Basic Information:
In total the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 total public expenditure of €1.3 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). During the period 2007 to 2012, the total public expenditure was €779 million (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector), has utilised 71% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised 68% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised almost 51% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised around 64% of its programmed expenditure.

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

The sum of programmed total public expenditure on Axis 1 places an emphasis on Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125) and Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), allocating to these two measures 86% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2012 shows that:

- Cooperation for development of new products, etc. (M124) has spent nearly 82% of its funds.
- Three measures have utilised between 65% and 75% of their allocated expenditure, namely:
  - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 68%;
  - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 71%;
  - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), 73%;
- Vocational training and information actions (M111) has used 55% of its budget.
- Up to 2012, measure Restoring agricultural production potential (M126) has not used any of its allocated funds.

Figure 3 indicates the progress of the total public expenditure on 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

The sum of programmed total public expenditure on Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214). This measure represents also the majority of the Axis 2 utilised expenditure (see figure 4) and has been allocated approximately 19% of the total public budget programmed in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP for 2007-2013.

- Non-productive investments – agriculture (M216) has spent 97% of its budget.
- Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) has utilised 84% of its funds.
- 4 out of the 7 measures offered by the Axis, have utilised between 60% and 70% of their allocated budgets, namely:
  - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 61%;
  - Agri-environment payments (M214), 64%;
  - Non-productive investments – forestry (M227), 65%;
  - Animal welfare payments (M215), 70%.
- Forest-environment payments (M225) has spent 49% of its budget.

Figure 5 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure on the most important measures of Axis 2 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

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

The sum of programmed total expenditure on Axis 3 of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP focuses on Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) and Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), which together represent 68% of the Axis budget.

When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2012 it is observed that:

- Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) has spent around 88% of its funds.
- Two measures have spent approximately 70% of their programmed budgets:
  - Village renewal and development (M322), 70%
  - Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), 69%.
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Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) has used 59% of its allocation.

Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) and Support for business creation and development (M312) have utilised respectively 32% and 42% of their planned expenditure.

Figure 7 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure on the most important measures of Axis 3 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP has allocated budget of approximately €75 million out of which €48 million has been spent by 2012. The largest allocation of funds is on Quality of life and diversification measure (M413).

When comparing expenditure per measure up to 2012 it is observed that Quality of life and diversification measure (M413) had the largest utilised total public expenditure (see figure 8), which accounts for over 63% of its planned budget. It is also observed that:

- Competitiveness (M411) has spent all of its budget.
- Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised about 70% of its programmed expenditure.

Figure 9 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure on the most important measures of Axis 4 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.
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Summary

- The Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP within the first six years of its implementation has utilised around 61% (see figure 10) of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modification).

- Agri-environment payments (M214) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP. Up to 2012, it has utilised 64% of its available budget and represents 19% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

- Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) has the second largest measure budget in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern RDP and the utilised expenditure is 32% of its allocated funds. M323 represents 8% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

- The third largest measure budget is for Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) which has used 73% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 14% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

- Financial implementation has progressed at a faster rate for Axis 1 and Axis 2 than Leader and Axis 3.

Figure 10: Regional and National Rural Development Programmes total public expenditure (2007-2012) against 2007-13 budgets

Source of the data:
1) Programmed expenditures 2007-2013: RDP budget allocation following Health Check revision (December 2012)
2) Expenditures 2007-2012: 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.