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EVALUATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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Intro: BACKGROUND

- LAGs will have to **report**, how successfully they implemented LDS
- mid-term **date 31.12.2018** will be critical for all LAGs in those countries, who started implementation late
- Slovenian Rural Development Network (DRSP) recently organized the international conference on „**Evaluation of LDS**“ in the frame of the Slovenian LAG Festival. Here are some thoughts from the event:

PURPOSE

1. WHY should we do the evaluation of LDS:

a) to satisfy the authorities?

b) to justify the tax payers money?

c) to prove and improve our LDS?

} a : b : c ?

CONTENT

1. WHAT should we evaluate:

- **INDICATORS** from LDS (FORMALITY)
- **ACHIEVEMENTS** (JUSTIFYING HOW EFFICIENT WE SPENT THE PUBLIC MONEY)
 - Working places are the jackpot
- DID WE MAKE ANY **CHANGE** IN THE LAG AREA?
- **FAILURES**, MISTAKES, NEGATIVE EFFECTS WHILE IMPLEMENTING THE LDS
 - Are we brave enough to report on that kind of our findings ?
- do not forget to check the **7 LEADER PRINCIPLES** !
 - Are we still doing the bottom up, partnership ... or just redistribute the public money ?

CONTENT

2. HOW should we evaluate (METHODOLOGY)

Regarding to what is written about evaluation – it's just a piece of cake (menu)

- Analyse
- Interview
- Survey
- Numerous scientific methods – choose those, which you know
- Balance between Quantity and Quality
- Aspects: from INSIDE and from OUTSIDE of the LAG

Recommendations (to LAGs)

- Before starting the evaluation, make the plan, regarding to the available time, human and financial resources and your know how
- Follow the main purpose of evaluation (IMPROVE, WHAT AND HOW YOU ARE DOING)
- Do the evaluation yourself and do not hesitate to ask (or pay) for assistance/advise
- KEEP IT SIMPLE !**

Recommendations (to Mas and PAs)

- Do not invent the new rules

Goldplating?

- Follow the logic of results not the logic of procedures

Omnibus for LEADER/CLLD ?

- Trust the LAGs !



Thanks for your attention!

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