

Delivery of AES/ AEC measures

National and regional coordination in Germany

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Implementation of EAFRD

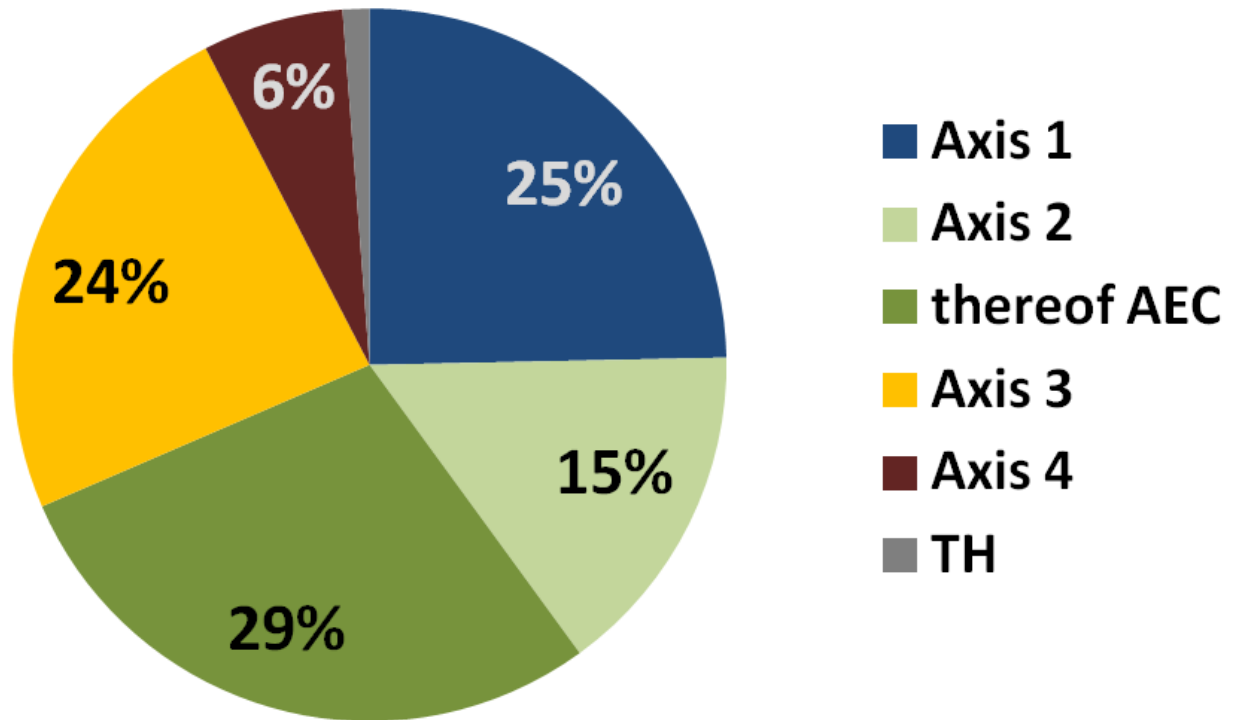
Federalism: Every task not marked as a federal task in the constitution is a task of the Länder (16 federal states).

→ Improving agricultural structures, rural development and nature conservation are tasks of the federal states.



AES/ AEC in Germany

EAFRD Budget 2007-2013 in Germany



Budget 2007-2013: 9 Mrd/Bil € ELER

National

Regional Level

Implementation of EAFRD

- **Regions (Federal states/ Länder) are in charge for Rural Development (RDP)**
 - 2007-2013: 14 programs
 - 2014-2020: 13 programs

- **Joint Task for the Improvement of Agricultural Structure and Coastal Protection: Providing federal money for selected measures since 1970 (600 Mio€ in 2013).**

- **National Framework Regulation (NRR)**



Coordination in the field of AES

National Framework Regulation (NRR)

- In the field of AEC NRR defines 21 *frames for measures* and calculates average support premiums (notification by COM).
- Regions can adopt these measures in their EAFRD-programs (No additional text in RDP needed, no extra notification).
- Freedom of regions to change national measures.
- Freedom of regions to implement new/ other measures.
- Only the regions get in contact with farmers, do contracting and control.

AES in Germany

- **Most of the German RDP have implemented an AEC and a CNC (Contractual Nature conservation) subprogram (Some federal states have additional subprograms for water, landcare, ... etc. other included them in AEC and CNC.)**
- **Annually AEC account for appr. 400 Mio€, CNC annually for 170 Mio€.**
- **AEC focuses on extensification & resource efficient production and soil, air & water protection. More than 180 measures and variations are in operation:
Extensive arable and permanent crop production, extensive permanent grassland use, animal welfare, genetic resources, cooperation (new 2014)**
- **CNC focuses on biodiversity protection. More than 120 measures and variations of measures are in operation:
site specific measures in grassland and arable land, adapted use of conservation, dry, wet, mountainous or salty grasslands, meadow orchards, conversion of arable land to grassland, set aside, biotope management and species protection measures, ...**

Coordination in the field of AEC

National Framework Regulation (NRR), renewed 2013 for 2014-2017

A) Cooperation for AEC (new 2013)

1. Prepare cooperation, do planning
2. Implement cooperation and plans

B) Organic farming and other sustainable farm-wide systems

1. Organic farming support
2. Reduced nitrogen fertiliser use (result oriented)
3. Environmental friendly manure management

C) Sustainable agriculture

1. Crop diversity
2. Undersown crops, catch crops
3. Erosion sensitive farming
4. Providing stripes and structures
5. Converting arable land in grassland

D) Sustainable management of permanent grassland

1. Extensive use of permanent grassland
2. grazing of permanent grassland
3. Plant diversity in grassland (Result oriented measures)

E) Sustainable permanent cropping

1. Biological and biotechnological plant protection
2. orchard meadow

F) Animal welfare

1. Summer grazing
2. Access to pasture
3. Cattle farming on straw

G) Biodiversity of genetic resources

1. Plant genetic resources
2. Animal genetic resources

Coordination in the field of AES

AEC are a traditional subject of structural development of agriculture

Programming AEC

Regions do regional analysis of measures needed. They do planning, partner process and drafting AEC and budgets.

Coordination

- Regional officers and federal ministry meet regularly
- Exchange their planning and schemes
- Discuss problems and solutions
- Develop *national frames for measures* within NRR

Decision about *national frames for measures*, NRR

- High level meetings of ministers of federal ministry and federal state ministries of agriculture

Coordination in the field of AES

CNC: Nature conservation is no national task, it is task of the regions

Programming Contractual Nature conservation (CNC)

Regions do regional analysis of measures needed. They do planning and drafting CNC and budgets.

Coordination

- **Regional officers meet regularly**
- **Exchange their planning and schemes, discuss problems and solutions**

No national frame for measures, no NRR, no national cofunding

Coordination within a region

Due to the implementation of EAFRD at federal state level, regions are responsible for:

- **Monitoring**
- **Analysis of situation**
- **Planning of measures and budgets**
- **Participation/ partnering process**

- **Implementation**
- **Payments**
- **Control**

Coordination within a region – one example

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

since 2007 they have one monitoring committee for all ESI funds.

Grouped representative partners get support for preparation and participation in committee (EADF).

Very intensive discussions, many meetings & workshops.





Thanks!

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