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The NRN Evaluation process in Lithuania

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Lithuanian National Rural Network

- It is established (in 2008) within the Managing Authority (MA) of the Lithuanian Rural Development Programme (RDP), namely the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA).
- The Lithuanian **NSU operates within the MA**. Staff of two persons, performing NSU functions in the Rural Development Department of the MoA. Budget for networking activities is 4,6 mill. EUR.
- **NRN membership is voluntary** and open (337 members registered – rural communities, LAGs, farmers' associations, advisory companies, universities, etc.).

Goals of NRN evaluation

- To evaluate:
- how NRN fosters activities in rural areas aimed at implementing RDP objectives;
- the added value of NRN;
- specific/thematic goals of RDP targets;
- to what extent the NRN has contributed to EUSBSR Policy Area „Bio-economy“ implementation.

Evaluation

What?

- NRN will be evaluated as joint part of RDP evaluation
 - AIRs for 2017 and 2019;
 - ex-post evaluation.
- NRN stand-alone evaluation (*tbc.*)
to evaluate NRN's administrative system, action plan, communication plan, structure, budget, etc.
- NRN specific/thematic evaluations.

Who?

Evaluations will be performed by external experts (contracted) via public procurement procedures.

Self-assessment is planned as on-going activity of NSU with the aim to review and analyse NRN activities.

Responsibilities

- MA, PA, MC, **NRN**, experts are **involved** in **monitoring and evaluation process of RDP**.
- **MA and/or NSU** are responsible **for organising** on-going NRN evaluation.
- MA, NSU, PA, members of NRN, evaluators will be **involved** into NRN evaluation process.

Evaluation Approach

Tentative methods to be used:

- Case studies, analysis, surveys, etc.

Data sources:

- Monitoring data, feedback sheets, information from self-assessments and external evaluation reports

Responsible for collecting data:

- NSU

Additional data:

- ?

Evaluation process

NRN action programme
(including evaluation process of NRN)
is under preparation phase...



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Future challenges

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Thank you for your attention!

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