

Guidance note O – Useful Reading

This guidance note presents useful background reading for the Common Guidance and Monitoring Framework

It should be note that the CMEF supersedes and replaces all existing guidance and studies.

Guidance Documents for the monitoring and evaluation of Rural Development programmes 2000-2006 include:

- Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes supported from the EAGGF – Guidelines
- Guidelines for the Mid-term Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes supported from the EAGGF
- Guidelines for the evaluation of Leader+ programmes
- Leader+ Guidelines for the Ex ante Evaluation of programmes
- The Ex-Ante Evaluation of the Structural Funds Interventions
- Explanatory guidelines on how to complete the common rural development monitoring indicator tables

(See http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/rur/eval/index_en.htm and <http://www.inforegio.cec.eu.int/>).

Rural development evaluations at the initiative of the Commission undertaken recently include:

2005

- Synthesis of Rural Development mid-term evaluations
- Evaluation of the agri-environment measures

2004

- Impact assessment of rural development programmes in view of post 2006 rural development policy
- Methods for and Success of Mainstreaming Leader Innovations and Approach into Rural Development Programmes

2003

- Ex post evaluation of the Community Initiative Leader II
- Ex post evaluation of measures under Regulation (EC) No 950/97

- Ex post evaluation of measures under Regulation (EC) No 951/97
- Ex post evaluation of Objective 5b programmes 1994 -1999

2001

- Evaluation of the Community aid scheme for forestry measures in agriculture Regulation (EEC) No 2080/92

1999

- Ex post evaluation of the Leader I Community Initiative
- Interim evaluation of rural development programmes (Objectives 5a and 5b)

(See http://ec.europa.eu/comm/agriculture/eval/index_en.htm).

MEANS documents on evaluating socio-economic programmes, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. (available in English and French)

- Volume 1: “Evaluating socio-economic programmes: Evaluation design and management”
- Volume 2: “Evaluating socio-economic programmes: Selection and use of indicators for monitoring and evaluation”
- Volume 3: “Evaluating socio-economic programmes: Principal evaluation techniques and tools”
- Volume 4: “Evaluating socio-economic programmes: Technical solutions for evaluating in partnership”
- Volume 5: “Transversal evaluations of impacts on the environment, employment and other intervention priorities”
- Volume 6: “Glossary of 300 concepts and technical terms”.