



Background

The assessment of **environmental results and impacts** has turned out to be particularly challenging for Member States during the mid-term evaluation of the RDPs 2007-2013. The Evaluation Helpdesk's "Methodological Assessment of MTE-reports of 2007-2013 RDPs" observed that, "The four environmental impact indicators (biodiversity, High Nature Value, water and climate change) had been assessed less thoroughly than the socio-economic ones. Rigorous quantitative analysis seemed to pose considerably more difficulties for the environmental indicators, which in many cases had to be adjusted to the regional specificities".

While most Managing Authorities (MA) are currently **approaching the ex post evaluation of 2007-2013 RDPs** (preparation of ToR, selection of evaluator, deciding on an evaluation approach), they are simultaneously **establishing the basics for the assessment of environmental impacts** for the new RDPs for the 2014-2020 period. This is a critical time to reflect on the practical problems in assessing environmental impacts, in the context of the ex post evaluation, and to determine what lessons can be drawn for the new programming period.

Read More:

[Envieval project page](#)>>>

[Guidelines for the ex post evaluation \(June 2014\)](#) >>>

How to reach the meeting venue:



Venue:

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Good Practice Workshop

Assessing Environmental Effects of Rural Development Programmes: Practical solutions for the ex post evaluation 2007-2013

Vilnius, 27-28 October 2015



European Commission





Thematic focus

This workshop aims to facilitate an exchange with Member States with regard to their practical challenges in assessing RDP's environmental results and impacts in the context of the ex post evaluation. New research experiences (e.g. from the [FP7-project Envieval](#)) will provide methodological inputs and practical case studies to illustrate possible solutions.

Objectives

- **Exchange** different national and regional approaches in tackling the assessment of environmental results and impacts.
- **Learn** about insights gained during testing new evaluation approaches.
- **Develop** practical solutions for the assessment of environmental results and impacts in the context of the ex post evaluation 2007-13.

Main target audience

Managing Authorities will be familiarised with the ECs expectations and discuss quality control issues. **Evaluators & academics** will exchange ideas on possible approaches and necessary data requirements.

Method

Presentation of case studies, discussions, and group work. Working language: English.

Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development and presented to the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP.

AGENDA 27 Oct. 2015

13:00 Setting the frame

Welcome by the Director of the Rural Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania	Ms. Vilma Daugalienė, (chair) Hannes Wimmer, Evaluation Helpdesk
Objectives and agenda	
Ex post evaluation of RDP's environmental results & impacts: What are the expectations and the uses?	Fernando Fonseca, DG AGRI Unit E.4
Evaluation challenges and stakeholders expectations	Gerald Schwarz

14.30 Coffee break

15:00 Sharing experiences

Case studies:	
The assessment of environmental impacts of the Lithuanian RDP (LT)	Darius Liutikas
Addressing challenges of evaluating Impacts of RDPs on climate stability – (FI & IT)	Andrea Povellato and Janne Artell
Addressing challenges of evaluating impacts of RDPs on soil quality – (HU & Scotland)	David Miller and Csaba Centeri
Evaluation of agri-environmental schemes' biodiversity objective (EE)	Eneli Viik
Reflection round	

18.30 End of day 1

AGENDA 28 Oct. 2015

09:00 Developing solutions

Introduction to the day	Hannes Wimmer
Group work:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ applying logical models, ○ reviewing challenges, lessons for the ex post evaluation and the new programming period 	Gerald Schwarz and Zymantas Morkvenas
Outcomes of group work	

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Concluding session

Summary of conclusions	Hannes Wimmer and Gerald Schwarz
Workshop closing	Fernando Fonseca, DG AGRI Unit E.4

13.00 Lunch buffet