



# Towards a good start of the new rural development programmes

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## Update on the new legislative framework

*December 2013*

Adoption of the basic acts

*17 December 2013*

Publication of Regulation EU (No) 1305/ 2013 on  
rural development

*July 2014*

Publication of the delegated acts

*July 2014*

Publication of the implementing acts

# Delegate act for rural development

## Process:

- 8 expert group meetings
- Interservice consultation finalised on 14 January 2014
- Next meeting of the expert group scheduled for 30 January 2014
- Adoption by the Commission: Spring 2014 in order to allow submission to EP before recess period
- 2+2 months period
- Publication in July 2014
- 20 articles and 2 annexes

## Delegated Acts provisions related to specific measures

- Young farmers
  - Conditions, occupational skills
- Farm and forest visits
  - Duration, content
- Quality schemes-Promotion
  - Conditions preventing discrimination
- Farm and business development
  - business plans,
  - Criteria for setting thresholds for access to support

## Delegated Acts provisions related to specific measures

- Afforestation
  - Minimum environmental requirements
- Agri-environment-climate
  - Conditions related to extensification, species in danger of being lost to farming
- Conservation of genetic resources
  - Specification of operations
- No double-funding of practices under Art. 29
  - Rules for equivalence/AEC, organic farming commitments

## Delegated Acts provisions related to specific measures

- **Animal welfare**
  - Specification of areas of upgraded standards
- **Cooperation**
  - Definition of local markets, short supply chains, small operations, promotion

## Delegated Acts provisions related to several measures

- Commercial loans to mutual funds
- Investments
  - Leasing contracts, second hand equipment, energy efficiency
- Adaptation of commitments
  - Definition of situations where no reimbursement is required
- Transitional provisions
- Croatia
  - Specific transitional provisions

## **Implementing act for rural development**

### Process:

- 3 rural development committee meetings
- Next meeting scheduled for 19 February 2014
- Vote in the rural development committee and adoption by the Commission after the entry into force of the delegated act
- Publication in July 2014
- 17 articles and 7 annexes



## **Implementing Acts provisions related to the programme/framework**

- Content of the Rural Development Programmes
- Adoption of programmes and national frameworks
- Amendments of rural development programmes

## **Implementing Acts provisions related to specific measures**

- Knowledge transfer and information actions
  - Specifications related to voucher systems
- Selection of authorities or bodies offering advisory services
  - Application of national public procurement rules
- Business plans
  - E.g. Assessment of the progress of business plans

## **Implementing Acts provisions related to several measures**

- Conversion of units
  - Calculation of support (e.g. m of hedges)
- Standard assumption of additional cost and income foregone
  - Standard cost calculations for certain measures e.g. AEC
- Combination of measures
  - Rules in case e.g. combined agri-environmental climate commitments



# Implementing Acts delivery mechanism

- National Rural Network
- Information and publicity
- Monitoring and evaluation system incl. annual implementing report, evaluation plan

## State of play of partnership agreements

- **3 partnership agreements (Poland, France and Latvia) have been officially submitted (by 23 January 2014)**
- **The majority of partnership agreements will be officially submitted between January and March 2014**
- **Informal observation letters have been sent to 25 Member States**

## State of play of rural development programmes

- **We expect the submission of at least 117 rural development programmes.**
- **All Member States have started SWOT analysis and Ex-ante evaluations.**
- **The submission of drafts has started. The majority of drafts is expected to arrive in spring 2014.**

***Thank you very much for your attention!***