



Local agriculture and short food supply chains



Workshop A

Towards an appropriate policy framework



Rural Development Program for Poland

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Poland in numbers

- ❑ Total area of the country in thous. km² - **312.7**;
- ❑ of which rural areas - **93.2%** of total;
- ❑ Number of farms **2 278** thousand
including: **1 769.6** thousand above **1 ha** URA;
- ❑ Average surface of agricultural land on a farm in 2011
- **10.36** hectares (according to ARMA);



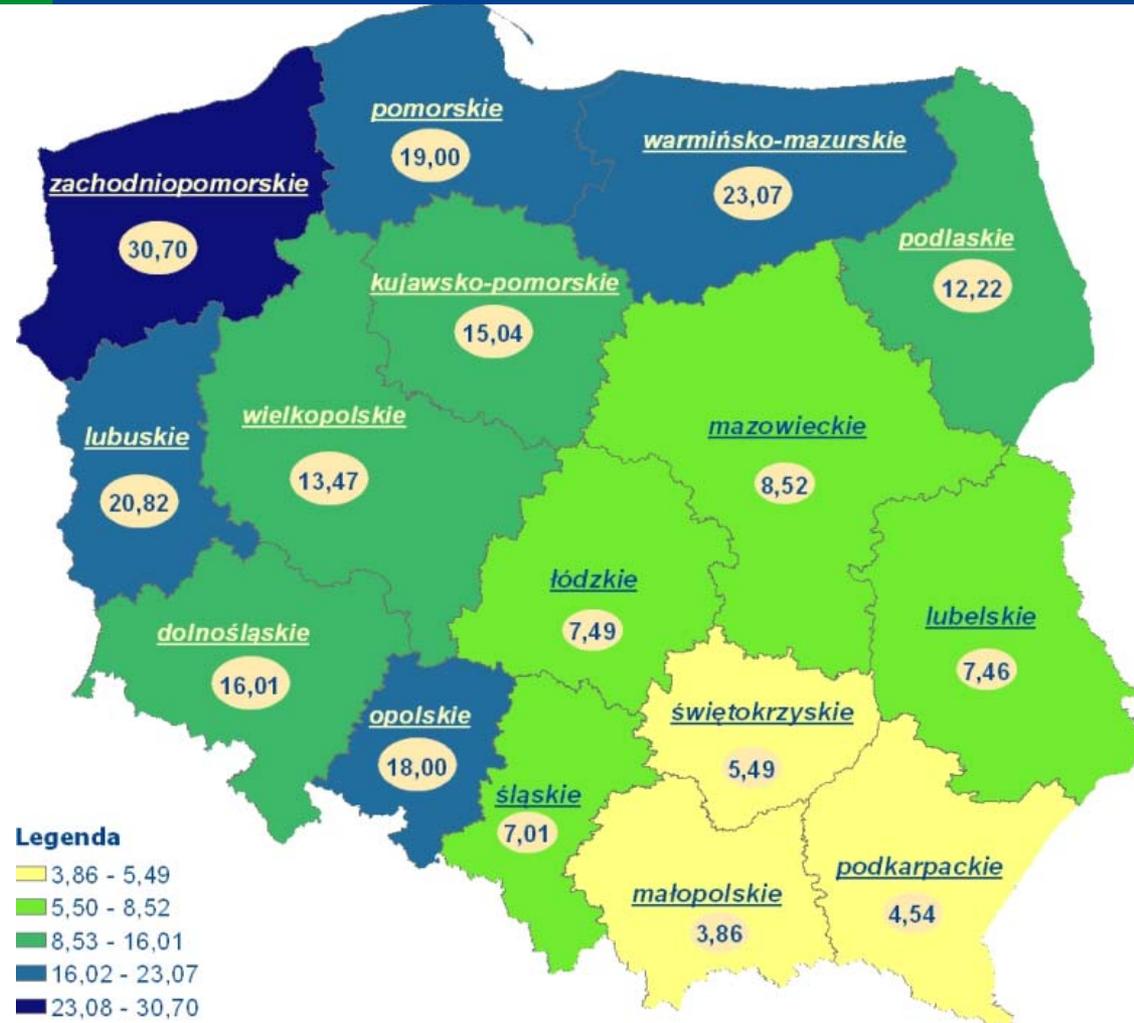
Structure of farms - Number of farms by area groups of agricultural land

Total	Groups of agricultural land area in hectares in 2010											
	0 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 7	7 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 30	30 - 50	50 - 100	100 and more
	<i>in thousands</i>											
2278	715	343	231	289	179	173	152	72	61	36	17	10
	<i>the percentage of all households</i>											
100,0	31,4	15,0	10,1	12,7	7,9	7,6	6,7	3,2	2,7	1,6	0,7	0,4

Source: Central Statistical Office



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Rural Development Program in Poland – Objectives, Budget,

Four axes were identified among the priority support directions for rural areas in the EU:

- Axis 1:** Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector;
- Axis 2:** Improvement of the environment and the countryside;
- Axis 3:** The quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy;
- Axis 4:** Leader.

Total budget: 17 420 139 662,00 euro

Axis 1:	- 7 460 397 000,00 euro
Axis 2:	- 5 337 112 631,00 euro
Axis 3:	- 3 568 530 031,00 euro
Axis 4:	- 787 500 000,00 euro
Technical Assistance:	- 266 600 000,00 euro

Number of measures in the Program - 22



Measure 121 Modernisation of agricultural holdings

Objective:

The measure is intended to support modernisation of holdings in order to improve their effectiveness through better use of the means of production, quality improvement, agricultural activity differentiation and harmonisation of agricultural production conditions with the requirements related to natural environment protection, production hygiene and animal welfare.

The basic criteria for access:

- The economic size of farms should be at least 4 ESU;
- The farm should be conducted by the person who has the whole relevant professional qualifications;
- The project contributes to improving overall economic performance;



Measure 121 Modernisation of agricultural holdings - Effects

- The number of farms with which an agreement was signed **36 976**;
- The number of farms that received aid **28 099**;
- The number of farms under 5 hectares that received aid **788** which is **2.80%** of all supported households;
- Average farm size of the beneficiaries of measure 121 - **55.7** hectares;
- 80%** of supported farms are between 10 and 100 hectares;
- in the group of **> 50 hectares** every **third** household in Poland has benefited from 121;
- in the group of **30 to 50 hectares** - every **fifth** household in Poland has benefited from 121;

The common use of machinery - a proposition for smaller farms



Measure 311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities

Objective:

Diversification of agricultural activity towards starting or developing non-agricultural activity by farmers, their spouses and other household members, which will contribute to creation of non-agricultural income sources and promotion of employment outside agriculture in rural areas.

The basic criteria for access:

- farmers or members of their families;
- supported operations affect rural areas.



Measure 311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities

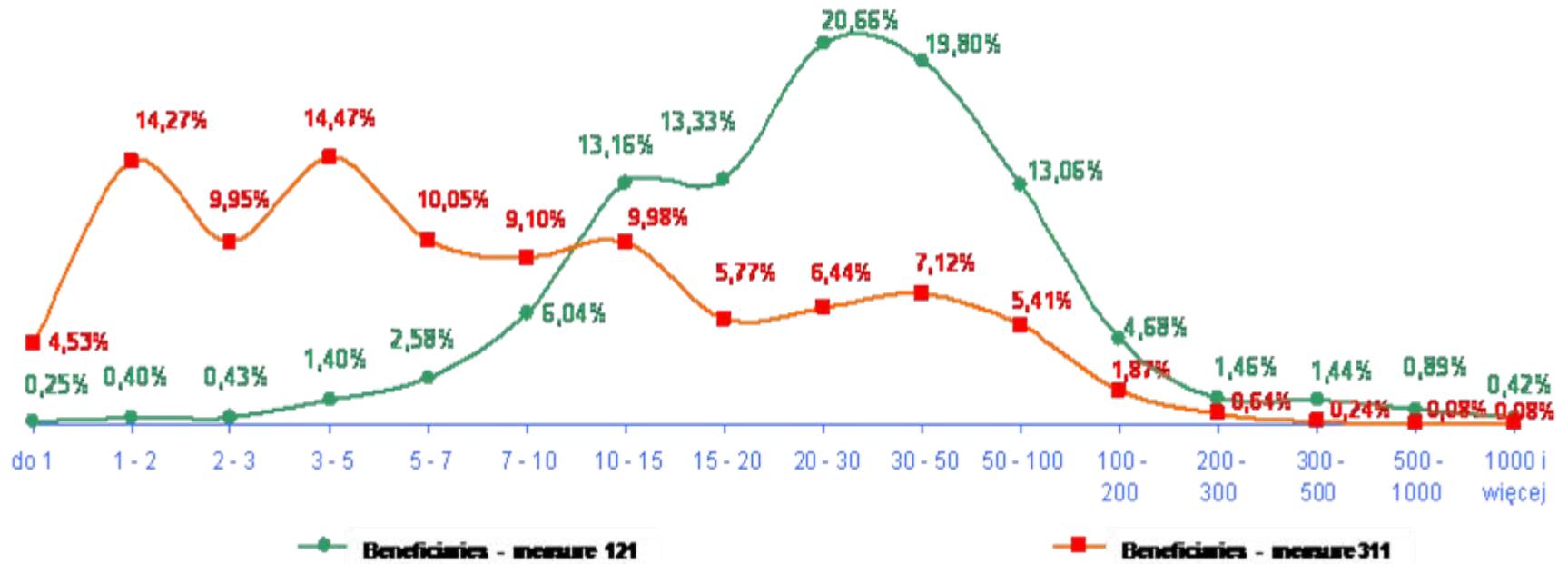
- Number of beneficiaries with whom the agreement was signed **9 963**;
- Number of beneficiaries who received aid **6 240**;

The operations were carried out by:

- farmers - **82%**;
- spouses of farmers - **15%**;
- household members - **3%**.



Area groups of beneficiaries of measures 121 and 311





Summary

- There are a big number of farms in Poland.
- The smallest farms present minority in the group of agriculture holdings which use assistance for investment under Rural Development Programme.



Thank you for your attention