



# Thematic Working Group “Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD”

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- LEADER/CLLD's achievements - how to show them?
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# LEADER has shown its benefits and has grown into the CLLD....

## LEADER:

- From rural development laboratory to widely used rural policy instrument

## CLLD:

- Enlarged in scope of actions, size of budget and eligible beneficiaries/territories



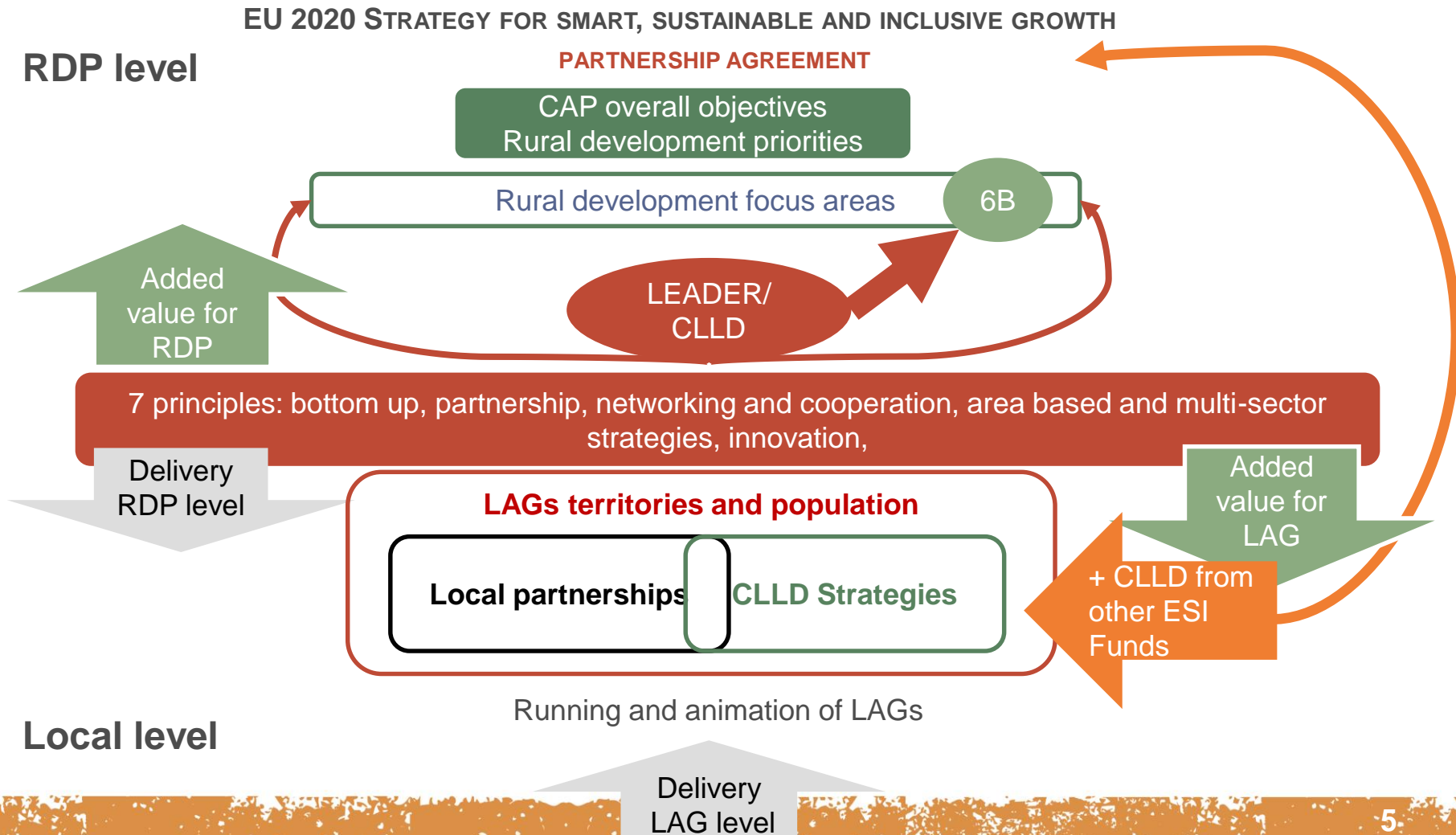
# Why do we evaluate LEADER/CLLD?

LEADER/CLLD should be evaluated as any other intervention supported by EU policy in order to:

- **Increase the accountability and transparency** of interventions,
- **Demonstrate achievements** towards EU national and local objectives,
- **Assess effectiveness, efficiency, results and impacts**, and
- **Learn how to design and implement** LEADER/CLLD better.

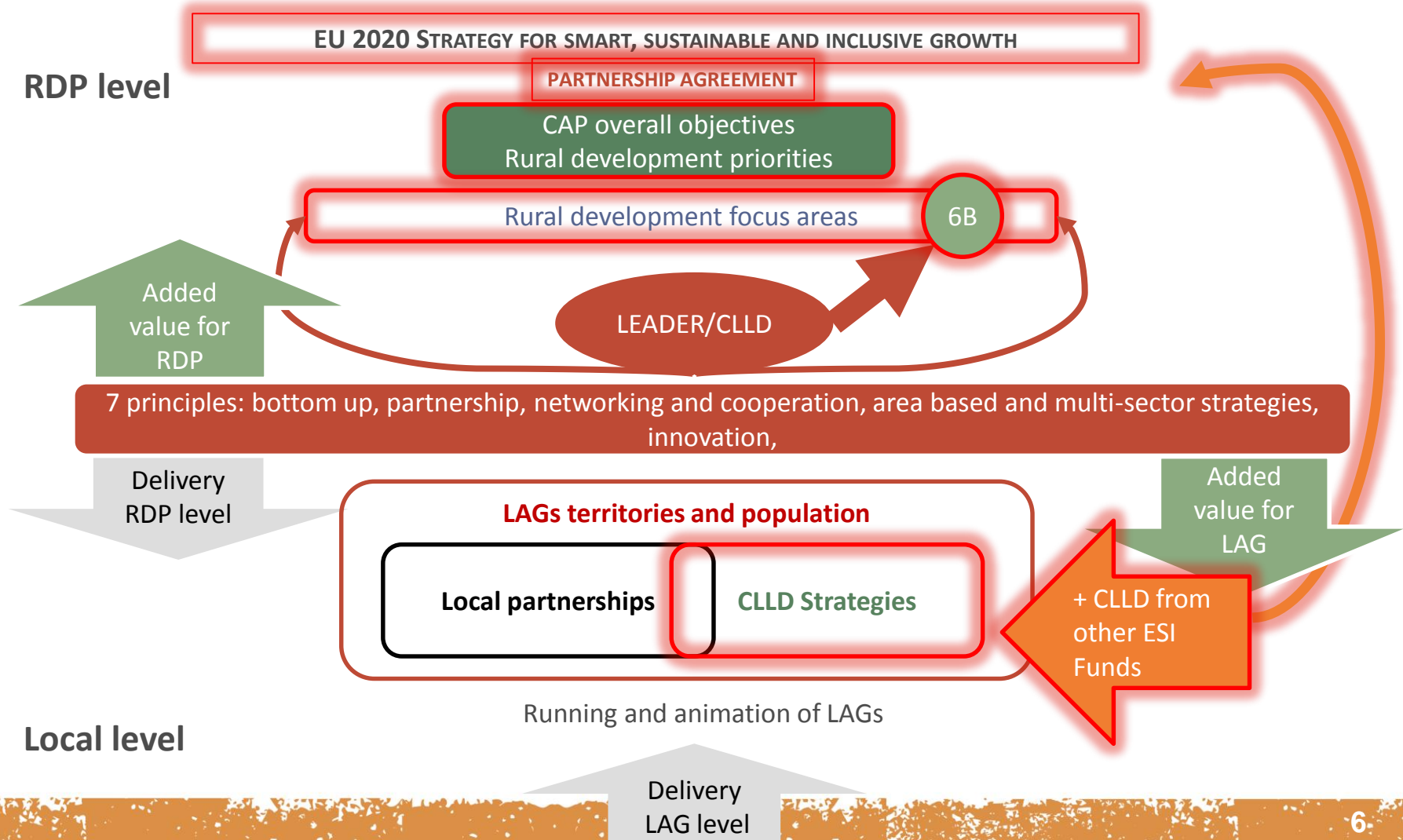


# LEADER/CLLD achievements





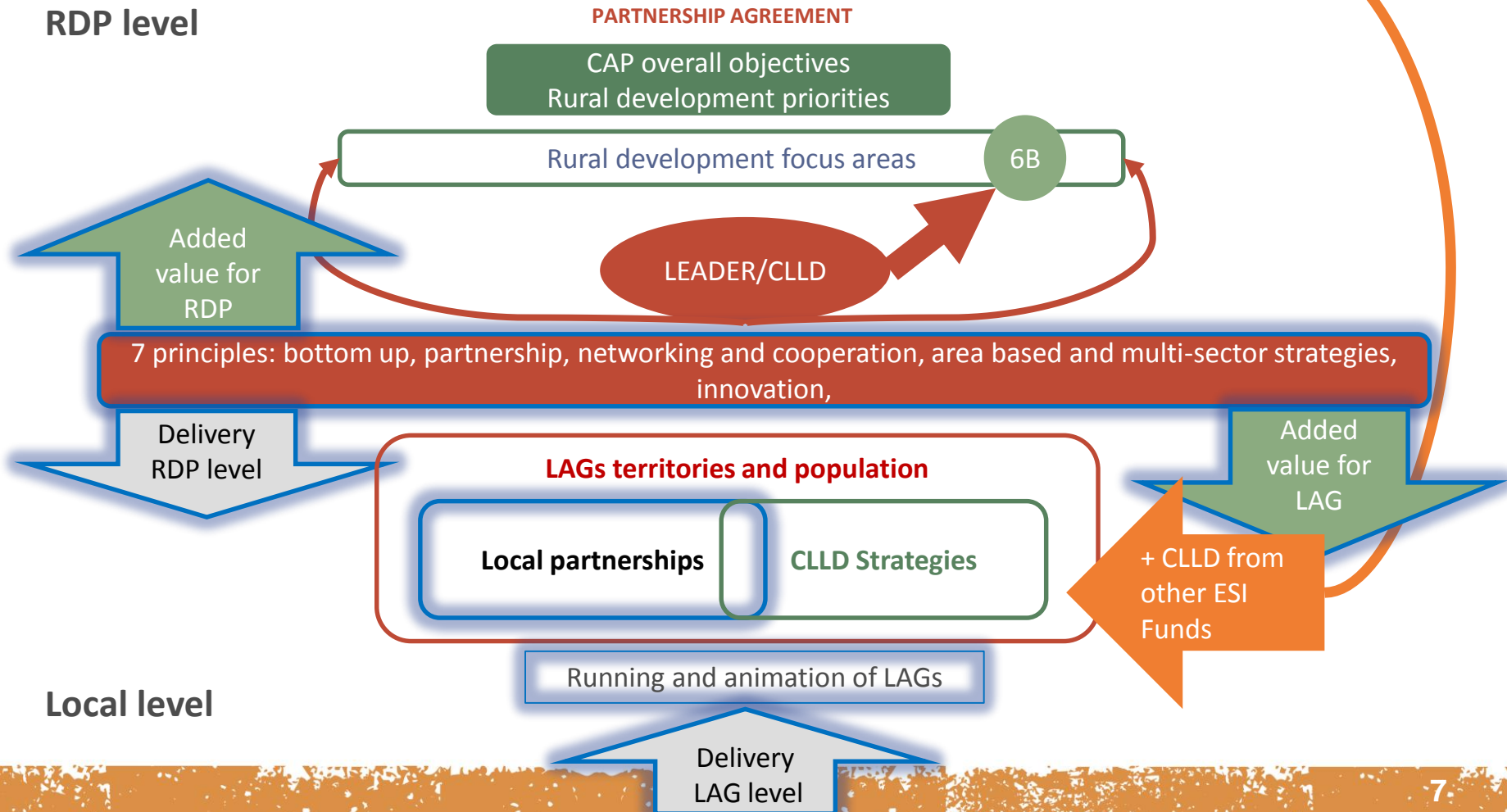
# What needs to be assessed?





# What is recommended to be assessed

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# How to show LEADER/CLLD achievements?

**Plan** the LEADER/CLLD evaluation in the Evaluation plan (and other planning document), for example:

- All mandatory and non/mandatory topics which are planned to be assessed across the programming period
- Support for LAGs to carry on the evaluation at local level
- The roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in the LEADER/CLLD evaluation, with particular focus on NRN' role, etc.





# How to show LEADER/CLLD achievements?

**Steer** the LEADER/CLLD evaluation, for example:

- Coordinate all involved stakeholders
- Establish transparent tendering procedures for selection of evaluators (as part of RDP or stand/alone evaluation)
- Ensure the availability of existing data and information for evaluators
- Build capacities for LEADER/CLLD evaluation at RDP and local levels etc.



# How to show LEADER/CLLD achievements?

**Prepare and structure** the evaluation:

- Establish the LEADER/CLLD intervention logic
- Set up the evaluation system (evaluation questions and indicators)
- Ensure access to data and information
- Decide on most suitable evaluation approaches

**Conduct** the evaluation – observe, analyse and judge on findings

**Report, disseminate, communicate and follow up**



# Thematic Working Group aims to...

**develop non-binding guidance** to complement the CMES with necessary information and clarifications to carry out an effective evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at RDP and LAG level

Specific objectives are:

- Examine and address the major challenges in the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD,
- Build up and capitalise on existing experiences in evaluation of LEADER/CLLD,
- Identify and design effective solutions and approaches in the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at national/regional and local levels;



# Guidelines will ensure common understanding of different stakeholders

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Guidelines for the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD at national/regional and local level.

### EU level

DG AGRI services involved in LEADER/CLLD and evaluation (E4, H1, H3, H5)  
Other CLLD-related DGs and their evaluation support units

### RDP level

MAs (RDP and PA), PA, MC, NRNs, evaluators

### LAG level

Local action groups  
Evaluators  
NRNs



# Guidelines will contain relevant information for different levels

## PART I - INTRODUCTION

Introduction

Purpose and  
legal framework

Conceptual  
framework –  
bigger picture

How to use the  
guidelines

## PART II – EVALUATION AT RDP LEVEL

Conceptual framework and focus of  
evaluation

Stakeholders involved

Evaluation cycle – planning,  
preparing, conducting, reporting and  
follow up

## PART III – EVALUATION AT LAG LEVEL

## PART IV - ANNEXES

Glossary

Examples of  
ToRs

Evaluation  
questions and  
indicators

Content of  
Evaluation report

LAG operations  
database



# Guidelines are developed in a collaborative working process

## THEMATIC WORKING GROUP DRAFTS GUIDELINES

Permanent Team of  
Evaluation Helpdesk

Core team members

Thematic experts

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### PEER REVIEWERS

including  
ENRD Contact Point  
EIP-AGRI Service Point

## STAKEHOLDERS COMMENT ON DRAFT GUIDELINES

EXPERT GROUP ON MONITORING  
AND EVALUATING THE CAP

### SOUNDING BOARD

Expert Group on Monitoring and  
Evaluating the CAP

Rural Network Steering Group

Subgroup on LEADER/CLLD

DG REGIO, DG MARE, DG EMPL



# Indicative timeline





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Provide comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the guidelines:

- Spoken comments during the Sounding Board meeting and for
- Written comments via email

Be welcome to Sounding Board meetings! (not mandatory)





## Questions for the discussion

- To what extent does the outline of the guidelines cover what Member States need to know about the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD?
- Which parts of the guidelines are most important and shall be elaborated in more depth than others?
- Are there any interesting evaluation practices that you would like to highlight?



# Thank you for your attention!

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