

SPAIN

Improve the quality of life in rural areas

Location

Eivissa island

Programming period

2007 - 2013

Axis / Priority

Axis 3 – Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Measure

M321 - Basic services for the economy and rural population

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 30 087
EAFRD 11 782
National/region. 13 190
Private 5 115

Project duration

2012 – 2013

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Summary

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Results

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Lessons & Recommendations

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Objectives

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Additional sources of information

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