

# BRANDENBURG & BERLIN - GERMANY

## Basic Information:

The Brandenburg and Berlin Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of nearly €1.5 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €1.16 billion were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

**Axis 1** – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector), has utilised nearly 76% of its allocated budget.

**Axis 2** – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised nearly 89% of its programmed expenditure.

**Axis 3** – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised 75% of its budget.

**Axis 4** – (Leader) has utilised approximately 73% of its programmed expenditure.

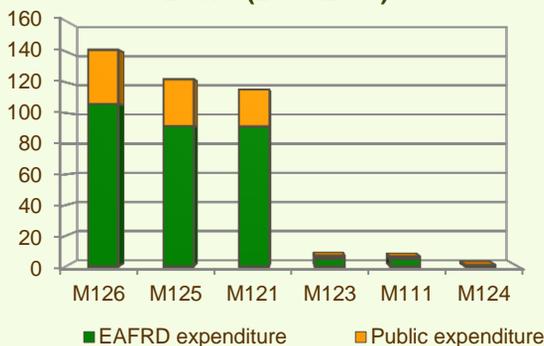


**Figure 1: Brandenburg & Berlin - Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 & expenditure per Axis**

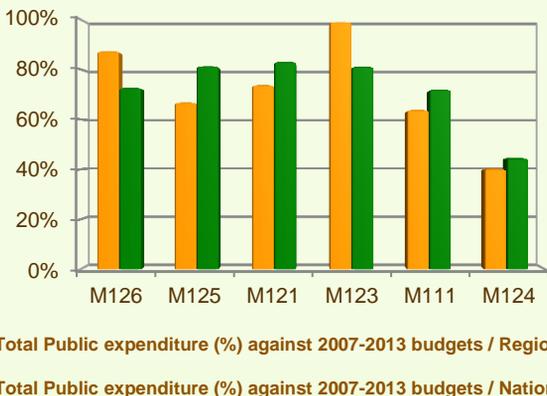


## Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

**Figure 2: Axis 1 - Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)**



**Figure 3: Axis 1 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures**



Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 1, places an emphasis on Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), Restoring agricultural production potential (M126) and Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), allocating to these three measure 96% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2012 shows that:

- ❖ Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) has spent 99% of its budget.
- ❖ Restoring agricultural production potential (M126) has utilised 87% of its planned allocation.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised between 64% and 74% of their allocated expenditure, namely:
  - Vocational training and information actions (M111), 64%;
  - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), 67%;
  - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 74%.
- ❖ Cooperation for development of new products, etc. (M124) has used 40% of its planned budget.

Figure 3 indicates the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 1 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

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## Measure 125 project example: Stabilising the Water Balance for Agriculture and Wildlife / Germany – Brandenburg - Berlin

The project sought to improve the ground water balance in Brandenburg's Böllrich meadows, an agricultural grassland region highly dependent on a functioning system for the stabilisation of the ground water level. The project activities included the modernization of the rift systems for stabilising the water balance and increasing the ground water level, thus improving the agricultural conditions and the habitat for numerous species in the region. Restoration works were carried out on the entire length of the river network (3,765m). By dredging mud and establishing support thresholds (small dams) the water has been stabilized. This benefits the region's agricultural production: more oxygen is delivered and thus more life flourishes in the trenches (small fish, ducks, crayfish and other kinds of vegetation). The restored riverside integrates harmoniously with the landscape. The stabilising system is almost maintenance-free, and benefits the environment.

The total cost of the project was €269,673, out of which €194,922 was EAFRD contribution.

Link: [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rdp\\_view/en/view\\_projects\\_en.cfm?action=detail&backfuse=jsview&postcard\\_id=8540](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rdp_view/en/view_projects_en.cfm?action=detail&backfuse=jsview&postcard_id=8540)

## Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214) and Payments to farmers in other areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212). These two measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 expenditure from 2007 to 2013 (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated approximately 26% of the total public budget programmed in the Brandenburg and Berlin RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Payments to farmers in other areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) have used 98% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Two out of the five measures offered by the Axis, have utilised between 87% and 90% of their allocated budgets, namely:
  - Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC (M213), 87%;
  - Agri-environment payments (M214), 90%.
- ❖ Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226) has spent 65% of its budget.
- ❖ Finally, Non-productive investments – forestry (M227) has spent 44% of its allocated funds.

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

Figure 4: Axis 2 - Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)

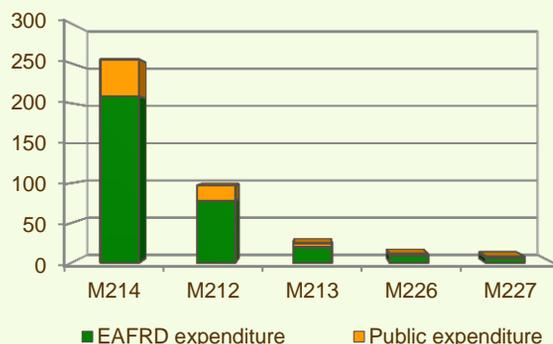
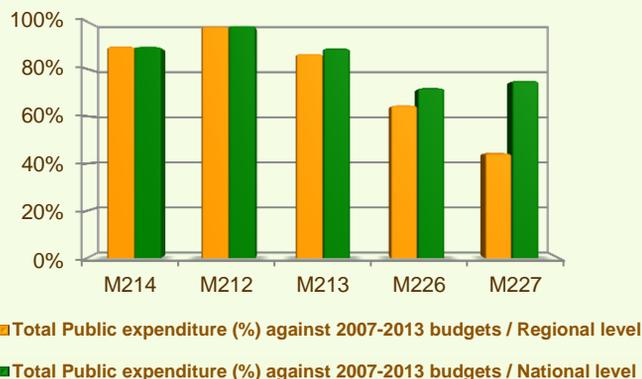


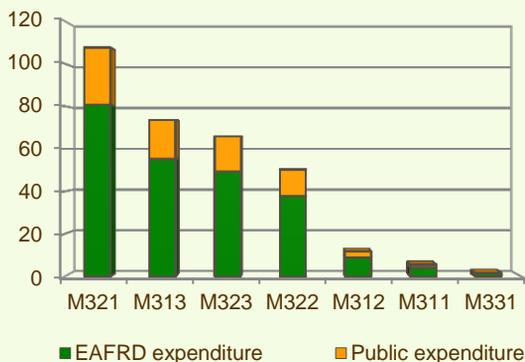
Figure 5: Axis 2 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



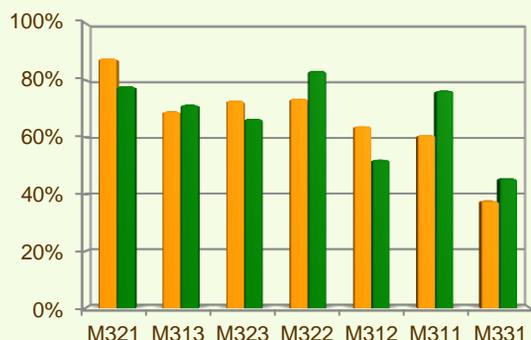
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## Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

**Figure 6: Axis 3 - Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO(2007-2013)**



**Figure 7: Axis 3 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures**



■ Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / Regional level

■ Total Public expenditure (%) against 2007-2013 budgets / National level

Programmed total public expenditure on Axis 3 of the Brandenburg and Berlin RDP focuses on Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) and Encouragement of tourism activities (M313), which together represent nearly 55% of the Axis budget.

When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- ❖ Basic services for the economy and the rural population (M321) has utilised nearly 88% of its funds.
- ❖ Three measures have spent 69-74% of their programmed budget, namely:
  - Encouragement of tourism activities (M313), 64%
  - Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323), 73%
  - Village renewal and development (M322), 74%.
- ❖ Two measures have used 61% and 64% of their programmed budget, namely:
  - Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311), 61%;
  - Support for business creation and development (M312), 64%.

Finally, Training and information (M331) has utilised 38% of its planned allocation.

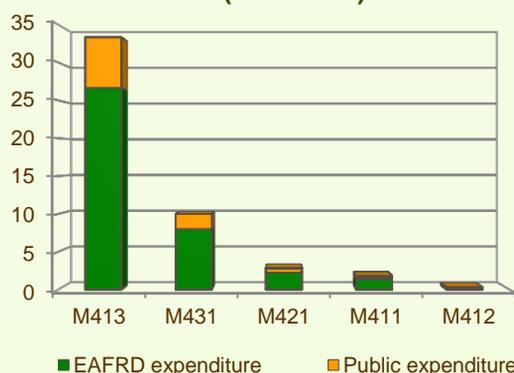
Figure 7 provides an indication of the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measures of Axis 3 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

## Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Brandenburg and Berlin RDP has allocated budget of approximately €66 million out of which €48 million has been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds.

When comparing expenditure per measure from 2007 to 2013 it is observed that M413 had the largest total public expenditure (see figure 8).

**Figure 8: Axis 4 - Total Public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)**



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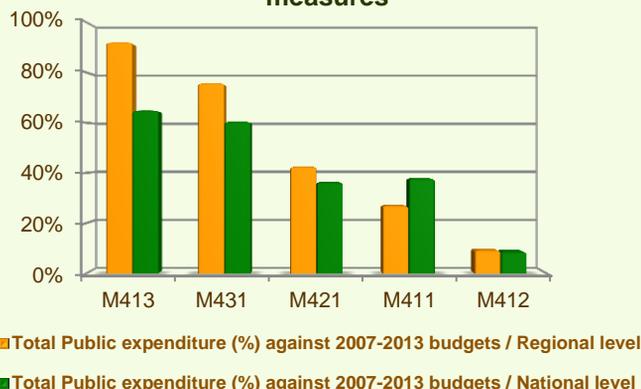
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It is also observed that:

- ❖ Quality of life/diversification (M413) has utilized 92% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised 76% of its programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Implementing cooperation projects (M421) has spent 43% of its budget.
- ❖ Competitiveness (M411) has used 27% of its allocated expenditure.
- ❖ Environment/land management (M412) has utilised 9% of its planned expenditure.

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

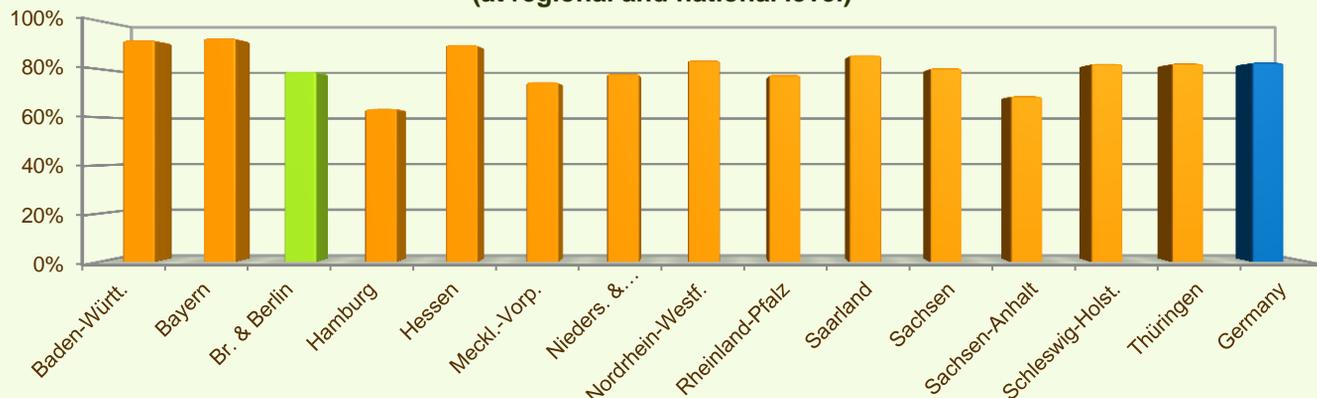
**Figure 9: Axis 4 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures**



## Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Brandenburg and Berlin RDP has utilised 79% (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 Brandenburg and Berlin RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised almost 90% of its available budget and represents 22% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) has the second largest budget in the Brandenburg and Berlin RDP and the utilised expenditure is 67% of its allocated funds. M125 represents 10% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Restoring agricultural production potential (M126), which has used 87% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 12% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

**Figure 10: Progress of total public expenditure up to 2013 (at regional and national level)**



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