

**RuDI's challenge: how to improve
EU policy making through research**

Assessing the impacts of
rural development policies



[the background (1)]

- Subject is the second pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- The study focuses on the ongoing funding period 2007-2013



[the background (2)]

- MS or regions prepare rural development programmes based on EU reg. 1698/2005
- three thematic axes:
 - competitiveness of agriculture and forestry,
 - environment,
 - quality of life and diversification of economy

[RuDI in brief]

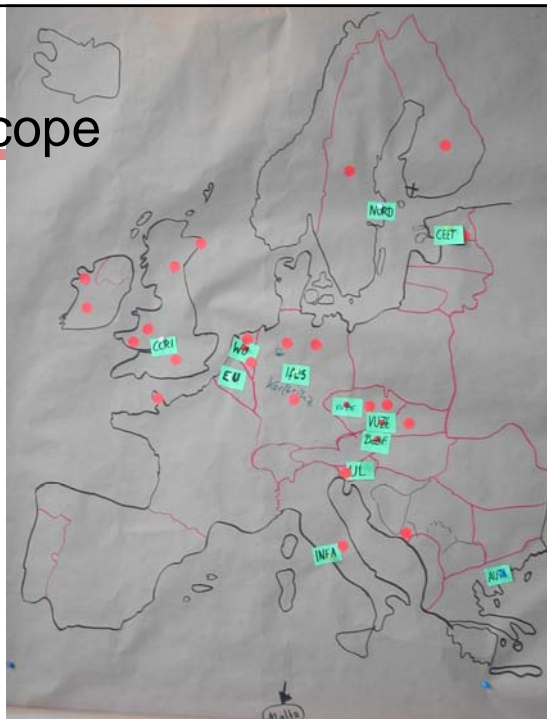
- Objective is to improve the understanding of formulation, implementation and impacts of European rural development policies.
- Special focus is on evaluation, its' underlying intervention logic and impact indicators

[sustainability scope of RuDI]

- Analysis of how to 'mainstream' successful models of facilitating integrated rural development and sustainable agriculture.
- Sustainable land use
- Institutional learning

[European Scope

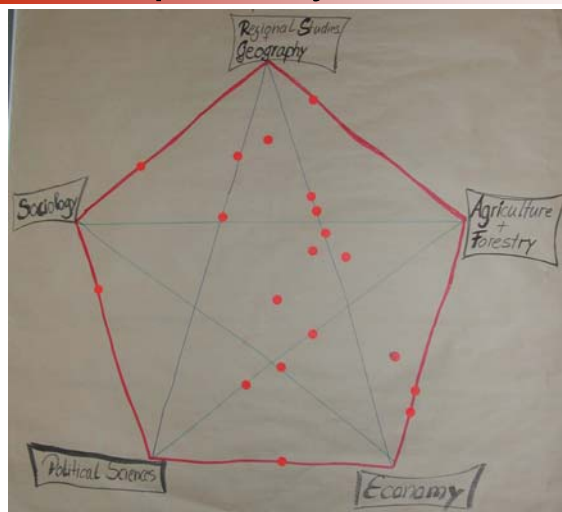
- 27 countries
- 96 rural development programmes
- 10 consortium partners from 10 countries



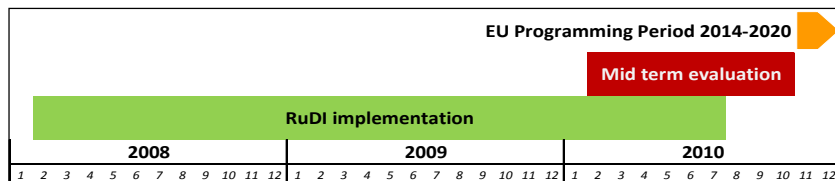
[the consortium]



[interdisciplinarity]



[benefits]



- Timing of RuDI implementation to provide policy recommendations for next programming period

[benefits]

- improved understanding of the contribution of rural development programmes to EU priorities;
- improved rural development policies at EU, MS and regional level;
- an advanced framework for assessing rural development policy impacts;
- significant contribution to capacity building;
- identification of research gaps, and of promising lines of future research.

[beneficiaries]

- EU, MS, and regional rural development policy makers
- Practitioners
- Evaluators
- The rural population and communities

[recommendations to policy makers]

- recommendations have to be well founded
- be applicable
- be specific
- apply to all of Europe
- be general



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