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Basic Information:

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) of the Umbria region has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €787 million (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €530 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has spent 68% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has used 82% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent approximately 36% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised 13% of its programmed expenditure.



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

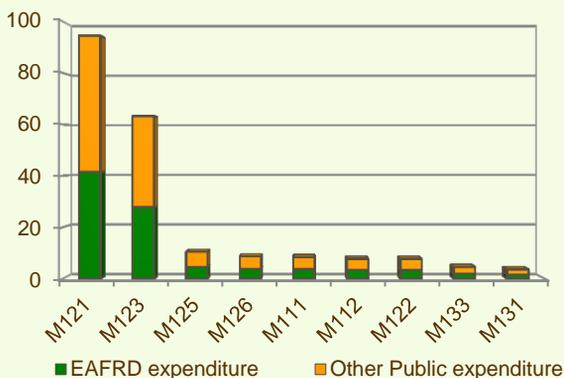
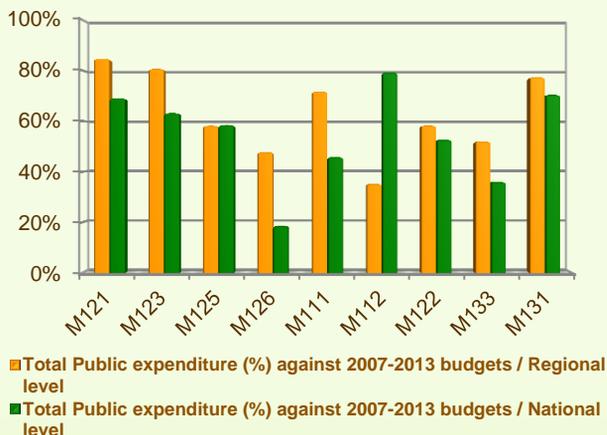


Figure 3: Axis 1 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



Axis 1 places an emphasis on the Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 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:

- ❖ The measures on Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) have utilised respectively 85% and 81% of their allocated budget.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised 70-80% of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Meeting standards based on EU legislation (M131), 77%
 - Holdings undergoing restructuring due to a reform of a common market organisation (M144), 74%
 - Vocational training and information (M111), 72%.
- ❖ Four measures have utilised from nearly 50% to 60% of their programmed expenditure, namely:
 - Improvement of the economic value of forests (M122), 58%
 - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125), 58%
 - Information and promotion activities (M133), 52%
 - Restoring agricultural production potential (M126), 48%.
- ❖ Setting up of young farmers (M112), has spent 35 of its allocated budgets.
- ❖ For the rest three measures less than 15% (M132, M124) or no expenditure (M114) has been recorded.

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 have been allocated 27% of the total public budget programmed in the Umbria RDP for 2007-2013. Agri-environment payments measure (M214) represent the majority of Axis 2 expenditure (see figure 4).

- ❖ Three measures have utilised 80-90% of their planned budgets, namely:
 - Agri-environment payments (M214), 89%
 - Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain (M212), 86% and
 - The Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211), 85%
- ❖ Animal welfare payments (M215) and Non-productive investments – forestry (M227) have spent respectively 79% and 73% of their allocated expenditure.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised approximately 50-60% of their programmed expenditure, namely:
 - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 60%
 - First afforestation of agricultural land (M221), 59% and
 - Forest environment payments (M225), 50%.
- ❖ Finally, the remaining two measures (M216 and M223) recorded minimal or no expenditure of their allocated budgets up to the end 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)

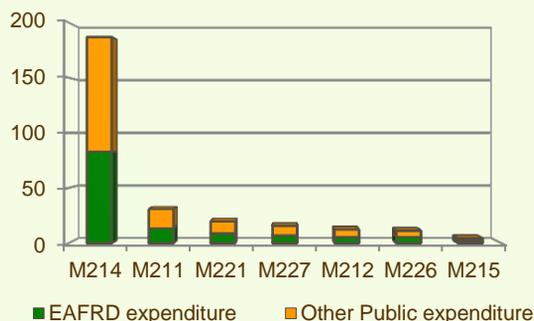
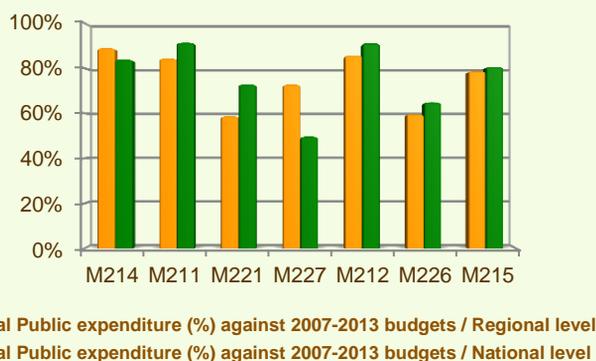
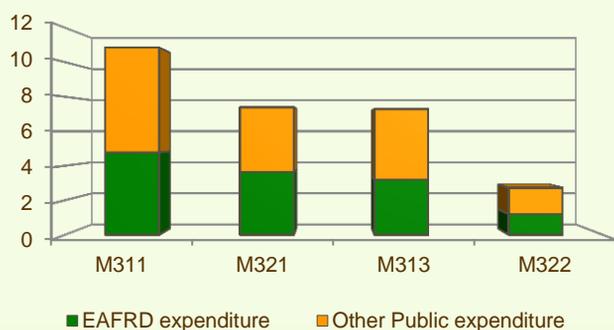


Figure 5: Axis 2 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets, main measures



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)



Axis 3 of the Umbria RDP focuses on Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311), Encouragement of tourism activities measure (M313) and Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) which together represent nearly 74% of the Axis budget and most of the total public expenditure (see figure 6).

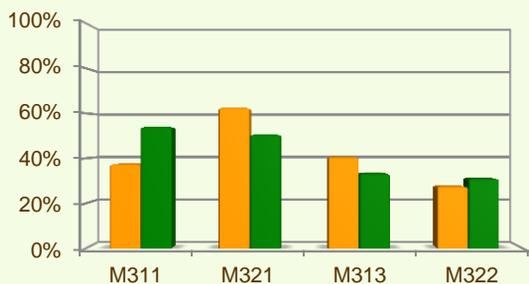
When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- ❖ Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) has spent 63% of its allocated budget.

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

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

- ❖ The Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) and Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) measures have utilised 38% and 41% of their programmed expenditure correspondingly.
- ❖ Village renewal and development (M322) has utilised 28% of its allocated budget.
- ❖ Finally, for Support for business creation and development (M312) and Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323), no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013.

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.

Measure 313 project example: Adding Value to Traditional Forest Products ('Mostra Mercato Nazionale del Tartufo') / Italy - Umbria

Truffles - a difficult to find form of edible fungi - remain one of the most expensive rural products. Fabro community in Umbria is famous for its white truffles ('tartufo bianco'), and a project was set up to add value to those forest-based products by linking them to tourism, gastronomy, cultural heritage and local handicrafts through an Annual Truffle Festival.

All project activities focused upon the creation and organisation of the Truffle Festival, a big success with around 50 small food producers participating and with a high number of visitors due to the uniqueness of the event and the comprehensive range of activities organised. It was showed that non-timber production has good potential to support the diversification of the rural economy even where the land is marginal and traditional forestry is declining.

The total cost of the project was €86,614.

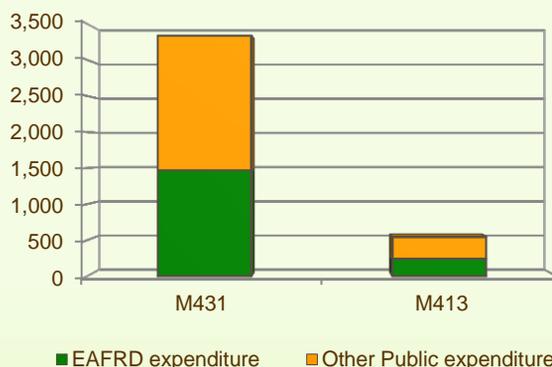
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Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Umbria RDP has allocated budget of nearly €41 million out of which more than €5 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to Competitiveness (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds.

- ❖ As shown in figure 8, Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has realised 56% of its programmed expenditure.

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



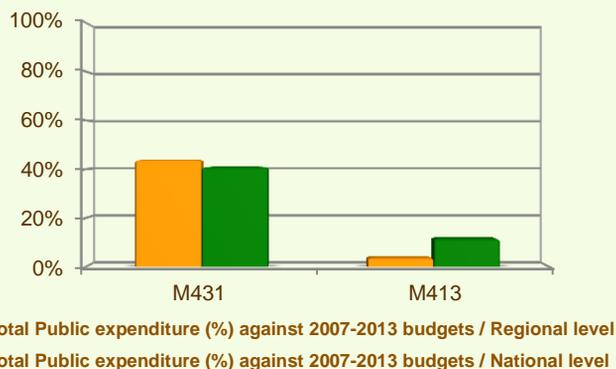
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- ❖ Quality of life/diversification (M413) and Implementing cooperation projects (M421) have spent respectively 9% and 11% of their allocated budgets.
- ❖ For Competitiveness (M411) no expenditure has been recorded up to the end of 2013.

Figure 9 indicates the progress of the total public expenditure of the most important measure(s) of Axis 4 against the 2007-2013 budgets, in comparison to the National level.

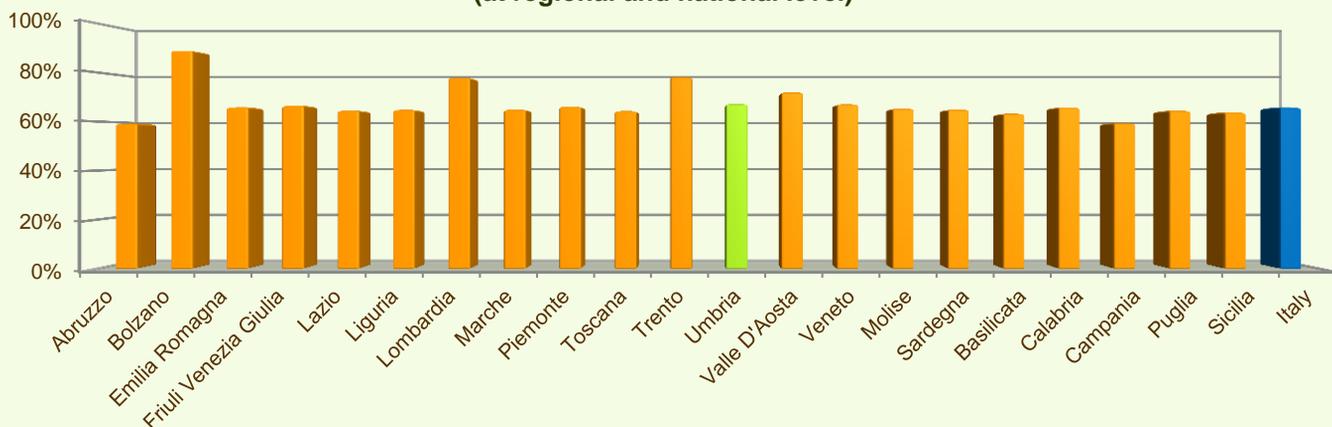
Figure 9: Axis 4 – Total public expenditure (2007-2013) against 2007-13 budgets at national and regional level



Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Umbria RDP has utilised 67% (see figure 10) 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 Umbria RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 89% of its available budget and represents 35% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) has the second largest measure budget in the Umbria RDP and the utilised expenditure is 85% of its allocated funds. M121 represents 18% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest measure budget is for Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) which has used almost 81% 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.

For further detailed information on financial / physical and output indicators data please refer to the dedicated ENRD website section on Monitoring Indicators.