Challenges from point of view of an evaluation expert

Presentation
Workshop „Drafting Terms of References for ex ante evaluation“
Ex ante evaluation

> … aims to **analyse the status quo and envisage the end status desired** while a rural development programme (RDP) is being developed.

> … gathers **information** and serves as **input** for this RDP.

> … gives a **point of reference** for the assessment of the deficits and gaps in the initial situation and the possible impacts of the measures of a RDP based on previous evaluations.
The old versus the new: lessons learned
CLEAR challenges

- **Concise outline for an ex ante report**
- **Little changes – don‘t fix it if it is not broken**
- **Easy framework (objectives, data collection, …):**
  - Objectives to be defined based on the situation/changes desired (ranking inequalities)
  - SMART indicators, in line with the points of reference, transparent
  - Expected level of expenditure (budget resources)
  - Micro- and macro-economic data, defined by region
  - Methodology used
- **Appropriate contingency plan in case of targets not being reached**
- **Relevant steps to be considered (check list for ex ante evaluation)**
Thanks for your attention!