



# Assessing Environmental Effects of Rural Development Programmes: Practical solutions for the ex post evaluation 2007-2013



Good Practice Workshop, Vilnius 27-28 Oct. 2015

# OUTLINE



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# Who we are?



EU Rural Networks Assembly  
and Steering group

Two EU Rural  
Networks...

ENRD



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Contact  
Point

Evaluation  
Helpdesk

Unit H.3

Unit E.4

EIP-AGRI  
Network



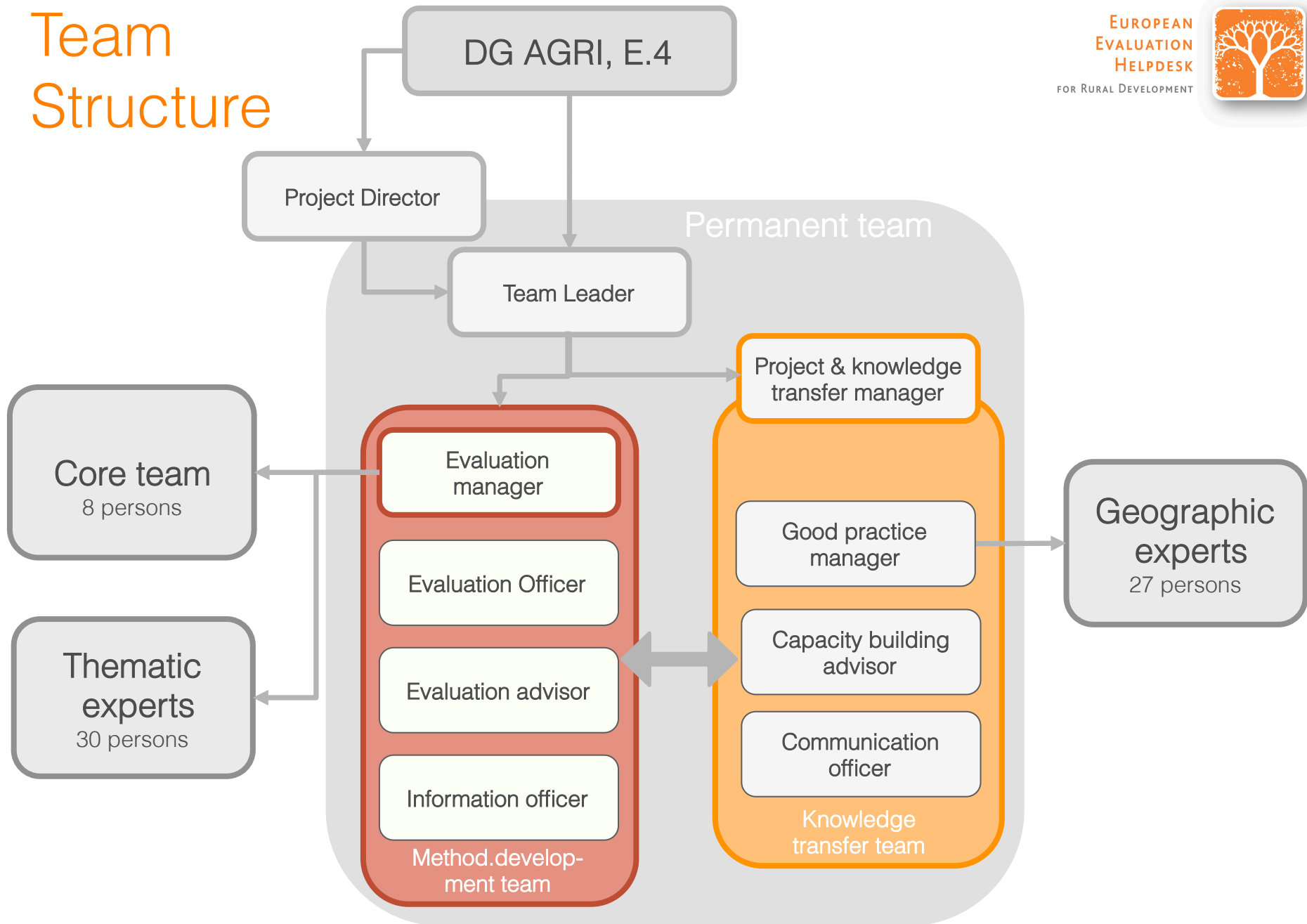
EIP-AGRI  
Service  
Point

Unit H.5

Three Support  
Units...

Guided by  
DG AGRI....

# Team Structure



# Objectives & activities

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

Guidance „Assessing RDP results“  
Guidance „Evaluation of NRN 2014-2020“  
Working Paper Evaluation-related queries  
*Guidance „Evaluation Leader/CLLD“ (2016)*

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

GP WS „Assessment of env. effects“  
GP WS „Approaches to define HNV farml.“  
*Good Practice collection (various topics)*

3. Better evaluation capacity

Training on CMES, EQs, eval. Leader/LDS  
*Training on evaluation of NRN, ex post*  
*Other training activities*

4. Further developed M&E system

*Assessment impl. of Evaluation Plans*

5. Well-organized evaluation related events

Evaluation related input for Expert Group meetings, ENRD events, NRN meetings, other events.

6. Up to date communication on evaluation topics

Rural Evaluation NEWS no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
Evaluation Helpdesk website - *revamped*  
*Other publications*

Improve the evaluation of EU RD policy

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# Why a good practice workshop?



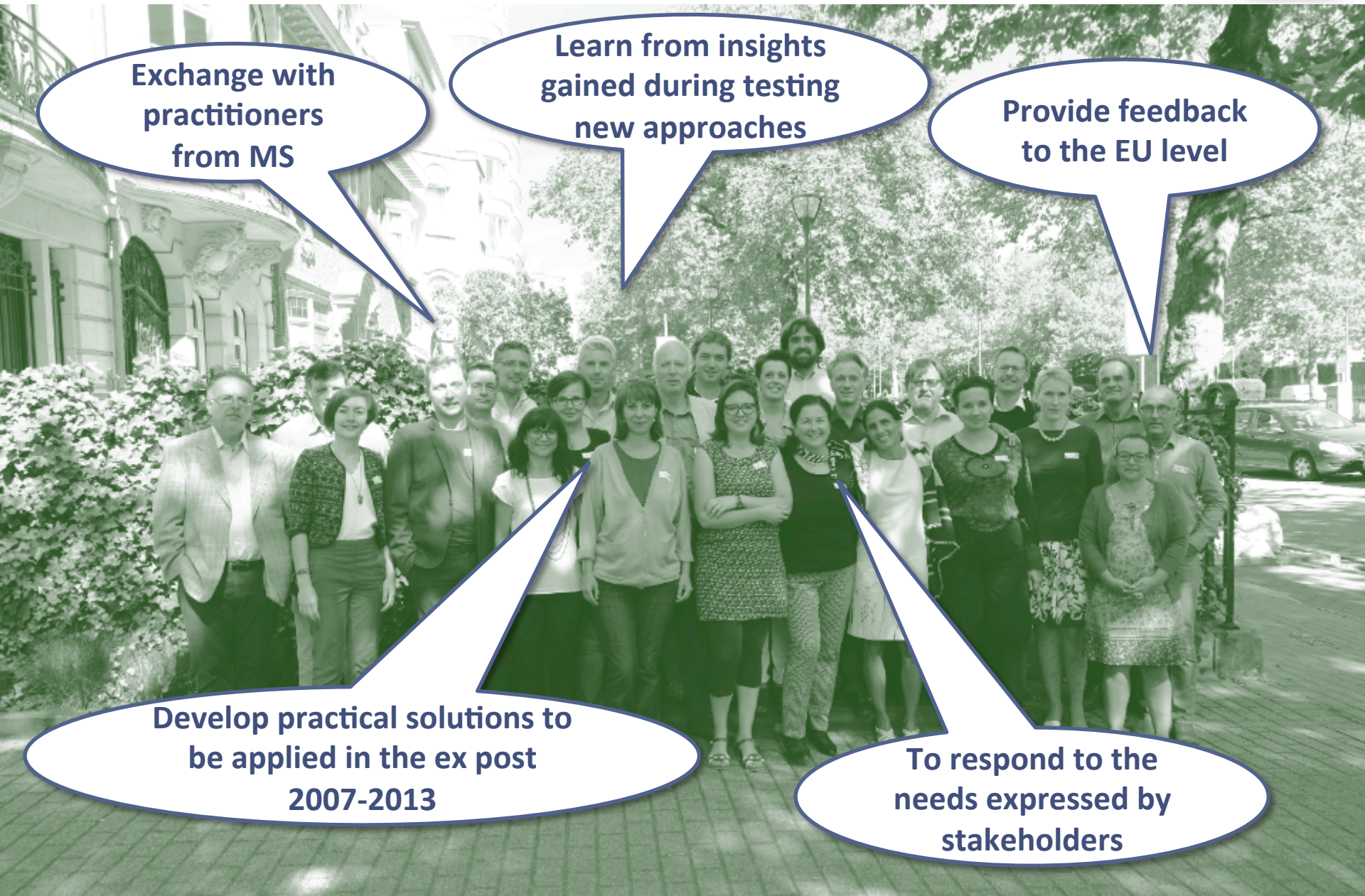
**Exchange with  
practitioners  
from MS**

**Learn from insights  
gained during testing  
new approaches**

**Provide feedback  
to the EU level**

**Develop practical solutions to  
be applied in the ex post  
2007-2013**

**To respond to the  
needs expressed by  
stakeholders**





# Agenda of day 1

## 13:00 Setting the frame

- Welcome, objectives
- Ex post of RDP's environmental results & impacts: What are the expectations and the uses?
- Evaluation challenges and stakeholder expectations

## 15:00 Sharing experiences

- Case studies from LT; FI/IT; HU/Scotland; EE
- Reflection Round
- End of day 1 (18:30)

## Social Dinner



# Agenda of day 2

## 09:00 Developing solutions

- Introduction
- Group work
- Presentation of group work

## 11:15 Concluding sessions

- Summary of conclusions
- Workshop closing

## 13:00 Lunch





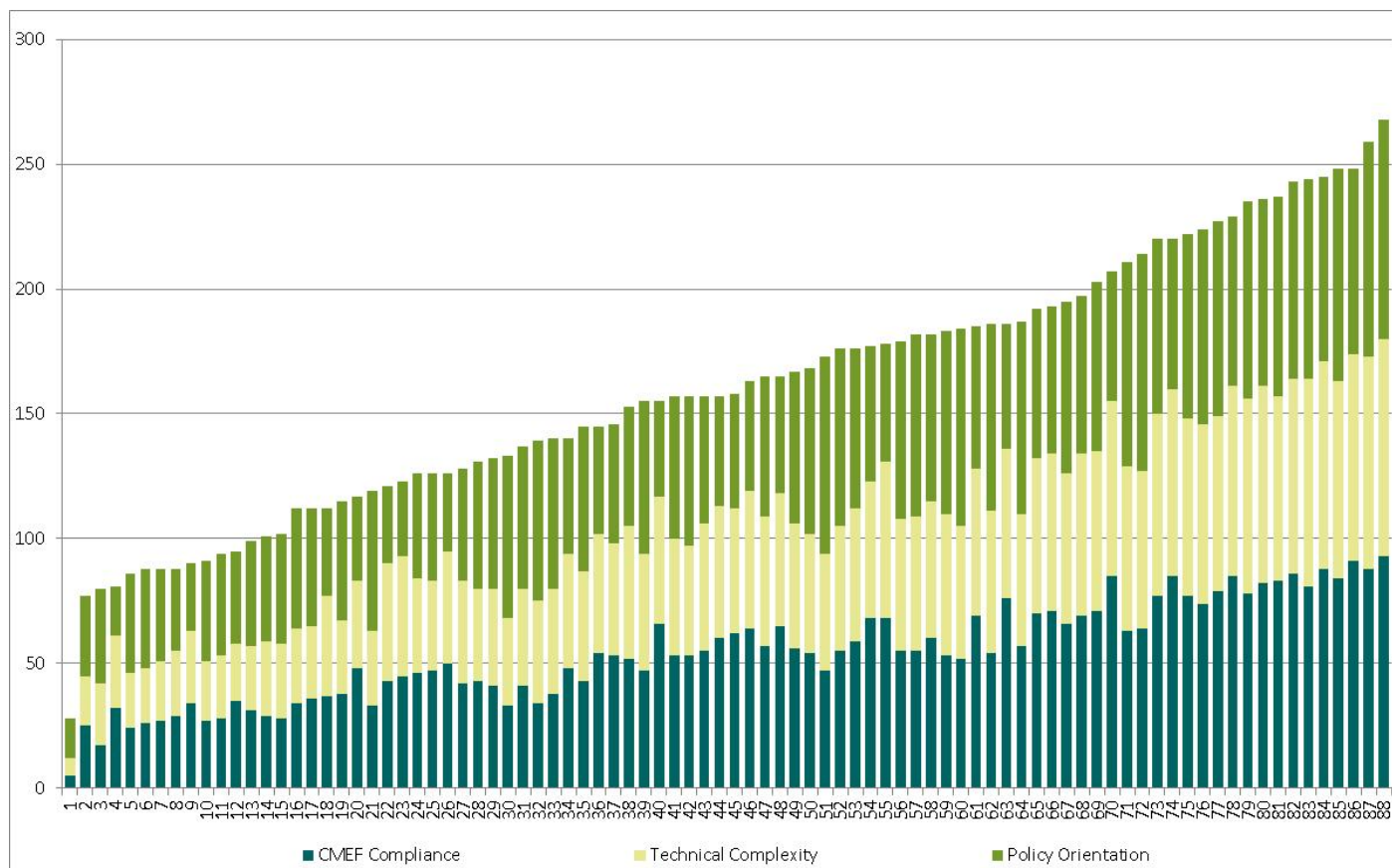
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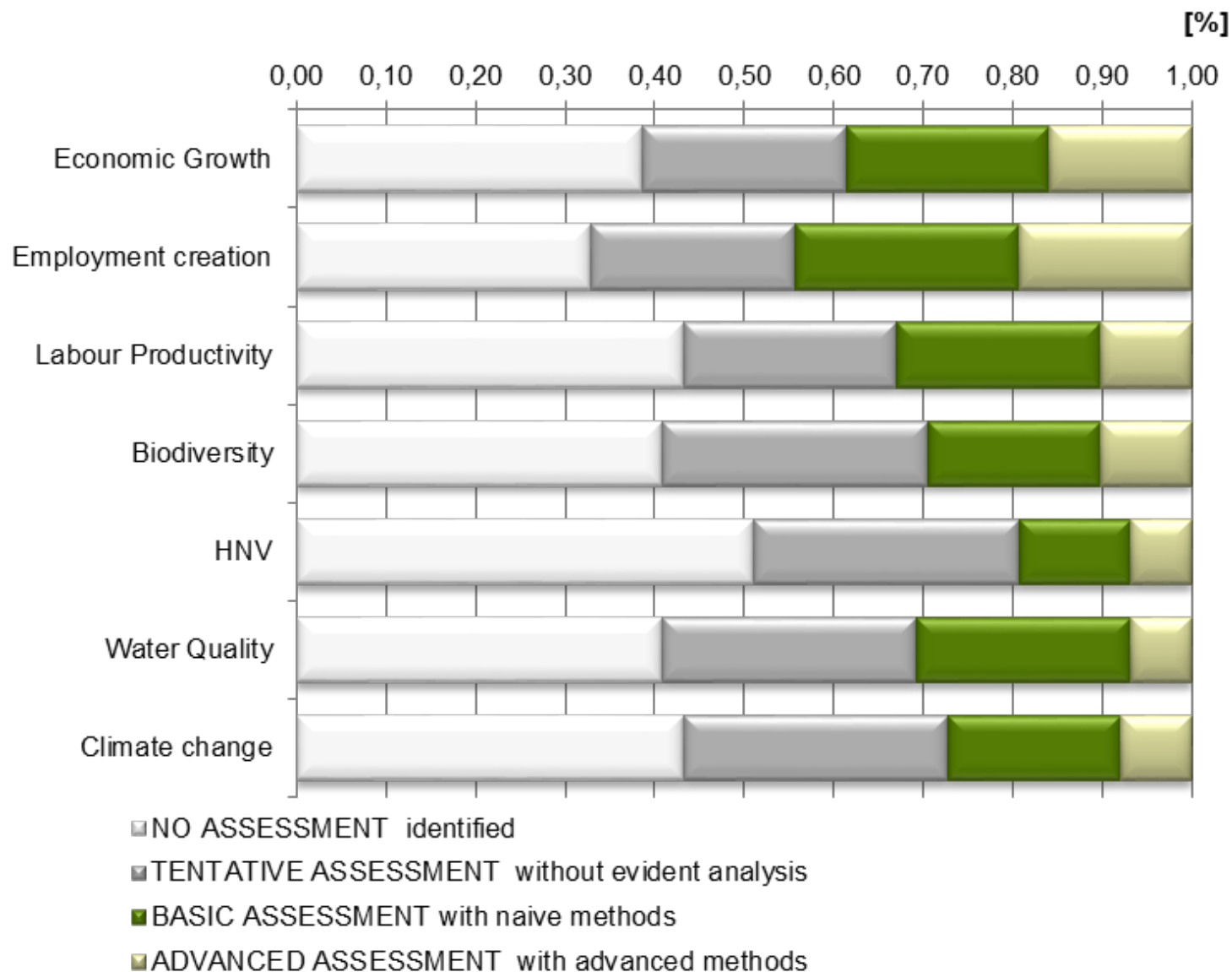
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# Lessons from the MTE

## Outcome of the MTE methodological assessment

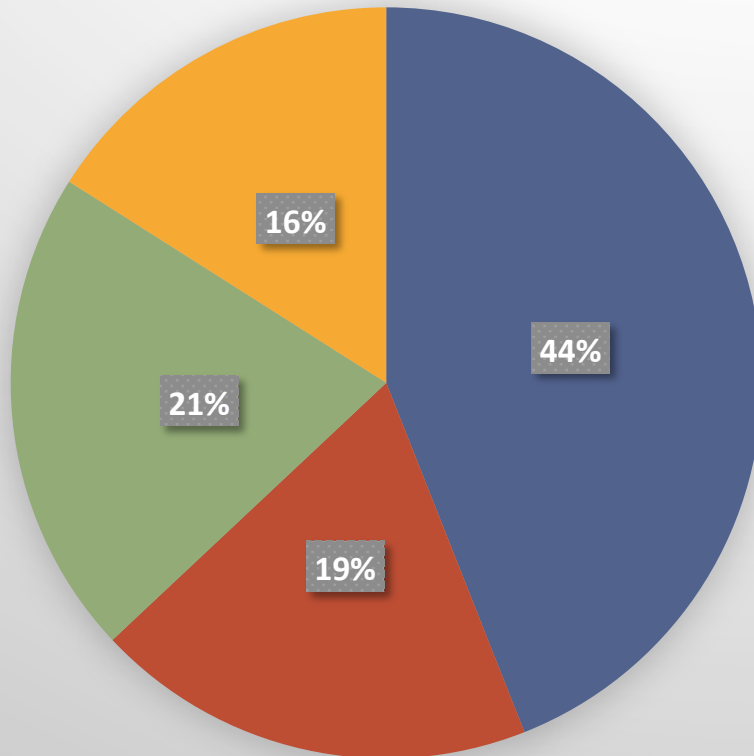






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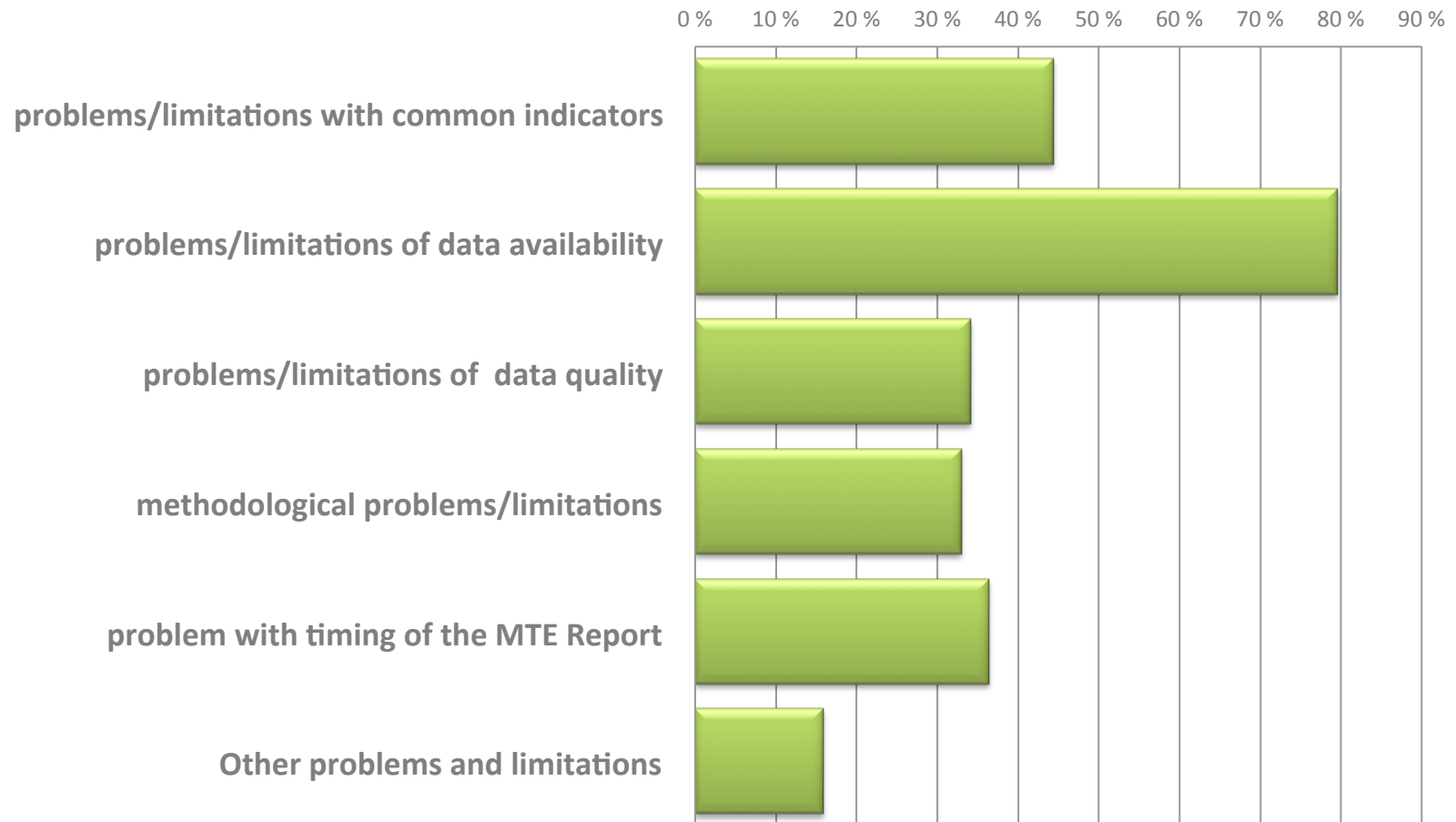
## Use of counterfactuals and netting out effects



- No counterfactual/net effects considered
- Naiïve methods for counterfactuals/net effects
- Advanced methods for counterfactuals/net effects
- No counterfactuals/net effects, but envisaged

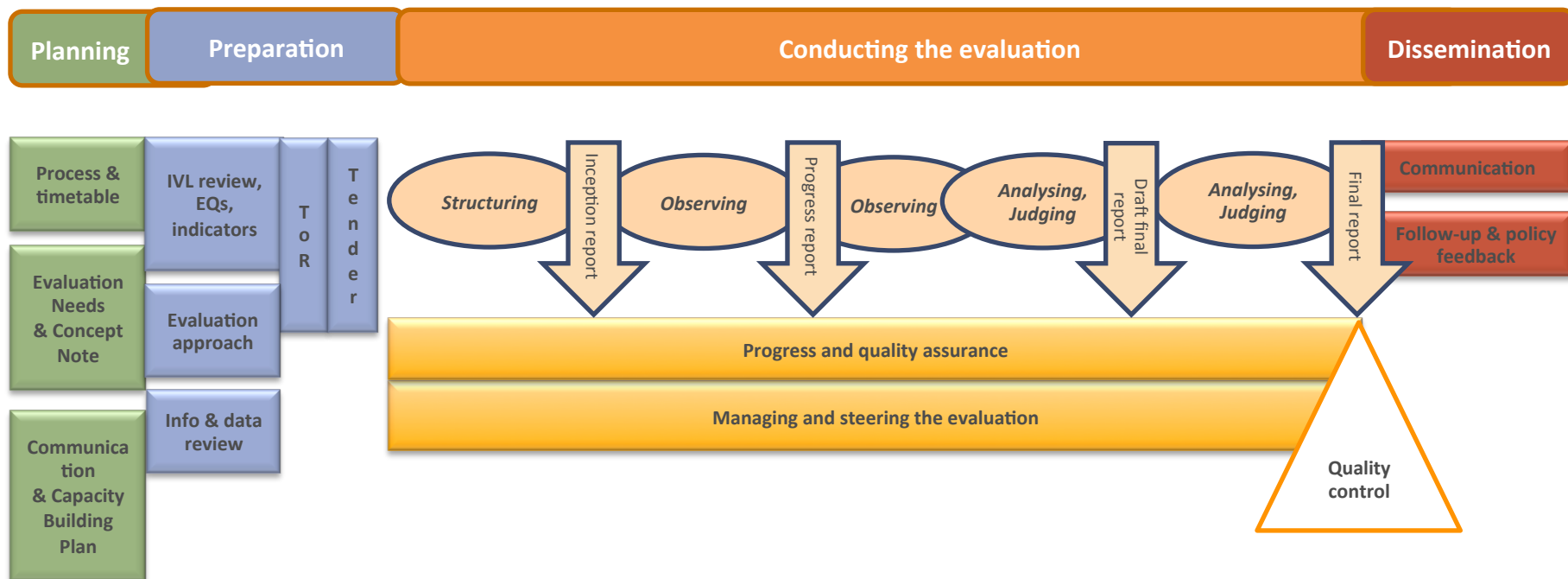


# MTE problems and limitations





# Process of *ex post* evaluation



# Case studies

1. **Approach to assess environmental effects** in the ex-post evaluation (LT)
2. Addressing challenges of evaluating impacts of RDPs on **climate stability** - experiences from case studies in Finland and Italy (IT +FI)
3. Addressing challenges of evaluating impacts of RDPs on **soil quality** - Hungary and Scotland (UK+HU)
4. Evaluation of agri-environment schemes' **biodiversity** objective (EE)



# Reflection round on case studies

1. What **SOLUTIONS** do the presented case study show us that are applicable in your context?
2. What **CHALLENGES** remain to be resolved in order to apply this approach in your context?

