### **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

 $(\ See\ \underline{http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/rur/eval/index\_en.htm}\ and\ \underline{http://www.inforegio.cec.eu.int/}).$ 

### 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 <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/comm/agriculture/eval/index\_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/comm/agriculture/eval/index\_en.htm</a>).

# **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".