



1) Indicators

Indicator values and data sources, analytical methods used

The availability of indicator values and assessment of progress to targets has shown a significant uptake in the course of 2013 and 2014, thanks to the application of various data collection methods and analysing techniques.

| | IER13 | | | | IER 14 | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Axis 1 | Axis 2 | Axis 3 | Axis 4 | Axis 1 | Axis 2 | Axis 3 | Axis 4 |
| Output indicators (42) | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Result indicators (14) | 44% | 100% | 100% | 33% | 53% ↑ | 100% | 100% | 50% ↑ |
| Impact indicators (10) | 39% | 33% | 100% | 25% | 47% ↑ | 33% | 100% | 33% ↑ |

Measure 123

Financial data regarding beneficiaries was received from the appropriate authorities, enabling the evaluators to estimate result level, based on sound source of evidence. However, in the absence of a comparison group (data on non-applicants), impact level cannot be estimated.

Measure 214

The results of the InfoNitrates report were utilised during the evaluation.

Measure 323

Follow-up survey for beneficiaries, which was sent together with project closing documentation. This resulted in higher response rate compared to the previous questionnaire survey.

Progress to indicator targets - results

Result (01) Number of farmers successfully ending training – **M111 (118%)**

Result (02) Increase in gross value added in supported holdings – **M121 (205%)**

Result (03) Number of holdings/enterprises introducing new products or techniques – **M121 (96%); M123 (97%)**

Result (06) Area under successful land management contributing to:
Biodiversity (246%); Water quality (246%); Climate change (positive effect); Soil quality (150%);
Avoidance of marginalisation (91%/388%)

Result (07) Increase in non-agricultural gross value added in supported businesses – **M313 (26%)**

Result (08) Gross number of jobs created – **M313 (26%); M323 (250%)**

Result (09) Additional number of tourist visits – **M313 (959%)**

Result (10) Population in rural areas benefiting from improved services – **M323 (100%)**

Result (12) Number of participants that successfully ended a training activity – **M341 (108%)**

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Progress to indicator targets - impacts

Impact (01) Economic growth - Net additional value added expressed in PPS – **M121 (291%); M123 (160%); M313 (29%); M323 (0%)**

Impact (02) Employment creation - Net additional FTE jobs created – **M313 (34%); M323 (388%)**

Impact (03) Labour productivity - Change in GVA per FTE – **M121 (355%)**

Impact (04) Reversing biodiversity decline – **Axis II (81.93%)**

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2) Results of IER14

Main conclusions on results and impacts of the RDP 2007-2013

- Based on the quantitative impact evaluation and the comprehensive beneficiary survey, **deadweight for economic growth (GVA) and labour productivity (GVA / AWU)** can be assessed as **low**, indicating high attributability of the observed outcomes to the programme.
- The quantitative impact evaluation concluded that the **programme was successful in maintaining jobs and avoiding the abandonment of the sector.**
- The input-output analysis indicates that **impact multiplication** regarding output, gross value added and employment **increases gross impacts to a significant extent (1.4 to 2 times).**
- Expert impact assessment and GIS-based analysis indicate **moderate but positive programme results in terms of protecting the environment, combating climate change and reversing biodiversity decline.**
- The international LAG benchmarking and in-depth case studies showcase that **LAGs play an important role in the development of small, insulated territories** in the region through bottom-up approach.

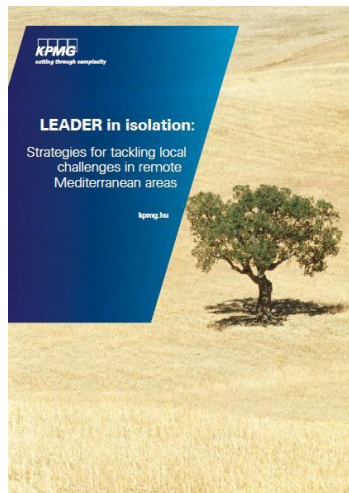
3) Planning of the ex post evaluation

Changes to CMEF for the Ex post Evaluation

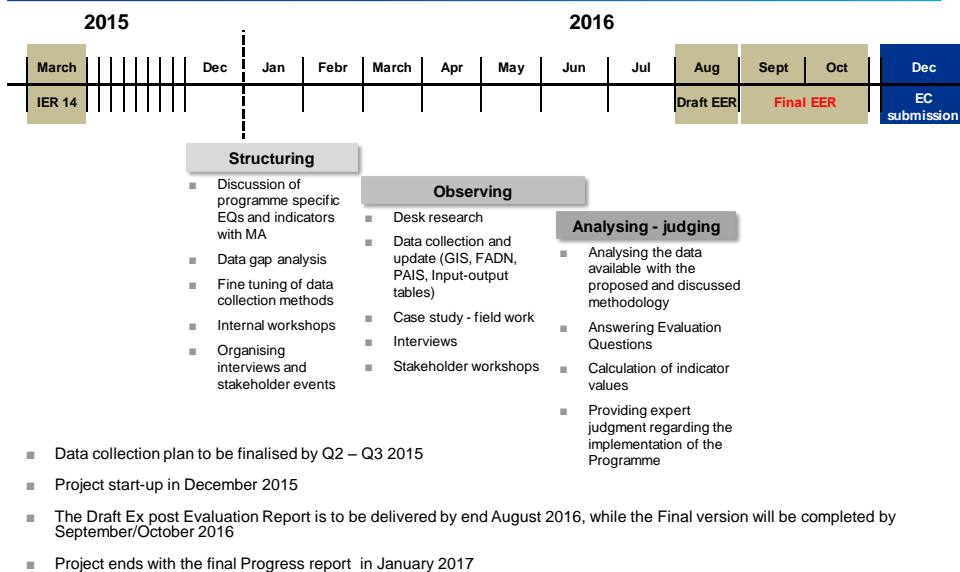
- **Continued relevance** of result (11) and impact (7) **indicators**
- Number of common **EQs** has been significantly **reduced** from 57 to **24** for the Maltese RDP:
 - **Axis 1: 2 EQs** (1+1 to be answered for each measure separately)
 - **Axis 2: 2 EQs** (1+1 to be answered for each measure separately)
 - **Axis 3: 4 EQs** (1 out of 3 questions and an additional one should be answered for each measure separately)
 - **Axis 4: 4 EQs** (all on axis level)
 - **Programme-related: 14 EQs**
- EQs are more of **general nature** overarching multiple topics, requiring more comprehensive answers


Main focus of the Ex post Evaluation Report

- Update of **counterfactual impact evaluation** for investment measures
- Providing quantified values for the result and impact indicators (Axes 1,2 and 4), with special focus on **environmental impact indicators** (Axis 2) and currently missing values (Axes 1 and 4)
- Elaboration of the answers provided for **the new set evaluation questions**, taking into account the outcomes of previous evaluation reports
- Special emphasis on evaluation of the **implementation of LEADER approach** in Malta, with regional benchmarking



Provisional evaluation timeline





**Thank you for
your attention!**

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