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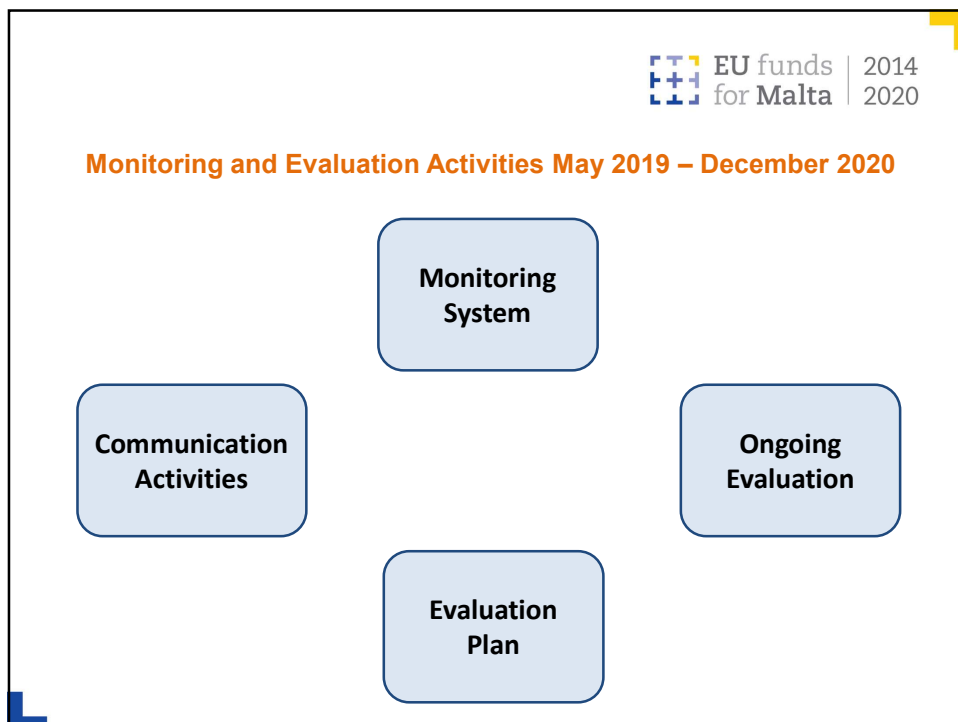
Rural Development Programme for Malta 2014-2020

Ongoing Evaluation of the Rural Development Programme

Monitoring Committee: 11 December 2020

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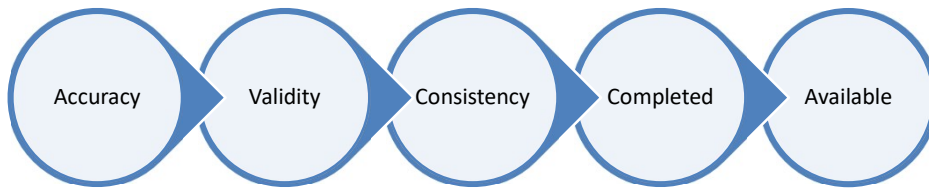
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Strengthening the Monitoring System

Data Management

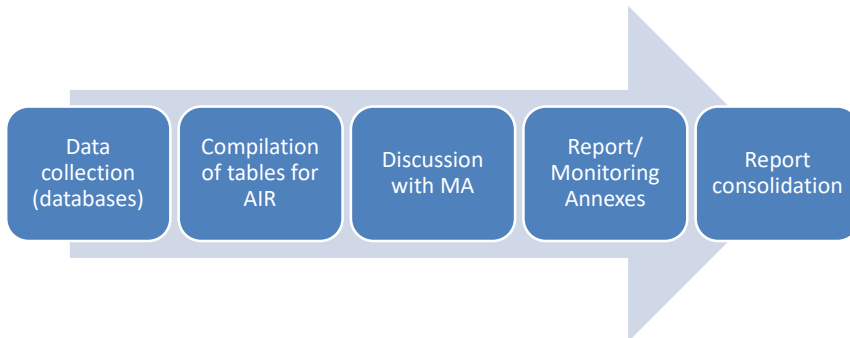


Discussions with MA, ARPA and Systems Service Provider for an enhanced system

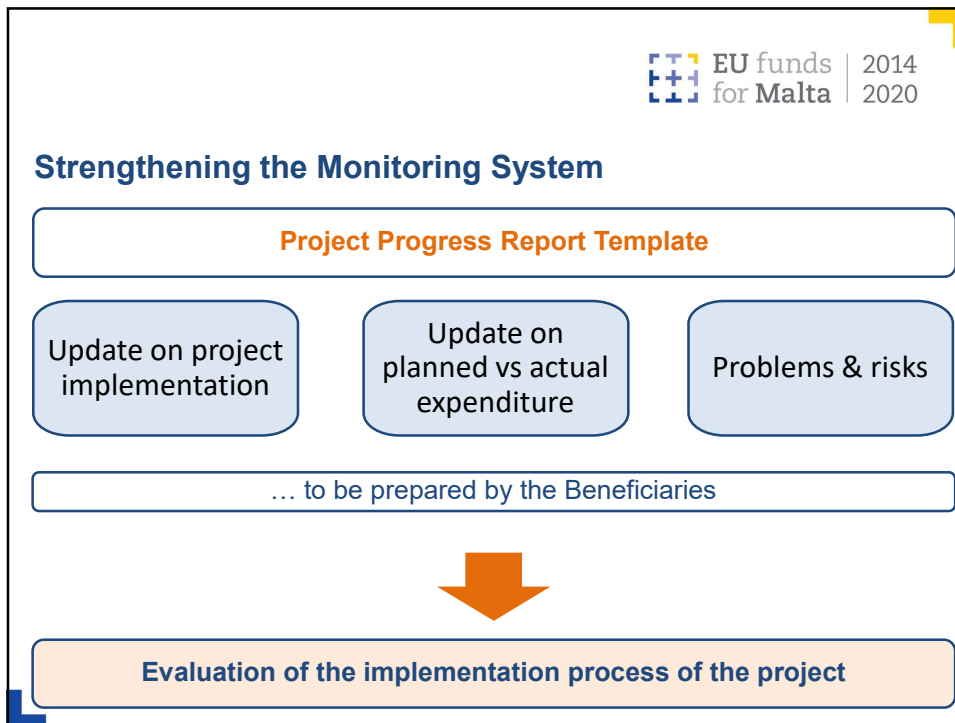
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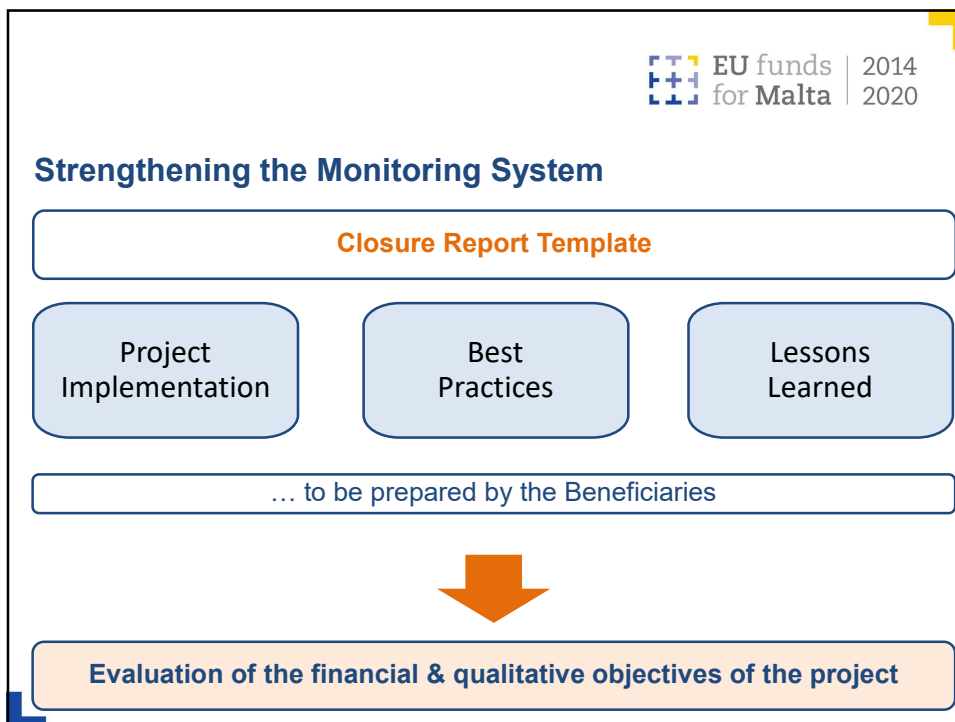
Annual Implementation Report (AIR) 2019



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Communication Activities


National Rural Network

Rural Development Network Event


- Participation in the National Rural Network Committee for Malta (22.11.2019)
 - Work plan
 - Simplification & communication

Bi-Annual News Letters

- Contribution towards 2 articles (Evaluation Process & Role of evaluators):
 - Edition 17, December 2019
 - Edition 19, July 2020




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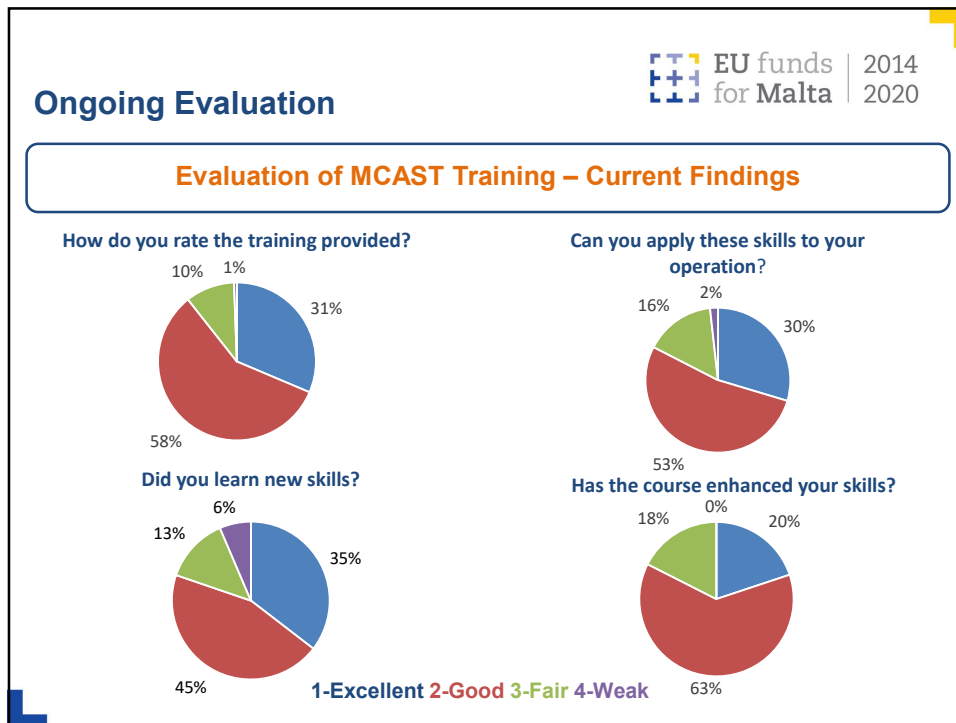
Ongoing Evaluation

Evaluation of MCAST Training


Bespoke training		Participants
Farming		Individuals operating in rural areas
Business Management		1,500 (expected)
AECM Specific		

Evaluation:
 Questionnaires by Evaluators on effectiveness of training
 MCAST Questionnaires on effectiveness & quality of organisation
 (MCAST: 175 responses)

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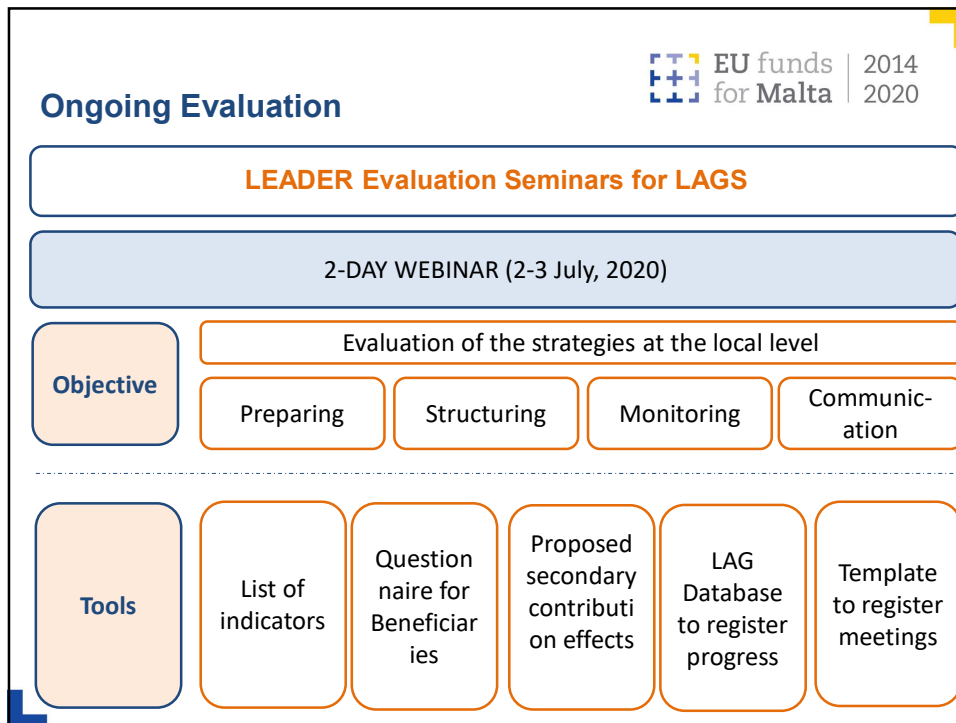
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Interim Evaluation Report (2019)

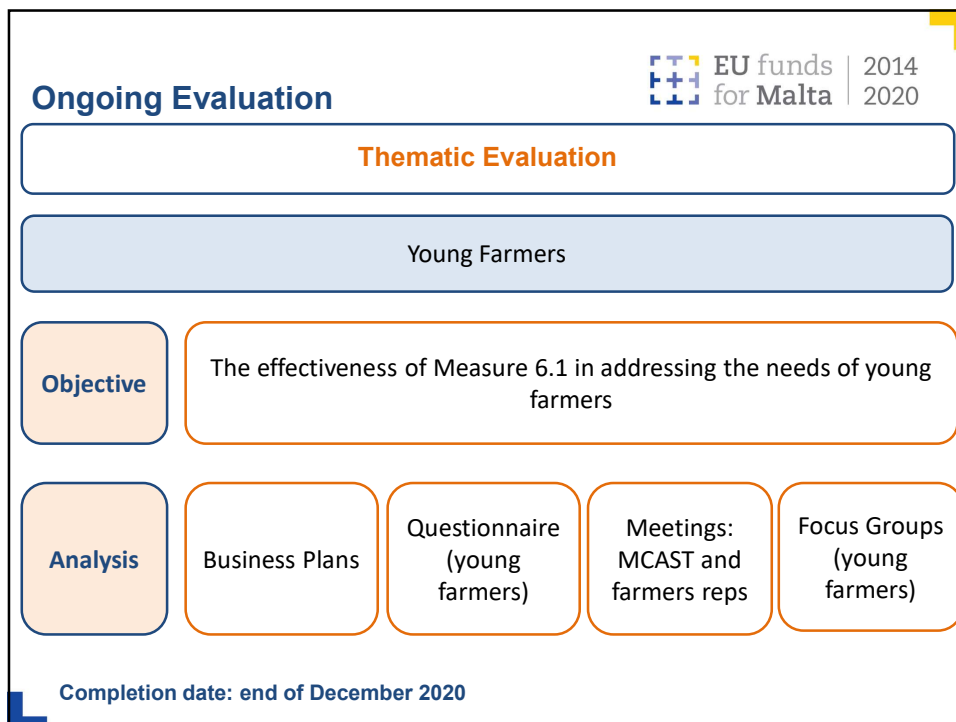
Registered the evaluation progress of the RDP for Malta 2014-2020, on:

- The progress undertaken with respect to the recommendations made in the ex-post evaluation (2007-2013) and recommendations made as part of the Common Evaluation Questions for the AIR 2019;
- The progress relating to expenditure and indicators outlined in the Indicator Plan;
- The methodological approach adopted in answering specific evaluation questions including the identification of data collection requirements;
- Identified possible weaknesses in the programme and put forward recommendations on how the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the programme can be improved;
- Suggested possible amendments to the programme where deemed necessary for the successful implementation of the programme; and

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Evaluation Plan


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Moving Forward

1. Thematic Evaluation – Biodiversity (Focus Area 4A)

Restoring, preserving and enhancing biodiversity, including in Natura 2000 areas, and in areas facing natural or other specific constraints, and high nature value farming, as well as the state of European landscapes.

The common evaluation question that will be addressed is:

To what extent have RDP interventions supported the restoration, preservation and enhancement of biodiversity including in Natura 2000 areas, areas facing natural or other specific constraints and HNV farming, and the state of European landscape?

Evaluators will use the data available to assess focus area 4A. In addition, focus groups will be used, meetings with relevant stakeholders will be scheduled and site visits may also be required.

This is intended to be undertaken over the duration of about 9 months.

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2.Thematic Evaluation – Competitiveness (Focus Area 2A)

Facilitating restructuring of farms facing major structural problems, notably farms with a low degree of market participation, market-oriented farms in particular sectors and farms in need of agricultural diversification.

Focus will be on the implementation of M4.1 and M4.3 as the expenditure for these measures absorbs over 90% of the budget allocated for the Focus Area.

3.Thematic Evaluation – Efficiency in Water Use (Focus Area 5A)

Increasing efficiency in water use by agriculture.

This is particularly relevant due the investment undertaken for the distribution of treated water under Measure 4.3. Although certain outputs have been achieved, it is to be noted that the investment is not expected to be fully completed by 2022 and thus the evaluation will be based on expected outcome.

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Thank you for your attention.

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