

BOTTLENECKS IN RDP IMPLEMENTATION – AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCES

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AUSTRIAN RDP 2014-2020 – FACTS & FIGURES

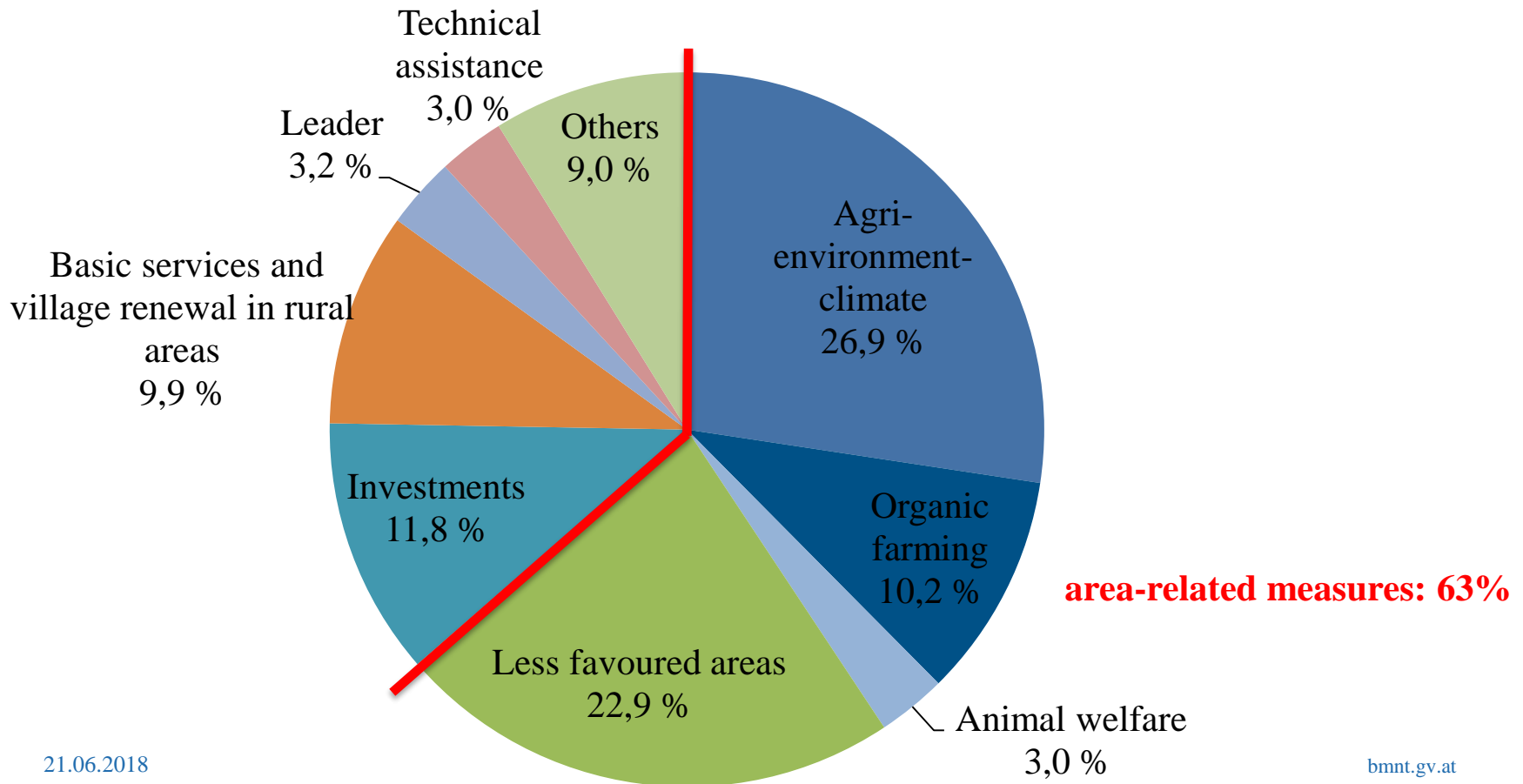
- One single RDP
- Approval on 12th Dec. 2014 (together with PL and DK)
- Funding (EUR):
 - 3,9 bn EU
 - + 3,8 bn nat. funds

 - = **7,7 bn total public funds** → 1,1 bn/year
- 16 measures with 90 types of operations
- 3 programme modifications (3rd pending)
- 8 meetings of monitoring committee, 47 members
- Evaluation plan: 2015; Tendering + detailed concepts: 2016
- Implementation status: 56 % approvals, 44 % payments

FINANCIAL PLAN

(share/measure in %, status 2nd programme modification)

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BOTTLENECKS FOR PROJECT MEASURES (I)

- **Reasonableness of costs**
 - multiannual projects
 - projects of developmental nature/character
 - innovative projects
 - **Solution (partly):**
 - amendment of regulation (EC) No 809/2014
→ verification with payment claim → implementation:
M 16, Leader + 6 types of operations in M 4, 6, 7 (<30% aid intensity)
 - Reference costs:
 - person-related costs
 - room rental costs
 - printing costs
- horizontal implementation,
esp. relevant for M 1, 16, Leader

BOTTLENECKS FOR PROJECT MEASURES (II)

- **New measure “Investments in social services”**
 - 235 mio EUR total public funds programmed
 - EARDF-system new for involved administration on federal and regional level
 - Implementation of this type of operation is lacking behind
- **Solution (partly):**
 - Guidance of granting bodies to draw up regional guidelines
 - Guidance with requirements of the Paying Agency
- **Still challenging**

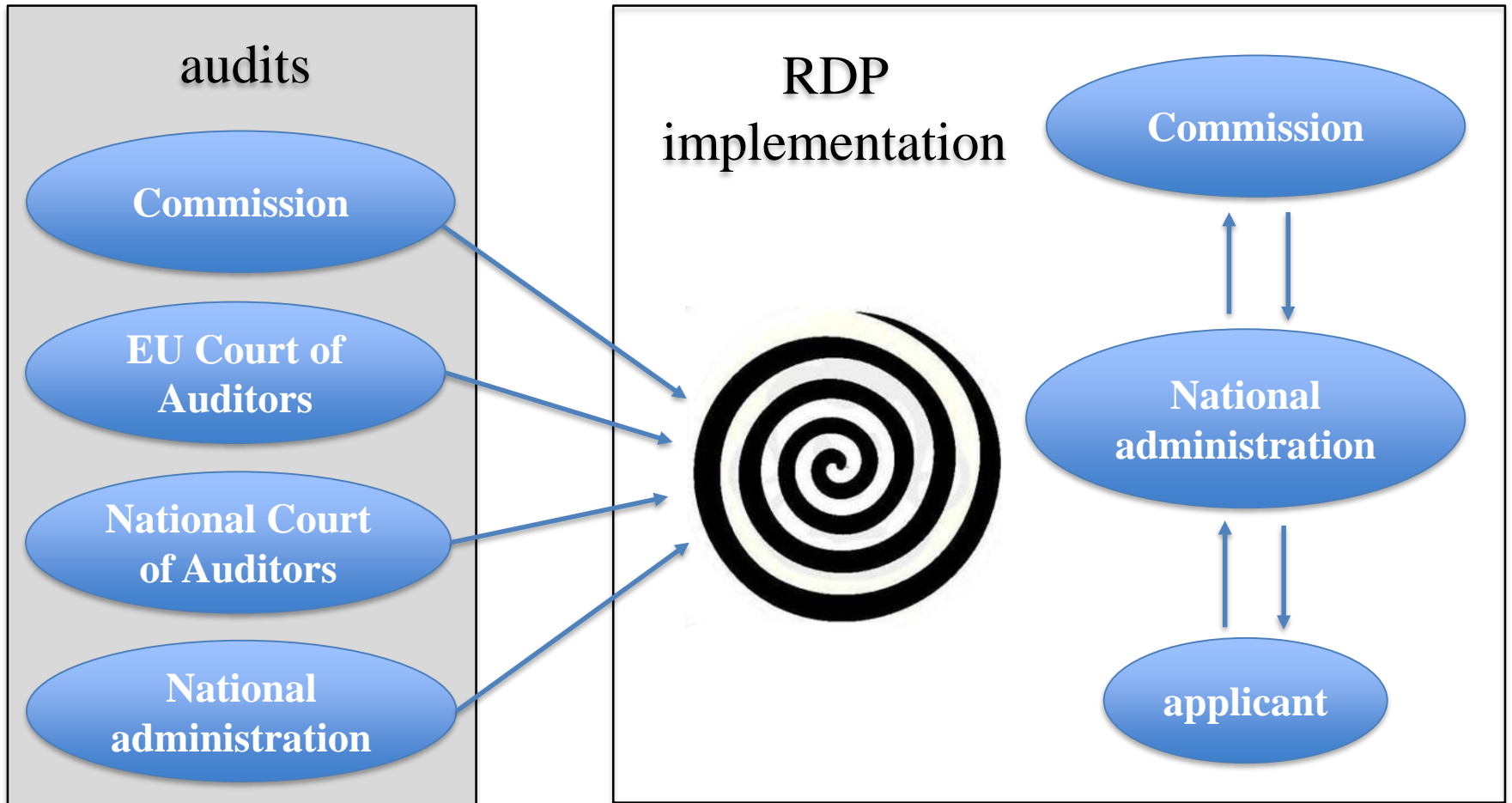
BOTTLENECKS FOR AREA-BASED MEASURES

- **Participation rate** is crucial for environmental effect → attractive, simple and effective approaches are necessary
- **Multi-annual commitments** not always necessary → annual measures should be possible as well
- **Delineation of payments for article 28 (AECM) and article 30 (N2000/WFD)** causes complex administration requirements → legal requirements of FFH- and bird-directive and water-framework-directive should also be eligible in AECM-programmes (high potential of simplification)
- **Prevention of environmental impacts is better than retroactive action** → payments for maintaining a good environmental status are necessary and should be attractive for farmers, but also ambitious!

HORIZONTAL CHALLENGES

- **Monitoring & Evaluation**
 - Programme complexity: high number of measures and types of operations
 - Types of operations contribute to different priorities and focus areas (intervention logic 2014-2020)
- **Solution:**
 - Increased efforts and resources for coordination
- **Organisation participation process 2014-2020**
- **Solution:**
 - Organization outsourced to National Rural Network 2007-2013

SIMPLIFICATION VERSUS AUDITS



THANK YOU.