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Rural Development in Bulgaria

- # From SAPARD 2000-2006 to the post-accession Rural Development Programme 2007-2013
- # From overview of SAPARD results to a vision of a wider RDP
- # From introducing Rural Development Policy to ensuring its achievements are preserved and multiplied

Rural Development in Bulgaria

- 1995** – Law for support of agricultural producers
 - 1997** – First Agricultural report
 - 1999** – Sectoral strategies, based on sectoral analysis
 - 2000** – National Agriculture and Rural Development Plan for the period 2000-2006 under SAPARD
 - 2001** – Start of the SAPARD Programme
 - 2002** – Development of 3 integrated regional programmes
 - 2003** – Draft National Agri-environmental Programme
 - 2003** – MAF Pilot project on Leader approach
 - 2004** – Concept for Rural Development 2007-2013
 - 2005** – National Strategy and National Action Plan for organic agriculture for the period 2006-2013
 - 2005** – National Pilot Scheme for LFA support
 - 2005** – Draft National Strategy Plan 2007-2013
 - 2006-2007** – Finalisation of NSP and RDP
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SAPARD Impact on Policy Level

- # SAPARD introduced integrated rural development as a blend of sector-territory-community development policies
- # SAPARD introduced partnership with the economic and social NGOs and local actors as a continuous process throughout policy making and programme management
- # SAPARD introduced the approach of **multi-annual programming** with priority setting and continuous **monitoring and evaluation** to improve and guide programme implementation
- # SAPARD allowed Bulgarian institutions to acquire the **responsibility for programme management** and build **internal expertise and capacity** to implement, monitor and evaluate such programmes.

Main documents for Rural Development for the period 2007-2013

- National Strategy Plan for Rural Development 2007-2013 (NSPRD);
 - Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (RDP);
 - Ordinances for implementation of the measures under RDP;
 - Guidelines for application under the measures, included in the RDP 2007-2013;
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Rural Development Programme (2007-2013)

- Implementation of the NSPRD and achievement of the strategic objectives, laid down in it through measures, combined in four priority axes:
 - ✓ Axis 1 “Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector”;
 - ✓ Axis 2 “Improving the environment and the countryside”
 - ✓ Axis 3 “Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy”;
 - ✓ Axis 4 “LEADER”.
- Period of implementation – from the date of its official approval by EC to 31 December, 2013 – approval of projects and to end of 2015 – payment of projects

Measures, which will be implemented under the RDP 2007-2013

Axis 1 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

- 111-** Training, Information And Diffusion Of Knowledge;
- 112-** Setting up of Young Farmers;
- 121-** Modernization of Agricultural Holdings;
- 122-** Improving the Economic Value of Forests;
- 123-** Adding Value to Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- 141-** Semi – Subsistence Farming;
- 142-** Setting up Producer Groups;
- 143-** Provision of Farm Advisory and Extension Services in Bulgaria and Romania (according to Annex VIII, Section I D of the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania (2007-2009))

Measures, which will be implemented under the RDP 2007-2013(2)

Axis 2 - Improving the environment and the countryside

211- Natural Handicap Payments to Farmers in Mountain areas;

212- Payments to Farmers in Areas with Handicaps, Other Than Mountain Areas;

214- Agrienvironmental Payments;

223- First afforestation of non-agricultural land;

226- Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions.

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

311- Diversification into Non-Agricultural Activities;

312- Support for the Creation and Development of Micro-Enterprises;

313- Encouragement of Tourism Activities;

321- Basic Services for the Economy and Rural Population;

322- Village Renewal and Development.

Measures, which will be implemented under the RDP 2007-2013(3)

Axis 4 - LEADER

41 - Implementation of the Local Development Strategies

411 – *including Axis 1* - Improving the competitiveness

412 - *including Axis 2* - Improving the environment and the countryside

413 - *including Axis 3* - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

421 - Inter-Territorial and Trans-National Cooperation

431 - Running Costs, Acquisition of Skills and Animation

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

511-Technical Assistance including National Rural Network

Geographical scope of the measures

- **Priority Axis 1** – the whole country;
 - **Priority Axis 2** – different scope depending on the type of the measures;
 - **Priority Axis 3** – rural areas;
 - **Priority Axis 4** – at local level for implementation of the local development strategies in rural areas.
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Financial Resources for Bulgaria
under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
(in Mio EUR)

Year	EAFRD	National	Total
2007	244,06	59,46	303,52
2008	337,14	82,03	419,18
2009	437,34	106,22	543,56
2010	399,10	96,61	495,71
2011	398,06	96,36	494,42
2012	397,70	96,27	493,97
2013	395,70	95,79	491,49
Total in Mio euro	2 609,10	632,75	3 241,84
Total in Mio leva	5 102,95	1 237,54	6 340,50

Including 145,47 Mio euro (181,84 Mio euro with national co-financing) complements to direct payments for the period 2007-2009 r.

Using SAPARD Experience in Preparation of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

In programming

- The members of the SAPARD Monitoring Committee formed the Working Group responsible for the preparation of the new programming documents for 2007-2013: the National Strategy for Rural Development and the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013;
- The partner NGOs in the MC permanent working groups will be involved in the measures preparation of the RDP 2007-2013

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In management

- The Rural Development Directorate which was responsible for SAPARD planning, monitoring, evaluation will act a Managing Authority for the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013
 - The SAPARD Agency evolved into the Paying Agency for RDP 2007-2013
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Approaches for Programme Development (2007-2013)

- # Strategic – to identify problems and priorities (agriculture, diversification, environment, etc.);
 - # Simplified and targeted set of measures – corresponding to the administrative capacity;
 - # Complimentarity - coordination with EC Structural funds;
 - # Partnership with all relevant stakeholders
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Publicity measures

- Guidelines for the beneficiaries for application under the measures, included in the RDP 2007-2013;
- Seminars, courses and forums for training of trainers;
- Information seminars;
- Lectures;
- Leaflets;
- Information centers;
- Internet;

For additional information:

www.mzgar.government.bg

Section “Rural Areas”

Thank you for your attention !
