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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

State of play of RDP / EIP programming in the Czech Republic



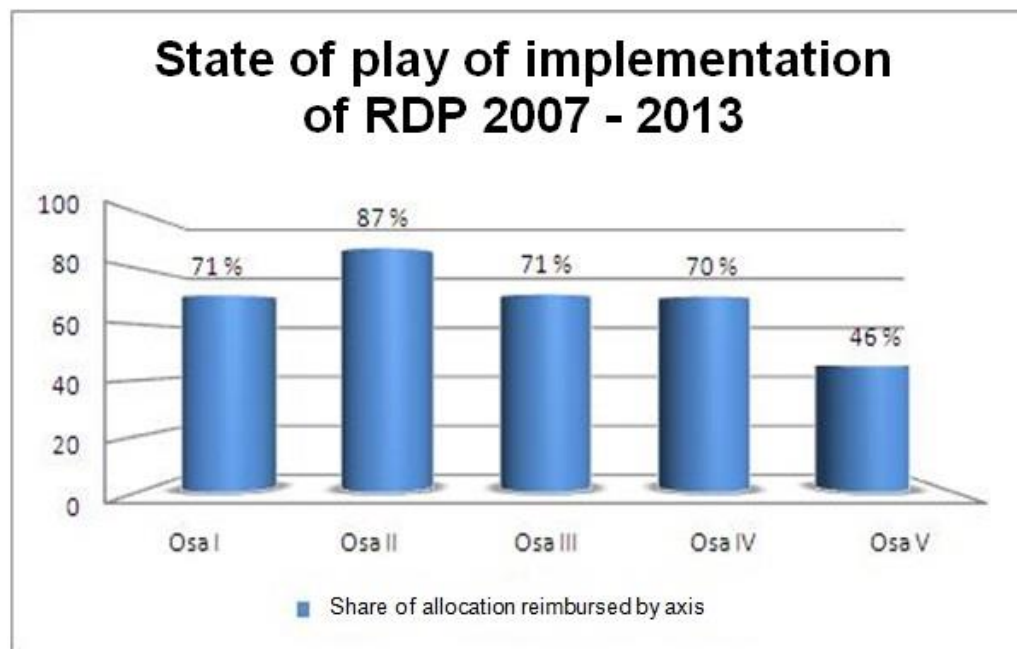
THE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT:
EUROPE INVESTING IN RURAL AREAS

Rural Development Programme 2007 - 2013



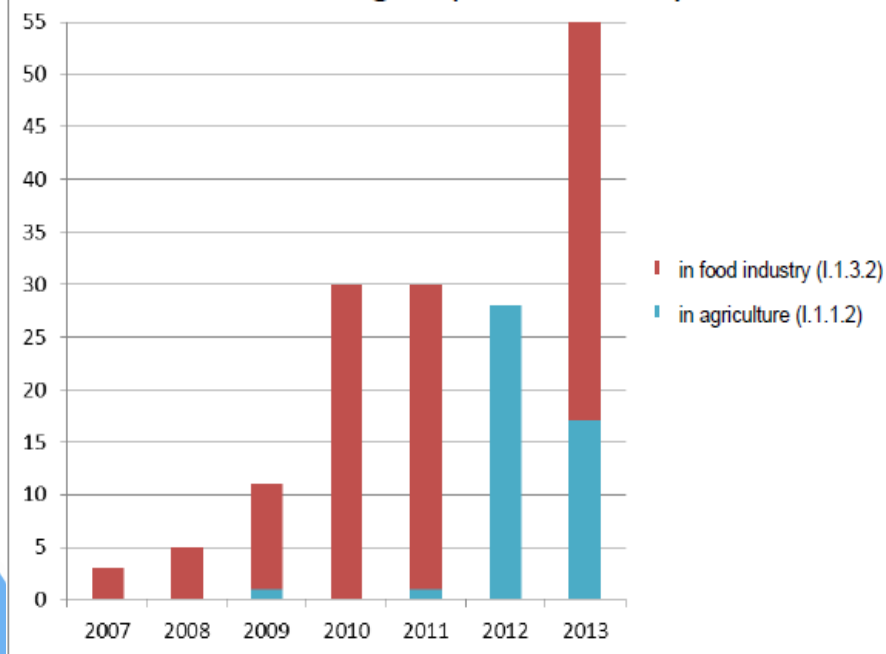
Rural Development Programme CR 2007 - 2013

- Allocation 3 670 mil EUR – divided into 4 axes
- Announced 20 calls for receipt of applications
- Approved 91 % of allocation
- Reimbursed 79 % of allocation



Experience with innovation in RDP 2007 - 2013

Progress in receipt of registered applications under measures Cooperation for the development of new products, processes and technologies (or innovation)



- Positive development (a growing trend in the receipt of applications, see the chart)
- In Measure I.1.1.2 a total of 19 applications have been approved
- In Measure I.1.3.2 a total of 51 applications have been approved
- As of 1 March 2014 altogether CZK 530.7 million was paid to 37 projects



Examples of successful projects

- Innovation of meat processing technology for meat products with reduced content of substances with adverse nutritional effect (RAVY CZ a.s.)
- Increasing the efficiency of ripening in smear-ripened cheese and development of a new type of cheese (MADETA a.s.)

Innovation of meat processing technology for meat products with reduced content of substances with adverse nutritional effect

- **Sub-measure I.1.3.2. – Cooperation for the development of new products, processes and technologies (or innovation) in food industry.**
 - Institute of Chemical Technology Prague / Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology
 - RAVY CZ, a.s. (Liberec)
- The project tested the innovative technology for processing meat products with reduced content of substances with adverse nutritional effect.
- In the framework of this cooperation, technology of production of heat-treated meat products was tried and tested.

The project resulted in modifications of technological processes in producing baked
- and pasteurized products.



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 - Institute of Chemical Technology Prague / Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology
 - MADETA a.s.
- Project implemented in cooperation with MADETA a.s. company (2010 -2012).
- The project resulted in installing new innovative technology that enables ripening of a new type of smear-ripened cheese.
- The result of the project is the introduction of a new type of products, a wider product range, and an increase in the volume of production by 3%.

Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020



Shift of the themes from 2007 – 2013 to 2014 – 2020

Generally: wide range of RDP supports – problem with demarcation -
focus on support for farmers, processors, foresters

- **Competitiveness:**

- **Strengthening the role of innovations** - innovations in the field of agriculture, food and forestry were in previous programming periods supported only marginally
- Concentration of support in agriculture – **targeting particularly to livestock production**
- Intensive **support for cooperation** in all areas (knowledge transfer, short supply chains..)

- **Environment:**

- AEO – **targeting to priority areas** (NATURA 2000, NP, erosion risk areas, nitrate vulnerable zones ...)
- LFA – **new delimitation** (based on biophysical criteria, Fine tuning applied) leading to better targeting of support
- **Better targeting of afforestation** – agriculture land less suitable for farming with the threat of erosion

In the current period were not used all benefits of the LEADER method – **multifund use ensures multiplied synergy – mandatory standards for LAGs**



Main focus of the programme 2014 - 2020

- Ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and climate action
- Fostering the competitiveness of agriculture
- Achieving a balanced territorial development of rural economies and communities including the creation and maintenance of employment

Timetable RDP 2014 - 2020

	2014												2015											
RDP finalization	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
SEA, ex-ante	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
RDP submitted to the government	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
RDP submitted EC	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
RDP approval procedure	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Preparation of rules for beneficiaries	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
First call for applications	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

- The Partnership Agreement was submitted to the EC on 17 April 2014 (the RDP will be submitted to the EC by 17 July 2014 at the latest)

Budget for RDP 2014 - 2020

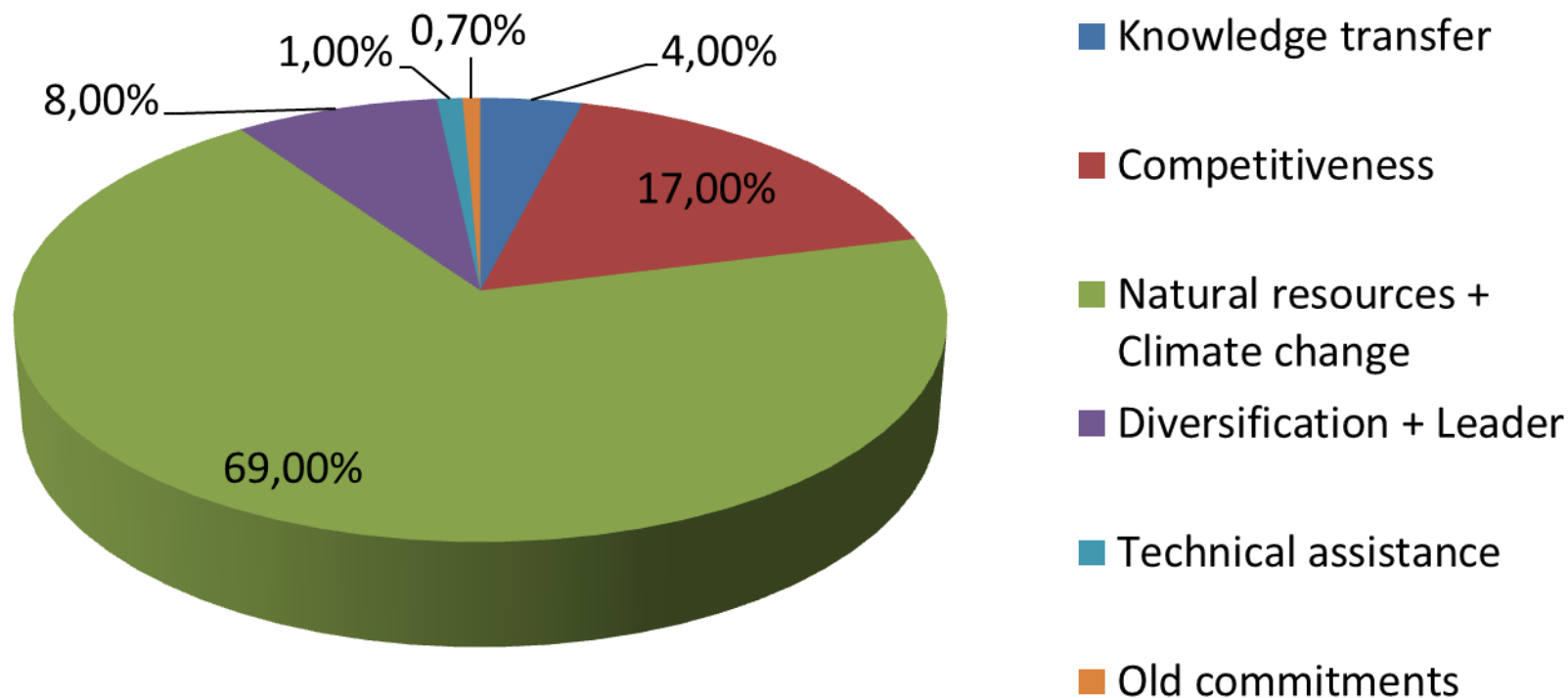
Approved budget for RDP - EU share **EUR 2 170 mil.**

Total budget of RDP (incl. CR share and transfer from Pillar I) **EUR 2 968 mil.**

(75 % co-financing from EAFRD)

The actual budget of RDP will thus be by more than EUR 0.7 billion lower than that in the current period (EUR 3.6 billion)

Allocation distribution between measures



Rural development priorities

Key Actions

1. Knowledge transfer and Innovation

(a) fostering innovation and the knowledge base in rural areas
(b) strengthening the links between agriculture and forestry and research and innovation
(c) fostering lifelong learning and vocational training in the agricultural and forestry sectors

2. Competitiveness of all types of agriculture and farm viability

(a) facilitating restructuring of farms facing major structural problems, notably farms with a low degree of market participation, market-oriented farms in particular sectors and farms in need of agricultural diversification
(b) facilitating generational renewal in the agricultural sector

3. Food chain organisation and risk management

(a) better integrating primary producers into the food chain through quality schemes, promotion in local markets and short supply circuits, producer groups and inter-branch organisations
(b) supporting farm risk management

4. Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems

(a) restoring and preserving biodiversity, including in Natura 2000 areas and HNV farming, and the state of European landscapes
(b) improving water management
(c) improving soil management

5. Resource efficiency and shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy

(a) increasing efficiency in water use by agriculture
(b) increasing efficiency in energy use in agriculture and food processing
(c) facilitating the supply and use of renewable sources of energy, of by-products, wastes, residues and other non food raw material for purposes of the bio-economy
(d) reducing nitrous oxide and methane emissions from agriculture
(e) fostering carbon sequestration in agriculture and forestry

6. Social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

(a) facilitating diversification, creation of new small enterprises and job creation
(b) fostering local development in rural areas
(c) enhancing accessibility to, use and quality of information and communication technologies (ICT) in rural areas

Innovation, Climate Change and Environment as cross-cutting objectives

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Situation analysis

- Low competitiveness
- It is caused inter alia by low level of innovation activity
- Agricultural and food businesses do not adequately utilise the results of research
- The exception is large processing plants, but cooperation is also lacking

Causes of the problems

- Non-existing or inflexible links between research and practice
- Conservative approach to innovation
- Low willingness to change production structure
- Use of unfitting technologies
- Insufficient linkage between primary production and product processing

Selection of the cause of the problem:

Insufficient linkage between practice and results of science and research



Specific objective:

Encouraging cooperation to improve the transfer of results of science and research into practice, and their use



Supported activities:

Setting up of operational groups, and their activity

Incorporation of EIP in RDP 2014 - 2020

- Promoting the establishment and operation of operational groups with respect to agricultural productivity and sustainability
- Operational groups will be supported under the Cooperation measure
- Dissemination of results of activity of operational groups will be ensured through:
 - EIP network
 - National Rural Network
- A "broker" will be essential for establishing the operational groups

Incorporation of EIP in RDP 2014 - 2020

Operational groups shall aim at:

- Promoting competitive and sustainable agriculture and food industry working in harmony with the environment
- Building bridges between research and application of innovative approaches in practice

Incorporation of EIP in RDP 2014 - 2020

Basic topics to fulfill the EIP:

- Increased agricultural productivity, economic viability, sustainability, output and resource efficiency
- Innovation in support of the bio-based economy
- Biodiversity, ecosystem services, soil functionality and sustainable water management
- Innovative products and services for the integrated supply chain
- Opening up new product and market opportunities for primary producers
- Food quality, food safety and healthy diet
- Reduced post-harvest losses and food wastage

Operational groups

- Operational groups, or their members are aid beneficiaries
- Operational group is composed of representatives of several sectors:
 - Entities operating in agriculture and food industry
 - Entities operating in science and research
 - Professional non-governmental organisations
 - Other rural development actors (self-government, local partnerships, etc.)
- ✓ Operational group shall be composed at least of a business entity and an entity from science and research sector (one of the eligibility criteria)

Operational groups – eligible expenditure

- Costs of the establishment of the operational group
- Costs of the drawing up of the strategy and action plan of the operational group, the feasibility study
- The running costs of the operation of the operational group
- Directs costs of the project

Operational groups – eligibility criteria

- Project shall comply with the objectives of the measure
- Project can be implemented in the territory of the CR
- Support shall be conditional on the submission of the business (action) plan
- The beneficiaries shall be business entities operating in agriculture and food industry
- Results of the work of operational groups shall be published and disseminated through the National Rural Network
- Operational group shall act based on internal procedures that ensure that their operation is transparent and situations of the conflict of interest are avoided



Operational groups – principles for setting out selection criteria

- Quality of the business plan
- Diverse composition of the operational group
- Anticipated benefits for practice

Operational groups will be selected by a commission of experts

Promoting the establishment and operation of operational groups by the MoA

- Cooperation with partners who assist in the Programme preparation – working group
- Timely publicity of EIP concept and timely provision of information on the intention to promote the operational groups – planning the media coverage (publicizing)
- Publicity through activities of the National Rural Network

Role of the National Rural Network in RDP 2014 - 2020

- In the NRN, activities relevant for the European Innovation Partnership will be addressed within the structure of NRN through a **standing thematic working group for innovation** that will provide support especially to setting up and operating of the Operational groups in the framework of the European Innovation Partnership. The NRN will play an important role particularly in terms of promoting the introduction of innovation.
- The group of partners will be considerably expanded by representatives of universities, research institutes and professional workplaces, whose strong involvement in the transfer of innovation is foreseen.



National Rural Network shall aim to:

- Increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development policy
- Improve the quality of implementation of rural development programmes
- Inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities
- Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas

Thank you for your attention

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