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## Basic Information:

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) of the Sardegna region has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €1.3 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €836 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

**Axis 1** – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 42% of its allocated budget.

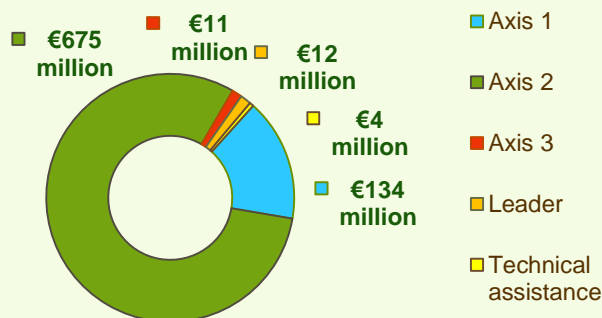
**Axis 2** – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has used 88% of its programmed expenditure.

**Axis 3** – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent 49% of its planned budget.

**Axis 4** – (Leader) has utilised 7% of its programmed expenditure.

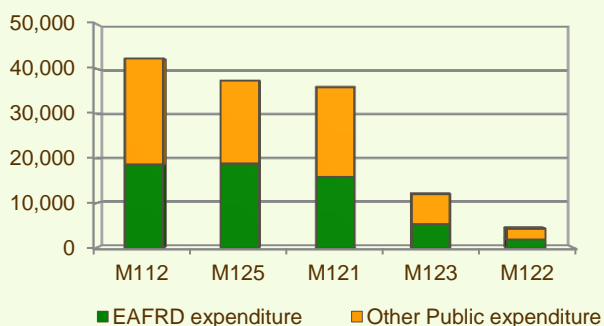


**Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 in Sardegna & expenditure per Axis**

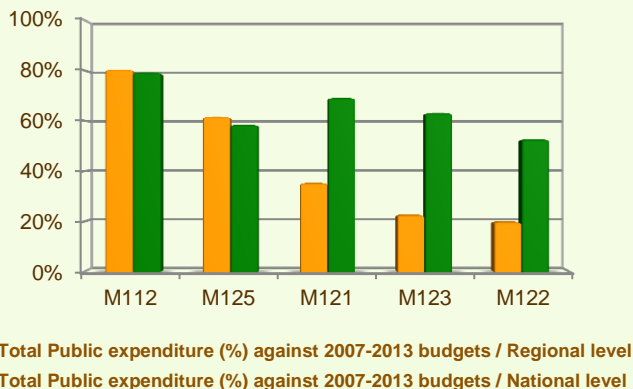


## Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

**Figure 2: Axis 1 - Total Public expenditure per measure in thousand EURO (2007-2013)**



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



Axis 1 places an emphasis on the Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), Setting up of young farmers (M112), Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), allocating to these four measures over 84% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- ❖ Early retirement (M113) has spent 82% of its planned budget.
- ❖ Setting up of young farmers (M112) has utilised 81% of its allocated budget.
- ❖ Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) has utilised 62% of its allocated budget.
- ❖ Participation of farmers in food quality schemes (M132) has spent 58% of its planned expenditure.
- ❖ The remaining eight measures (M111, M114, M121, M122, M123, M124, M131, M133) offered by this Axis, have spent less than 35% of their allocated budgets or no expenditure (M111, M114, M131) has been recorded up to the end of 2013.

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

Axis 2 focuses on Animal welfare payments (M215), Agri-environment payments (M214) and Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain (M212). The three measures represent the majority of Axis 2 expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated nearly 50% of the total public budget programmed in the Sardegna RDP for 2007-2013.

❖ Four measures have spent more than 90% of their planned budgets, namely:

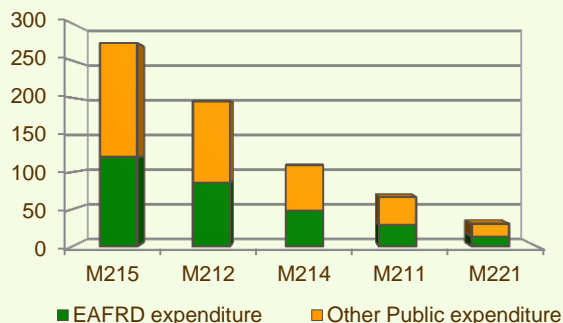
- Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain (M212), 97%
- Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), 96%
- First afforestation of agricultural land (M221), 92% and
- Animal welfare payments (M215), 91%.

❖ Agri-environment payments (M214) has spent nearly 74% of its programmed budget.

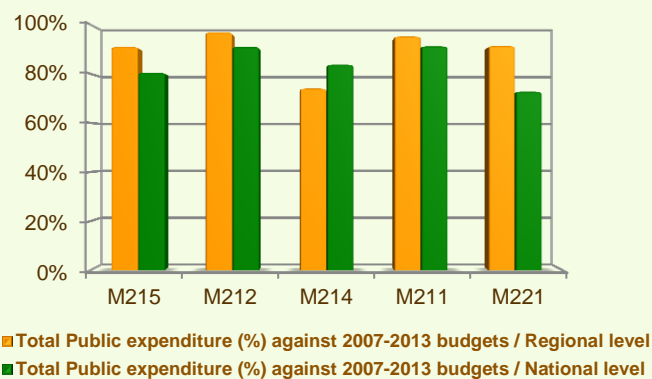
❖ Finally, for Forest-environment payments (M225), Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226) and Non-productive investments – forestry (M227) minimal or no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013.

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 2007-13 budgets, main measures**



### Measure 214 project example: Agri-environment supports organic farmers in Sardinia / Italy - Sardegna

EAFRD agri-environment scheme was used for a project supporting a young organic farmer from Sardinia to reinforce the competitiveness of his business and reduce risks of negative environmental impacts on the region. The objective was to maintain the farm land in a state allowing to be officially classified as organic, and thus to enable selling the farm products at a premium price because of their high quality. Organic agriculture techniques used included rotating fodder crops, using less agri-chemical inputs with many benefits for the soil. The payments compensated the higher costs involved with farming land and rearing animals in the organic way.

The project increased the viability of this family business and helped creating a new producers group for organic food, providing development advantages for its rural areas.

**The total cost** of the project was €55,000, out of which €24,200 was EAFRD contribution.

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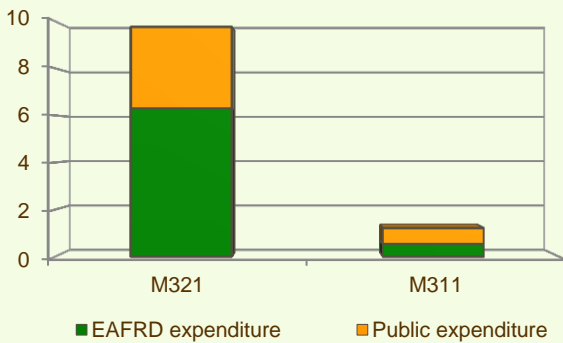
## Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Axis 3 of the Sardegna RDP focuses on Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) and Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) which together represent over 93% of the Axis budget.

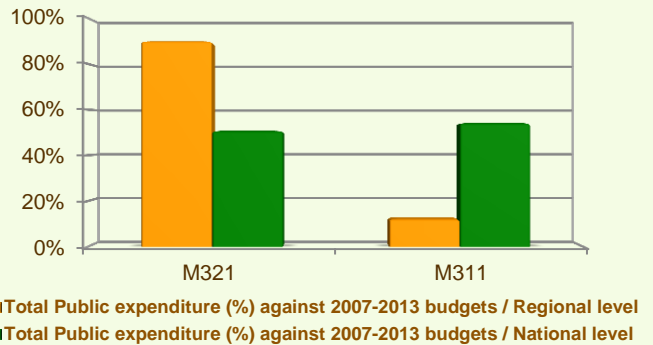
❖ As shown in figure 6, Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) has utilised 90% of its programmed budget and Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) has spent 12% of its allocated budget.

Figure 7 indicates 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.

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



**Figure 7: Axis 3 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures**



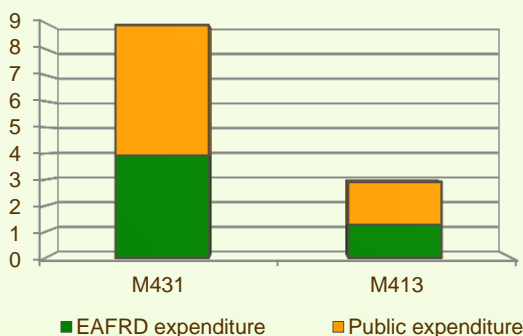
## Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Sardegna RDP has allocated budget of €162 million out of which €12 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.

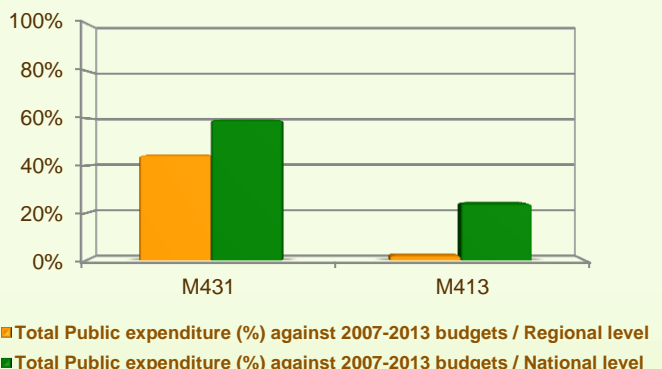
As shown in figure 8, the measure on Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised 45% of its programmed expenditure. The other two measures of the Axis, namely Quality of life/diversification (M413) and Implementing cooperation projects (M421) do not record any significant expenditure up to the end of 2013.

Figure 9 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 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 on measure 431 at national and regional level**

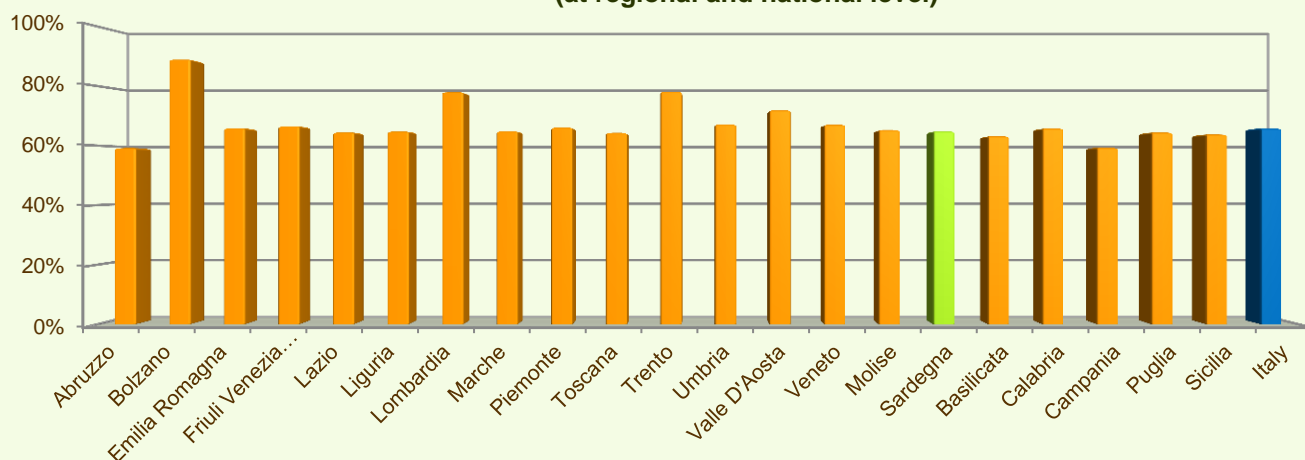


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## Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, The Sardegna RDP has utilised 65% (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).
- ✓ Animal welfare payments (M215) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Sardegna RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 91% of its available budget and represents 33% 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 Sardegna RDP and the utilised expenditure is 97% of its allocated funds. M212 represents 23% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Agri-environment payments (M214) which has used 74% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 13% 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.

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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