Rural Development Programmes 2007 - 2013

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Basic Information:

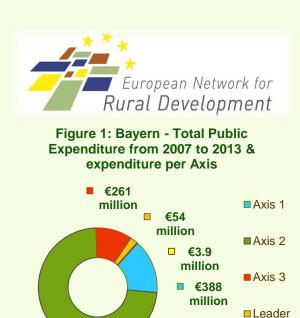
The Bayern Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of \notin 2.8 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, \notin 2.6 billion were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector), has utilised nearly 83% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised all of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised 91% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised around 37% of its programmed expenditure.



■ €1.92 billion

Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

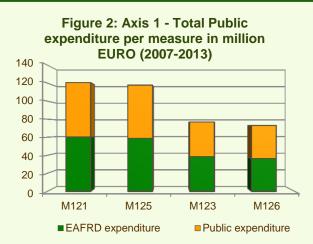
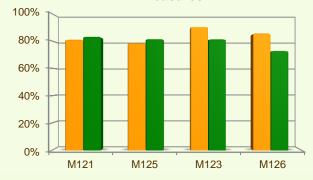


Figure 3: Axis 1 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / Regional level

■Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / National level Updated May 2014 Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 1, places an emphasis on Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125) and Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), allocating to these two measures nearly 64% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) has spent 90% of its planned allocation.
- Restoring agricultural production potential (M126) has utilised nearly 86% of its planned expenditure.
- Measures Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125) have utilised respectively 81% and 79% of their allocated expenditure.

Figure 3 indicates the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 1 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.



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Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214) and Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212). These two measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 realised expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated 60% of the total public budget programmed in the Bayern RDP for 2007-2013.

- Agri-environment payments (M214), Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) have used all of their allocated funds.
- Three measures have utilised between 90% and 95% of their allocated budget, namely:
 - Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC (M213), 95%;
 - Forest-environment payments (M225), 92% and
 - Non-productive investments agriculture (M216), 90%
- Non-productive investments forestry (M227) have utilised nearly 54% of its budget.
- Finally, no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013 for Animal welfare payments (M215).

Figure 5 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 2 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

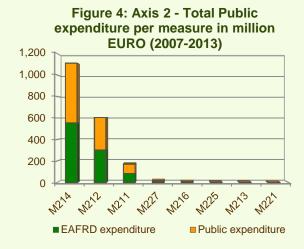
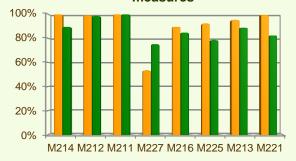
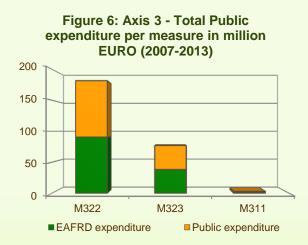


Figure 5: Axis 2 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / Regional level
Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / National level

Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy



Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 3 of the Bayern RDP focuses on Village renewal and development (M322) which has been allocated 70% of the Axis budget.

When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) has utilised 95% of its budget.
- Village renewal and development (M322) has used 90% of its planned expenditure.
- Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) has used 62% of its budget.



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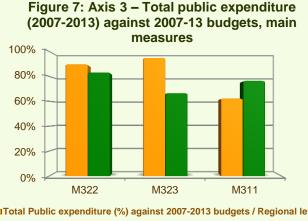


Figure 7 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 3 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / Regional level
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Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Bayern RDP has allocated budget of approximately \in 147 million out of which \in 54 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds.

When comparing expenditure per measure up to 2013 it is observed that M413 had the largest total public expenditure (see figure 8). It is also observed that:

- Implementing cooperation projects (M421) has spent 50% of its allocation.
- Quality of life/diversification (M413) has utilised nearly 36% of its allocated funds.
- Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has used 34% of its allocated budget.
- Finally, up to the end of 2013, no expenditure has been recorded for Competitiveness (M411).

Figure 9 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 4 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

Figure 8: Axis 4 - Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)

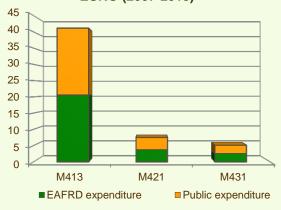
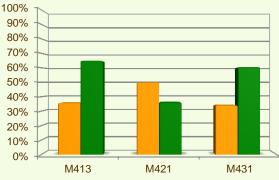


Figure 9: Axis 4 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / Regional level

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Measure 421 project example: Creating a Cultural Event in the Bavarian Forest / Germany - Bayern

A decline in tourism in the Bavarian Forest region generated the project need for identifying new ways of attracting tourists to the region. The lack of a regional music festival was seen to be a major omission. The project brought a music festival to the region with the goal of connecting local inhabitants more closely with their culture and environment and industries and counties with regional municipalities.

A series of high quality classical concerts were organised with international classical stars and well-known artists from the Bavarian Forest region in special, exciting, locations such as an idyllic mountain farmyard, cloisters, barns, quarries and wood glades. Festival was intended to build a regional identity and, indirectly, secure and create jobs, particularly in tourism, as well as improve the quality of life.

The total cost of the project was €168,000, out of which €64,512 EAFRD contribution, and €27,048 national contribution.

Link: <u>http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rdp_view/en/view_projects_en.cfm?action=detail&backfuse=jsview&postcard_id=2644</u>

Summary

- Within seven years of implementation, the Bayern RDP has utilised 93% (see figure 10) of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (including post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modifications).
- Agri-environment payments (M214) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Bayern RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised all of its available budget and represents 42% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) has the second largest budget in the Bayern RDP and the utilised expenditure is almost 100% of its allocated funds. M212 represents 23% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- The third largest measure budget is for Village renewal and development (M322), which has used almost 90% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 7% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

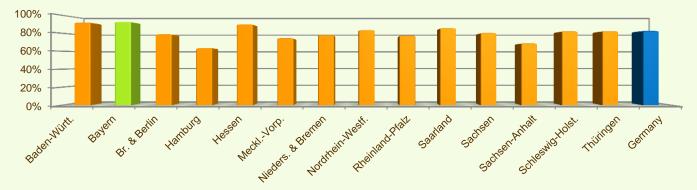


Figure 10: Progress of total public expenditure up to 2013 (at regional and national level)

Source of the data:

1) Programmed expenditures 2007-2013: RDP budget allocation following Health Check revision (December 2013)

2) Expenditures 2007-2013: DG AGRI

3) Output indicators data are available only at National level; therefore at regional level a comparison of financial implementation progress is provided between the regional RDPs.

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