

# THE NETHERLANDS

## Basic Information:

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) of the Netherlands has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €1.1 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €841 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

**Axis 1** – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 54% of its allocated budget.

**Axis 2** – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has used 94% of its programmed expenditure.

**Axis 3** – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent nearly 79% of its budget.

**Axis 4** – (Leader) has utilised around 76% of the programmed expenditure.

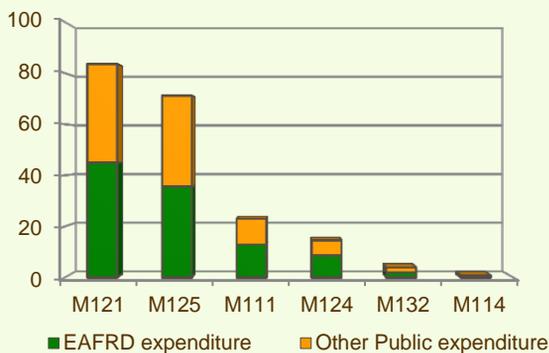


**Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 in the Netherlands & expenditure per Axis**

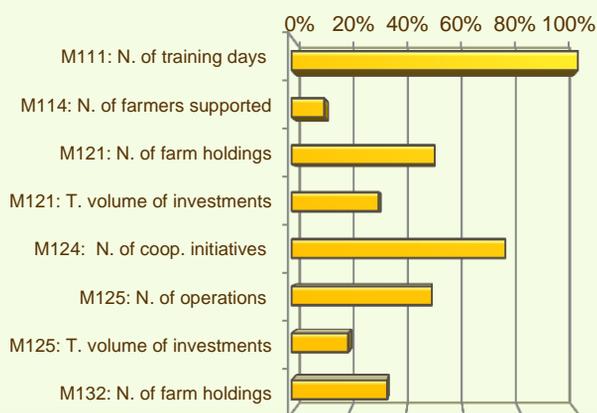


## Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

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



**Figure 3: Axis 1 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Netherlands (2007-2012)**



Axis 1 places an emphasis on Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (Measure 125), allocating to this measure 44% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1.

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

- ❖ Use of advisory services (M114) and Participation of farmers in food quality schemes (M132) have spent respectively 76% and 96% of their allocated budgets.
- ❖ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) has utilised 65% of its planned allocation.
- ❖ Three measures have used around 45-58% of their programmed expenditure:
  - Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125), 45%.
  - Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies, etc. (M124), 45% and
  - Vocational training and information actions (M111), 58%.

Figure 3 provides an indication of the Axis 1 achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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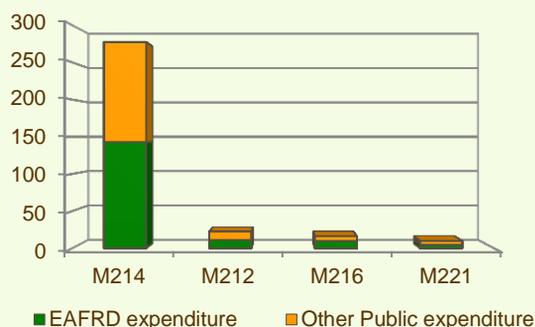
## Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214). The measure represents the majority of Axis 2 expenditure (see figure 4) and it has been allocated 22% of the total public budget programmed in the Netherlands RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ The Agri-environment payments (M214) measure has used all of its budget.
- ❖ Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) measures have utilised respectively 82% and 89% of their programmed budgets.
- ❖ Non-productive investments – agriculture (M216) has spent nearly 26% of its allocated budget.

Figure 5 provides an indication of the Axis 2 achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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

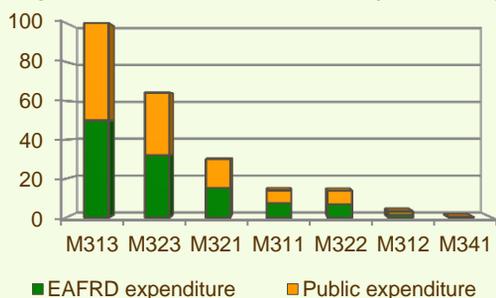


**Figure 5: Axis 2 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in the Netherlands (2007-2012)**

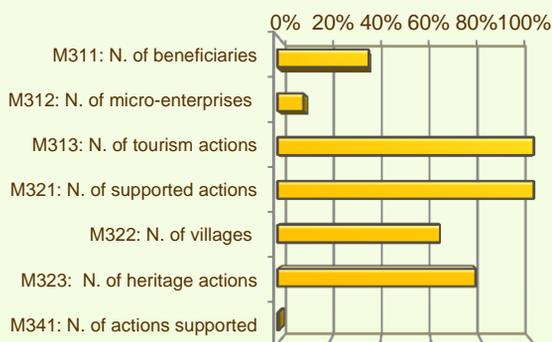


## Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

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



**Figure 7: Axis 3 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in the Netherlands (2007-2012)**



Axis 3 of the Netherlands RDP focuses on Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) and Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) which together represent nearly 73% of the Axis budget and most of the Axis total public expenditure (see figure 6).

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

- ❖ Support for business creation and development (M312) has spent 92% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) and Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) have spent between 80% and 85% of their programmed budgets.
- ❖ Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) has used 74% of its budget.
- ❖ The Village renewal and development (M322) and measure has utilised 69% of its funds.
- ❖ Finally, Skills-acquisition and animation measure with a view to preparing and implementing a local development strategy (M341) has used 61% of its programmed budget.

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## Measure 311 project example: Child Day-Care on a Dairy Farm in a Peri-Urban Locality / Netherlands

A family owned dairy farm in a peri-urban locality struggled with commercial viability until the idea of a unique service in the area - organizing day-care facilities for children at the farm - became a project supported from EAFRD.

The initiators aimed to diversify the income base of the farm and to create employment in their area, too. Project activities consisted in planning, financing, building and managing the establishment of day care facilities for up to 25 young children and up to 70 for after-school care. Twenty eight people were employed.

At the end of the project urban and rural environments are more connected, children's interest in agriculture and environment was stimulated, and investment capital for the dairy enterprise was provided by this new activity within the farm.

**The total cost** of the project was €974,000, out of which €44,000 was EAFRD contribution. Private contribution was €862,500.

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## Axis 4 - Leader

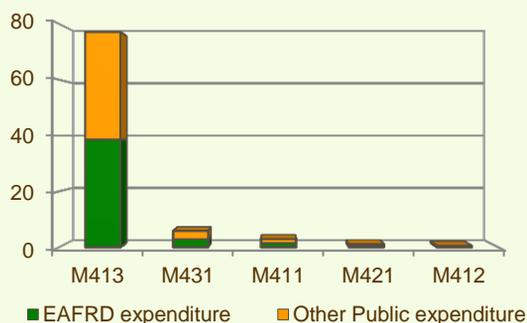
The Leader Axis in the Netherlands RDP has allocated budget of €115 million out of which €87 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has been allocated the largest share of funds.

When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that (see figure 8):

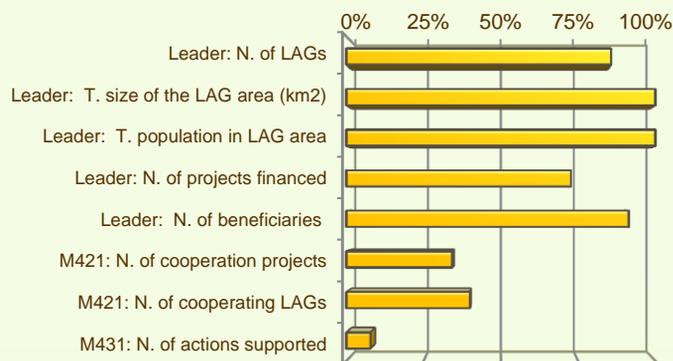
- ❖ Quality of life/diversification (M413) had the largest total public expenditure, having spent 79% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Competitiveness (M411) has utilised 82% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has spent 56% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Environment/land management (M412) has spent 54% of its budget.
- ❖ Finally, Implementing cooperation projects (M421) has used 34% of its planned allocation.

Figure 9 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

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



**Figure 9: Axis 4 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in the Netherlands (2007-2012)**



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## Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Netherlands RDP has utilised 75% (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 Netherlands RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised all of its available budget and represents 33% 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 Netherlands RDP and the utilised expenditure is around 45% of its allocated funds. M125 represents 8% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) which has used almost 65% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 10% of the total public expenditure of the programme.

**Figure 10: Progress of total public expenditure up to 2013, main measures (comparison with EU 27)**



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: monitoring tables submitted by Managing Authorities along with the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Progress Reports. Data referring to programming years 2007 to 2012. Only commitments made from year 2007 onwards are considered.

4) Output targets 2007-2013: DG AGRI



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