



## Background

The ex post evaluation is a summative evaluation of a Rural Development Programme (RDP) after it has been completed. It is conducted at a point where it is possible to assess impacts and the added value of the programme funding, both at EU and RDP level. It is therefore an important means to show programme achievements with the funds spent, justify the programme budget and enhance the transparency and accountability of EU rural policy to stakeholders and taxpayers.

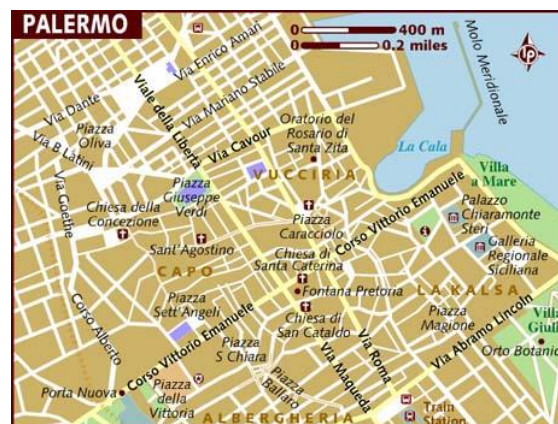
Even though the ex post evaluation is conducted at the end of a programming period, when the new policy is already designed and partly implemented, it has an important role in bridging the old and new programming periods:

- Relevant information and recommendations can be used to improve the implementation of the new programme.
- It serves as a reference when preparing the enhanced AIRs of 2017 and 2019 and is relevant for transition measures between programming periods.
- The ex post evaluation can also be seen as validating the baseline values that are set for the programming period 2014-2020.

### Read More:

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

## How to reach the meeting venue:



### Venue:

PALERMO, Italy. *Exact venue address will be communicated to registered participants when available.*

### Overall Coordination:

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## Good Practice Workshop

# Methods for assessing impacts of Rural Development Programmes 2007-13

Practices and solutions for the ex post evaluation

**Palermo (Italy), 4-5 July 2016**

Please register by filling the following [online-form](#) by 15 June 2016 >>>.

Participation is subject to confirmation via e-mail.



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## Objectives

This Good Practice Workshop aims to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of evaluation practices used by ex post evaluators. The workshop will be a forum for evaluators, Managing Authorities, EC representatives and the authors of the guidelines for the ex post evaluation of 2007-2013 RDPs in order to

- discuss the methodological approaches chosen to assess results & impacts of RDPs 2007-13,
- exchange on the usefulness of the data used and the solutions found to overcome data-gaps,
- explore the robustness of the answers to the evaluations questions, and the conclusions and recommendations developed,
- identify quality criteria for sound evaluation reports.

## Main target audience

Evaluators & academics will exchange on evaluation practices used in the ex post. Managing Authorities will be familiarised with the ECs expectations and discuss the EC's quality assessment of ex post reports.

## Method

Working language: English for presentations, discussion in plenum. Group work sessions in other languages possible, provided enough participants.

## 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 4 July 2016

### 10:00 Setting the frame

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome</b></li> <li>• <b>Objectives and agenda</b></li> </ul>  | N.N. RDP Sicilia (tbc)<br>Hannes Wimmer,<br>Evaluation Helpdesk |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ex post evaluation of RDPs 2007-2013: Expectations and use</b></li> </ul>   | Fernando Fonseca<br>and Teresa Marques,<br>DG AGRI Unit E.4     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Methodological challenges</b> related to the ex post assessment of results and impacts: lessons from the MTE</li> </ul> | Evaluation Helpdesk<br>Rete Rurale                              |

### 12.30 Lunch break

### 14:00 Sharing experiences

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case studies</b> from ex post evaluations of RDPs 2007-2013 (Part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Theory of change</li> <li>○ Quantitative methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quasi-experimental design (PSM/DID, Generalized PSM etc.).</li> <li>▪ Non-experimental design, e.g. structural models (e.g. input-output scenario)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Case study presenters: ex post evaluators of RDPs 2007-2013 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection round</b></li> </ul>   | Co-discussants:<br>authors of ex post evaluation guidelines |

### 18.00 End of day 1

## AGENDA 5 July 2016

### 9:30 Developing solutions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the day</b></li> </ul>   | Hannes Wimmer,<br>Evaluation Helpdesk  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case studies</b> from ex post evaluations of RDPs 2007-2013 (Part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Qualitative methods</li> <li>○ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Case study presenters: ex post evaluators of RDPs 2007-2013<br><br>Co-discussants:<br>authors of the ex post evaluation guidelines |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection round</b></li> </ul>  |  |

### 11:00 Coffee break

### 11:15 Concluding session

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answering Evaluation Questions in the ex post evaluation</b></li> </ul>   | Sari Rannanpää,<br>Evaluation Helpdesk |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessing ex post evaluations of RDPs 2007-2013: How will the European Commission look at the ex post reports?</b></li> </ul> |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>  | Fernando Fonseca,<br>DG AGRI Unit E.4  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Workshop closing</b></li> </ul>   |  |

### 13.00 End of the meeting