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How to improve EU ARD contribution to the MDGs? *Let's try the MDGs Tool-Box*

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EU ARD contribution to the MDGs? Good & bad points

- MDGs: (UN 2000) 8 goals -2015 Targets -**Towards SDGs ?**
- EU & EU MS Cooperation or Aid policies : focus on MDGs
- Agricultural research FOR development (ARD) : main drivers: **MDG 1** (Poverty alleviation; Food security), **MDG7** (Natural resources preservation & development), **MDG8** (Aid partnerships) objectives at the policy and strategic levels
- The **gap is at the programming level**
- Good outputs but what about outcomes and impacts?
- Donor community :for an Impact & south oriented ARD

From analysis to action: a tool to check coherent programming

- Era-Ard I&II study identity **5 consistent choices** :
 - target the **Poor**
 - target the **gender equity issue**
 - use the **concept of Agricultural Innovation System (AIS)**
 - ensure that the process of **programming is consistent**
 - develop programme **Evaluation & Impact assessment**

- **Build a tool box to address the programming issue using ARD main drivers and principles**

Building the tool box: the SEAG contribution

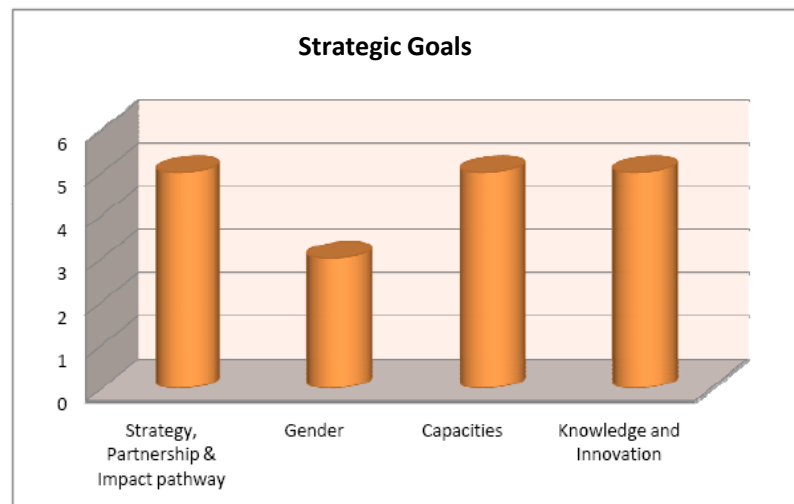
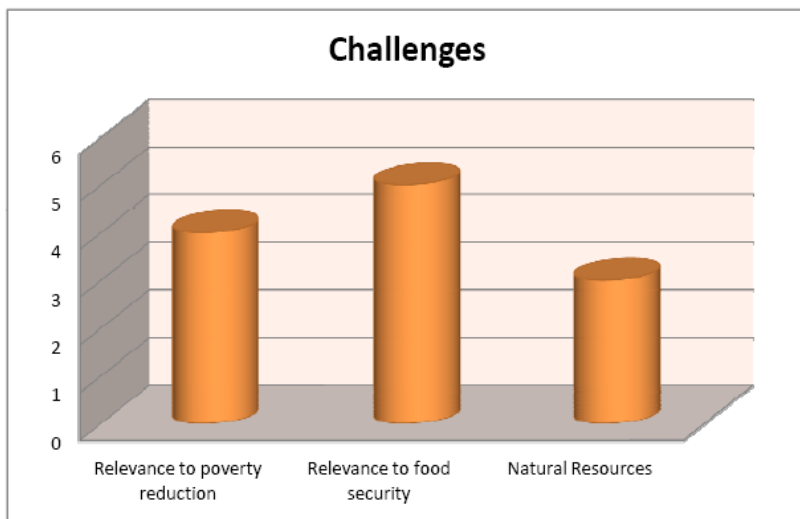
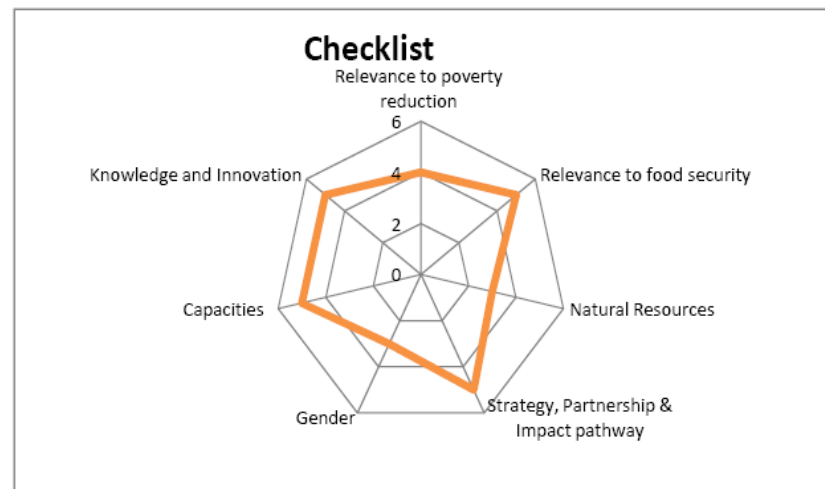
Our inspiration	GFAR presentation in Den Haag (sept.2012) Crossing MDGs 1-7 objectives with GFAR Strategic Goals (<i>Gcard Road Map</i>)		
MDGs 1 & 7 GFAR Strategic goals	Poverty Alleviation	Food Security	Natural Resources
Foresight & Prioritization (A)			
Alliances & Innovation (B)			
Humans & Institutional Capacities (C)			

Tool Box structure: MDGs, Goals, questions

MDG/GFAR	GOALS	
MDG 1	Relevance to Poverty Reduction	6 questions ?
MDG 1	Relevance to Food Security	6 questions ?
MDG 7	Natural Resources	6 questions ?
GFAR A& B	Strategy, Partnership & Impact pathway	6 questions ?
GFAR C	Gender	6 questions ?
GFAR C	Capacities	6 questions ?
GFAR B	Knowledge and Innovation	6 questions ?

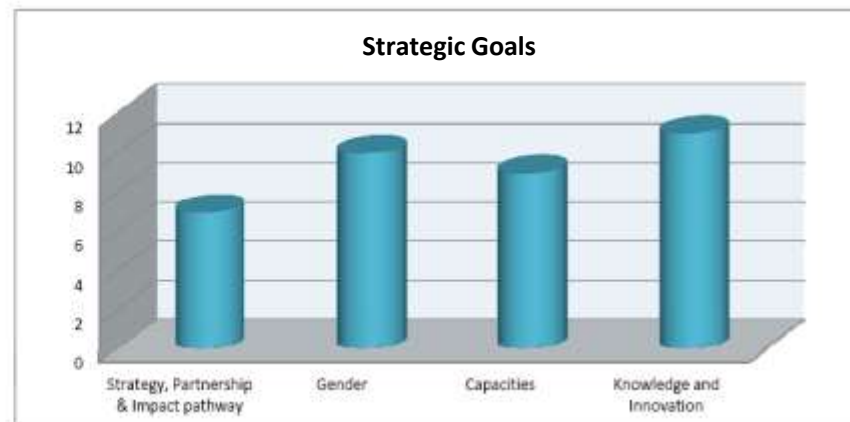
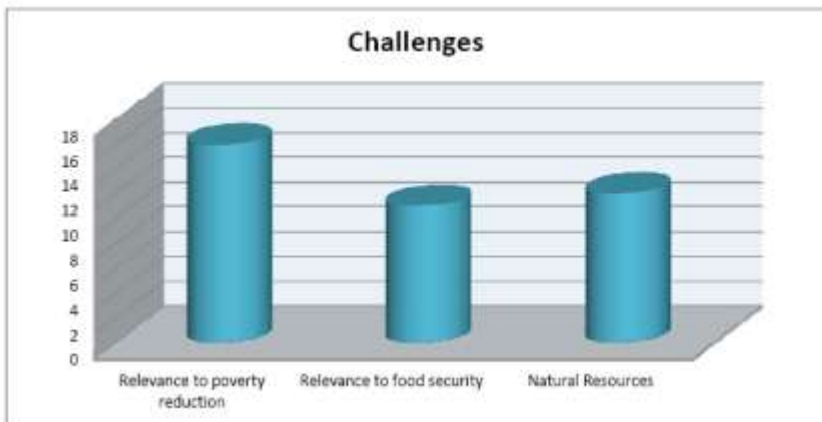
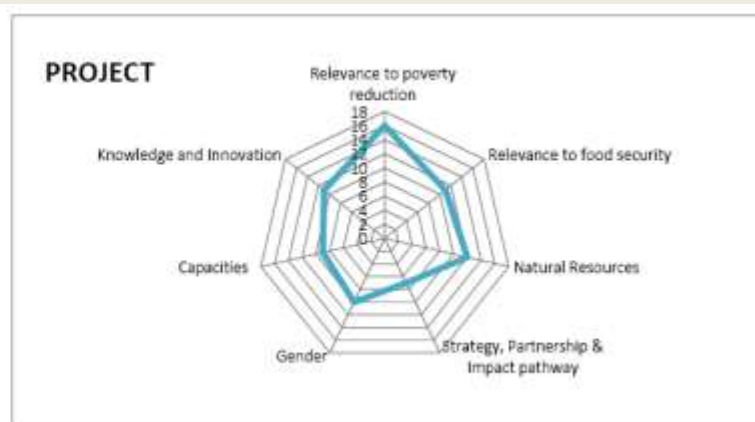
Checklist analysis for designing an ARD proposal

Goals		Checklist	<i>scaling</i>
Challenges	Relevance to poverty reduction	4	<i>7 goals</i>
	Relevance to food security	5	<i>6 questions for each goal</i>
	Natural Resources	3	
Strategic Goals	Strategy, Partnership & Impact pathway	5	<i>yes=1, no=0</i>
	Gender	3	
	Capacities	5	
	Knowledge and Innovation	5	<i>goal: from 0 to 6</i>
Total		30	
Score/100		71	



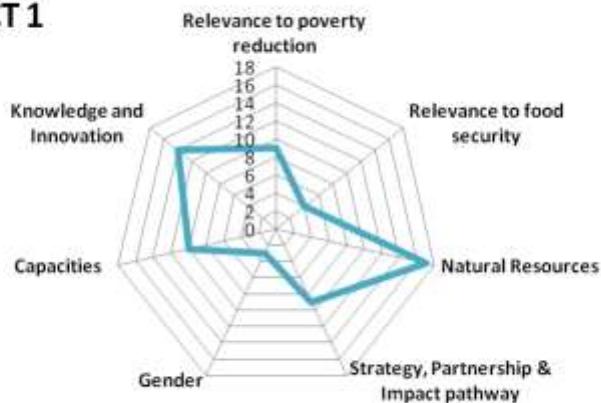
Results analysis in the course of project selection

GOALS		Project	scaling
Challenges	Relevance to poverty reduction	16	7 goals
	Relevance to food security	11	5 questions, each labeled from 0 to 3
	Natural Resources	12	no information=0
Strategic Goals	Strategy, Partnership & Impact pathway	7	poorly covered=1
	Gender	10	adequately covered=2
	Capacities	9	excellently covered=3
	Knowledge and Innovation	11	
Total		76	goal from 0 to 18
Score /100		60	

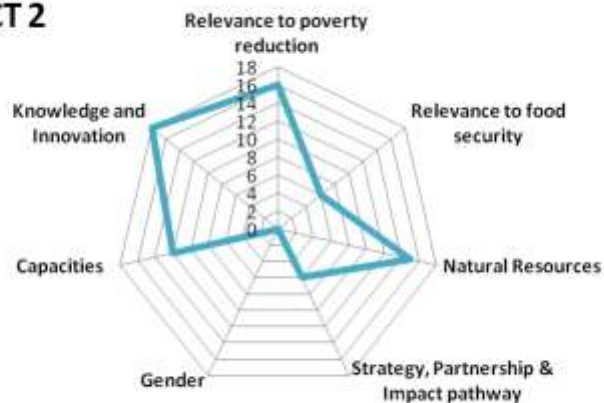


Test on 3 projects applications Results

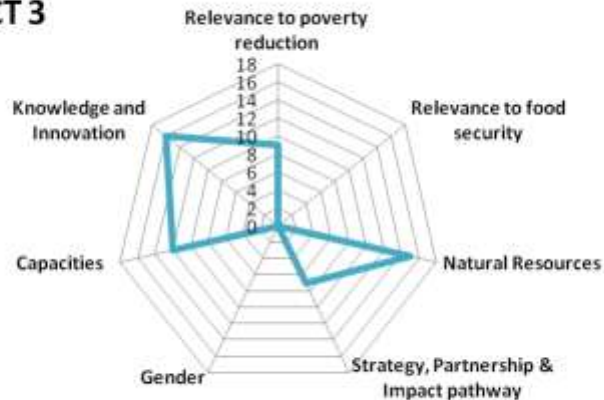
PROJECT 1



PROJECT 2

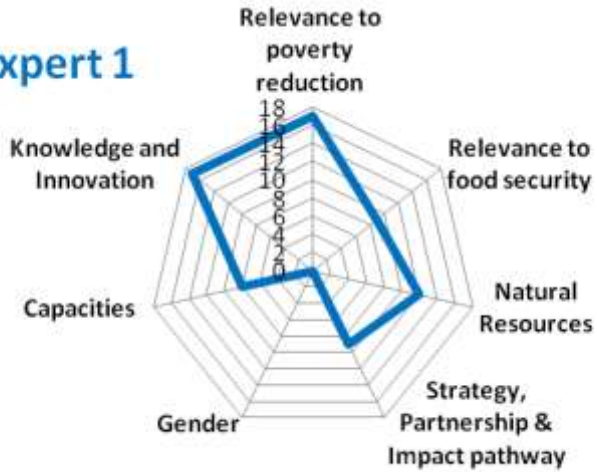


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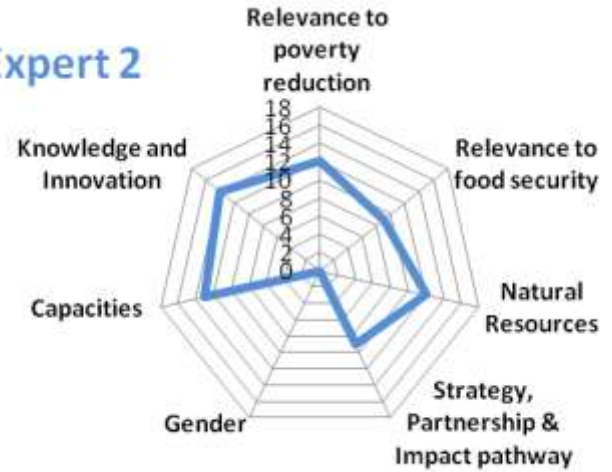


Test on project applications a tool to solve experts controversies

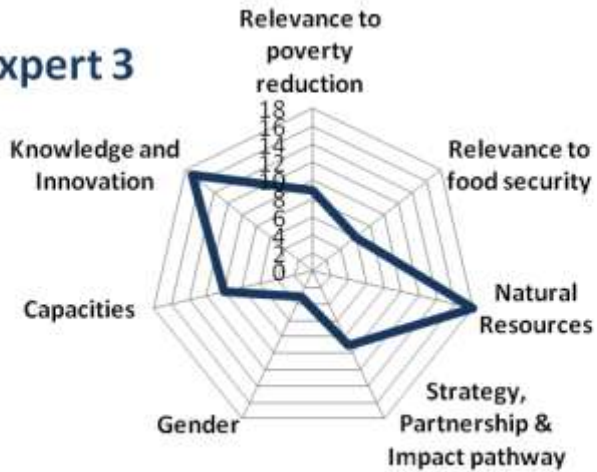
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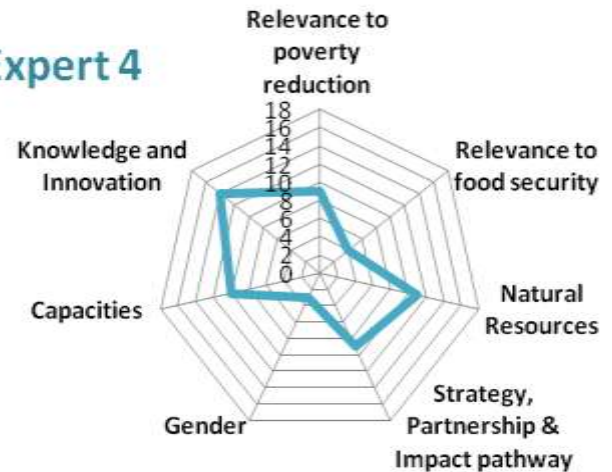
Expert 2



Expert 3



Expert 4





Conclusions

Political consensus : all EIARD & ERA ARD members' ARD **policies** have accepted the challenge of contributing to the MDGs.

Our result : a **tool-box** rooted in MDGs and GFAR strategic goals to be used **for ex ante programming and/or ex post project evaluation** helping experts to exchange their views on the base of multiple goals, questions and scores. Initial testing (ERA ARD joint projects): the toolbox has proven to be useful.

One more step forward: disseminate the MDGs tool box among EIARD & ERA ARD community for adoption,

