

# MURCIA - SPAIN

## Basic Information:

The Murcia Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €361 million (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €257 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see Figure 1).

**Axis 1** (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 71% of its allocated budget.

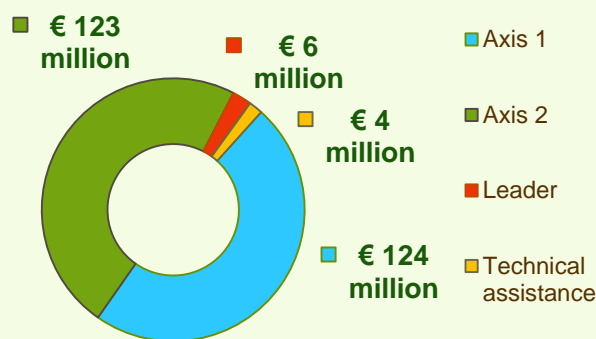
**Axis 2** (Improving the environment and the countryside) has utilised 83% of its programmed expenditure.

**Axis 3** (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has not been allocated any budget.

**Axis 4** (Leader) has utilised 19% of its programmed expenditure.

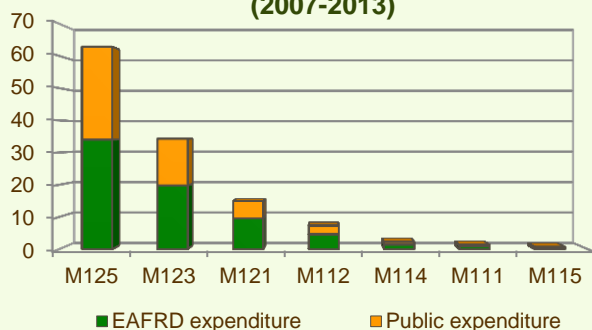


**Figure 1: Total public expenditure per axis in Murcia (2007-2013)**



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

**Figure 2: Axis 1 total public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)**



Axis 1 places an emphasis on Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) allocating to this measure 44%, of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- ❖ Two measures have utilised 80-90% of their allocated budgets:
  - Setting up of management, relief and advisory services (M115), 90%
  - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125), 83%
- ❖ Three measures have utilised 65-70% of their programmed expenditure, namely:
  - Use of advisory services (M114), 69%
  - Setting up young farmers (M112), 68% and
  - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 65%
- ❖ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Vocational training and information actions (M111), have utilised respectively 54% and 36% of their programmed budgets.

**Figure 3: Axis 1 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures**

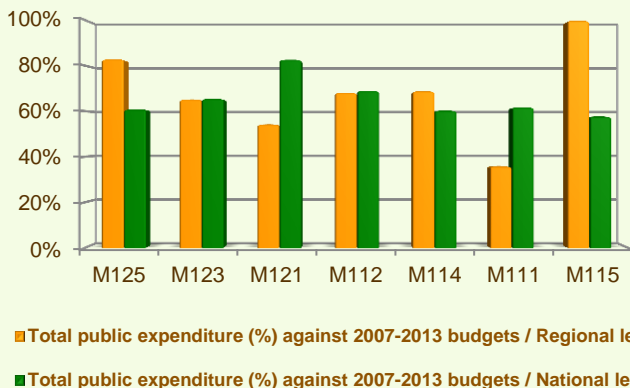


Figure 3 indicates the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 1 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

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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### Measure 112 project example: RDP start-up support for young farmer's commercial peach orchard / Spain - Murcia

The project helped strengthen the long-term stability of rural age structures and food supplies in Murcia, a region affected by high youth unemployment and diminishing opportunities for young people. It offered start-up assistance for a young farmer growing peaches (3.20 ha) and cereals (5.80 ha) and encouraged other young people to become professionals in the agricultural sector.

Main activities consisted in clearing the land, fertilizing and preparing it for the orchard, planting the trees and installing an automated irrigation system. The young farmer's business venture becomes economically successful and its sustainability is promising. It is a good example of how EAFRD supports stimulates economic activity in rural areas and tackle depopulation pressures caused by youth unemployment.

**The total cost** of the project was €40,000, out of which €18,800 was EAFRD contribution and €21,200 national contribution.

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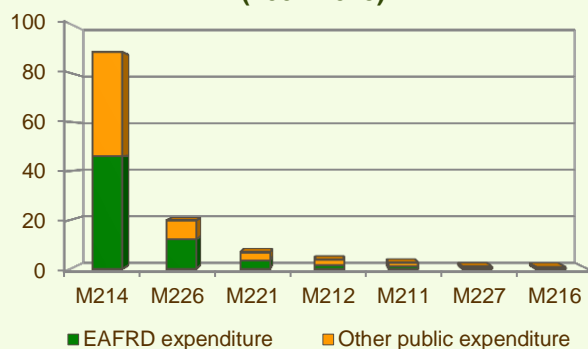
## Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214). The measure represents 72% of the Axis 2 utilised expenditure (see Figure 4) and has been allocated 31% of the total programmed budget in the Murcia RDP for 2007-2013.

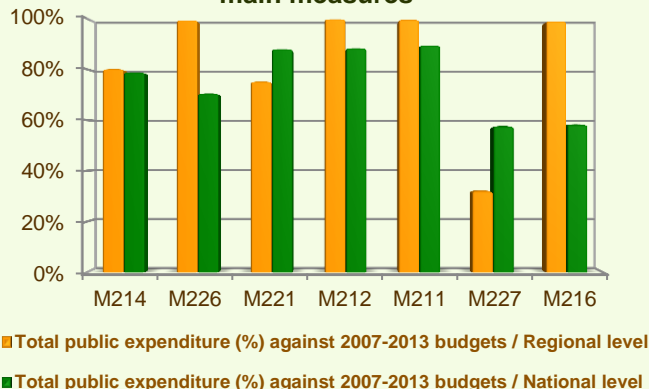
- ❖ Four out of the seven measures offered by the Axis, have utilised almost all of their allocated budgets, namely:
  - Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212), 100%
  - Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), 100%
  - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 100%
  - Non-productive investments – agriculture (M216), 99%
- ❖ Two measures have utilised 75-80% of their allocated budgets, namely:
  - Agri-environment payments (M214), 80% and
  - First afforestation of agricultural land (M221), 75%
- ❖ The measure on Non-productive investments – forestry (M227) has utilised 32% of its budget.

Figure 5 indicates 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 4: Axis 2 total public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)**



**Figure 5: Axis 2 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures**



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

Axis 3 within the Murcia RDP has not been allocated a budget.

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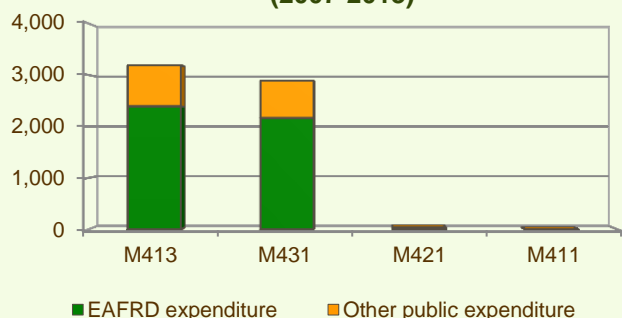
## Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Murcia RDP has allocated budget of €32 million, out of which €6 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds. When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised 75% of its allocated total public expenditure (see Figure 6).

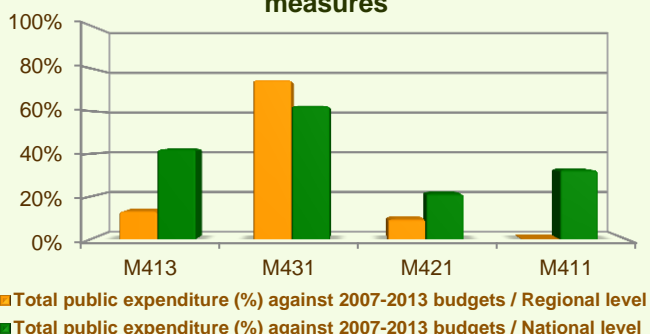
Two measures have expenditure of less than 15% of their allocated budget, namely the measure on Quality of life/diversification (M413), 13% and Implementing cooperation projects (M421), 9.4%. Competitiveness (M411), shows minimal spending of 0.2%.

Figure 7 indicates 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 6: Axis 4 total public expenditure per measure in thousand EURO (2007-2013)**



**Figure 7: Axis 4 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures**



## Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Murcia RDP has utilised 71% (see Figure 8) 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 Murcia RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 80% of its available budget and represents 34% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) has the second largest budget in the Murcia RDP and the utilised expenditure is 83% of its allocated funds. M125 represents 24% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) which has used 65% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 13% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

**Figure 8: Progress of total public expenditure up to 2013 (at regional and national level)**

