



Needs for change, adjustments in the current period, and long-term perspectives

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Rural Development Policy 2007-2013

Main policy features

Strategic approach to programming

Single fund EAFRD, one set of rules for management, financing and control

Common framework for monitoring and evaluation (CMEF)

Mainstreaming of Leader to strengthen governance and local initiatives in rural areas

Complementarity with Structural Funds

Maintenance of toolkit, territorial and multi-sectoral approach



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Adjustments due to Health Check and Financial crisis

Strengthening focus and targeting of resources for
“New Challenges” and broadband

- Additional financial resources
- Increase of EU co-financing rate for additional funds used for new challenges
- Facilitating financial activities: frontloading, higher advances



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Adjustments in the context of the simplification exercise

- Simplifying strategic reporting
- Facilitation of the follow-up requirements for cross-compliance
- Tailor-made use of advisory services
- Simplification of the control rules



Needs for change – Future perspectives

Strategic approach in programming

- EU 2020 as policy framework for after 2013
 - Smart/sustainable and inclusive growth to be translated in RDP objectives and EU priorities
 - Quantified targets to be defined
 - Close relationship with ERDF, ESF, EFF

Strengthen and adapt strategic approach to new requirements



Needs for change – Future perspectives

Strategic approach in programming

- Open questions:
 - Form and role of National Strategy
 - Measure toolkit
 - Targeting mechanism (e.g., eligibility criteria, regional differentiation, selection criteria)

Simplification of programming while ensuring added value and transparency/accountability



Needs for change – Future perspectives

Implementation of programmes

- Arrangements in Member States
 - National rules (e.g. eligibility criteria, retention period for investment, selection process)
 - Administrative procedures (e.g. duration of projects' approval)
 - Coordination between responsible authorities

*Review of arrangements and need for exchange of
experience – use of Network*



Needs for change – Future perspectives

Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

- Increasing importance due to targeting requirements and value for money proof
- Need to review the system to concentrate and enhance certain elements

Need for continuing to measure and assess the results and the impact of the policy



Needs for change – Future perspectives

Coherence and complementarity – coordination with other policies

- How to ensure synergies with other EU policies: complementarity and/or demarcation?
- How to improve coordination in MS at different levels (national/regional/local)?

*Towards better harmonisation of methods and rules
of different EU policies*



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Needs for change – Future perspectives

Local development approaches

- Leader is the most important instrument for integrated local development, but
- Does mainstreaming conflict with basic principles of bottom-up and innovative character?
- Potential of public-private partnership to contribute to local development

Review existing mechanisms and prepare for harmonised approach with other EU policy local development initiatives



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Needs for change – Future perspectives

Management and control system

- Possibilities for reducing burden by providing for flexibility and proportionality: e.g. simplified rules for smaller projects?
- Efficiency gains in Member States by avoiding unnecessary complexity of rules and procedures (e.g. application requirements, delays in project approval)

Simplify where possible, but ensure sound financial management and traceability



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