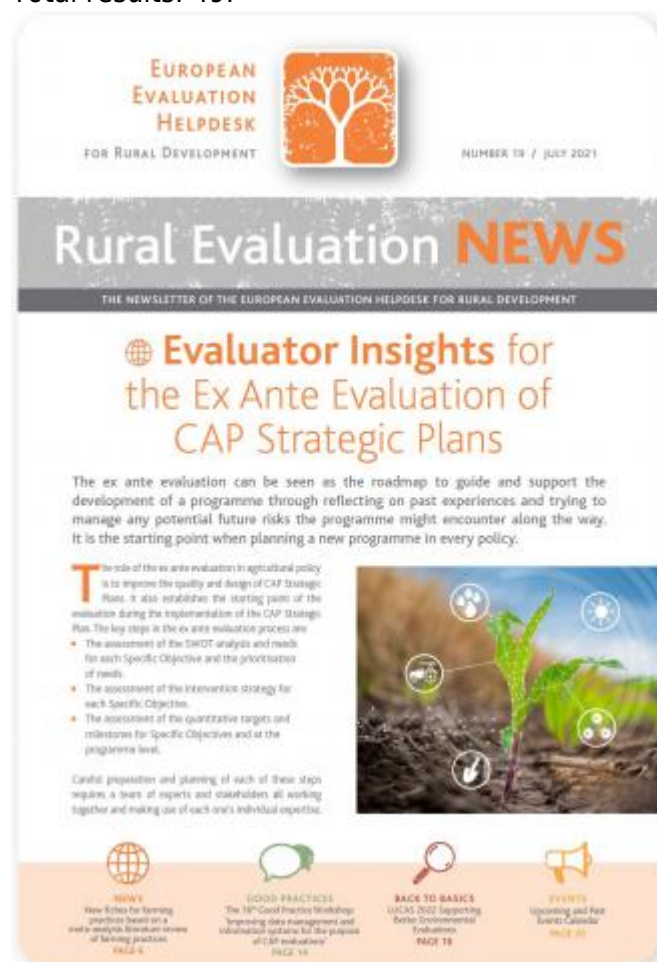


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## [Quantitative evaluation of the effects of selected forestry measures of the Slovak RDP 2014-2020 for the Focus Areas 4 and 5](#) [5]

This study creates a methodological framework and system of quantitative evaluation of medium-term and long-term impact within the RDP 2014-2020 for the following forestry measures: M08 -

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## Farm Advisory Service Enhanced Monitoring and Evaluation

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## [Scottish Farm Advisory Service: Enhanced monitoring and evaluation](#) [7]

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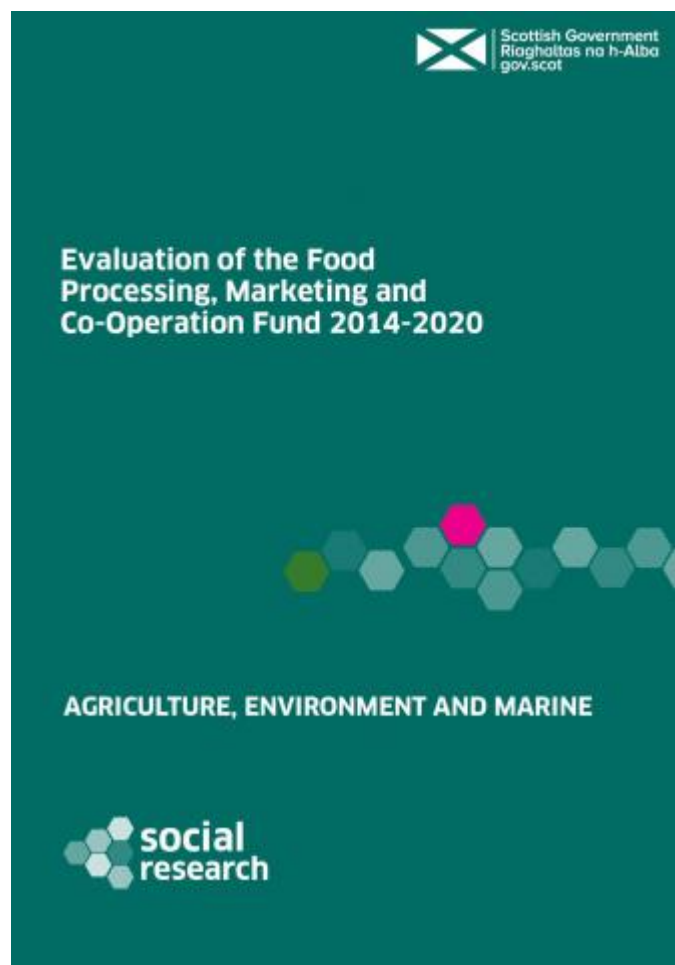
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## [Evaluation of the Scottish Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Fund 2014-2020](#) <sup>[9]</sup>

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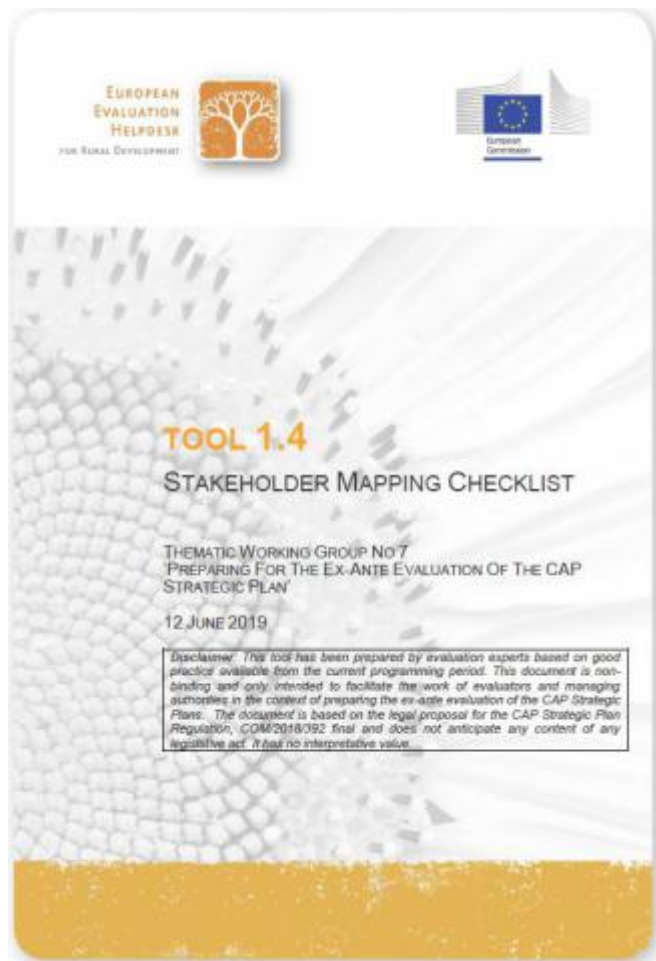
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## **Tool 3.1 - Examples of Guiding Questions for the Appraisal of the Intervention Strategy, Targets and Milestones** [13]

Tool 3.1 - Examples of guiding questions for the appraisal of the intervention strategy, targets and milestones: provides suggestions of what questions evaluators may wish to explore while appraising the intervention strategy, targets and milestones of the CAP Strategic Plan.

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## SUPPORTING RDP EVALUATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC: HOW TO BRING TOGETHER STAKEHOLDERS

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### SUPPORTING EVALUATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

National Rural Networks (NRNs) are uniquely positioned in EU rural development to play a vital role in supporting the evaluation of RDPs due to their interconnectedness with a wide variety of rural development actors. This support can be achieved in a variety of ways from capacity building to the dissemination of evaluation-related publications and findings. This factsheet focuses specifically on the support provided to the RDP evaluation by the Czech National Rural Network.

The Czech NRN operates as a division of the Managing Authority. The NRN has been allocated responsibilities at both the national and regional levels. At the regional level individual secretariats are responsible for the administrative functions and implementation of the NRN's activities. These regional NRNs are based within 7 regional Paying Agencies with 12 regional RSI coordinators.



### THEMATIC WORKING GROUP ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In order to play a more active role in the evaluation process and to support evaluation actors the Czech NRN established a thematic working group (TWG) on monitoring and evaluation in the beginning of 2015, which meets at least twice a year. The NRN arranges the meetings of this TWG and covers all costs of the activities. Additionally, this group is chaired by the representative responsible for RDP evaluation from the Managing Authority.

The TWG serves as a consultation body for the Managing Authority and the Monitoring Committee. Members of the TWG consist of representatives from the Monitoring Committee, Managing Authority, Paying Agency, evaluators, universities and research institutions.

Five specific objectives have been defined for the TWG:

- sharing, dissemination and communication of monitoring and evaluation findings;
- facilitation of thematic and analytical exchanges linked to the evaluation of RDPs;
- participation in evaluation-related data collection activities;
- collection of examples of RDP evaluations;
- promotion of networking on evaluation (e.g. evaluator networks, etc.).



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These objectives are primarily achieved through the TWG's main aim of providing support to the preparation of more detailed annual evaluation plans, which set out specific activities and propose how they should be coordinated for each individual year. These plans are later shared with the entirety of the Monitoring Committee. Furthermore, members of the TWG are informed of evaluation results from the previous period and those recommendations that follow. In this way, the thematic working group serves as a dedicated space for clearer feedback on evaluation activities throughout the evaluation process, to not only plan activities and provide support during the evaluation process, but also to judge after their implementation and conclusion. The TWG also serves as a means of coordination and cooperation between the RDP Managing Authority and other evaluation units responsible for the RDP, as well as the Czech national evaluation association, which covers private and

## Supporting RDP Evaluation in the Czech Republic: How to Bring Together Stakeholders <sup>[15]</sup>

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# ASSESSING RDP EFFECTS ON WATER ABSTRACTION: A MIXED METHODS APPROACH FROM THE GREEK REGION OF THESSALY

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**W**ater is one of the most vital resources on the planet and an essential and necessary input in crop production; however, under increasing pressure from climate change and other effects related to human activity, water and other natural resources have become increasingly scarce. Therefore, the sustainable management of natural resources is an essential step in preserving not only crop and food production, but the vast majority of activities that sustain today's societies.

The overall CAR objective of ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and forests is reflected in the need to integrate water management and water resources. In fact, Indicator 1.5 (water abstraction) is one of the primary indicators used to measure water management in agriculture. Targeting water abstraction with RDP measures helps to manage water as a (constrained) natural resource, which is important for people, nature and agricultural production. Water abstraction is addressed through rural development Priority 4 interventions related to agriculture and forestry, notably through Focus Area 4B (improving water management) and Priority 5 (resource efficiency) and Focus Area 5A (improving efficiency in water use by agriculture).

The main measures that contribute directly to these focus areas in Greece in relation to water abstraction are (in order of financial weight):

1. M84 (investment in physical assets),
2. M81 (organic agriculture),
3. M80.5 (light-environment and climate commitments),
4. M12 (Paris 2000 and Water Framework Directive).

Secondary contributions are also provided through M01 and M02 (knowledge transfer and advisory services) and M16 (cooperation).

is rural development programmes (over) related to water abstraction are assessed through answering the common evaluation question: (CQs):

- CSQ 26: To what extent has the RDP contributed to improving the environment and to achieving the EU biodiversity strategy target of halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services, and to restore them?

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

### Breakdown:

University of Victoria, Canada

For additional information on the evaluation, visit: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Christina-Jones-11>  
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Map 1: Water Distribution Map Greece



- **CEG 2b:** To what extent has the RDP contributed to the CAP objective of ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and climate action?

### USING A MIXED APPROACH TO ASSESS THE ROP'S EFFECTS ON WATER ABSTRACTION WHEN DATA IS SCARCE

This fact sheet focuses on the evaluation of water abstraction conducted in the region of Thessaly. This assessment was completed in roughly one month and the results were used to report on the indicator in the RRI 2019 together with the results from a larger macro-level assessment.

## Assessing RDP Effects on Water Abstraction: A Mixed Methods Approach from the Greek Region of Thessaly [17]

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## [Interactive Decision Tool for I.12](#) <sup>[19]</sup>

This interactive decision tool is for impact indicator:

I.12 Soil organic matter in arable land

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