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Basic Information:

The Valencia Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €474 million (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €308 million were spent out of the allocated budget (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 64% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has not been allocated any budget.

Axis 4 (Leader) has utilised 38% of its programmed expenditure.



Figure 1: Total public expenditure per axis in Valencia (2007-2013)

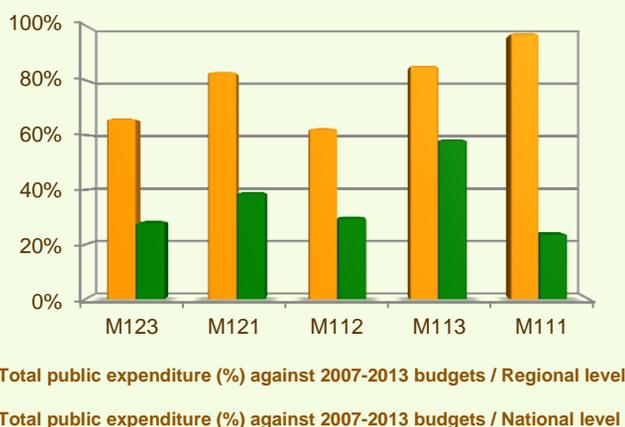


Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

Figure 2: Axis 1 total public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)



Figure 3: Axis 1 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures



Axis 1 places an emphasis on Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) allocating to this measure 48%, of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1.

Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- ❖ The measure on Vocational training and information actions (M111) has utilised 97% of its allocated budget
- ❖ Two measures have utilised 80-90% of their programmed expenditure, namely:
 - Early retirement (M113), 86% and
 - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 83%.
- ❖ The measures on Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) and Setting up young farmers (M112) have utilised correspondingly 66% and 63% of their programmed budgets.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised less than 20% or none of their allocated expenditure, namely:
 - Use of advisory services (M114), 18%
 - Setting up of management, relief and advisory services (M115), 16% and
 - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125), 0%.

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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Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214). The measure represents 82% of the Axis 2 expenditure up to 2013 (see Figure 4) and has been allocated 28% of the total public budget programmed in the Valencia RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Two out of the six measures offered by the Axis, have utilised 80% or more of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212), 82% and
 - First afforestation of agricultural land (M221), 80%.
- ❖ Two measures have utilised around 70% of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), 72% and
 - Agri-environment payments (M214), 68%.
- ❖ Two measures have utilised 30-45% of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Non-productive investments – forestry (M227), 42% and
 - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 31%.

Figure 5 indicates 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)

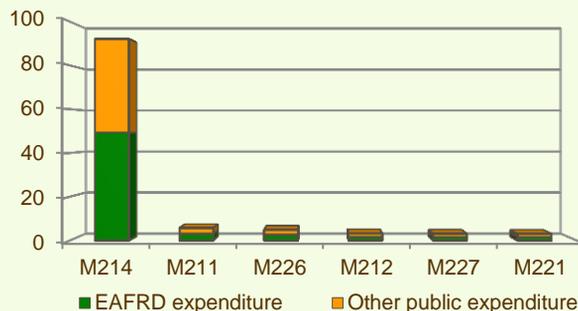
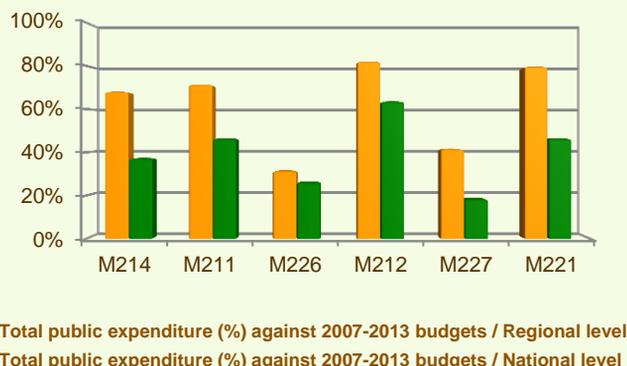


Figure 5: Axis 2 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures

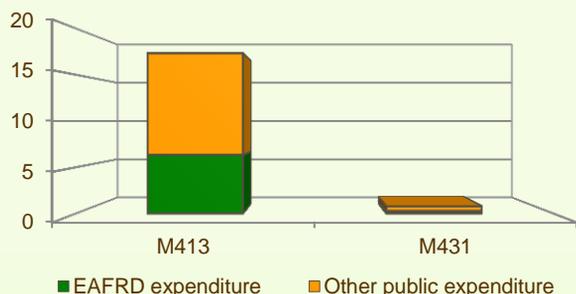


Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Axis 3 of the Valencia RDP has not been allocated a budget.

Axis 4 - Leader

Figure 6: Axis 4 total public expenditure per measure in million EURO (2007-2013)



The Leader Axis in the Valencia RDP has allocated budget of €47 million, out of which nearly €18 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has been allocated 96% of the Axis total public programmed funds.

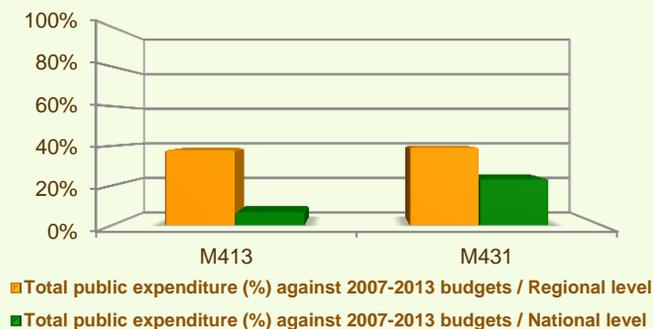
When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed (see Figure 6) that:

- ❖ The measure on Quality of life/diversification (M413) has utilised 38% of its allocated total public expenditure.

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Axis 4 - Leader

Figure 7: Axis 4 total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-2013 budgets, main measures



❖ Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised 39% of its allocated budget.

Figure 7 indicates 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.

Measure 413 project example: Substitution of Conventional Lighting System with Lighting through LEDs / Spain – Valencia

The illumination of public spaces in rural areas has until recently been lacking or inefficient in mountain rural areas from Benilloba municipality. Knowing that lightning is one of the key factors for support and prolong economic and social activity in these rural areas, the municipality implemented a project to replace conventional with LED lighting.

Main activity was the substitution of standard light bulbs used for lighting with latest technology LED lamps. It reduced cost of energy consumption due to the efficiency of this technology and the fact that LEDs have a longer life.

As a result, public expenses are reduced in the medium and long run and this had a demonstration effect that promoted adoption of the LED technology throughout the Valencia region. It had also a positive impact on the psychology and well being of inhabitants in the area.

The total cost of the project was €193,520.

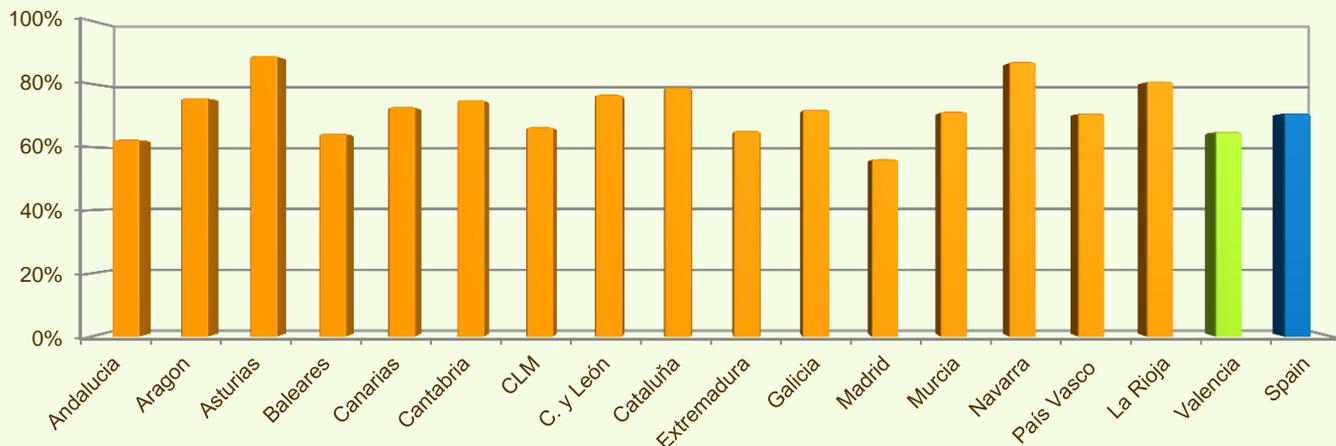
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Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Valencia RDP has utilised 65% (see Figure 8) of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (including post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modifications).
- ✓ Agri-environment payments (M214) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Valencia RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 68% of its available budget and represents 30% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) has the second largest budget in the Valencia RDP and the utilised expenditure is 66% of its allocated funds. M214 represents 26% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), which has used almost 83% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 17% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

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**Figure 8: 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.

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