



European Rural Networks'  
Steering Group

# Self-Assessment of European Rural Networks Completing the Strategic Framework

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## Objectives

*To agree on a **simple tool** for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities of the ENRD and of the EIP-AGRI network*



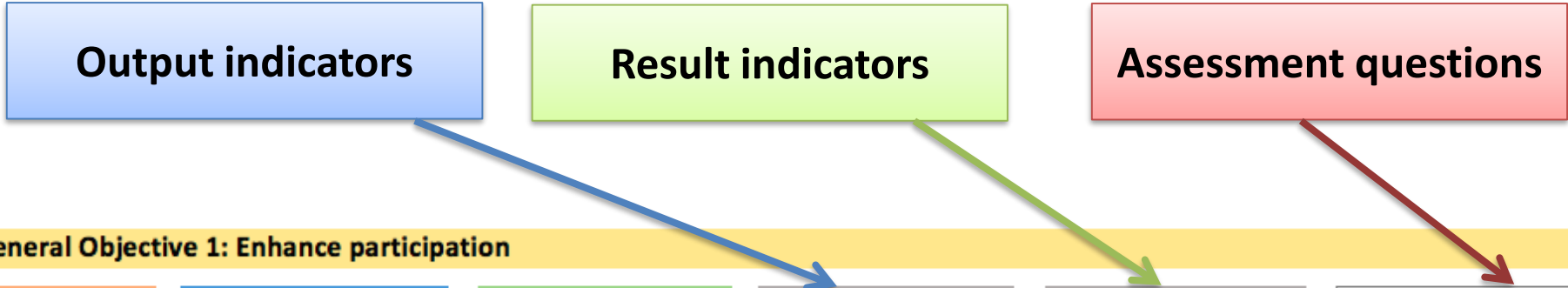
***Different from evaluation***



*Should serve to adapt networks' action plan and **to continuously improve** their activities.*



# Strategic framework



## General Objective 1: Enhance participation

Specific Objectives <i>as per Regulation (EU) 1305/2013</i>	Operational Objectives	Types of Activities	Output indicators	Preliminary 'result' indicators	Questions with regard to the achievements of the EU RNs
<p>Increase the involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation of rural development <i>(Art. 52.2.a)</i></p>	<p><b>Understanding RD stakeholders and their needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders diverse needs and potential for involvement in RDP implementation is widely understood</li> </ul> <p><b>Increasing stakeholder capacity for meaningful involvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Networks provide a platform where targeted exchanges take place involving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveys &amp; needs analysis</li> <li>Stakeholder profiles</li> <li>Seminars, workshops and other events</li> <li>Periodicals, magazines, social media exchanges</li> <li>Website updates, including relevant toolkits</li> <li>Methodological good practices</li> <li>Thematic Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of survey reports</li> <li>Number of stakeholder profiles produced and/or updated</li> <li>Number (and type) of participants at events</li> <li>Number of editions of relevant publications produced</li> <li>Number of methodological good practices</li> <li>Number of visitors to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevance of event content</li> <li>Usefulness of events</li> <li>Improved skills/capacity of NSUs to involve NRN stakeholders</li> <li>Improved skills/capacity of targeted stakeholders to be involved in rural development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do networks and other stakeholders feel that their needs were well addressed?</li> <li>Were <u>examples/practices used by stakeholders in their national/ regional contexts?</u></li> <li>Did stakeholders disseminated further the results of ENRD activities/ information produced?</li> <li>Have various</li> </ul>



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3 General  
Objectives

7 Specific Objectives

15 Operational Objectives

Approx. 30 Types of activities

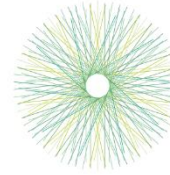
Approx. 40 Output Indicators

25 Result Indicators

22 Assessment Questions

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<p><b>Facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practice</b></p> <p><i>(Art. 53.2.a – see also Art. 52.3.c)</i></p>	<p><b>Diffusing of innovations, projects and practices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on successful innovative activities is more easily available by systematic collection and dissemination</li> <li>Identification and dissemination of projects and practices in order to consolidate the learning potential for improving RDPs on the ground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular collection, analysis, consolidation and dissemination of RDP implementation “good practices”, innovative actions and projects</li> <li>EIP-AGRI Focus Group</li> <li>Seminars and workshops</li> <li>Publications, newsletters and media exchanges</li> <li>Identification and use of stakeholders’ communication tools and channels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of innovation good practices collected &amp; disseminated</li> <li>Number of dissemination plans related to Focus Groups' outcomes</li> <li>Number of seminars and workshops</li> <li>Number of visits to the website</li> <li>Number of links to EIP-AGRI network website</li> <li>Number of innovation stakeholders connected through LinkedIn groups set up by EIP-AGRI network</li> <li>Number (and type) of recipients of EIP-AGRI publications and reports</li> <li>Number and type of EIP-AGRI materials translated</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of organisations that use or promote innovative activities collected and disseminated by the EIP-AGRI network.</b></p> <p><b>Share of these organisations which have farmers/foresters as primary target group.</b></p>	<p><b>Innovative practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The share of innovation produced that was/will be applied in practice (useful for farmers)</li> </ul> <p><b>Good practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is done with the collection of good practices (only informative? Real exchange?)</li> <li>Good and bad examples. <b>How were they used?</b></li> <li>Improvement of added value of Good Practices</li> <li>How relevant is the information it generated/the exchange of information it facilitated (bes....</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Improve the quality of RDP</b> (Art. 52.2.b)</p>	<p><b>Increasing awareness of the opportunities and needs for improving RDPs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant stakeholders have a common understanding of the real opportunities for improving RDPs as well as the main needs and organisational hurdles that have to be overcome</li> </ul> <p><b>Identifying promising approaches at EU level:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promising approaches to RDP improvement are identified, analysed and shared rapidly among stakeholders including RDP managers</li> </ul> <p><b>Consolidating and developing communities of practice for improving RDPs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder groups including RDP managers actively exchange and transfer methods and tools for improving RDP quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis on Rural Development</li> <li>Individual, comparative and thematic analyses of RDPs</li> <li>Thematic Groups (TG), TG events and reports</li> <li>(RDP) events, seminars and workshops</li> <li>Periodicals, magazines, social media exchanges</li> <li>Website updates, including relevant tools/ databases</li> <li>Good practice development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of RDPs screened</li> <li>Number of (RDP/TNC/LAG/etc.) fiches/factsheets produced</li> <li>Number of TGs organised</li> <li>Number of reports produced (out of which TG reports)</li> <li>Number of (RDP) events organised</li> <li>Number of editions of relevant publications produced</li> <li>Number of good practices collected &amp; disseminated</li> <li>Number of webpages created/ updated (out of which updates to toolkits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased awareness among stakeholders about RDP-related needs and opportunities</li> <li>Relevance &amp; usefulness of RDP information, approaches, practices and case studies identified and shared through the EU RNs</li> <li>Improved skills and capacity of RDP managers and other relevant stakeholder groups as a result of EU RN capacity-building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the EU RN share useful information with regard to RDPs/ RDP implementation?</li> <li>Were the practices shared during Thematic Groups relevant &amp; useful?</li> <li>Did RDP managers and other stakeholders improved their skills/capacities with regard to implementing RDPs?</li> </ul>



## ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS to be worked out

1. "To what extent were **innovative practices** showcased by the EIP-AGRI network taken up by practitioners?"
2. "To what extent the tools used for exchanging **good practices** have improved/are improving RDPs on the ground?"
  - Are the questions right? Any further questions?
  - What evidence is required to answer these questions?
  - Are there any examples of how to do this (EU, NRN)