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Basic Information:

The 88 Rural Development Programmes (RDP) in the EU-27 have budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €151.5 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €114.7 billion were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector), has utilised 70% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised approximately 88% of its programmed expenditure.

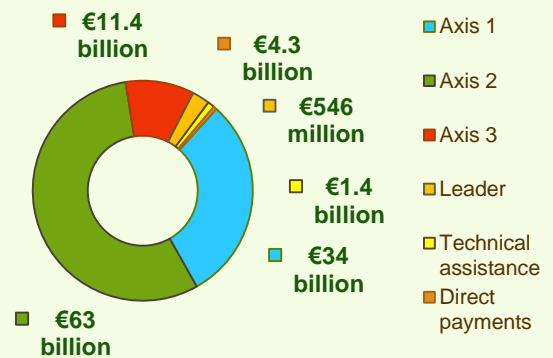
Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised about 61% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised approximately 47% of the programmed expenditure.

Direct payments – Support provided to farmers of Bulgaria and Romania has used all of its allocated budget.



Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 in EU 27 & expenditure per Axis



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)

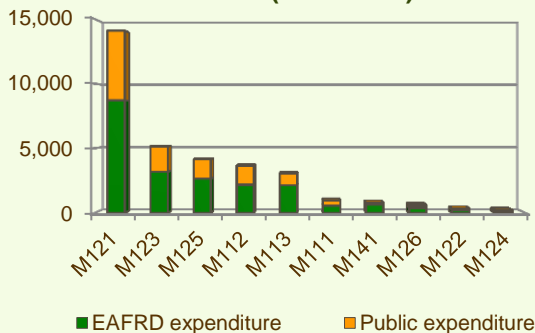
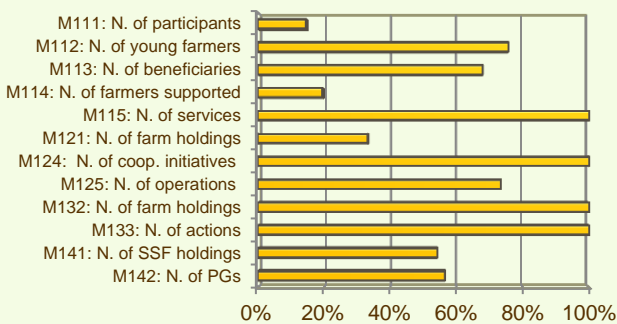


Figure 3: Axis 1 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in EU-27 (2007-2012)



The sum of programmed total public expenditure of the 88 RDPs on Axis 1 places an emphasis on Modernisation of agricultural holdings (Measure 121), Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (Measure 123) and Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (Measure 125), allocating to these measures nearly 70% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows:

- ❖ Six measures have utilised around 75-90% of their programmed expenditure, namely:
 - Holdings undergoing restructuring (M144), 89%
 - Early retirement (M113), 87%
 - Meeting standards based on EU legislation (131), 86%
 - Semi-subsistence farming (M141), 81%
 - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 77%
 - Setting up of young farmers (M112), 76%.
- ❖ Six measures have utilised 55-70% of their allocated budgets:
 - Producer groups (M142), 67%
 - Improvement of the economic value of forests (M122), Vocational training and information actions (M111) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 61%
 - Restoring agricultural production potential (M126), 60%
 - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), 58%.
- ❖ Six measures (M114, M115, M124, M132, M133, M143) have used 43-57% of their budgets.

Figure 3 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

The sum of programmed total public expenditure of the 88 RDPs on Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214), Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211). The three measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 utilised expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated 41% of the total RDP public budget programmed in the EU-27 for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) has used all of its budget.
- ❖ Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and Agri-environment payments (M214) have utilised respectively 93% and 88% of their allocated funds.
- ❖ First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) has used 80% of its budget.
- ❖ Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), Animal welfare payments (M215) and Non-productive investments (M216 and M227) have utilised 58-67% of their programmed expenditure.
- ❖ First afforestation of non-agricultural land (M223), Natura 2000 payments (M224), Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC (M213) and Forest-environment payments (M225) have spend 33-50% of their allocated funds.
- ❖ First establishment of agroforestry systems on agricultural land (M222) has utilised 6% of its funds.

Figure 4: Axis 2 - Realised Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)

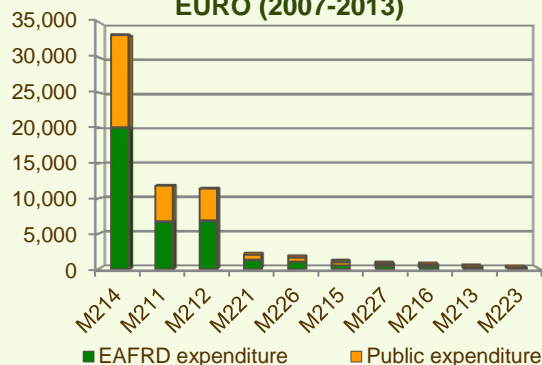


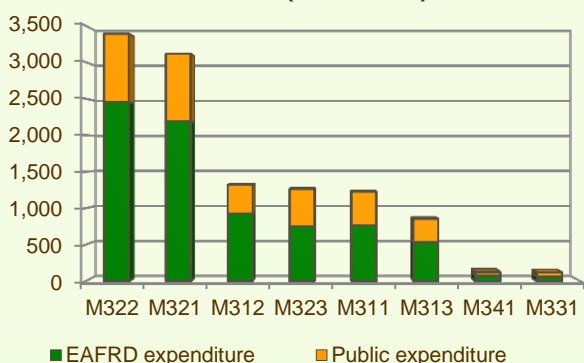
Figure 5: Axis 2 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in EU-27 (2007-2012)



Figure 5 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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

Figure 6: Axis 3 - Realised Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)



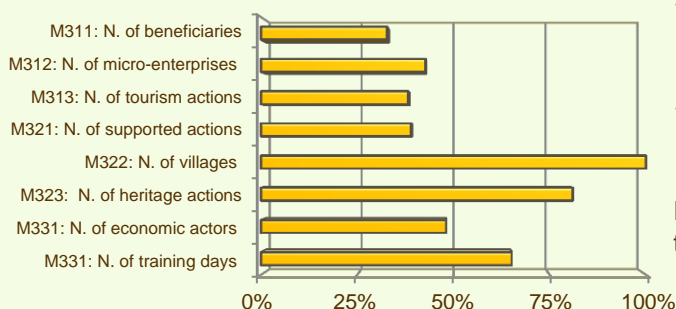
The sum of programmed total public expenditure of the 88 RDPs on Axis 3 in the EU-27 focuses on Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) and Village renewal and development (M322) which together represent nearly 52% of the Axis 3 budget and 57% of the Axis total public expenditure (see figure 6). When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- ❖ Village renewal and development (M322) has spent 75% of its programmed budget.
- ❖ Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) and Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) have utilised around 62% of their planned allocation.

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

Figure 7: Axis 3 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in EU-27 (2007-2012)



- ❖ Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) has utilised 60% of its funds.
- ❖ Skills acquisition and animation (M341) and Training and information (M331) have spent 56% and 54% of their planned budgets.
- ❖ Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) and Support for business creation and development (M312) have spent around 47% of their budgets.

Figure 7 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

Axis 4 - Leader

The sum of programmed total public expenditure of the 88 RDPs has allocated on Leader Axis budget of €9.1 billion out of which €4.3 billion have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of life and diversification measure (M413) which has been allocated nearly 69% of the Axis funds.

When comparing expenditure per measure up to 2013 (figure 8) it is observed that:

- ❖ Quality of life and diversification (M413) has the largest share of Axis total public expenditure and has spent 47% of its budget.
- ❖ Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has realised 62% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Competitiveness (M411) has utilised 34% of its planned budget.
- ❖ Finally, Implementing cooperation projects (M421) and Environment/land management (M412) have used respectively 23% and 20% of their allocated funds.

Figure 9 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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

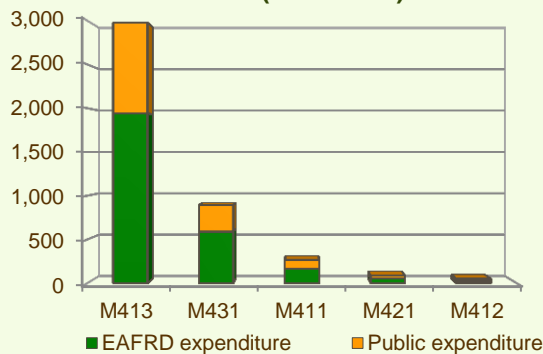
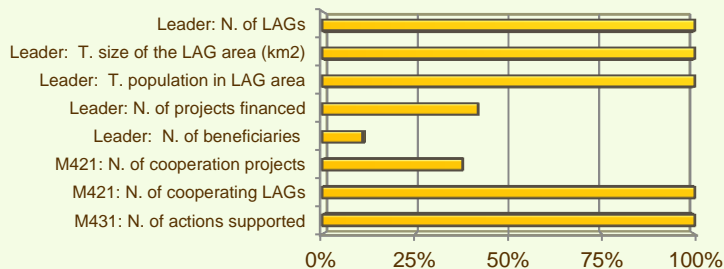


Figure 9: Axis 4 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in EU-27 (2007-2012)

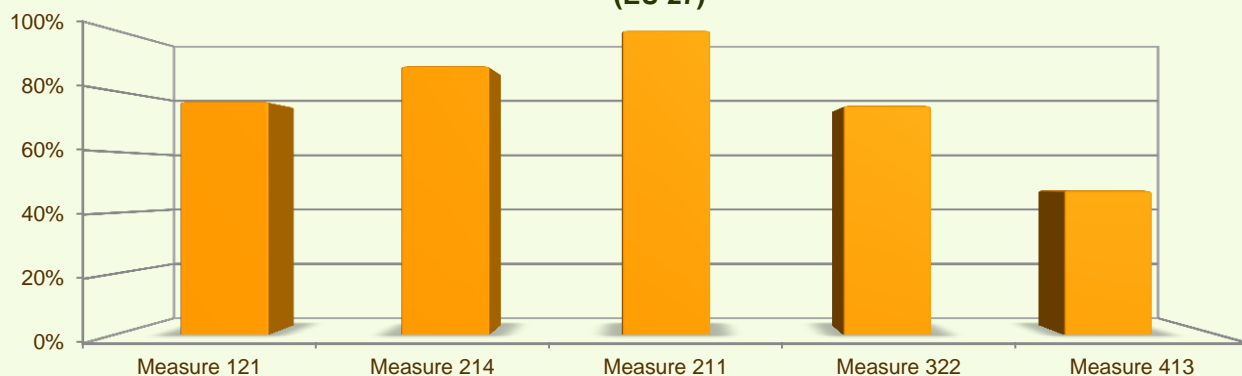


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Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, Pillar 2 of the CAP has utilised about 76% (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 EU. Up to 2013, it has utilised 88% of its available budget and represents nearly 29% of the total public expenditure of the programmes.
- ✓ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) has the second largest budget in the EU and used up to 77% of the allocated funds. M121 represents 12% of the total public expenditure of all rural development programmes.
- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) which has used 93% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 9% of the total public expenditure of Pillar 2.

Figure 10: Progress of total public expenditure up to 2013, main measures per axis (EU 27)



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: monitoring tables submitted by Managing Authorities along with the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Progress Reports. Data referring to programming years 2007 to 2012. Only commitments made from year 2007 onwards are considered.*

4) *Output targets 2007-2013: DG AGRI*

For further detailed information on financial / physical and output indicators data please refer to the dedicated ENRD website section on Monitoring Indicators.



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