



EU CAP Network activities related to LEADER

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This presentation

- › Update on ongoing and planned activities related to LEADER
- › Guidelines - Assessing the added value of LEADER
- › Update on planning the next Annual Workplan of the EU CAP Network

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LEADER support activities until July 2024

- › Regular informal meetings with LEADER Managing Authorities
- › EU CAP Network LAG Directory
 - › Basic data collection launched (full dataset received from CY, DK, EL, LT, LU)
 - › Planning of 2nd phase of LAG Directory and Partner Search Tool – started / ongoing
 - › Basic LAG Directory planned to be accessible in summer 2024
- › 3rd National Networks meeting – LEADER in focus (20-21 March, Denmark)
- › LEADER Newsletter

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LEADER support activities until July 2024

- EU CAP Network transnational cooperation workshops
LINC2024
4-6 June, Romania



- EU CAP Network
Young LEADER Forum
12-13 June, Vierumäki, Finland



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Planned LEADER support activities

- › 2nd phase of LAG Directory and EU CAP Network Partner Search tool
- › Potential Member State fact sheets on transnational cooperation rules and procedures
- › Continuation of regular informal meetings with LEADER Managing Authorities
- › One meeting of the Subgroup on LEADER and Territorial Development
- › LEADER Newsletter
- › ***Other possible support to LEADER – your suggestions (part of planning the next Annual Workplan of the EU CAP Network)***



Guidelines

Assessing the added value of LEADER



Content:

- › Operationalised concept of the LEADER added value
- › Examples of evaluation frameworks of the LEADER added value (2023-2027)
- › Fiches of LEADER added value indicators

Publication and dissemination:

- › On EU CAP Network website in Q2/2024
- › Main body will be translated in all EU languages
- › Capacity building events to MS offered as of Q2/2024

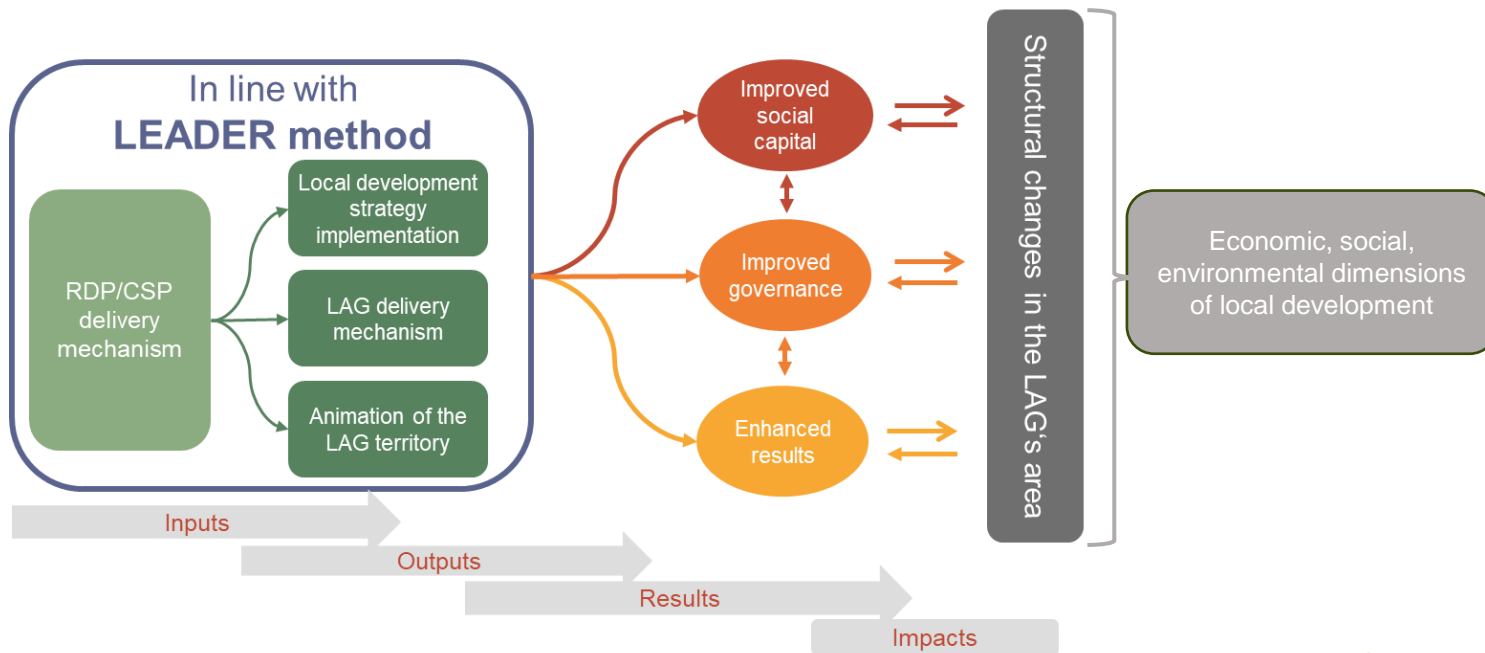
Non-binding guidance - options for MS to consider according to their context and evaluation needs





Guidelines **Assessing the added value of LEADER** Concept of LEADER added value

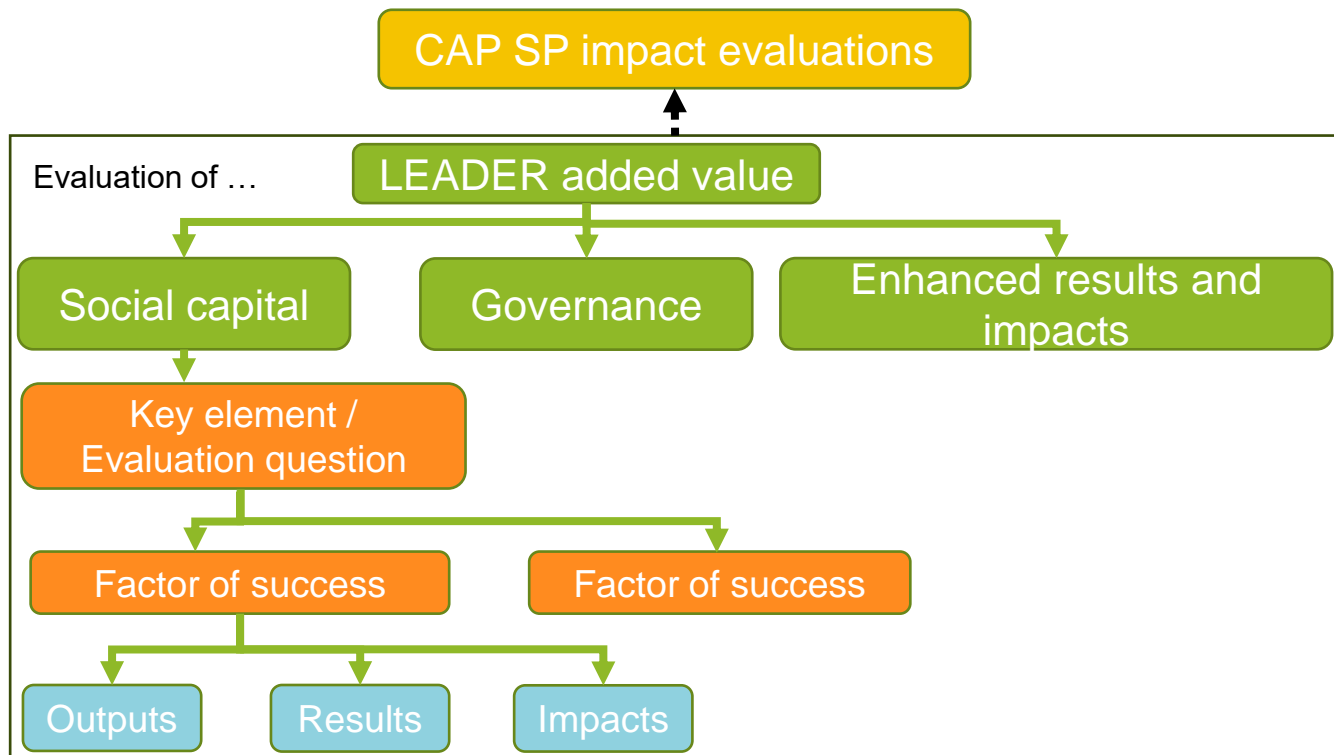
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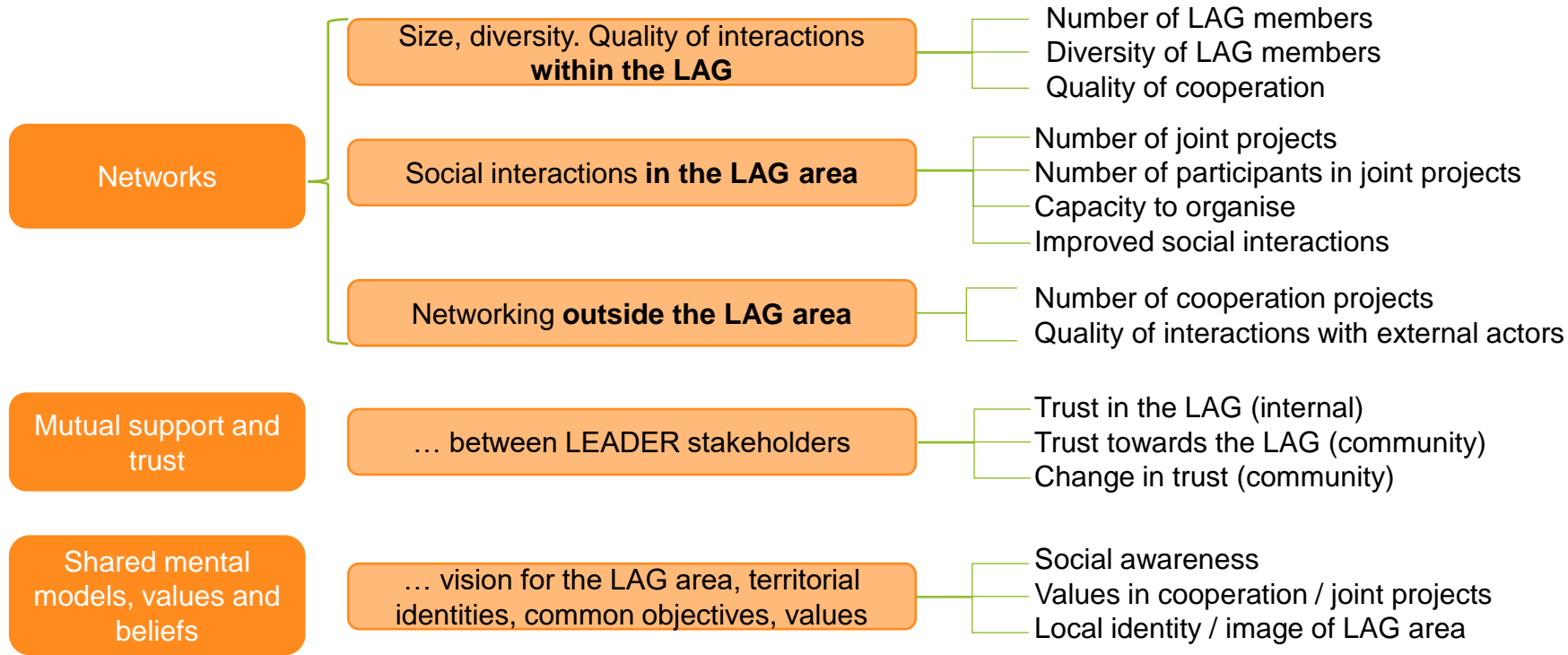
Overall structure of the evaluation framework





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Improved social capital



Sources mainly the DME data (Annex VII, Reg. (EU) No 2022/1475)
Additional data collection (surveys, focus groups)





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Improved governance

Local governance

Inclusiveness in decision making

- Number of LAG members in decision making
- LAG processes for inclusiveness
- LAG brings together organisations and people

Skills of LAGs (administrative and technical)

- Number of trainings improving skills
- Evidence of the improvement of administrative and technical skills

Animation and support to (potential) beneficiaries

- Number of animation activities
- Evidence of support to (potential) beneficiaries, incl. hard-to-reach groups
- Number of new applicants

Communication capacity

- Communication tools/activities
- Local awareness (community)
- EU closer to citizens (community)

Multi-level governance

Coordination and communication between LAGs and other levels

- Number and type of interactions LAGs/MA/PA
- Improved quality of interactions LAGs/MA/PA/CAP NN
- Evidence on improvements in governance / strengthened links





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Projects that:

Increase leverage

Stimulation of investment /activities

Mobilisation of additional resources:

- Expenditure on other investments
- Voluntary work
- Generation of new projects (outside EAFRD)

New project promoters

- Number of new project promoters
- Capacity to identify and empower new project promoters

Tailored to needs of the LAG area

Meet local needs and objectives by a variety of project promoters that valorise local assets

- Different types of promoters
- Projects that contribute to local needs
- Valorisation of unique territorial assets
- Capacity to produce structural changes

Innovation

Innovative elements at local level

- No, % expenditure, types of innovative projects

Sustainability

LEADER projects produce sustainable results

- No of projects contributing to econ., env., soc. sustainability
- Knowledge of local conditions

Promote links between actors

Collaborative projects

- No of projects working in synergy
- % of projects that produce cooperation



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Indicator fiches

Indicator:	LAV.R.07. Evidence of improvement of administrative skills.																					
Added value element:	Local governance.																					
Related factor of success:	The administrative and technical skills of the LAG and its staff are improving or remain at a high level.																					
Definition and aim:	Result indicator aims to capture the extent to which participation in training/capacity building activities contributes to an improvement of administrative skills, such as coordination, organization, planning, conflict resolution and other. The evidence can be gathered by asking the following question “To what extent have the LAG staff, decision-making body, members improved skills in relation to [...]: decision-making; conflict resolution; facilitation; [...] other.																					
Unit of measurement:	Aspects are measured on a Likert scale from 1 to 5.																					
Data sources:	Focus groups or surveys to LAG staff, decision-making body, LAG members.																					
Suggested time and frequency of data collection:	One year after the LAG is operational as baseline value and at the end of the programming period as final value.																					
Methodology, approach, or formula for calculation:	The indicator is calculated as the ratio of total scores assigned by respondents to each aspect observed and the maximum possible score.																					
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Comments / caveats:	Evaluator shall depict if the value is close to 5, which means that LAG staff, decision-making body, members have very well-developed administrative skills.																					





Other publications related to evaluation of LEADER



Event Report **How to assess LEADER added value**

- › Outcomes of Good Practice Workshop in Luxembourg on 23-24 Nov. 2023
- › Case studies from AT, LT, SE, FI, EU
- › Download [here](#)

Upcoming publication: **CAP Evaluation Expert Insights - LEADER**

Discover: **MS evaluation reports on LEADER**, ongoingly added by Evaluation Helpdesk in publications database [here](#)





Annual Workplan of the EU CAP Network: Indicative timeline

Timing	Step
17/11/2023	First proposals – EU CAP Network support units
05/12/2023	Discussion of topics – EU CAP Network Assembly
07/02/2024	Scoping discussions with DG Agri Policy units
End February 2024	Outline AWP presented – key topics & timings
Early March 2024	EU CAP Network coordination of events & activities – timetable
March 2024	Presentation to SoLTD, SoIKE and SoCSP
April 2024	Delivery of final draft AWP & presentation to EU CAP Network Steering Group
May 2024	Consolidated draft AWP



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CSP Subgroup: Themes proposed

Assessment of Green Architecture and its implementation

New / young farmers / entrepreneurs & generational renewal

Integrated Territorial Development

Next generation in rural areas

Simplification using digital tools



Brainstorming with DG Agri Policy units: Topics developed

