



Background

The assessment of **environmental results and impacts** has turned out to be particularly challenging for Member States during the mid-term evaluation of the RDPs 2007-2013. The Evaluation Helpdesk's "Methodological Assessment of MTE-reports of 2007-2013 RDPs" observed that *"The four environmental impact indicators (biodiversity, High Nature Value, water and climate change) had been assessed less thoroughly than the socio-economic ones. Rigorous quantitative analysis seemed to pose considerably more difficulties for the environmental indicators, which in many cases had to be adjusted to the regional specificities"*.

While most Managing Authorities (MA) are currently **approaching the ex post evaluation of 2007-2013 RDPs** (preparation of ToR, selection of evaluator, deciding on evaluation approach) they are at the same time also **setting up the basics for the assessment of environmental impacts** for the new RDPs for the 2014-2020 period. This is a crucial time to reflect on the practical problems in assessing environmental impacts in the context of the ex post evaluation, but also on what lessons can be drawn for the new programming period

Read more:

[Envieval project page](#)>>>

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

How to reach the meeting venue?



Venue:

Hotel Conti, Raugyklos street 7, LT-01140 Vilnius
<https://goo.gl/maps/B2nXSZjqUut>

Overall coordination:

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Good Practice Workshop

Assessing environmental effects of Rural Development Programmes

Practical solutions for the *ex post* evaluation 2007-2013

Vilnius, 27-28 October 2015

Please register by filling the following [online-form by 7 October 2015 >>>](#).

Participation is subject to confirmation via e-mail.



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Thematic focus

This workshop aims to exchange with Member States on their practical challenges in assessing RDP's environmental results and impacts in the context of the ex post evaluation. New research experiences (e.g. from the [FP7-project Envieval](#)) will provide methodological inputs; practical case studies will illustrate possible solutions.

Objective

- **exchange** on different national and regional approaches in tackling the assessment of environmental results and impacts;
- **learn** from the insights gained during testing new evaluation approaches;
- **develop** practical solutions for the assessment of environmental results and impacts in the context of the ex post evaluation 2007-13.

Main target audience

Managing Authorities will learn on ECs expectations and discuss quality control issues. **Evaluators & academics** will exchange on possible approaches and necessary data requirements.

Method

Presentation of case studies, discussions, group work. Working language: English.

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 27 Oct. 2015

13:00 Setting the frame

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome 	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (chair)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and agenda 	Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) Evaluation Helpdesk
<p>Ex post evaluation of RDP's environmental results & impacts: What are the expectation and the use?</p>	DG AGRI
<p>Possible evaluation methods and related challenges - an overview</p>	Evaluation Helpdesk / Envieval project partners

14.30 Coffee break

15:00 Sharing experiences

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: 4 practical examples of approaching the assessment of environmental results and impacts 	Case study presenters from 4 Member States (Managing authorities, evaluators, researchers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection round 	

18.00 End of day 1

AGENDA 28 Oct. 2015

09:00 Developing solutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the day 	Evaluation Helpdesk /BEF (moderation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applying logical models, ○ reviewing challenges, lessons for the ex post evaluation and the new programming period 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of group work 	

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Concluding session

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary conclusions 	Evaluation Helpdesk /BEF (moderation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop closing 	DG AGRI

13.00 Lunch buffet