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Basic Information:

The Abruzzo Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €426 million (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €253 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 67% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has utilised 75% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent 6% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised 9% of its programmed expenditure.



Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 in Abruzzo & 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)

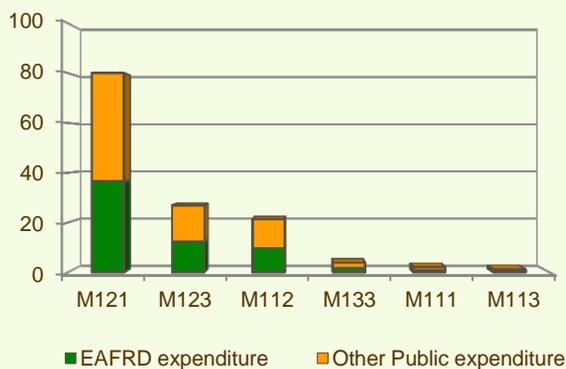
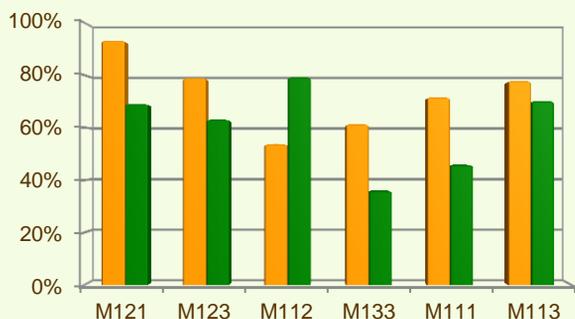


Figure 3: Axis 1 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



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

Axis 1 places an emphasis on the Modernization of agricultural holdings (Measure 121) and Setting up of young farmers (Measure 112), allocating to these two measures nearly 61% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1.

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

- ❖ Modernization of agricultural holdings (M121) has utilised 93% of its programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised 70-80% of their allocated budgets:
 - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products measure (M123), 79%
 - Early retirement (M113), 78% and
 - Vocational training and information actions (M111), 72%.
- ❖ The following two measures have utilised 61% of their programmed expenditure:
 - Holdings undergoing restructuring due to a reform of a common market organisation (M144) and
 - Information and promotion activities (M133)
- ❖ Setting up of young farmers (M112) has utilised 54% of its allocated budget.
- ❖ For the remaining five measures (M114, M122, M124, M126, M132) of the axis, minimal or no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013.

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 121 project example: Adding Value to Local Dairy Products: Pecorino Cheese in Italy / Italy - Abruzzo

Investing in farm infrastructure was an important project idea that helped a family farm in Italy to become more competitive by increasing productivity and the quality of its produce.

The investment through the project improved the quality of the farm’s dairy products and its viability. The young farmer focused on the production of a specific local type of cheese, with a Protected Denomination of Origin (PDO), and to access new markets. Within the 240 ha. farm the stables were modernized and restructured, a milk machine was purchased, a new warehouse for cheese maturing was build, and a photovoltaic installation was put in place.

After modernisation, the farm cheese was certified and labelled, the productivity and competitiveness increased and now the farm distribute its product in large supermarkets.

The total cost of the project was €1,418,552, out of which €619,056 represents EAFRD contribution.

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Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214) and Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211). The two measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 total expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated 25% of the total public budget programmed in the Abruzzo RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Three out of the eight measures offered by the Axis, have spent more than 75% of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), 99%
 - Agri-environment payments (M214), 89% and
 - Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain (M212), 76%.
- ❖ The measures First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) and Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention action (M226) have utilised 33% and 21% respectively of their programmed budget.
- ❖ For three measures (M216, M223, M227) minimal or no expenditure had been recorded up to the end of 2013.

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)

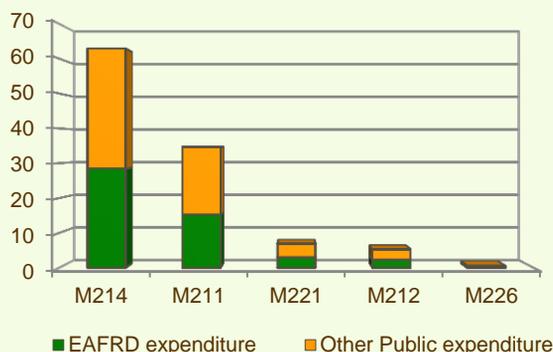
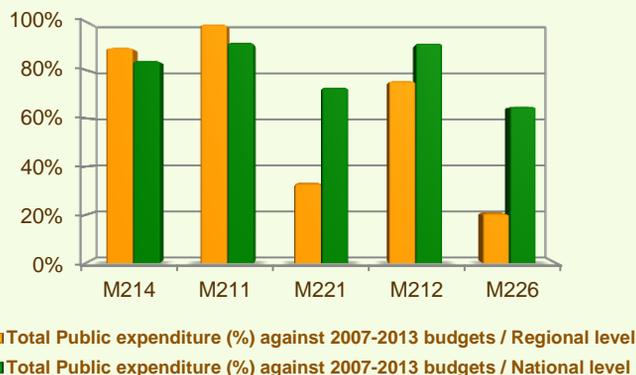


Figure 5: Axis 2 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



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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 thousand EURO (2007-2013)

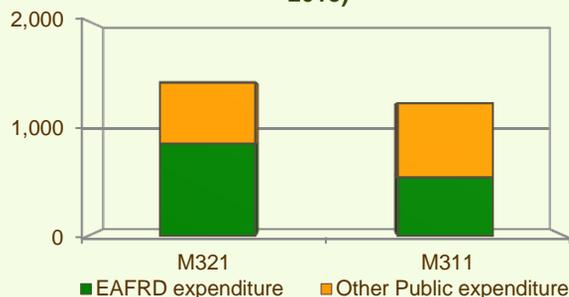
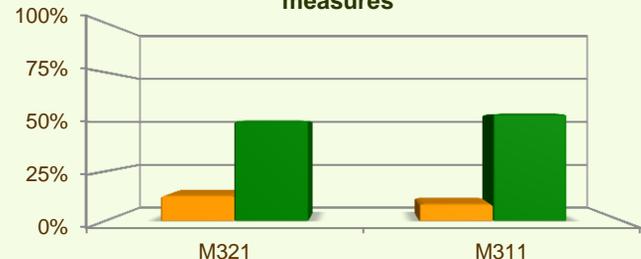


Figure 7: Axis 3 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



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

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Axis 3 of the Abruzzo RDP focuses on Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) and Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) which together represent nearly 59% of the Axis budget.

- ❖ The measures Basic services for the economy & rural population (M321) and Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) have utilised 13% and 9% respectively of their programmed budget.
- ❖ For the following measures no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013:
 - Support for business creation & development (M312)
 - Encouragement of tourism activities (M313)
 - Village renewal and development (M322)
 - Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323).

Figure 7 indicates 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 Abruzzo RDP has been allocated €21.5 million. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of Life/diversification measure (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds. Up to the end of 2013 only the measure Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised half of its allocated expenditure (51%).

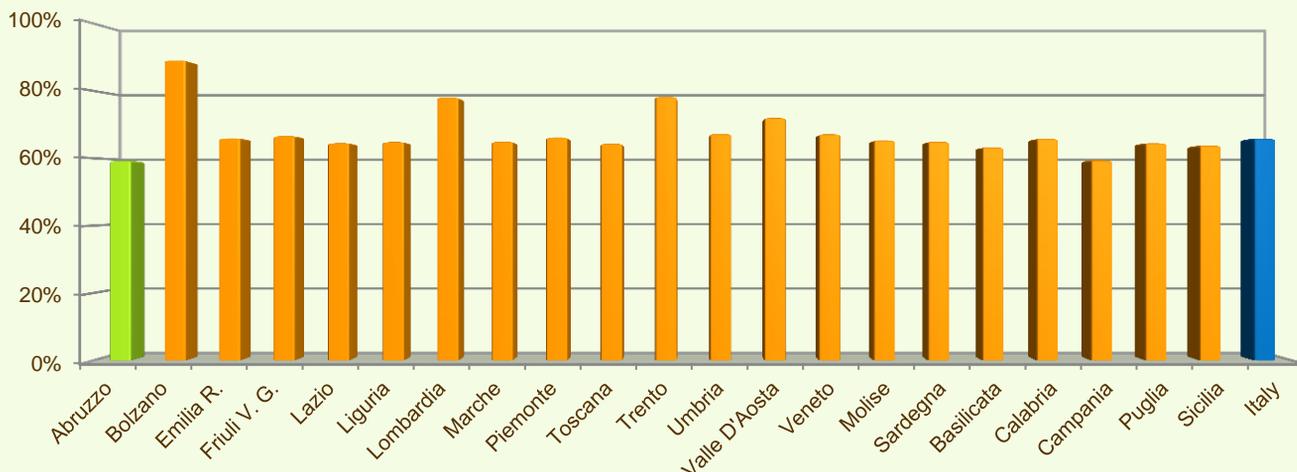
Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Abruzzo RDP has utilised about 60% (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).
- ✓ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Abruzzo RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 93% of its available budget and represents 32% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Agri-environment payments (M214) has the second largest budget in the Abruzzo RDP and the utilised expenditure is 90% of its allocated funds. M214 represents 25% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

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- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Setting up of young farmers (M112) which has used almost 54% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 8% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Financial implementation has progressed at a faster rate for Axis 2 and Axis 1 than Leader and Axis 3.

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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