

## Background

In accordance with the Council Regulation 1698/2005, Art. 86/1, each Member State shall establish **the system of ongoing evaluation** for the Rural Development Programme covering the period of 2007 – 2015. Its activities shall be reported by the Programme Managing Authorities annually to the Monitoring Committee and included in Annual Progress Reports. The main purpose of the ongoing evaluation is to examine the progress of the programme, draw up proposals for changes to improve its quality and implementation and prepare mid-term and *ex post* evaluation.

The legal proposal for Rural Development Regulation (COM (2011) 627/3) for the 2014 – 2020 programming period\* require an evaluation plan to be drawn up, which will provide the basis for evaluation during the programming period (Art. 49 of the legal proposal COM (2011) 615 for CSF funds). The Rural Development proposal specifies that the evaluation plan shall be submitted with the draft RDP and provides for the minimum requirements of the evaluation plan to be set out in an implementing act.

Thus there are challenges for the transition between the two programming periods, and how to use experiences of MS from ongoing evaluation in the preparation and the implementation of the evaluation plan.

### Read more:

\*[The Rural Development Regulation](#)

\*[Structural Funds “umbrella” Regulation](#)

## How to reach the meeting venue?



Further information: [Underground map >>>](#) [Events >>>](#)

## Contacts

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## Good Practice Workshop

# From Ongoing Evaluation towards the Evaluation Plan

Vienna, 14 May 2012  
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

### Venue information:

Bundesministerium für Land- und  
Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasser  
1st floor, Marmorsaal  
Stubenring no. 1 (Underground stops  
*Stubentor* and *Wien Mitte*)  
Vienna, Austria

Participation is limited to max. 35 persons and  
is therefore subject to confirmation via e-mail.  
[Please register online >>>](#)

## Thematic focus

In the context of the preparation for the future programming period, this good practice workshop is focused on good practices in implementing ongoing evaluation in Member States, using lesson learned in designing the evaluation plan as the main basis for the evaluation during the programming period of 2014-2020.

## Objective

- Exchange existing experiences from ongoing evaluation and draw key lessons learned
- Reflect on the requirements described in the relevant regulations of both programming periods (2014 – 2020 and 2007-2013)
- Utilise existing experience in the preparation of the evaluation plan

## Main target audience

Managing Authorities and evaluators of Rural Development Programmes, European Commission.

## Method

Presentation of case studies, interactive discussions animated by thematic experts. Working language: English

## Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the Evaluation Expert Network and presented to Expert Committee (ExCo) in June 2012.

## Agenda morning

### 09.30 Introduction & framing

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| • <b>Opening and Welcome</b>                                                                        | Helpdesk expert    |
| • <b>Legal framework, the state of play and future prospects</b> of the ongoing evaluation in rural | Leo Maier, DG Agri |
| • Clarifications, questions                                                                         |                    |

### 10.30 Coffee break

### 10.45 Exchange session

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| • <b>Sharing experiences in implementing ongoing evaluation in the EU Member States</b> | Morten Kvistgaard evaluator (DK) |
| Case studies from Austria, Bulgaria, Italy Piemonte and Belgium Flanders                | Roberto Cagliero, evaluator (IT) |
|                                                                                         | Otto Hofer, evaluation unit (AT) |
|                                                                                         | Michael Van Zeeboeck, MA (BE)    |
| • Discussion                                                                            | Helpdesk expert                  |
| Systematic categorisation of challenges                                                 |                                  |

## Agenda afternoon

### 12.30 Lunch

### 13.30 Design of the Evaluation Plan

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| • <b>Introduction</b> to group work                                              | Helpdesk expert |
| • <b>Group work</b> on the structure and possible content of the Evaluation Plan |                 |

### 15.30 Coffee break

### 15.45 Summary session

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| • <b>Presentation</b> of group work results | Rapporteurs |
| • Discussion in plenary                     |             |

### 16.30 Closing session

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| • <b>Summary</b> of results | Helpdesk expert and EC |
| Next steps                  |                        |

### 17.00 End of workshop