Methodological support to MS for the evaluation of the LEADER added value

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'Assessing LEADER added value'

> To **operationalise the concept of the LEADER added value**;

> To design **example(s) of evaluation frameworks of the LEADER added value** in the programming period 2023-2027;

> To propose **examples** of **how the LEADER added value can be assessed**.

> Timeline: April – November 2023 *(3 meetings with stakeholders)*

> Result: **Guidelines** *(finalized in December 2023)*

Guidelines
'Assessing the added value of LEADER'

- <u>Not mandatory</u>

- <u>Options</u> for evaluating the LEADER added value

(MS can choose and/or adapt, according to their context and evaluation needs)

Operationalisation
of the LEADER added value concept

Some insights:

- Challenge: Not clearly depictable <u>links between 7 LEADER principles and components of the added value of LEADER</u> (improved social capital, improved governance and enhanced results and impacts)

   => Example, showing possible links and recommending to construct such links when constructing the intervention logic and developing evaluation framework for assessing LEADER added value.

Operationalisation
of the LEADER added value concept

Some insights:

• For each LEADER added value component, the list of related <u>elements</u> and <u>examples how to operationalise</u> these elements. (Conceptual basis)

Elements	Examples on how to operationalise
Local governance	• Analyse inclusiveness by looking at the composition and membership of the LAG decision making body and how it influences the decision-making process. • Look for evidence of improvements in the technical and administrative capacities / competences of the LAG and its staff. • Analyse local mobilisation and encouragement of non-beneficiaries to participate in local development. • Identify if LAGs have a detailed communication strategy.

MS can select most relevant to their context / evaluation needs when designing their evaluation frameworks
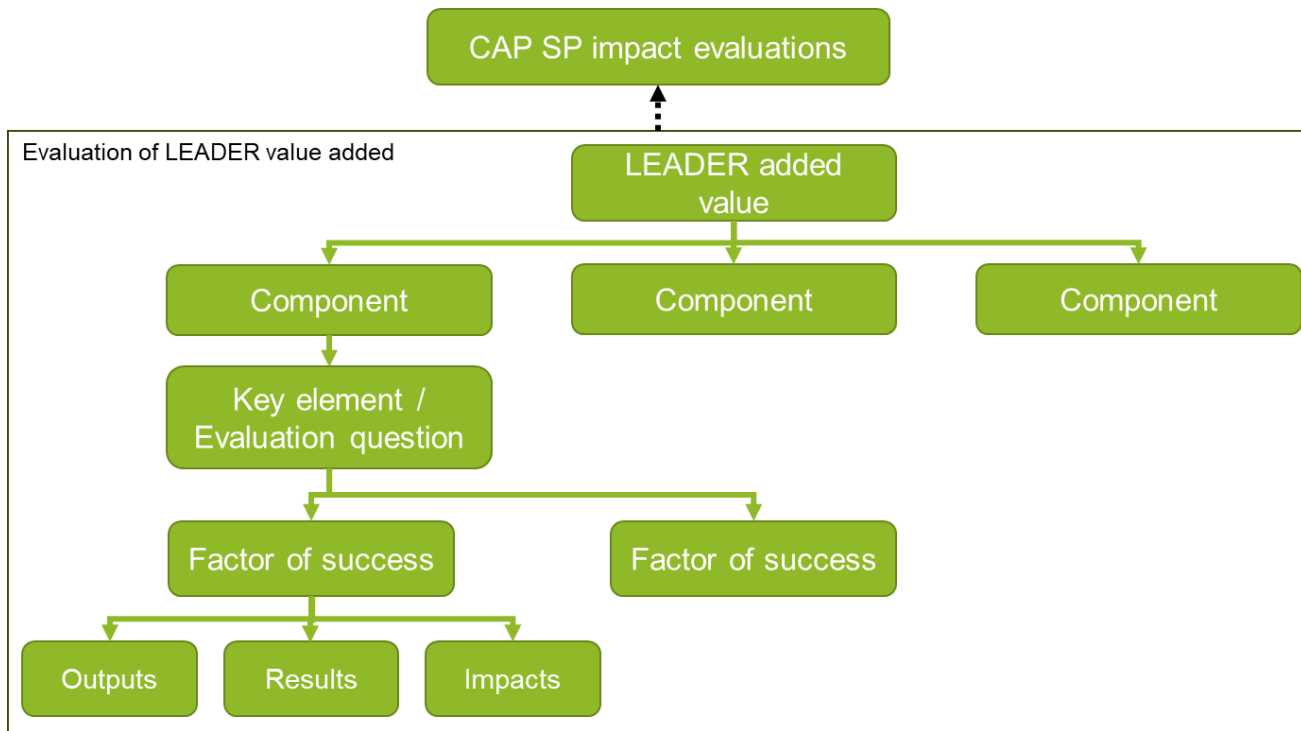
Possible **framework**
for assessing the added value of LEADER

LEADER added value - evaluation topics in MS *(in line with evaluation needs and CSP intervention logic)*

MS apply or further adapt the elements, FoS and indicators that are most pertinent to their context, evaluation needs

CAP SP impact evaluations

Evaluation of LEADER value added

LEADER added value

Component

Component

Component

Key element / Evaluation question

Factor of success

Factor of success

Outputs

Results

Impacts

Possible **framework**
for assessing the added value of LEADER

- **Selected set of indicators** (FoS = at least one output, result, impact indicator)

- Indicators shortlisted based on **stakeholders' feedback** and further analysis (e.g. options to collect relevant information)

- **Data sources** mainly refer to data for monitoring and evaluation (DME) (Annex VII to the Regulation (EU) No 2022/1475)

- **Additional data** collection might be needed (surveys, focus groups)

- **Indicator fiches** providing descriptions/definitions, data collections/calculation methods, etc.

- **Additional indicators** in the annex

Examples
of the evaluation of the LEADER added value

- Two examples: LAG-level; CSP-level

- Showing step-by-step: planning, preparing, structuring the evaluation; methods for collecting evidence; hints for analysing information and dissemination of evaluation findings.

Thank you!