

Our Journey Towards the New Rural Development Programme

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Aim

- To briefly set the scene for the new round of EU programmes
- To give you some of the detail we expect in new RD Regulation
- Look at what we think might see on LEADER post 2013
- Look at proposed consultation arrangements and a rough timeline

EU Budget
Proposals

Reduction in real
terms by 2020

Redistribution between
Pillar 1 and 2?

No modulation?

Rural Development Proposals

- Publication date 12 October 2011.
- Promote the Europe 2020 strategy.
- Greater co-ordination of EU Funds.
- Thematic sub-programmes – young farmers, small farms, mountain areas and short supply chains.

Europe 2020 Strategy

- **Smart growth** – an economy based on knowledge and innovation.
R&D and innovation, education, training and life long learning, digital society.
- **Sustainable growth** – promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy.
Competitiveness, combating climate change, clean and efficient energy.
- **Inclusive growth** – a high employment economy delivering economic, social and territorial cohesion.
Employment, skills, fighting poverty.

Programme Objectives

Smart Growth	Competitiveness of agriculture	Currently Axis 1
Sustainable Growth	Sustainable management of natural resources	Currently Axis 2
Inclusive Growth	Balanced territorial development of rural areas	Currently Axis 3

Six EU Priorities for Rural Development

1. Knowledge transfer in agriculture and forestry
2. Competitiveness of agriculture, farm viability.
3. Food chain organisation and risk management in agriculture.

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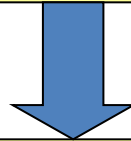
4. Preserving and enhancing, ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry.
5. Promoting resource efficiency and transition to a low carbon economy in agri-food and forestry sectors.
6. Realising jobs potential and development of rural areas.

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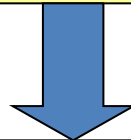
Focus on:

- Facilitating diversification and job creation
- Promoting social inclusion and poverty reduction
- Fostering local development in rural areas

EU Common Strategic Framework
(EAFRD, ERDF,ESF, Cohesion Policy and EMFF)



Member State Partnership Contract
(EAFRD, ERDF,ESF, Cohesion Policy and EMFF)



Member State Rural Development
Programme(s)

Programme Financing

- Single co-financing rate of 50% with specified exceptions.
 - 80% for some measures, including LEADER?
 - 100% for 'projects .. significant contribution to innovation'
- Performance reserve – 5% (get it in 2019).
Possible redistribution to other programmes
- 4% technical assistance to include funding the National Rural Network.

LEADER

- Likely compulsory – 5% minimum.
- Consistent and co-ordinated with other European Funds.
- Local development strategies.
- Co-operation activities.
- Particular focus on Priority 6 - Realising jobs potential and development of rural areas.
- Running costs and animation capped at 25%.

Networks

- European Evaluation Network.
 - Note: ongoing evaluation continues but possibly no Mid Term Evaluation
- National Rural Network.
 - Broader scope, including pre-selecting projects for ‘innovation / co-operation prize’ (see later)
- European Innovation Partnership Network.

Innovation Prize

- 30 million Euro prize for innovative local co-operation.
- Starting in 2015 and ending in 2019.
- National Rural Network responsible for pre-selecting 10 applications.
- Commission to select 50 winning projects.
- Up to 100,000 Euro per project

Challenges Ahead

- Funding for Pillar 2.
- Proposed regulation structure
- Timing / substance implications of co-decision by European Parliament.
- Allocations between regional programmes and measures within programmes.
- Seeking a simpler, less expensive to control, more EU funded, more flexible programme

Consultation

- Public consultation on full CAP Reform package
- Informal consultation using existing fora - e.g. LAG/JCC/DARD strategic group
- Review of Leader – consultation with current structures / lessons coming out of MTE and barriers work
- Formation of a ‘consultative partnership’ type grouping for new programmes – suggestion at Partnership Contract level rather than RDP
- Formal consultation on draft programme

Rough timetable

- Publication of package on 12 October 2011
- Line by line read through by working group(s) in Brussels 2011-12
- Ongoing consideration by European Parliament 2011-12
- NI policy development work – first half 2012
- Drafting of measures, programme document – mid 2012
- Public consultation – 3rd quarter 2012
- Finalisation of Regulations / submission of programme mid 2013



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