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## Basic Information:

In total the Romanian Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €9.3 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €5.9 billion were spent out of the allocated budget (see figure 1).

**Axis 1** – (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector), has utilised nearly 53% of its allocated budget.

**Axis 2** – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised around 79% of its programmed expenditure.

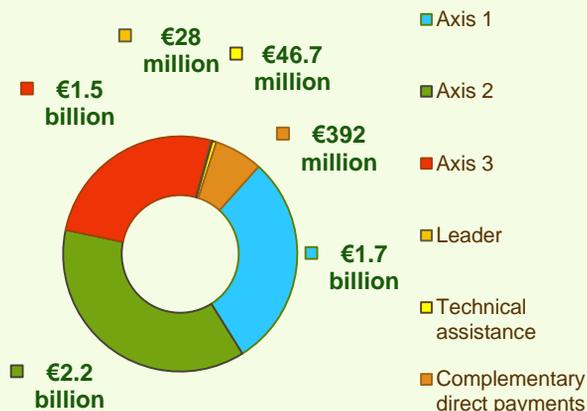
**Axis 3** – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised approximately 65% of its budget.

**Axis 4** – (Leader) has utilised approximately 8% of the programmed expenditure.

**Complementary direct payments** – Support provided to farmers has used almost all of its allocated budget.

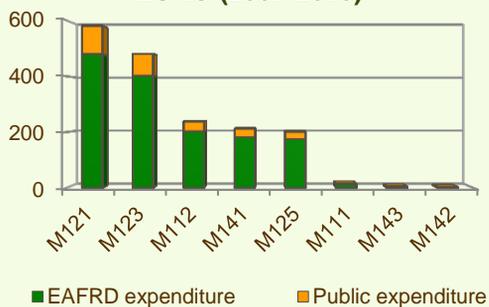


**Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure per Axis in Romania from 2007 to 2013**

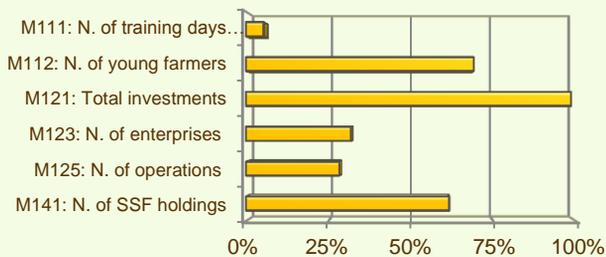


## Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

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



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



Axis 1 places an emphasis on Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), allocating to these two measures almost 61% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1. Analysis of the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 shows that:

- ❖ Setting up of young farmers (M112) has utilised 79% of its programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Three measures have realised 50-60% of their planned allocations:
  - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 50%
  - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 57% and
  - Semi-subsistence farming (M141), 59%.
- ❖ Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture (M125) and Providing farm advisory and extension services (M143) have used 34% and 38% of their funds.
- ❖ Vocational training and information actions (M111) and Improvement of the economic value of forests (M122) have spent 19% and 17% of their planned allocations.

❖ Producer groups (M142) has used 9% of its budget.

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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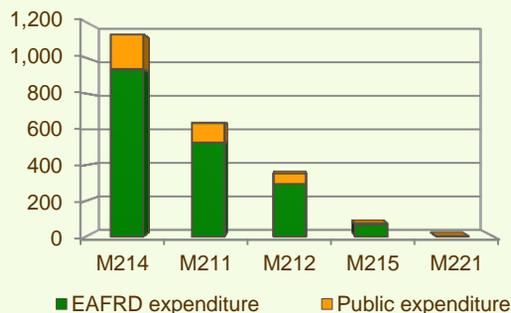
## Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

The sum of programmed total public expenditure on Axis 2 focuses on Agri-environment payments (M214) and Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211). These two measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 utilised expenditure (see figure 4) and have been allocated 21% of the total public budget programmed in the Romanian RDP for 2007-2013.

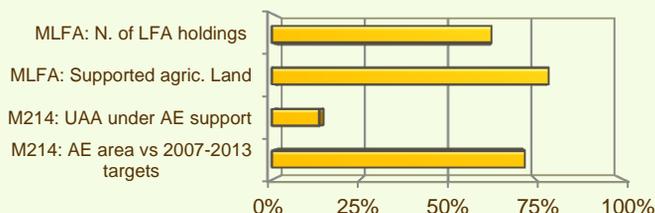
- ❖ Agri-environment payments (M214) and Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) have utilised correspondingly 89% and 94% of their allocated budgets.
- ❖ The measure Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) has utilised 75% of its programmed budget.
- ❖ Animal welfare payments (M215) and First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) have spent 19% and 6% respectively of their planned allocation.

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 Romania (2007-2012)**



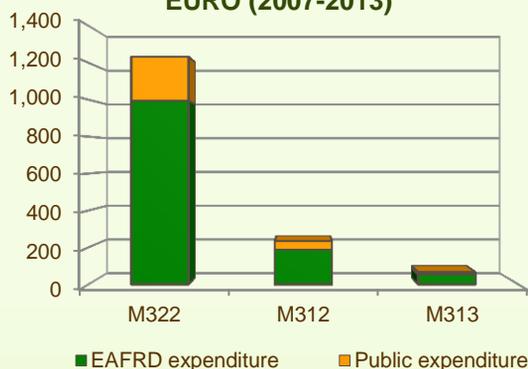
## Axis 3 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Axis 3 of the Romanian RDP focuses on Village renewal and development (M322) which represents 68% of the Axis budget and most of the Axis utilised total public expenditure (see figure 6).

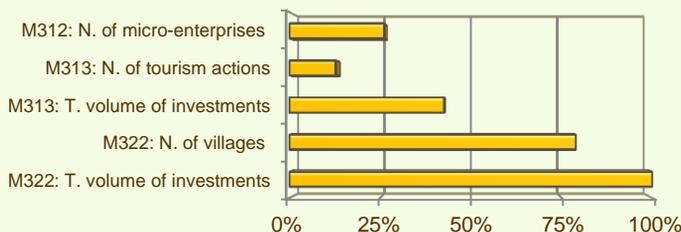
When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- ❖ Village renewal and development (M322) has used 76% of its allocated funds.
- ❖ Support for business creation and development (M312) has spent 52% of its programmed budgets.
- ❖ The measure Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) has spent 22% of its planned allocation.

**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 Romania (2007-2012)**



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## Measure 313 project example: Invigorating rural heritage and tourism in UNESCO site Viscri / Romania

A successful and sustainable rural tourism business was developed with the EAFRD support by a local family, respecting the heritage value of Viscri, a UNESCO cultural heritage and NATURA 2000 site in Romania.

The project initiators envisaged a profitable tourism activity in Viscri, a well-preserved Saxon village, so that rural heritage becomes a tourism product of excellence, and a mean to support the rural community and traditional way of life. Two Saxon farmhouses were converted into guesthouses providing accommodation, high quality food products and tourism services. They provide small conference facilities and cooking experience for visitors. It helped the creation of 8 full-time jobs for local villagers.

The dissemination activities carried out featured the guesthouse in several TV programmes and documentary and the guesthouse is the casting scene for a movie.

The total cost of the project was €400,000, with an EAFRD contribution of €200,000.

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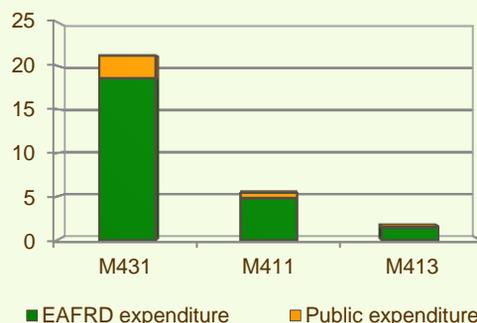
## Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Romanian RDP has been allocated €367 million out of which €28 million have been spent by 2013. The largest allocation of funds is for the Quality of life and diversification measure (M413).

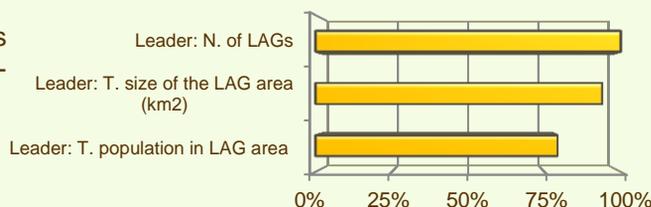
- ❖ When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013, it is observed that Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has utilised one third of its planned allocation (see figure 8).
- ❖ For four measures, minimal or no expenditure had been recorded up to the end of 2013:
  - Competitiveness (M411)
  - Quality of life/diversification (M413)
  - Environment/land management (M412) and
  - Implementing cooperation projects (M421)

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 Romania (2007-2012)**

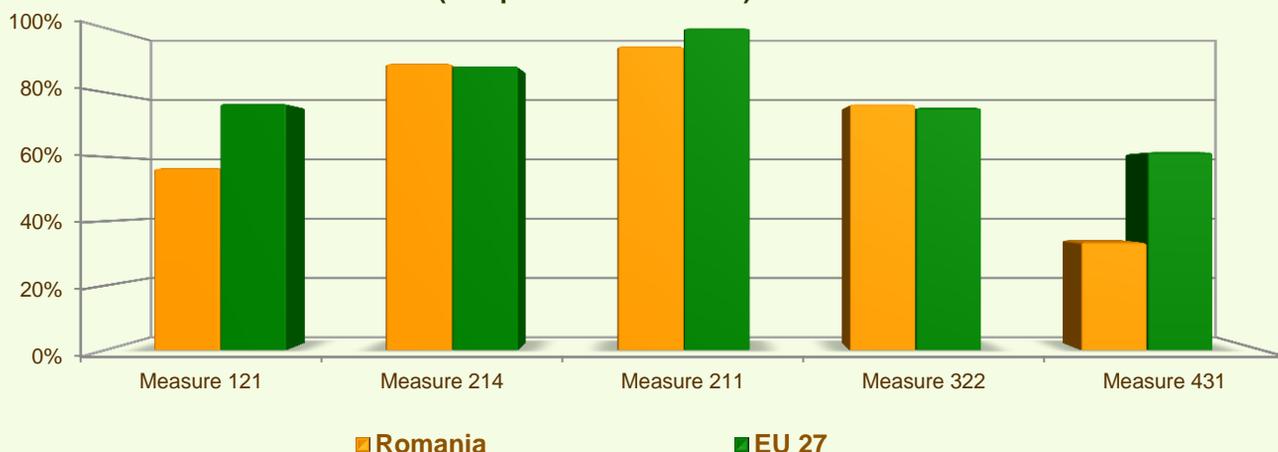


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## Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Romanian RDP has utilised nearly 64% of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (including post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modifications).
- ✓ Village renewal and development (M322) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Romanian RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 76% of its available budget and represents 21% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Agri-environment payments (M214) has the second largest budget in the Romanian RDP and the utilised expenditure is 89% of its allocated funds. M214 represents 19% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), which has used almost 57% 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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