

**BUILDING THE NEW CAP:
BALANCED TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**

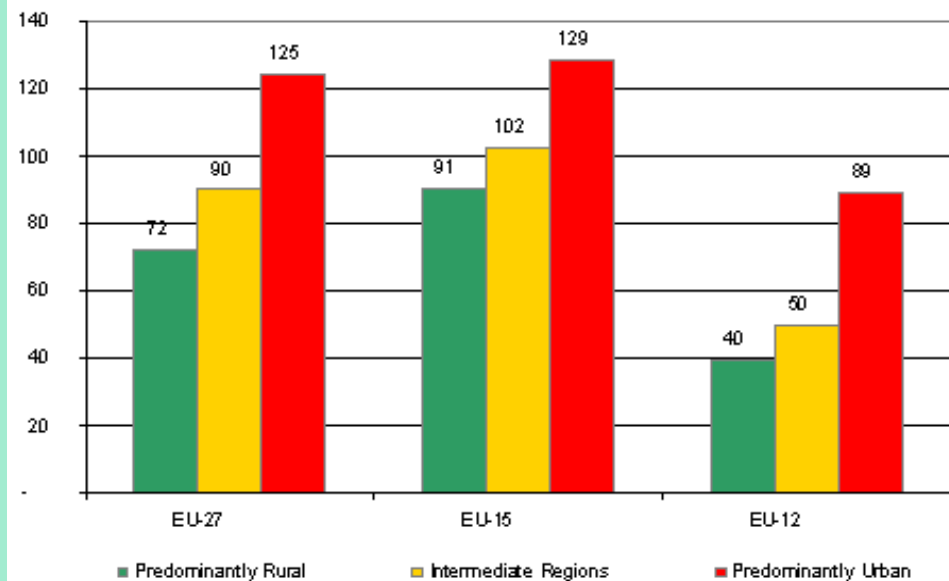
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Situation in the countryside and impact of the CAP

- declining importance of farming
- growing diversification of sources of income
- concentrated territorial impact of the CAP
- does the CAP contribute to territorial cohesion?

“the effect of the CAP is negative in the least prosperous regions”

(2nd Report on Economic and Social Cohesion, 2001)



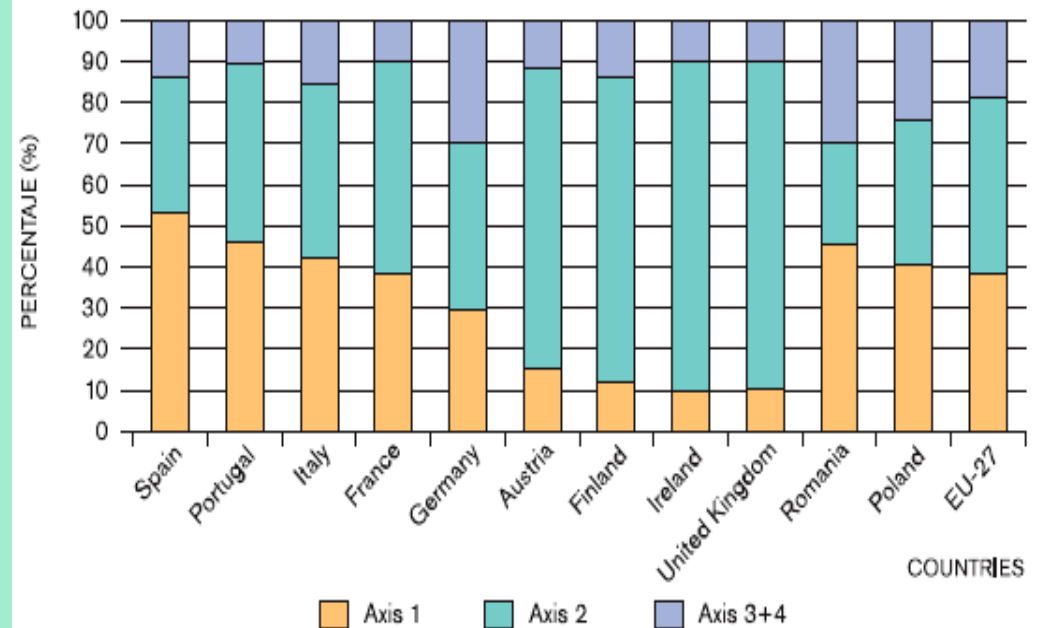
Rural Development Report, 2010

Current EU Rural Policy

- **inappropriate**

- neither multi-sectoral nor territorially applied
- fails to benefit the entire rural population
- except Axis 3 and 4, with very limited impact

- **insufficient**



Regidor, 2008: 117.

New proposal for Rural Development Policy

Strong points:

- greater flexibility for Member States (partnership contracts)
- better coordination with Pillar 1 and other Funds (CSF)
- **but, what rural measures are envisaged in other funds?**
- LEADER measures continue to be compulsory (with at least 5% of Pillar II)

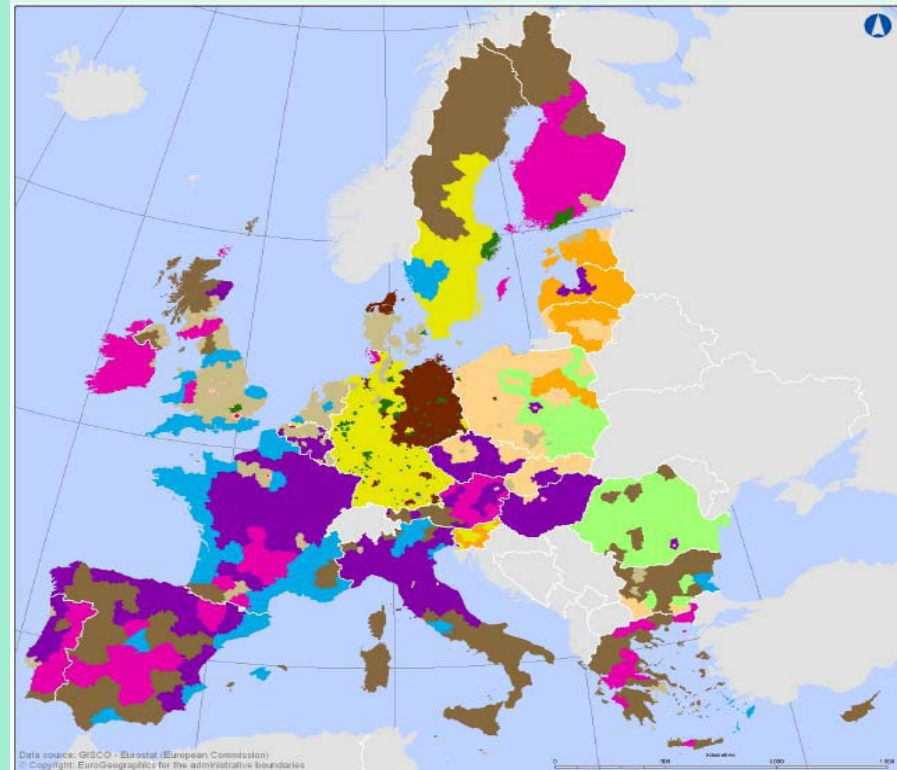
Weak points:

- “foreseeable weak impact on rural areas”
(Impact Assessment, 2010: Annex 4)
- **does it promote balanced territorial development across the EU?**
- scant funding (MFF): € 14.6 billion per year for 27 countries
- territorial and multi-sectoral rural development 6th priority

The EU lacks a genuine Rural Policy

- Integration scenario:
 - targeting integrated rural policy in... 2020?
 - with a single Regulation for CSF funds
 - great administrative complexity
 - and all this, for how much funding per rural area?

- different types of “rurality”, different types of rural areas
- need for NUTS 4 areas for application in rural policy



A new Framework Rural Policy for the EU

- Most of the EU-15 countries have a national rural policy
- **Distinguish agri-food and agro-environmental policy from the Framework Rural Policy**
- Framework Rural Policy as guidance for and to supplement national policies
- **Apply a new rural paradigm: “sustainable development of rural areas”**

Spanish Act on Sustainable Rural Development of the Countryside, 2008

