



### Learn and Do: Better RDP management for 2014 - 2020

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#### How did we learn?

- Monitoring implementation on an on-going basis. Various systems and processes involved, including liquidation of LAG and other difficulties.
- Control checks Dept. eligibility review & Inspection Audits
- Accreditation audit Deloittes annual audits
- Other audits EU Commission/Internal Audit





#### What are we going to do?

- Implement different management systems more comprehensive monitoring of control check system
- **o** Increase capacity building for Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- Implement mentoring programme for LAGs to support more robust control and management



#### Learning

Article 28 administrative checks in accordance with Articles 28 of EU Regulation 809/2014 (where delegated to the LAG). Process will include checks performed immediately prior to consideration of the project proposal going to the LAG Evaluation Committee. Crucial stage – including:

- $\circ$   $\,$  eligibility of the project and the promoter  $\,$
- viability of the project
- $\circ$   $\,$  appropriateness of contributions in kind  $\,$
- $\circ$   $\,$  verification of match funding
- $\circ$  evaluation of cost
- **o** compliance with public procurement requirements
- compliance with State aid rules



#### **Capacity Building**

- Examples of planned capacity building:
- LDS development
- **Procurement (significant issue)**
- Control Regime



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## **Mentoring Programme**

On-going mentoring of the partners throughout the life of the programme. To include:

- Regular seminars as programme launches and expands
- Feedback from and consultation with all partners on problems arising or where further clarification or guidance is required
- Review-and-learn process to ensure systems are operating properly
- Adjust for errors identified





#### Thank You

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