ITALIAN NRN IN SUPPORT OF THE RDPs EVALUATIONS

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The ITALIAN NRN –

STRUCTURES AND TARGET GROUPS

1 National PROGRAMME
   BIANNUAL PLANS

19 REGIONAL CONTACT POINTS
   + 1 at the NRN MA

27 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

TARGET GROUPS

- MAs, PAs, LOCAL ACTION GROUPS, OGs, others
- SOCIAL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
- CIVIL SOCIETY
THE ITALIAN NRN – PRIORITIES & ACTIONS

- Studies and policy analyses
- Information Services and tools
- **Strategic Monitoring**
- **RDPs Monitoring & Evaluation**
- Capacity Building & Knowledge exchange
- Local development (LEADER, Inner Areas Strategies, ..)

- Stakeholders networking
- Advisory and Services to rural operators
- Communities of practice

- Best Practices, Rural Excellences
- Rural4Learning, Rural4Kids, Rural Camps
- Policy Integration

- Strategies, Dissemination of Knowledge & Innovation
- EIP-Agri
NRN FOR RDPs’ EVALUATIONS

- Guidelines and operational documents (EvalPlan, Ex-ante, Ex-post evaluations, AIRs, FIs, GOs, TORs, ...) 
- Seminars, Workshops, dissemination 
- E-learning (E-valprog, Eval-Leader) 
- Study visits 

• EvalPlanning and ToRs 
• Steering Groups & Eval Governance 
• Setting up M&E Systems 
• Networking with other networks 
• National Monitoring System (ESIF) 
• Intermediation (data providers, ...) 

- Databases of RDPs indicators 
- Synthesis of ex post evaluations 
- Use of FADN (investments, GOs, ...) 
- Translation/Synthesis of EU studies (EC, PE, CoA, ...) 

- MAs, Evaluator, LAGs, OGs, ...
Capacity Building: CYCLE OF SEMINARS

“The effective use of the evaluations’ results”

Focusing on crucial concepts, tips and operations of evaluations’ **UTILITY** and **USES**

- **REPORTS**
- **ON-LINE VIDEOS**
- **REFERENCES**

- **Sept. 2011**: Possible **USES** of the evaluations
- **Dic. 2011**: **USEFUL** evaluation for policy makers and stakeholders
- **Mar. 2012**: Effective **COMMUNICATION** of the evaluations
- **Jul. 2012**: **UNDERSTANDING** the evaluation results

Average of **60 PARTICIPANTS**
Capacity Building:
E-LEARNING

TARGET GROUPS

Regional administrations; public and private bodies operating on territories; evaluators, teachers, researchers, ONGs, professional organizations, etc.

OBJECTIVES

- Disseminating basic knowledge on evaluation
- Providing tools and information
- Consolidating vision of evaluation as a useful tool
- Raising awareness on the people’s role in the evaluation processes
- Fostering a more conscious participation to RD issues

The evaluation of EU rural development policy 2007-2013

DIDACTIC METHODOLOGY

- Experts in evaluation working for the M&E Task Force of the NRN, universities and research institutes
- Each module includes an entry test, one or more tutorial lessons, and bibliographic references
- Tutorial support online with the coordinators and forum section
- Final certificate of attendance

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

10 MODULES

- Principles, approaches, methods
- Evaluation of RD policy in the EU
- Monitoring of RD policy in the EU
Support on the job:
NATIONAL ESIF MONITORING FRAMEWORK

NATIONAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK 2014-2020 (NMF)

- Integrated Information system of ESIFs
- Linked to SFC
- Compliant with UE and national requirements

OBJECTIVE

Modeled on http://www.opencoesione.gov.it/

METHODODOLOGY

Cooperation with data providers (e.g. PAs, MAs, evaluation unit) and central government bodies (Ministries and other organization involved in NRN)

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

- Unified and harmonized information base
- Unique protocol data stream
- Operations database
- Statistics and reports

Timeline:
- Jan 2014
  - Technical meetings
  - Negotiation
  - Informative meetings
  - Documents/guidelines
  - Mixed technical groups
- Dec 2015
  - Unique protocol data stream
- Nov 2017
  - Context tables
- 2020
  - Launch & Implementation of NMF
Support on the job: OUTSOURCING OF EVALUATION SERVICES

METHODOLOGICAL SUPPORT
- Co-development
- Guidelines and documents
- Meetings with MAs
- Market survey

DEFINITION OF the ToRs
On Job support and Advisory on the Terms of Reference (ToR)
Benchmarking, Experiences sharing

EVALUATORS SELECTION
Participation in Regional Commissions for the selection of the independent evaluator

STEERING GROUP & TECHNICAL ADVICE
Participation to the Steering Groups
Facilitation and Networking
TA on approaches, methods and tools
Benchmarking, Experiences sharing

Participatory Approach
Ad Hoc Task Force
Supporting RDPs’ evaluations

Challenges

• Coordination in collecting and validating data
• Comparison and processing of data
• Different capacities, needs and willingness to participate
• Build on common areas of interest
• Participation and Practice Sharing at EU Level
• Avoiding ad hoc advisory
• Different needs for support, same timing
• Different competencies

Solutions

• Harmonisation in terms of procedures, nomenclatures and classifications
• Integration of information systems
• Systematic communication and exchange
• Systematic needs assessments
• Animation
• Translation of EU documents
• Ad hoc task forces
• Transfer of good practice
• Systemic approach
• Problem solving approach
Thank you for your attention!

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