



Rural Development Programmes 2014 - 2020: Architecture

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Rural development

RD Programmes:

- *Define the strategy to achieve policy objectives*
- *Set out the instruments and distribution of financial allocations to implement the strategy*
- *Provide the elements needed to compile the Partnership Contracts*
- *Provide the elements necessary to assess programmes' compliance with legal provisions*

Content of programmes: main elements

- *Ex-ante evaluation*
- *SWOT analysis*
- *Elements of the strategy: choice of measures per priority/focus areas, financial allocations to measures, approach towards innovation environment and climate change issues, etc.;*
- *Implementing arrangements: designation of relevant Authorities, consultation of partners, approach to local development strategies, monitoring & evaluation, etc.*
- *Financing plan;*
- *Indicator plan (target-setting!);*
- *Performance framework and approach to ex-ante conditionalities*

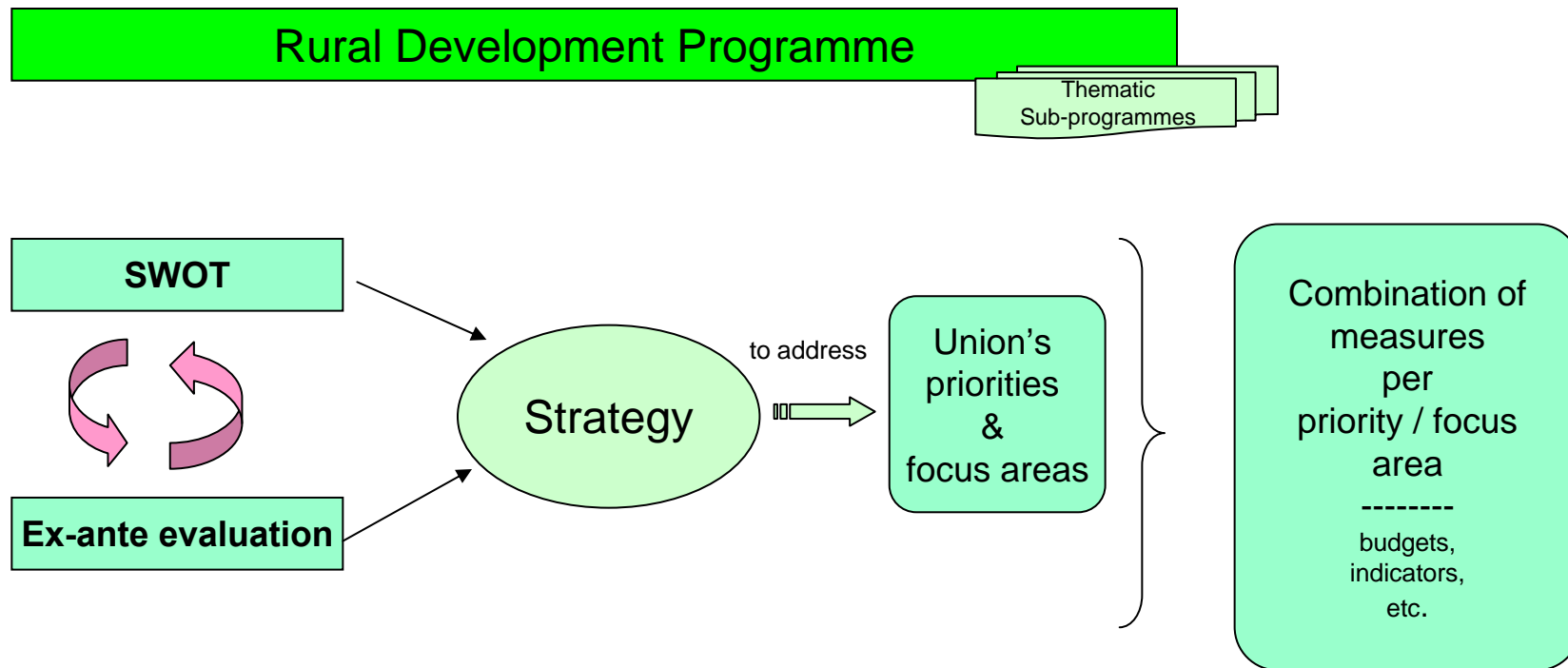
From “axes” to “priorities”

- *The six Union priorities for rural development:*
 - Define the points of emphasis of the policy with respect to the needs for intervention identified at the level of the Union;
 - Are broken down into operational « focus areas » to better structure attribution of measures and planned interventions
- *High degree of flexibility in the attribution of rural development measures to focus areas*

Thematic sub-programmes (optional):

- *To put emphasis on and address specific needs of particular sectors, geographical areas or types of beneficiaries (e.g young farmers, small farmers, mountain areas, short supply chain);*
- *Specific SWOT analysis, RD measures, targets and indicator plan*
- ***No separate specific financial management***

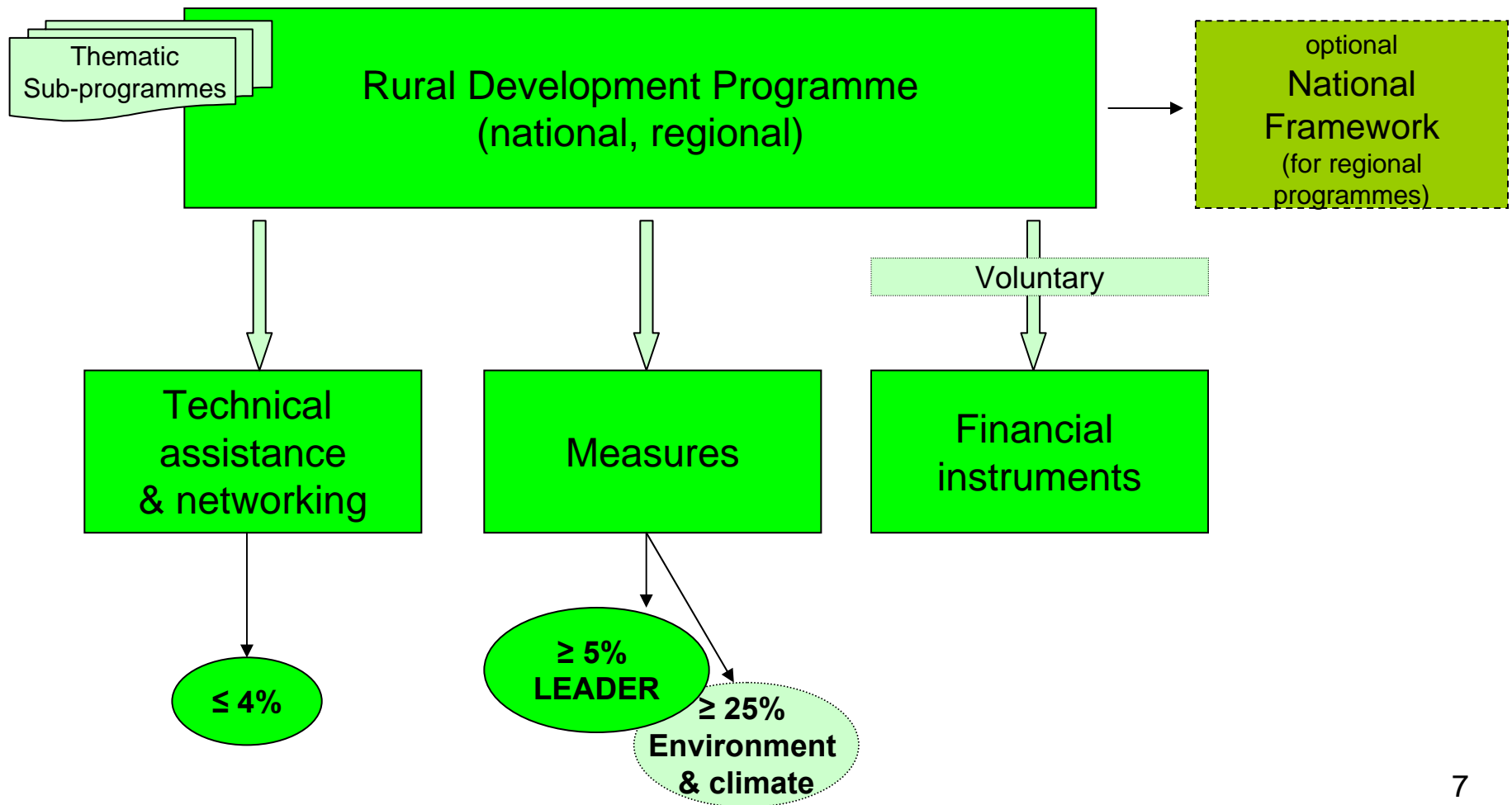
Programming in a nut-shell



Preparation aspects
(incl. assessment of ex-
ante conditionalities)

Implementation aspects (incl.
structures for local development,
setting milestone/targets)

Programmes and instruments



Grouping of measures and indicators per focus areas: an example

