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Indicators, evaluation and rural development policy

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The political context is changing.....

- EU budget – more pressure than ever
- *Europe 2020* strategy



EUROPE 2020 strategy - interlinked priorities:

- ❖ ***Smart growth - an economy based on knowledge and innovation:***
 - Research and development, innovation
 - Education, training and lifelong learning
 - Digital society

- ❖ ***Sustainable growth - promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy:***
 - Competitiveness
 - Combating climate change
 - Clean and efficient energy

- ❖ ***Inclusive growth - a high-employment economy delivering economic, social and territorial cohesion:***
 - Employment
 - Skills
 - Fighting poverty



Rural development policy already plays a role....



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- The policy contributes to *Europe 2020* in relation to (for example):
- fostering “green” and innovative **technologies**;
- investment in **skills**, training and entrepreneurship;
- managing **natural resources** sustainably and caring for the **environment**;
- combating and adapting to **climate change**;
- unlocking the **wider potential of rural areas**.



CMEF: some achievements



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- Greater **scope, accuracy** in programme evaluation
- **Aggregated** results at EU level
- **Quantified targets**
- Impact of policy more **visible**



CMEF: some needs



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- **“Less must be more!”**
- Simplify: sharper **focus** in choice of data
- Plug the **“gaps”** – e.g. better indicator for climate change
- **Multiple impacts** and multiple causes
- **Indicators alone are not enough**
- Describe **baseline situation** more clearly
- Cut down number of **reports?**



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Thank you for listening!



More information on rural development and the CAP:

- CAP Health Check
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/healthcheck/index_en.htm
- EU agriculture and CAP reform
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm
- EU rural development policy 2007-2013
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rurdev/index_en.htm
- Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/analysis/perspec/index_en.htm