Workshop on "From Ongoing Evaluation towards the Evaluation Plan" - Vienna, Austria - 14 May 2012

In the current programming period, the Member States are required to establish a system of ongoing evaluation for each Rural Development Programme as per [Art.86 of Council Regulation 1968/2005](#). The activities shall be reported by the Programme Managing Authorities annually to the Monitoring Committee and included in Annual Progress Reports. The main purpose of the ongoing evaluation is to examine the progress of the programme, draw up proposals for changes to improve its quality and implementation and prepare mid-term and ex post evaluation.

The legal proposal for the Rural Development Regulation for the next programming period 2014-2020 ([draft Rural Development Regulation COM\(2011\) 627/final/2](#)) brings this a step forward in that it states that the Member States will now be required to draw up an evaluation plan which will provide the basis for evaluation during the programming period ([Art. 49 of the draft Common Provisions Regulation COM\(2011\) 615](#)). The Rural Development proposal specifies that the evaluation plan shall be submitted with the draft RDP and that the European Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, establish the minimum requirements for the evaluation plan.

To provide a platform for discussion and exchange of experiences about ongoing evaluation in the current programming period and draw key lessons for the preparation of evaluation plans – an integral part of the Rural Development Programmes for 2014 – 2020 - a workshop was organised by the Evaluation Helpdesk, in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management Unit, on 14 May 2012.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Programme [PDF [en](#) ]
- Introduction and framing
- Opening and welcome
  - Legal framework, the state of play and future prospects of the ongoing evaluation in rural development  
Leo Maier - European Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development – Unit L4 Evaluation of measures applicable to agriculture; studies

#### Exchange Session – Sharing experiences in implementing ongoing evaluation in the EU Member States

- "Ongoing evaluations – Experiences from Bulgaria 2007-2010" Morten Kvistgaard evaluator, Denmark
- "The governance of ongoing evaluation in Piedmont region", Roberto Cagliero, evaluator, Italy
- "Tasks of the Evaluation Unit – Austria", Otto Hofer and Karl Ortner, Evaluation Unit, Austria
- 'In house' ongoing evaluation in Flanders (Belgium), Michael Van Zeebroeck, Department Agriculture and Fisheries, Belgium

#### OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTATION

- [draft Rural Development Regulation COM\(2011\) 627/final/2](#)
- [draft Common Provisions Regulation COM\(2011\)615](#)

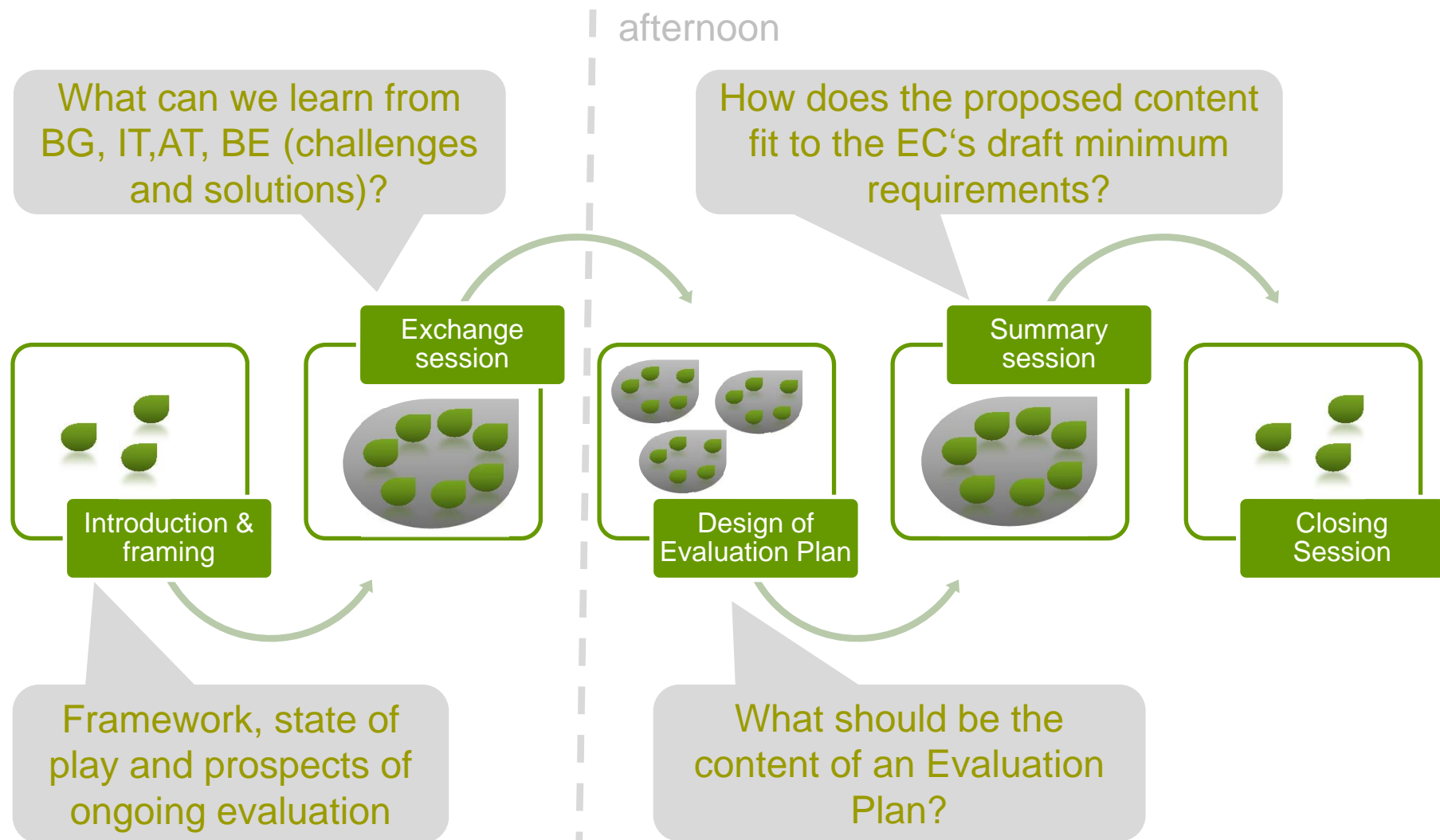


# Today's workshop



- Exchange experiences from ongoing evaluation and draw key lessons learned
- Reflect on new requirements
- Prepare the contents of an evaluation plan

# Workflow of today's meeting



Meeting place for a drink and/or dinner at **GASTHAUS WILD**,  
Radetzky-Platz 1, 14 May, 6 p.m. (If you can't find it call Hannes +43 / 699  
10 10 50 85)

**Lebensministerium**  
(workshop venue on 14 /05)



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## Character of Evaluation Plan



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### **BG:**

- **No Evaluation Plan, only decision to implement 2 tenders with the tasks into two clusters 07-10 and 11 - 15**
- **output: ongoing evaluation reports, MTE report**
- **Contract covers period 2007-2010**

### **IT Piemonte:**

- **formal act of MA (for requirements of EC and national bodies)**
- **Contains „clarification about what MA means with evaluation“**
- **Not flexible**
- **Defined by MA**
- **Covers whole period**

### **AT:**

- **„Project Handbook“ updated yearly**
- **CONTENT: Evaluation environment, tasks of evaluation, definition of roles and responsibilities (!); timing / reporting, guidelines, demand, data support**
- **Project plan: management, basics, indicators, contracts, reports**
- **Has management function**

### **BE Flanders:**

- **Since January 2010 formally written down, before on ad-hoc basis**
- **Yearly updated**
- **Started to introduce project management principles in team (execution plan is part of it)**
- **Used for project management**