

Evaluation Actions and Use of Evaluation Results

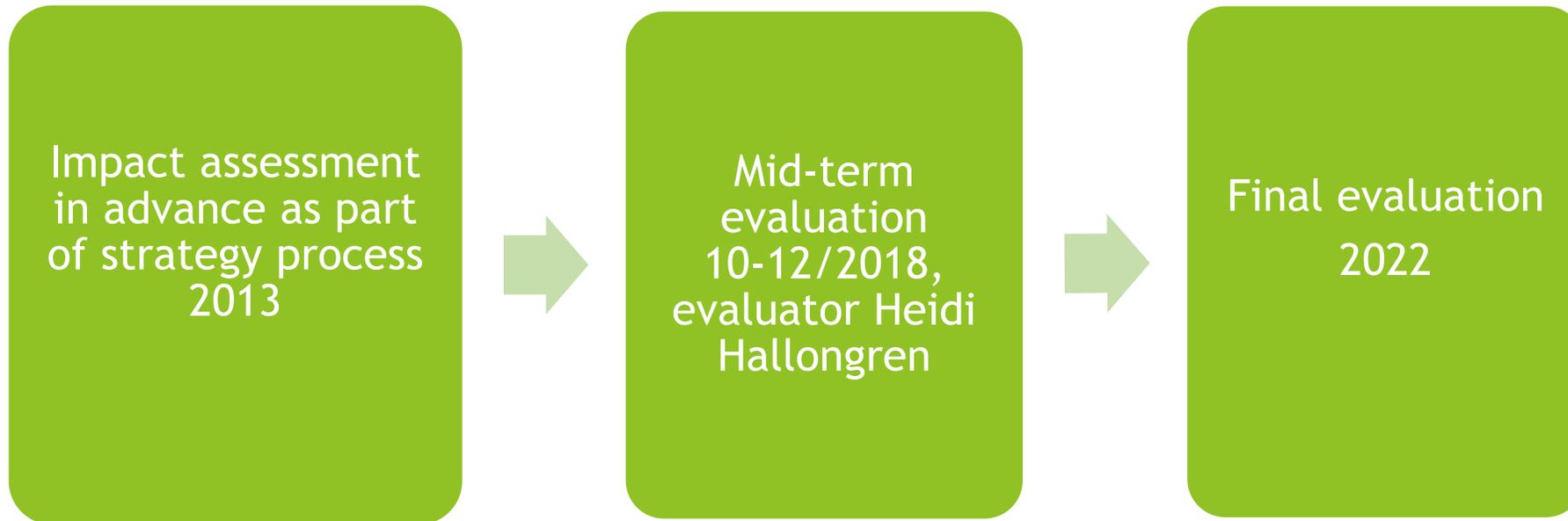
LEADER Pirkan Helmi, Finland
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- ▶ Pirkan Helmi was founded 1999; experience from EU funding periods 2000-2006, 2007-2013, and 2014-2020
- ▶ Area 1930 km² with 49 800 people
- ▶ Pirkan Helmi has
 - 400 members: general assembly once a year,
 - 16 board members: 6 meetings/ year,
 - 3,25 employee: Manager, Project Adviser, Project Worker, Publicists (part-time, shared with 3 other LAGs)
- ▶ During period 2014-2020 so far 126 project applications in which 98 has been funded (public funding 2,6 million €, total 5,1 mill. €)



STRATEGIC EVALUATION ACTIONS 2014-2020



Key principle
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

MID-TERM EVALUATION

- practical arrangements

- ▶ Time frame from planning to reporting 9/2018 - 1/2019
- ▶ Together with LAG PoKo who's operating under the same regional authority and similar type of region than Pirkan Helmi
- ▶ Hired Heidi Hallongren together for 4 months, salary is paid from the management budget of the LAGs 50%-50%
- ▶ Pirkan Helmi provides the office facilities, but data collection is done in both regions
- ▶ Work is coordinated by a steering committee including the LAG managers & chairmen of the board's

→ self-evaluation done by an "outsider"

MID-TERM EVALUATION

- key themes

- ▶ Fuctionality of Leader project process
- ▶ LAG's Customer service and communication activities
- ▶ Project objectives and their implementation
- ▶ Significance of Leader funding and its effectivity
- ▶ LAG's activation activities and development efforts
- ▶ Strategical management of the LAG & working methods of the board
- ▶ Collecting strategical ideas for future 2021+ funding period

MID-TERM EVALUATION - data collection

- ▶ Online-questionnaire
 - ▶ Leader project realizers
 - ▶ LAG board members
 - ▶ Municipal decision makers & business developers
- ▶ Interviews
 - ▶ ELY Centre authorities
 - ▶ Few Leader project realizers
 - ▶ Experienced LAG board members
 - ▶ LAG personnel

MID-TERM EVALUATION -use of results

- ▶ Improving and designing our customer service process
- ▶ Planning future activation activities
- ▶ Creating a training model for the project realizers
- ▶ Improving our project selection procedures
- ▶ Peer-auditing tool
- ▶ Starting the strategic planning of 2021-2027
- ▶ Project realizers interviews will also be turned into stories: Short informal story telling the background, experiences and ideas to encourage others to start their own projects and give practical hints how to get the most out of your project

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THANK YOU AND LET'S BE IN TOUCH!



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