Supporting social inclusion through the Rural Development Programmes

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The 2014-2020 policy framework

According to the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013: “...rural development policy should also integrate the major policy objectives set out in the Communication from the Commission of 3 March 2010 entitled "Europe 2020 - A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" ("the Europe 2020 Strategy")...”

Six Union Priorities for rural development have been specified:

P1. Knowledge transfer& innovation
P2. Competitiveness
P3. Food chain & risk management
P4. Ecosystems management
P5. Resource efficiency & climate
P6. Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas
Total public expenditure per RD priority (EU-28)

- **P4 - Ecosystems management**: 70.7 bn
- **P2 - Competitiveness**: 32.5 bn
- **P6 - Social inclusion & local development**: 23.3 bn
- **P3 - Food chain & risk management**: 16.1 bn
- **P5 - Resource efficiency & climate**: 11.9 bn

Share (%) total public expenditure allocated to P6 EU-28: 15%
P6 - Social inclusion & local development

• **P6 has been activated by all RDPs (110)** - excluding (2) National frameworks, (4) NRN programmes and (2) National programmes.

• Support for social inclusion will support the following Focus Areas (FA) of intervention:

  FA 6A - Facilitating diversification, creation of new small enterprises and job creation. *(77 RDPs)*

  FA 6B - Promoting local development in rural areas. *(110 RDPs)*

  FA 6C - Enhancing accessibility to, and use and quality of ICT in rural areas. *(54 RDPs)*
Focus areas strategy (EU-28)

**FA 6A - Diversification & job creation**

- 2.6 bn
- Diversification & job creation
- EUR 4.3 bn
- 18%

**FA 6B – Local development**

- 7 bn
- Local development
- EUR 17.2 bn
- 76%
Focus areas 6B - Local development (EU-28)

- M19 - LEADER and CLLD: 55.4% or 9.5 bn EUR
- M07 - Basic services: 41.7% or 7.2 bn EUR
- M16 - Cooperation: 1.2% or 209.9 mil EUR
- M13 - ANC: 1.2% or 203.6 mil EUR
- M01 - Knowledge: 0.3% or 45.9 mil EUR
- M02 - Advisory services: 0.2% or 27.0 mil EUR
- M04 - Investments: 0.1% or 15.1 mil EUR
- M06 - Farm and business development: 0.02% or 3.2 mil EUR
Possible role of Leader in the 2014-2020 period

- Implemented in 28 MS + 109 RDPs
- EUR 9.5 billion total public expenditure
- Around 2513 LAGs supported
- Planned number of jobs created 44,400

**Multifunding**
- Entry of ESF in 13 countries – €634m
- Entre of ERDF 16 countries - €1,200m
- Continuation of EMFF 20 countries >€500m
MS Planning to Support Multi-funded Strategies

**Multifunding**

**Member States**

**ALLOWED**
- AT, BG, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GR, HU, IT, LT, LV, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK and UK

**NOT ALLOWED**
- BE, CY, EE, HR, IE, LU, MT, NL, and RO

**Only EAFRD – BE, LU, NL, MT**

**ESF: RO, PT, PL, UK, CZ, HU, GR**

Source: ENRD CP - Screening of 28 approved Partnership Agreements and sample of 26 RDPs
**From a territorial approach**

| **Strategy** | • Development of deprived areas – not inclusion of deprived people  
| • Holistic rather than target group or theme focus |
| **Partnership** | • Organised communities with degree of social capital  
| • Low level of institutional competition. Gaps in local governance |
| **Area** | • Small enough for building trust. Large enough for critical mass  
| • Coherence – physical, social, economic |
To a territorial and people centred approach

| **Strategy** | • Linkages between the target group and territory included in strategy (barriers, gaps, opportunities)
|             | • Investments in self confidence, self esteem, capacity, autonomy.....
|             | • Selection - build from small practical achievements
|             | • Own funds are not enough - mobilise all local levers in an integrated way |
| **Partnership** | • Reinforce role of target group in the partnership
|                 | • Strengthen trust and linkages between target group and other actors. |
| **Area** | • Adapt to the geography of the target group
|         | • But avoid ghettos – link disadvantaged to advantaged.
Local integrated pathways

LAG Animation

Linkages with other funds + agencies
Local services
Small projects - employment and business support
Training, skills
Community spaces and activities
Capacity building, community development
Definition of needs, participation in strategy + procedures

sustainable
competitive
inclusive