Basic Information:
The Rural Development Programme (RDP) of the Campania region has budgeted for 2007-2013 total public expenditure of €1.8 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). During the period 2007 to 2012 total public expenditure was €759 million (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised nearly 37% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has used 56% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent about 31% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised 8% of its programmed expenditure.

Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2012 in Campania & expenditure per Axis

Axis 1 places an emphasis on the Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), allocating to these two measures nearly 71% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2012 shows that:

- Setting up of young farmers (M112) has utilised nearly 85% of its programmed expenditure.
- Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) has spent 55% of its budget.
- Holdings undergoing restructuring due to a reform of a common market organisation (M144) and Early retirement (M113) in that order have spent 43% and 41% of their allocated budgets.
- Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) and Setting up of management, relief and advisory services (M115) in that order have spent 33% and 31% of their allocated budgets.
- Three measures (M122, M124, M125) have utilised between 10% and 20% of their allocated budgets.
- Two measures (M111, M114) have utilised 5-10% of their allocated budgets.
- Up to 2012, minimal or no expenditure has been recorded for four of the measures (M126, M131, M132, M133).

Figure 3 provides an indication of 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.
Dairy, vegetable and fruit sectors are extremely important to the economy of the Campania region but lack integration in the supply chain.

The project linked research centres with farmers and retailers to share knowledge and support integration, thus increasing the competitiveness of local products. It aimed at introducing product and process innovations and creating an integrated production model. Besides setting up the partnership, main activities were: introducing high quality forage to enhance the nutrient value of milk, introducing new lines of soft and hard cheese, based on local vegetables and fruits, developing marketing strategies and consumer analysis, and organising farm visits.

Main actors of these sectors have now access to big supermarkets at national level and the participating farms gained visibility due to the events organised as part of the project.

The total cost of the project was €1,200,000, out of which €1,020,000 was EAFRD contribution.


Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214), Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) and Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226). The three measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 realised expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated 28% of the total public budget programmed in the Campania RDP for 2007-2013.

- Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain (M212) has spent 100% of its planned budget.
- Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) has spent 74% of its planned budget.
- Agri-environment payments (M214) has utilised 61% of its budget.
- The following measures have utilised between 40% and 50% of their programmed expenditure:
  - Animal welfare payments (M215), 41%;
  - Forest-environment payments (M225), 44%;
  - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 45%;
  - First afforestation of agricultural land (M221), 48%.
- Non-productive investments – forestry (M227) and agriculture (M216) have utilised correspondingly 30% and 37% of their programmed expenditure
- First afforestation of non-agricultural land (M223) has used 23% of its allocated 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.
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Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Axis 3 of the Campania RDP focuses on Village renewal and development (M322) and Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) which together represent 51% of the Axis budget.

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

- Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) and Support for business creation and development (M312) have utilised respectively 64 and 62% of their planned budgets.
- Three measures have utilised from 29% to 49% of their programmed expenditure:
  - Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311), 29%
  - Encouragement of tourism activities (M313), 34%
  - Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), 49%.
- For two measures (M322, M331) minimal or no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2012.

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 Campania RDP has allocated budget of €86 million out of which €7 million was spent by 2012. Within the Axis emphasis has been given to Quality of life/diversification (M413) which was allocated the largest share of funds.

- As shown in figure 8, the measure on Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has used 45% of its programmed expenditure.
- For the other four measures of the Axis namely, Quality of life/diversification (M413), Implementing cooperation projects (M421), Competitiveness (M411) and Environment/land management (M412) minimal or no expenditure have been recorded up to the end of 2012.

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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Within the first six years of its implementation, the Campania RDP has utilised nearly 42% (see figure 10) of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modification).

Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Campania RDP. Up to 2012, it has utilised 55% of its available budget and represents 20% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) has the second largest measure budget in the Campania RDP and the utilised expenditure is almost 20% of its allocated funds. M125 represents 6% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

The third largest measure budget is for Agri-environment payments (M214) which has used almost 61% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 18% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

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

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.