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# An Outline of Interim Evaluation of PA 1 and 2 OP RDI

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# OP Research and Development for Innovation



## Global objective

The global objective of the OP R&DI is to strengthen the research, development and innovation potential of the Czech Republic that shall contribute to its economic growth, competitiveness and to the creation of highly qualified workplaces, so that the Czech regions can become important locations of these activities within Europe.

**Overall allocation:** 2.4 bn EUR

**Eligibility:** all Czech regions except Prague

- 1) **European Centres of Excellence**
- 2) **Regional R&D Centres**
- 3) Commercialisation and Popularisation of R&D
- 4) Infrastructure for University Education Related to Research
- 5) Technical Assistance

# Interim evaluation of Priority axes 1 and 2 OP RDI



## Objectives and benefits

- ✓ to ensure that project funded under priority axes (PA) 1 and 2 of OP RDI are better managed and thus more likely to achieve their planned objectives with special regard on their sustainability
  - Managing Authority (MA) senior management and PA 1 and 2 project management teams better able to implement their projects.
  - Improve awareness of benefits of evaluation as a learning tool among R&D community in the Czech Republic and contribute to evaluation culture
  - Greater involvement of key MA staff in evaluation leading to a wider appreciation of its importance as a management tool
  - Provides possibilities for enhanced learning and synergy of ideas among beneficiaries as well as MA staff

# Methodology



## Evaluand

✓ 48 projects (research centres) in Priority axes 1 and 2 OP RDI – 6 major projects

## Methodology

- ✓ an ongoing/interim/ type evaluation with a strong peer review emphasis.
- ✓ developed by MA in collaboration with external sectoral and evaluation experts

The evaluation exercise will be based around **2 sets of evaluation questions**:

- 1) An evaluation methodology/framework containing standardised questions for all projects;
- 2) A set of bespoke evaluation questions developed separately for each project/sector

The first component (framework) will be developed by the MA staff. The second component (bespoke questions) will be developed by the team of evaluation experts with inputs from the MA staff ahead of each individual project evaluation.

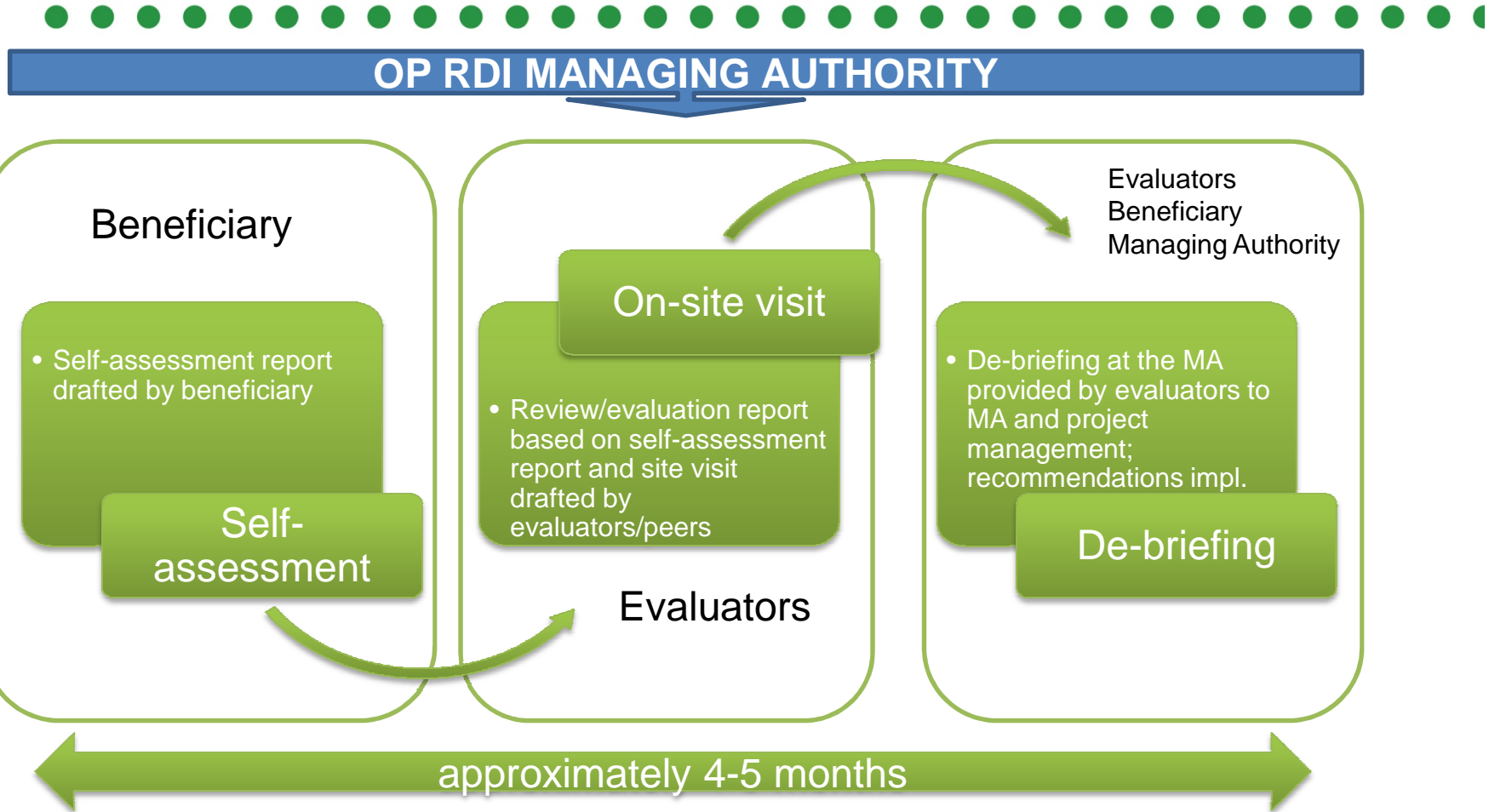
# Key thematic components



## Structure of the self-assessment and the evaluation report

- 1) Management
- 2) Human Resources
- 3) Financial and legal
- 4) Cooperation with application sphere
- 5) Infrastructure and equipment
- 6) Research programme
- 7) Other comments, concerns, issues

# Evaluation process (each project)



# Methodology II



## Timing

- ✓ evaluation will be carried out on project-by-project basis in the period 2012-2015
- ✓ project in various phases of its implementation – evaluation kick off date when infrastructure installed and research programmes launched
- ✓ pilot testing – 1Q 2012 and potentially fine tuning methodology

## Evaluation team and management of evaluation

- ✓ on each project one generalist (national) and one (international) experts
- ✓ experts will be recruited from our database of external experts (already 800) and new call for experts
- ✓ evaluation managed internally – coordination, providing methodology support, selection and communication with experts, quality control of outputs



Thank you for your attention!

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