

NRN support to the evaluation of RDP: practical example from Portugal

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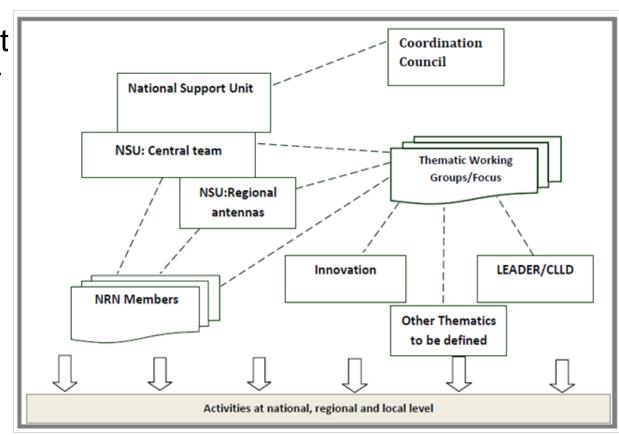




NRN in Portugal



- National Support Unit (NSU): composed by a central team and 7 regional antennas
- National Coordinator of the NRN and a Coordination Committee (CC)







Members of the PT NRN

In 2014-2020 the PT NRN is open to everyone

Members:

- Agricultural SME 36,8%
- Private associations and foundations 32,2%
- Other enterprises 14,7%
- LAGs and other organized territories 9,7%
- Education and R&D 3%
- Central administration 2,8%
- Regional administration 0,8%









Major fields of actions of NRN

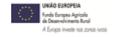
- Each year NRN defines priority areas of work
- In 2016/2017 the major fields of action are:
 - Innovation (Permanent National Working Group (NWG))
 - LEADER/CLLD (Permanent NWG)
 - **Short Supply Chains** (Temporary NWG)
 - Forests (Temporary NWG)

Objectives of the NRN related to evaluation of RDPs

- To provide support to LAGs at local level
- To work on the specific evaluation elements (LEADER and NRN) of the RDPs through the FEADER's Evaluation and Monitoring Group







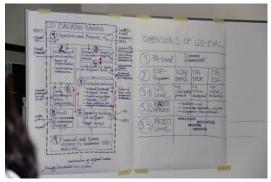
PT NRN activities supporting RDP evaluation (2014-2020)

Rede Rural Nacional

Workshop/training "Building capacity for planning the evaluation of Local Development Strategies" – 2015







Planning of capacity building activities for LAGs - project "LEADER NETWORK 2020: Qualify, Cooperate, Communicate" – October 2017 – February 2019



practical example: NRN support to evaluation of LEADER/CLLD



Timing: ongoing / AIR 2019

Type of support: trainings and capacity building

The need:

- LAGs need to monitor and carry on evaluation activities with regards to their Local Development Strategies (LDS) and to make the respective articulation with the monitoring and evaluation of the RDP
- The level of knowledge about evaluation and the evaluation culture within the LAGs is rather low
- There is a need to evaluate the added-value of LEADER/CLLD, where LAGs affirm that it goes far beyond measuring by "classical" indicators only

This requires:

- the creation of a common framework for the evaluation of the LDS so as to integrate this information in the evaluation of the RDP
- the training/capacity building for LAGs







practical example: NRN support to evaluation of LEADER/CLLD



Target group: LAGs

Partners: NRN/NSU, Minha Terra Federation, MA

| | Main steps | Time | Outcomes |
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| 1) | National seminar "LEADER/CLLD evaluation – Framework, methodologies and challenges" | Feb 2018 | Document will be based on: the guidelines for the LEADER/CLLD evaluation; other tools available to evaluate multifund LDS; the findings resulting from the discussions in the national seminar Document will be tailor-made for the Portuguese LAGs |
| 2) | Development of a tool/methodological document to implement and operationalize the monitoring and evaluation system | Mar 2018 – May 2018 | |
| 3) | Intensive training for the LAGs (regionalized sessions with 4 to 6 LAG each) | May 2018 - Jun 2018 | All the necessary information and procedures to implement the M&E system accordingly to the instrument (common to all PT LAGs) provided |
| 4) | Mentoring for the LAGs with the support of an advisor/counselor | July 2018 – Mar 2019 | Robust common M&E system for the LEADER/CLLD LDS: • recognized by MA, • useful for LAG • adequate to LEADER/CLLD specificities |

practical example:



NRN support to evaluation of LEADER/CLLD

Challenges and solutions

- Assessment of the LEADER/CLLD added value
- To be able to establish a common M&E system for the LEADER/CLLD at local level
- Motivation and engagement of all LAGs in Portugal







practical example:



NRN support to evaluation of LEADER/CLLD

Recommendations for the future

- To give an effective support to the LAG regarding the evaluation process
- To go a little bit further than the mandatory requirements regarding the LEADER/CLLD evaluation









Thank you for your attention!

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