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Basic Information:

In total the Slovakian Rural Development Programme (RDP) has budgeted for 2007-2013 a total public expenditure of €2.6 billion (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Member State contribution). At the end of 2013, €2.15 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 79% of its allocated budget.

Axis 2 – (Improving the environment and the countryside), has utilised almost 90% of its programmed expenditure

Axis 3 – (Improving the quality of life in rural areas), has utilised nearly 76% of its budget.

Axis 4 – (Leader) has utilised 47% of the programmed expenditure.



Figure 1: Total Public Expenditure from 2007 to 2013 in Slovakia & expenditure per Axis



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)

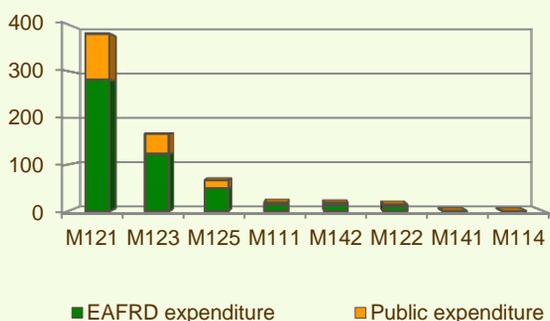
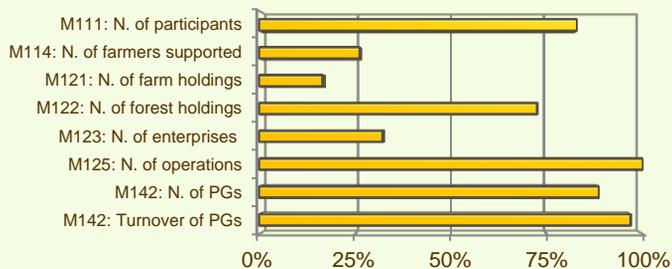


Figure 3: Axis 1 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovakia (2007-2012)



The sum of programmed total public expenditure on Axis 1 places an emphasis on Modernisation of agricultural holdings (Measure 121), allocating to this measure 52% of the overall Axis 1 budgeted funds.

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

- ❖ Semi-subsistence farming (M141) has spent 96% of its funds.
- ❖ Three measures have utilised between 75% and 90% of their allocated budget, namely:
 - Vocational training and information actions (M111), 75%
 - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M123), 81% and
 - Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121), 87%.
- ❖ Producer groups (M142) and Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (M125) have utilised 72% and 62% of their programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Improvement of the economic value of forests (M122) has utilised 36% of its planned funds
- ❖ The measure Use of advisory services (M114) has spent 10% of its allocated funds.

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 Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) and Agri-environment payments (M214). The two measures represent the majority of the Axis 2 utilised expenditure (see figure 4). Together they have been allocated 30% of the total public budget programmed in the Slovakian RDP for 2007-2013.

- ❖ Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps, other than mountain areas (M212) has spent all of its funds.
- ❖ Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) has used 98% of its budget.
- ❖ Four measures have utilised 77-85% of their allocated budgets:
 - Animal welfare payments (M215), 77%
 - Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions (M226), 77%
 - Natura 2000 payments (M224), 80% and
 - Agri-environment payments (M214), 85%.
- ❖ First afforestation of agricultural land (M221) has utilised 47% of its programmed expenditure.
- ❖ Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC (M213) and Forest-environment payments (M225) have spent 8% and 12% of their 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)

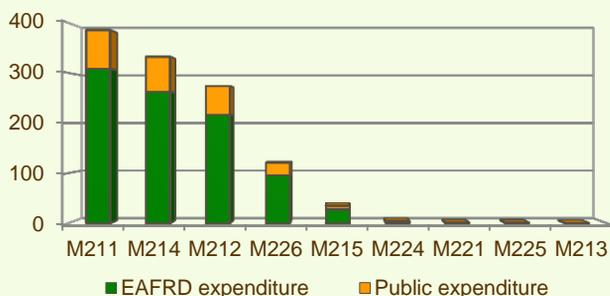
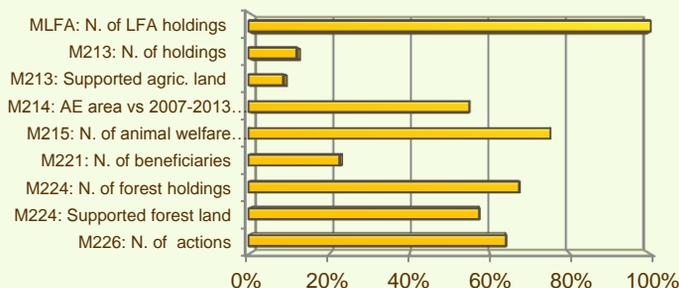


Figure 5: Axis 2 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovakia (2007-2012)



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)



The programmed total public expenditure on Axis 3 of the Slovakian RDP focuses on Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) and Village renewal and development (M322) which together represent 62% of the Axis budget.

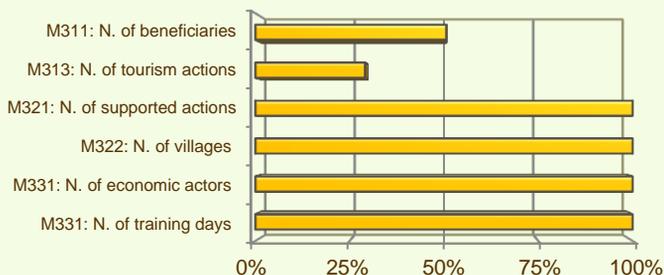
When comparing the expenditure rates per measure up to 2013 it is observed that:

- ❖ Three measures have spent between 88% and 96% of their programmed budgets:
 - Village renewal and development (M322), 96%
 - Basic services for the economy and rural population (M321), 90% and
 - Skills-acquisition and animation measure with a view to preparing and implementing a local development strategy (M341), 88%.

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

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



- ❖ Training and information (M331) has realised nearly 76% of its planned allocation.
- ❖ Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M311) and Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) have spent 58% and 33% of their programmed budgets.

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

Measure 311 project example: Diversification into Paper and Textile Fabrics Handling / Slovakia

The main business activity of agricultural company „Radošinka“ Veľké Ripňany was diversified through the project into non-agricultural activities like paper and textile based products (i.e. production and sale of pads for unwell people and single shot tissues from tissue paper).

The project supported the purchase of a multifunctional machine for bonding, lamination, plying, carving, perforation of paper and textile fabrics, which helped increasing the added value of the company. Production covers products for food-stuff industry, for building industry, automotive products, and health service products. It created six local jobs, contributing to an increased rural employment.

The total cost of the project was €987,600, out of which €370,350 was EAFRD contribution, and €493,800 private.

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Axis 4 - Leader

The Leader Axis in the Slovakian RDP has allocated budget of €76 million out of which €35.8 million have been spent by 2013. The largest allocation of funds is on the Quality of life and diversification measure (M413).

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, having realised 45% of its budget (see figure 8).
- ❖ It is also observed that Running the LAG, skills acquisition, animation (M431) has used nearly 65% of its planned expenditure.
- ❖ Implementing cooperation projects (M421) has utilised 16% of its 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)

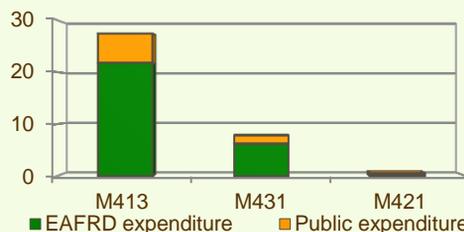
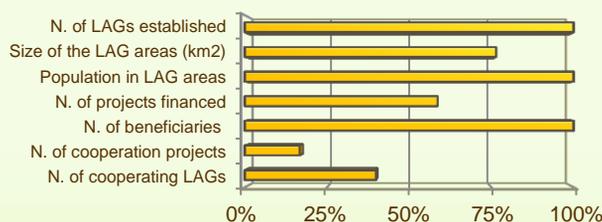


Figure 9: Axis 4 - Progress against 2007-2013 output targets in Slovakia (2007-2011)



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Summary

- ✓ Within seven years of implementation, the Slovakian RDP has utilised 83% of the total public expenditure planned for the current Programming Period (including post Health Check and the European Economic Recovery Package modifications).
- ✓ Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M121) is the measure with the highest allocated budget in the Slovakian RDP. Up to 2013, it has utilised 87% of its available budget and represents around 18% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas (M211) has the second largest budget in the Slovakian RDP and the utilised expenditure is 98% of its allocated funds. M211 represents 18% of the total public expenditure of the programme.
- ✓ The third largest budget is for Agri-environment payments (M214), which has used 85% of its programmed total public expenditure and represents 15% 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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