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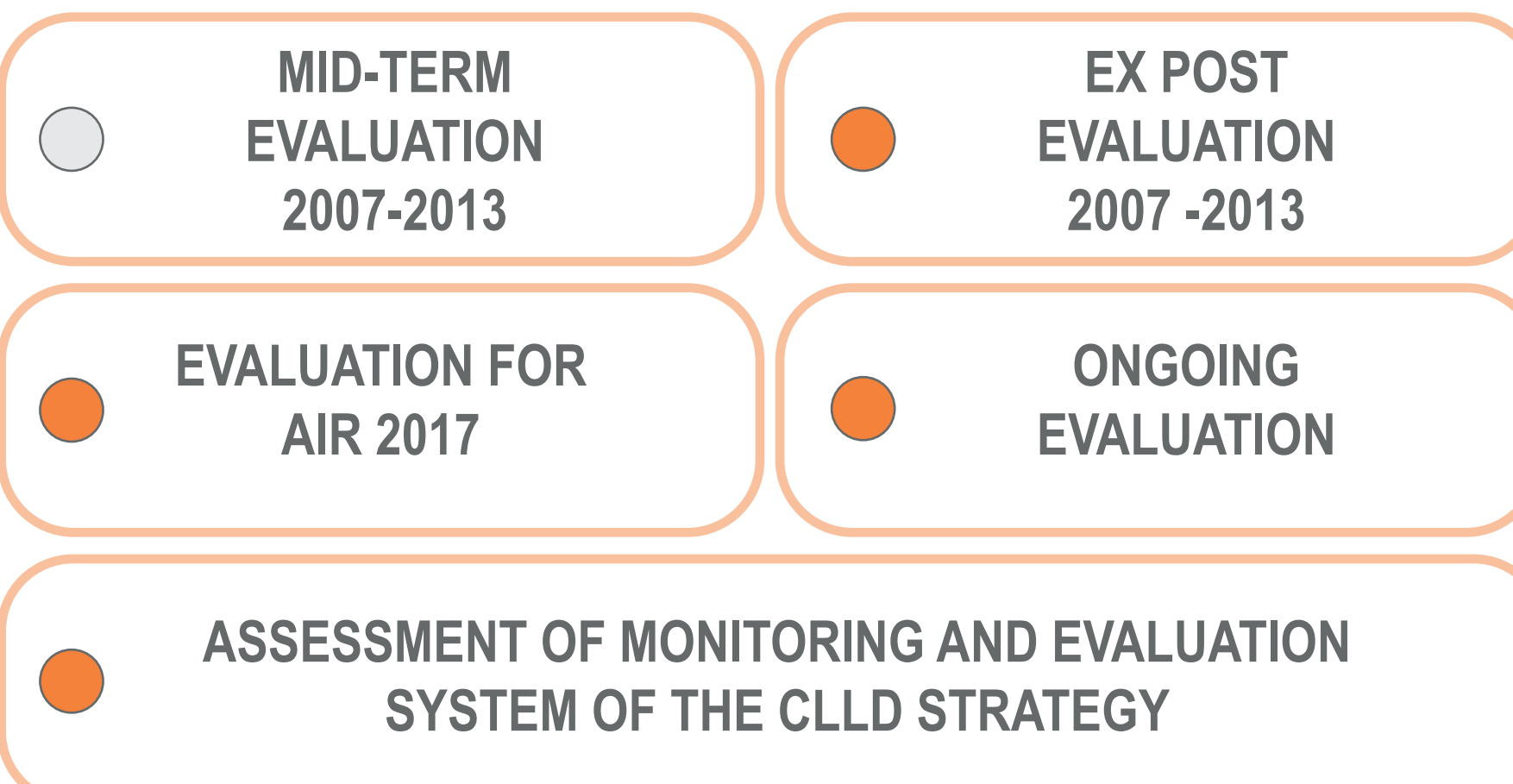
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16 regional units



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“Activate rural area inhabitants in terms of undertaking initiatives within the scope of rural development, including creation of jobs within rural areas.”

THEMATIC GROUP ON LEADER APPROACH

A workshop dedicated to CLLD monitoring and evaluation was organised and entitled “**Knowledge brokers on LEADER approach**” within the thematic group on the LEADER approach (TGL) that was created in 2015.

Assessing the needs

Lack of good common indicators. Need for discussion on monitoring and evaluation between LAGs, MA and PA.

Implementing

Creation of a Task Force to develop procedures on evaluation under LEADER. Training sessions.

Disseminating

Evaluation reports and summary presented at the TGL, among all LAGs, Facebook Group and NRN website.

The workshop’s main goal was to **share thematic and analytical knowledge** and to facilitate collaboration between NRN partners in the scope of LEADER. It stressed the importance of monitoring for the effectiveness of actions taken in the framework of CLLD in a practical way.



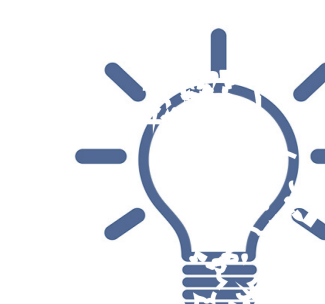
Simulation game used during the workshop on CLLD evaluation

The method used in the workshop was based on a simulation game and highlighted the key elements of the monitoring and evaluation process. The participants learned a well constructed monitoring and evaluation system, which benefitted actions taken by the LAGs. Moreover, the participants **learned about a variety of evaluation methods**. The results of the ex post evaluation of Axis 4 of the RDP 2007-2013 were also shared. A **Task Force** was set up with the objective of developing procedures including evaluation under LEADER.



Outcomes

- Thanks to the **cooperation** between the MA, PA and LAGs, evaluation became a common objective.
- Better **design of indicators** at the local level.
- Better **knowledge** of the issues to tackle and of the various evaluation methods.
- More **efficient implementation** of the CLLD strategies.
- **Awareness raising** on the need for evaluation and its benefits.



Recommendations

In order to achieve success for the CLLD strategies’ and RDP’s implementation, one should:

- understand the need for evaluation from all the actors involved;
- plan evaluation elements at an early stage, to allow LAGs to better prepare their strategies;
- support evaluation at the LAG level.