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Basic Information:

The Polish Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €17.4 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €12.4 billion were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

Axis 1 – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 75% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside) has used nearly 83% of its programmed expenditure.

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has spent nearly 55% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised approximately 42% of the programmed expenditure.



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

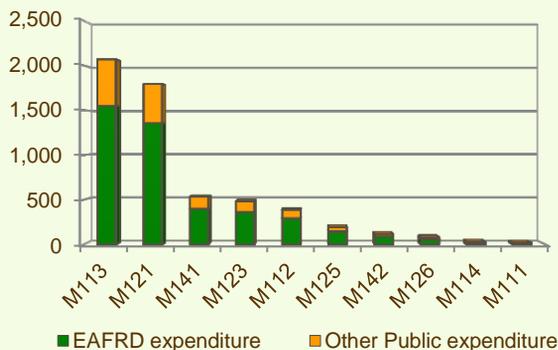
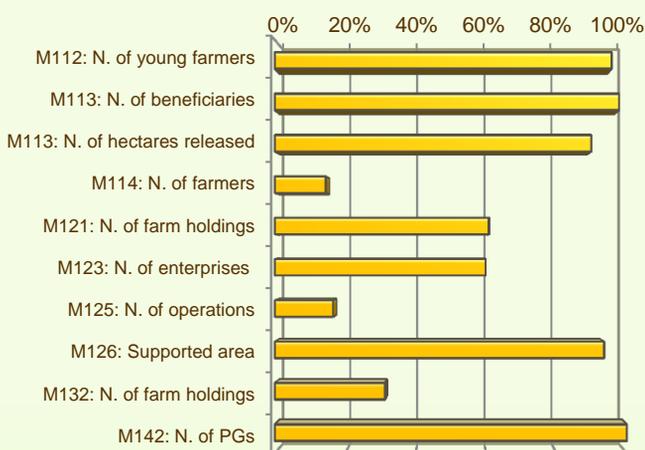


Figure 3: Axis 1 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Poland (2007-2012)



Axis 1 places an emphasis on Early retirement (M113) and Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), allocating to these two measures more than 61% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- ❖ Semi-subsistence farming (M141) and Setting up of young farmers (M112) have utilised almost all of their allocated budgets.
- ❖ Two measures have utilised 79% and 87% of their allocated budgets, namely:
 - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 79% and
 - Early retirement (M113), 87%.
- ❖ Vocational training and information (M111), Use of advisory services (M114) and Producer groups (M142) have used 55-63% of their funds.
- ❖ Restoring agricultural production potential (M126) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123) have realised 46-52% of their planned budgets.
- ❖ Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) and Participation of farmers in food quality schemes (M132) have correspondingly used 32% and 35% of their allocations.
- ❖ Information and promotion activities (M133) has used 14% of its planned expenditure.

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

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Measure 123 project example: Investment in New Vegetable Processing and Storage Facilities in Poland

A Polish vegetable processing company identified opportunities for increasing the range and quality of its products in partnership with local producers, who would also benefit from enhanced efficiency and a reliable market for their production. They set up a project with the aim of improving the effectiveness of the production, processing, storage and distribution systems, expanding the vegetable production and improving profitability of the whole supply chain.

Investment support was provided to renovate the company’s processing premises, to upgrade equipment, to enhance storage facilities, and to purchase of new transport equipment to be used for collection, internal movement and distribution.

As a result, the effectiveness of the production and storage increased, overall quality and price competitiveness of all main products improved, and the partnership producers and the processing company become stronger.

The total cost of the project was €882,731, out of which €230,417 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=3103

Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

Axis 2 focuses on Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and Agri-environment payments (M214). The two measures represent the majority of Axis 2 expenditure (see figure 4) and they have been allocated 27% of the total public budget programmed in the Polish RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) has realised 93% of its allocation.
- ❖ Agri-environment payments (M214) has utilised nearly 76% of its allocated budget.
- ❖ The measure First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) and Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226) have spent respectively 67% and 49% of their programmed budgets.

Figure 5 provides an indication of the 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)

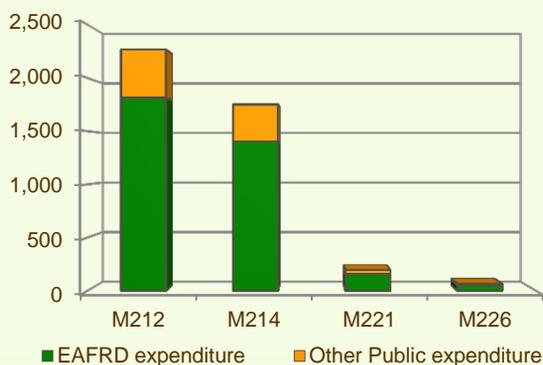
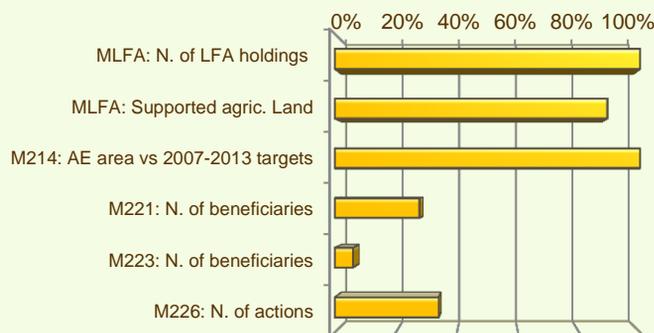


Figure 5: Axis 2 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Poland (2007-2012)



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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)

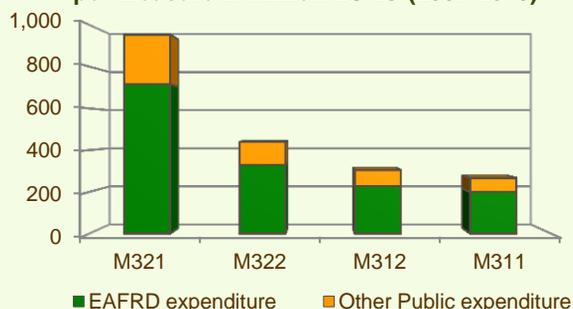
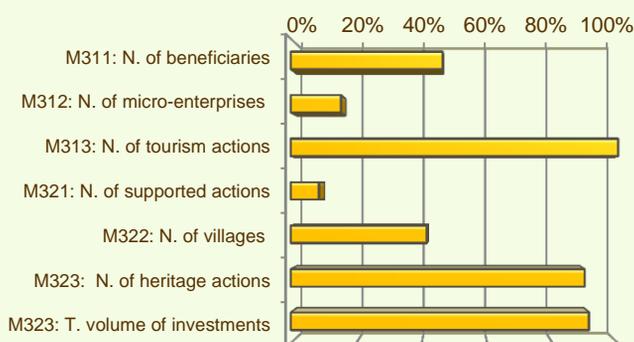


Figure 7: Axis 3 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Poland (2007-2012)



Axis 3 of the Polish RDP focuses on Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) and Support for business creation and development (M312) which together represent more than 75% of the Axis budget (see figure 6).

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

- ❖ Two measures have spent 77% of their programmed budgets:
 - Village renewal and development (M322), and
 - Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311).
- ❖ Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321) has realised 57% of its planned allocation.
- ❖ Support for business creation and development (M312) has used 30% of its programmed expenditure.

Figure 7 provides an indication of the achieved outputs up to 2012 in comparison to the output targets for 2007-2013.

Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Polish RDP has been allocated nearly €788 million out of which €330 million have been spent by 2012. 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 and has utilised 39% of its planned allocation.
- ❖ The measure Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised around 59% of its budgeted funds.
- ❖ Implementing cooperation projects (M421) has spent 20% of its allocated funds.

Figure 9 provides an indication of the Axis 4 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)

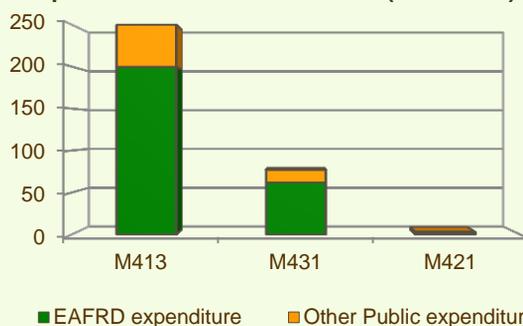
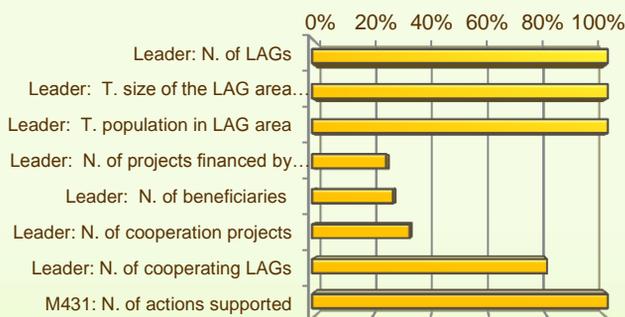


Figure 9: Axis 4 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Poland (2007-2012)

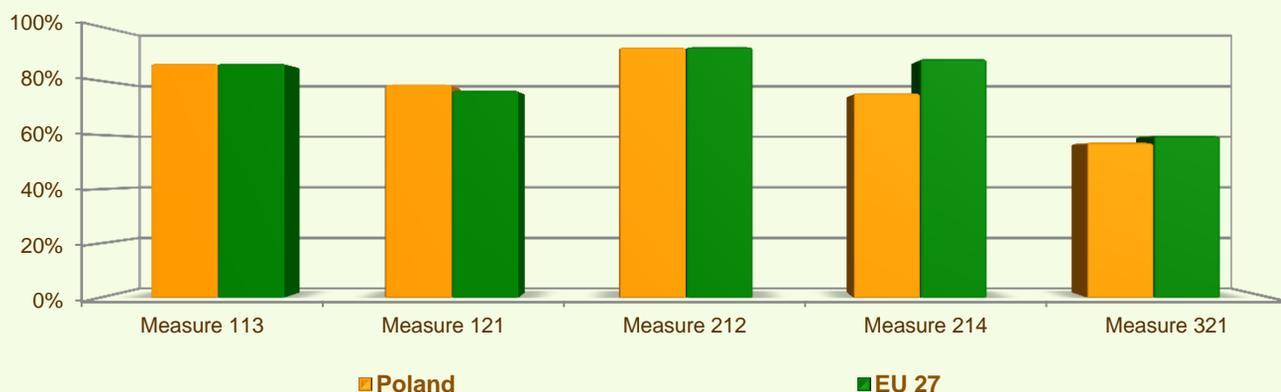


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Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Polish RDP has utilised about 71% (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).
- ✓ Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Polish RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 93% of its available budget and represents 18% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Early retirement (M113) has the second largest budget in the Polish RDP and the utilised expenditure is 87% of its allocated funds. M113 represents 17% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Agri-environment payments (M214) which has used almost 76% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 14% 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



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