Measure 125 – Improving and developing infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry

**Basic Information:**

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**Programmed total public expenditure, 2007-2013 (EU 27):** €7.2 billion (of which €4.8 billion EAFRD contribution).

**Actual total public expenditure, 2007 to 2013 (EU 27):** €4.2 billion or 58% of the programmed expenditure for 2007-2013. (Figure 1 shows the financial implementation up to 2013, whereas the output data presented below are up to 2012).

**Definition of output indicators of the measure:**

1) “Number of operations supported” – refers to the number of supported operations that are related to access to farm and forest land, land consolidation and improvement, water management and energy supply.

2) “Total volume of investment” - refers to the total amount (= the sum of all public and private expenditure) of all the tangible and/or intangible investments related to the supported operations concerning access to farm and forest land, land consolidation and improvement, water management and energy supply.

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**Figure 1:**

**Figure 1:** Measure 125 total public expenditure from 2007 to 2013 and remaining budget (EU 27)

**Figure 2:**

**Figure 2:** Number of operations supported from 2007 to 2012*

**Figure 3:**

**Figure 3:** Number of operations supported (% against 2007-2013 output targets)

*Data refer to Member States for which information on the number of supported operations was available.
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- During the first six years of implementation, more than 37,700 operations have been supported at EU 27 level by measure 125 (see figure 2). This number accounts for 73% of the envisaged number of operations to be supported in the period 2007-2013 across EU (see figure 3).
- By 2012 Germany had supported alone nearly 17,822 operations, which account for 94% of the national target for the whole programming period. Spain accounts for the second largest number of operations supported across all MS (5,517 operations, 58% of the national 2007-2013 target).
- In terms of implementation rate, Estonia, France, Austria and Slovakia have supported over 100% of their 2007-2013 target number of operations.

Measure 125 – Total volume of investment from 2007 to 2012*

- At EU 27 level, the total amount of investments concerning access to farm and forest land, land consolidation and improvement, water management and energy supply supported under measure 125 amounts to over €6.1 billion (see figure 4).
- In Germany and Spain the total volume of investments under measure 125 amounts to approximately €1.9 billion and €1 billion respectively. In terms of implementation rate these account for 93% (Germany) and 35% (Spain) of the 2007-2013 national targets (see figure 5). Romania follows with €650 million (over 100% of national target).
- Austria, Romania and Greece have shown the highest implementation rates exceeding their 2007-2013 national targets.

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Key facts and figures

Figure 6: Programmed total public expenditure on measure 125 per MS for 2007-2013 (in million EURO)

- Measure 125 is programmed in 79 out of the 88 Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) across the EU 27. It has not been selected by the RDPs of Ireland, Finland and Bulgaria, 2 RDPs in Italy and in 2 of the UK RDPs.
- Overall, Spain has allocated to Measure 125 the largest RDP budget (programmed total public expenditure – see figure 6) across the EU 27 (€1.6 billion).
- Among the new Member States, the largest RDP budget (total public expenditures) has been allocated by Poland (€603 million) and Romania (€523 million).
- The Member States which have allocated the largest shares of their Axis 1 – Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector – budget to measure 125 are the Netherlands and Greece (43.6% and 31% respectively). Germany, Portugal, Spain and the Czech Republic follow with more than 25% of their Axis 1 budget for the whole programming period.

Measure 125 project example:
Standard Cattle House Project, Finland

The project responded to the identified needs of milk-producers for ready-to-use, tested and successful planning and constructing process for cattle housing. Its aim was to lower the costs of cattle houses by offering standard structures and methods for building them. Clear and coherent rules for site management and supervision and other factors (like animal welfare, fire-safety, and environmental issues) were taken into consideration.

Four construction projects were selected as pilot sites - to refine the new solutions and models. Project provided planners with standard solutions. Providers of cattle house structures were made available and builders of cattle houses could order standard parts or even entire units and so keeping construction costs under control. The planning group of the project continued to develop models designed to improve the construction process.

The total cost of the project was €525,000, out of which €236,625, was EAFRD contribution.


Source of the data:

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