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Basic Information:

The Slovenian Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €1.2 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €953 million were spent out of the allocated budget (see Figure 1).

Axis 1 (Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector) has utilised 71% of its allocated budget.

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

Axis 3 (Improving the quality of life in rural areas) has utilised 63% of its budget.

Axis 4 (Leader) has utilised approximately 66% of its programmed expenditure.



Figure 1: Total public expenditure per axis in Slovenia (2007-2013)



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)

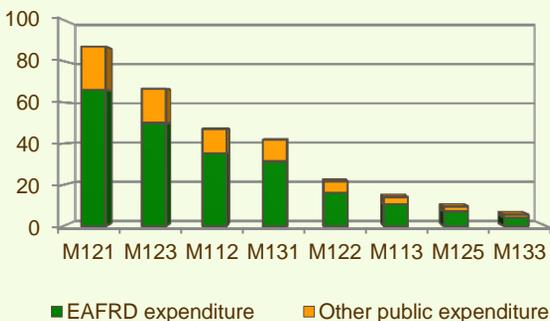
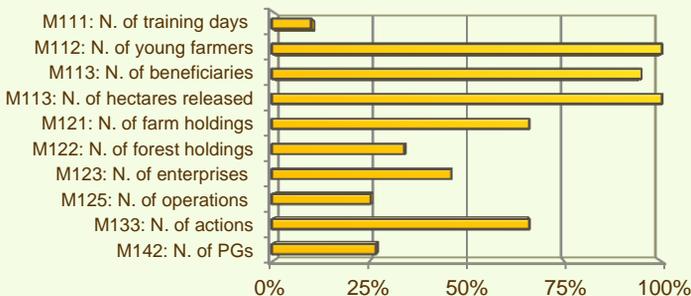


Figure 3: Axis 1 progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovenia (2007-2012)



Axis 1, places an emphasis on Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) and Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), allocating to these two measure 57% of the overall budgeted funds for Axis 1.

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

- ❖ Meeting standards based on EU legislation (M131) has used all of its budget.
- ❖ Setting up of young farmers (M112) and Improvement of the economic value of forests (M122) have utilised 96% of their budgets.
- ❖ Four measures have spent 60-70% of their allocated funds, namely:
 - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 64%
 - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 65%
 - Producer groups (M142), 69% and
 - Early retirement (M113), 69%.
- ❖ Information and promotion activities (M133) has realised 47% of its funds.
- ❖ Finally, three measures (M111, M125, M132) have utilised around one third of their allocated budgets.

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 121 project example: Using Geothermal Heating to Expand an Orchid Production Business / Slovenia

In the most remote region Prekmurje in Slovenia with the highest unemployment rate, two business partners established an orchid production business using geothermal sources to heat the greenhouses, capitalizing on similar experience in Netherlands.

Through the project they aimed at a more efficient use of the geothermal resources available in this rural area by expanding the greenhouse area and farm output, achieving a lower cost per unit and increasing the profit. After refining their production and marketing systems, over 85% of all energy required use geothermal renewable supply. Production has more than doubled with a similar increase in turnover. A show room for visitors and student groups was included in the expansion. 15 new full-time jobs were created for local young people.

The total cost of the project was €3,197,993, out of which €500,000 was EAFRD contribution and €2,197,993 was private contribution.

Link: http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rdp_view/en/view_projects_en.cfm?action=detail&backfuse=jsview&postcard_id=3160

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 expenditure (see Figure 4). Together they have been allocated 43% of the total public budget programmed in the Slovenian RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ The measures Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) and Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) have spent all of their planned allocation.
- ❖ Agri-environment payments (M214) has utilised nearly 87% of its allocated 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)

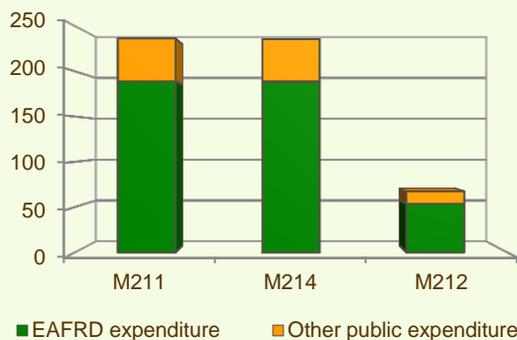
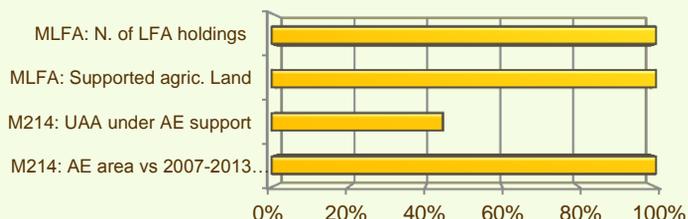


Figure 5: Axis 2 progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovenia (2007-2012)



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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)

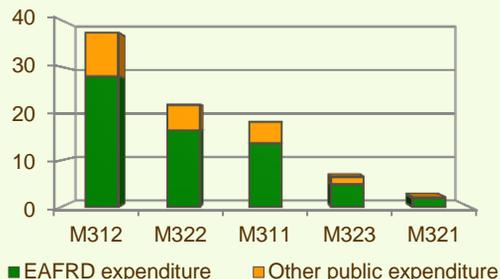
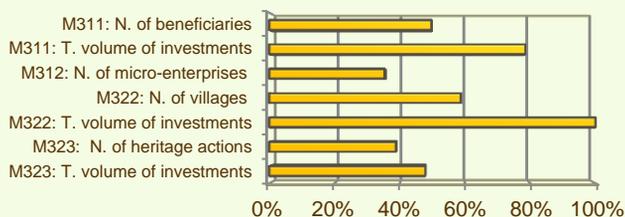


Figure 7: Axis 3 progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovenia (2007-2012)



Axis 3 of the Slovenian RDP focuses on Support for business creation and development (M312), which represents about 40% of the Axis budget and has the biggest share of the Axis total public expenditure (see Figure 6).

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

- ❖ Two measures have utilised around 70% of their programmed budgets:
 - Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (M323) and
 - Support for business creation and development (M312).
- ❖ Three measures have utilised 49-59% of their funds:
 - Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), 49%
 - Village renewal and development (M322), 57%, and
 - Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311), 59%.

Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Slovenian RDP has allocated budget of nearly €34 million out of which almost €22 million have been spent by 2013. Within the Axis, emphasis has been given to the Quality of life/diversification (M413) which has the largest allocation of funds.

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

- ❖ Quality of life/diversification (M413) had the largest share of the Axis total public expenditure (see Figure 8), having spent 96% of its budget. It is also observed that:
- ❖ Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) and Environment/land management (M412) have utilised 51% and 42% of their programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Implementing cooperation projects (M421) and Competitiveness (M411) have realised between 22% and 25% of their allocated funds.

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)

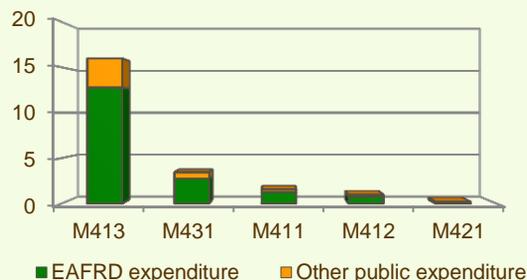
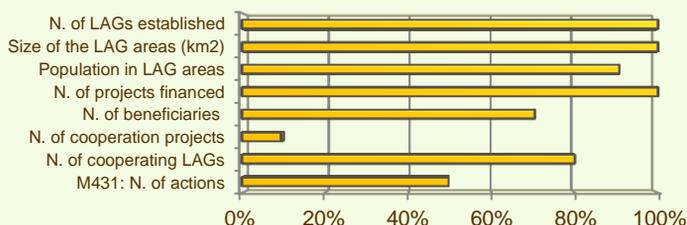


Figure 9: Axis 4 progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovenia (2007-2012)

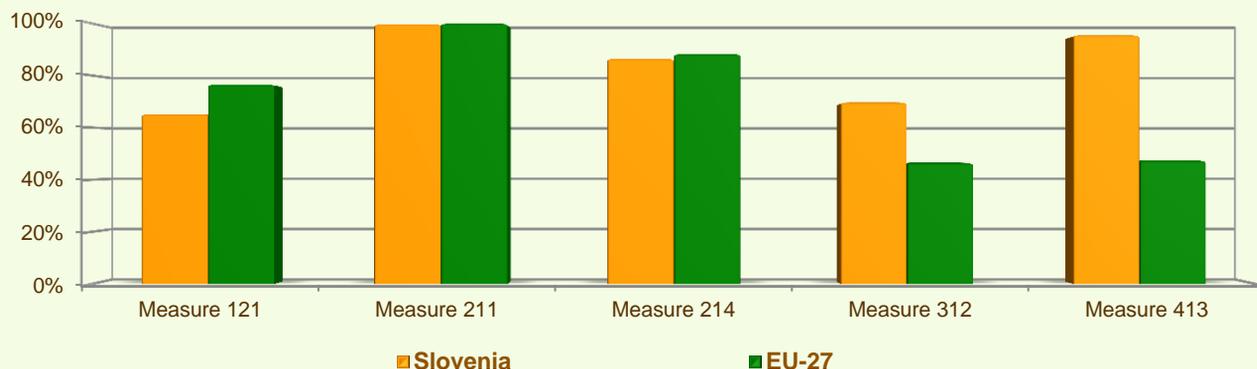


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Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Slovenian RDP has utilised 81% (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 Slovenian RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 87% of its available budget and represents 25% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) has the second largest budget in the Slovenian RDP and it has utilised all of its allocated funds. M211 represents 25% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), which has used 65% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 9% 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.



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