Guidelines

‘Assessing RDP achievements and impacts in 2019’

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Who contributed?

Guidelines drafted in collaboration with multiple actors!
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What needs to be reported?

**Part 1**

- **ALL AIRs Submitted in 2017**
  - The progress in implementing the Evaluation Plan
  - Quantification of programme achievements in particular through the assessment of the Complementary Result Indicator and the relevant Evaluation Questions
  - Guidelines: Assessment of RDP Results: how to prepare for reporting on evaluation in 2017

- **AIRs Submitted in 2019**
  - Progress towards objectives of the programme and its contribution to achieving the Union Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, inter alia assessment of the programmes’s net contributions to changes in the CAP impact indicator values and relevant Evaluation Questions
  - Guidelines: Reporting on RDP Achievements and impacts in 2019
Identifying options for counterfactual

RDP size and uptake

Data available for CMES indicators* → Data available for additional indicators selected*

- **NO**: Does the data allow for the construction of comparison groups of beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries?
- **YES**: How many comparison groups are needed?***

- **YES**
  - Classic approach: Two groups
  - Alternative approach: Multiple groups

- **NO**: Are variables explaining the participation known?

- **NO**: Does the data cover different points in time (temporal scale)?
  - NO: with-and-without
  - YES: before-and-after & with-and-without
  - YES: before-and-after & with-and-without

- **YES**: Does a sufficiently accurate model explaining participation exist?
  - **NO**
    - Are time/resources sufficient for establishing a model?
      - **NO**: with-and-without
      - **YES**: before-and-after & with-and-without
  - **YES**: Evaluation options without comparison groups
  - Advanced econometric or environmental-economic modelling approaches without comparison groups

- **YES**: Qualitative analysis
  - Qualitative and naïve quantitative evaluation options
  - Naïve Baseline Comparison
  - Naïve Group Comparison
  - Difference in Differences
  - Propensity Score Matching
  - Joint Propensity Score Matching and Difference in Differences
  - Other regression techniques covering sample selection

Part 2
Examples of evaluation approaches

**Approach A**
- Optimal data situation
- For 2019 / ex post
- Advanced / rigorous

**Approach B**
- Alternative in case of data-gaps or if other hindering factors
- Often includes qualitative component

**Other approaches**
- Various approaches (listed in logic models)

→ *Choice depends on RDP size, uptake, data availability and resources for evaluation!*
Assessment of RDP’s contribution to EU 2020 headline targets

Assess RDP’s potential to contribute to headline target:

1. Understand the intervention logic of CEQ;
2. Screen the RDP measures contributing to target;
3. Compare the RDP potential with actual achievements.

Assess RDP’s actual contribution to headline targets:

1. Review the common evaluation elements;
2. Calculate the values of indicators;
3. Combine values of indicators to assess overall contribution to the headline target.
**Europe 2020 Strategy, priority: Smart growth: developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation.**

Headline target: 3% of the EU's GDP should be invested in R&D.

**Europe 2020 Strategy, priority: Sustainable growth: promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy.**

Headline target: The "20/20/20" climate/energy targets should be met (including an increase to 30% of emissions reduction if the conditions are right).

**The EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy**

Headline target: Halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020, and restoring them in so far as feasible, while stepping up the EU contribution to averting global biodiversity loss.

**Europe 2020 Strategy, priority: Inclusive growth: fostering a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion.**

Headline target: 75% of the population aged 20-64 should be employed

Headline target: 20 million less people should be at risk of poverty

**CAP Objective:**

Fostering the competitiveness of agriculture

CEQ 27, CAP impact indicators: I.01, I.02, I.03

Ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, and climate action

CEQ 28, CAP impact indicators: I.07, I.08, I.09, I.10, I.11, I.12, I.13

Balanced territorial development of rural economies and communities

CEQ 29, CAP impact indicators: I.14, I.15, I.16

**Programme synergies - CEQ 19, TA – CEQ 20 and NRN – CEQ 21**

Target and result indicators linked with the focus areas of RD Priorities 2 - 6

All RDP measures/sub-measures as programmed under focus areas of the specific RDP and their primary and secondary contributions to focus areas

**RD Priority 1**

Target indicators linked with the focus areas of RD Priority 1

FA1A, CEQ 1  FA1B, CEQ 2  FA1C, CEQ 3  M01, M02, M03
Assessment of RDP’s contribution to innovation

Cross Cutting Objective: Innovation
CEQ 30: To what extent has the RDP contributed to fostering innovation?

EIP-AGRI / EIP network

Innovation stakeholders - RDP beneficiaries: farmers, foresters, SMEs, LAGs, NRNs.

RD Priority 1
Focus areas 1A and 1B
M1
M2
M16

Innovation stakeholders Education
Innovation stakeholders Advisory services
Innovation stakeholders Operational groups

Common output and target indicators

See Guidelines Evaluation of Innovation in RDPs 2014-2020
Thank you for your attention!

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