



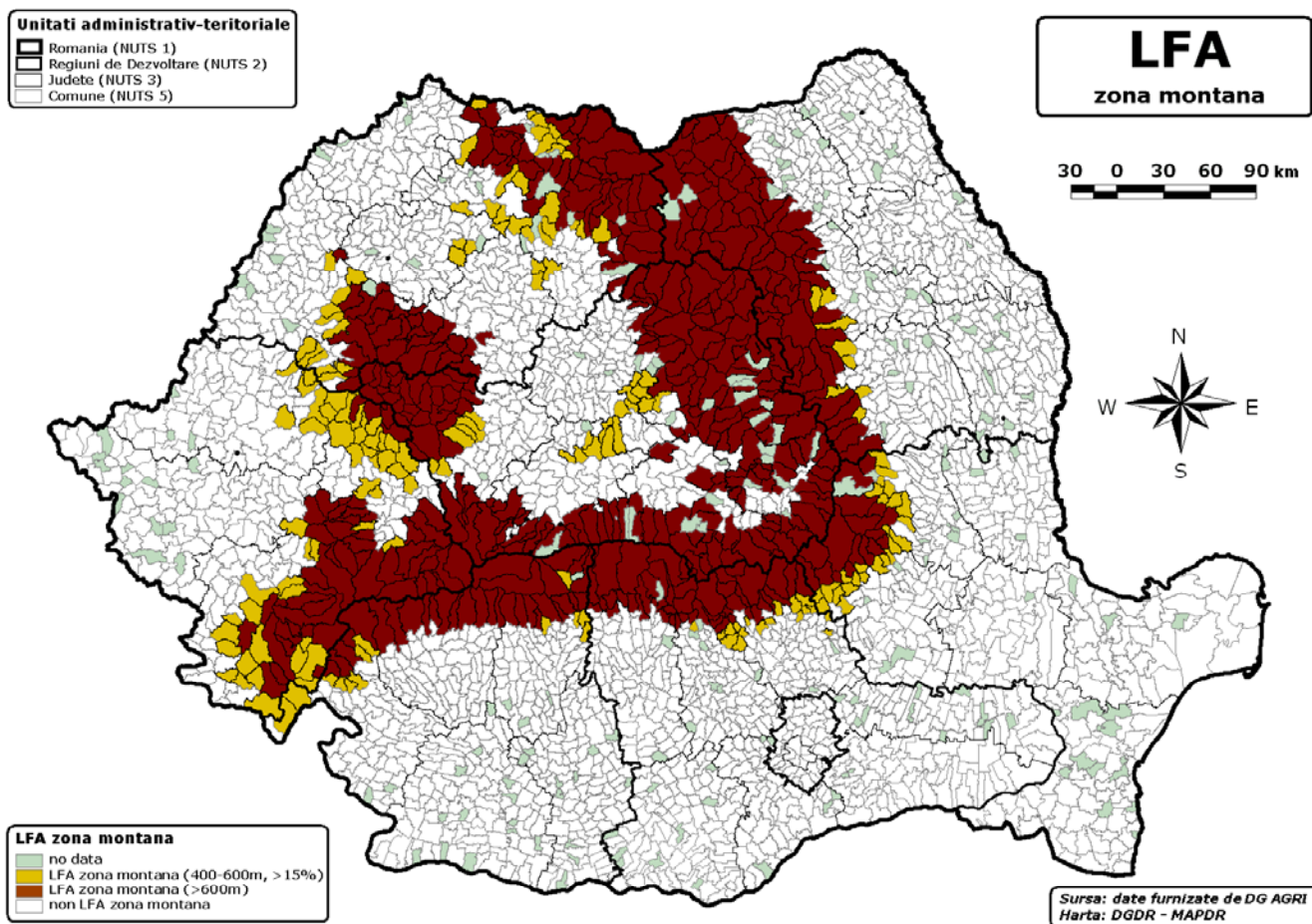
Implementation of LFA measures in Romania – experiences of EU member states – problems identified

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LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA – DESIGNATION EXPERIENCE of MOUNTAINS AREAS

1. Regarding the areas designation:
 - Need to cover the areas that were designated through national legislation – so some simulations needed;
 - Support provided by DG AGRI and “mathematical approach” - best arguments for avoiding internal pressure on specific areas;
 - Easy to compare your country criteria with other countries.

LFA MOUNTAIN AREA



LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA – DESIGNATION EXPERIENCE - some implications

- National legislation revised;
- Implementation arrangements (layer needed in LPIS, application form design, sampling, control report form, payments decision module, payments recovery, information dissemination - especially in areas where modification occurred, a lot of explanations given for the modifications occurred...).

LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA – SUPPORT LEVEL for MOUNTAINS AREAS

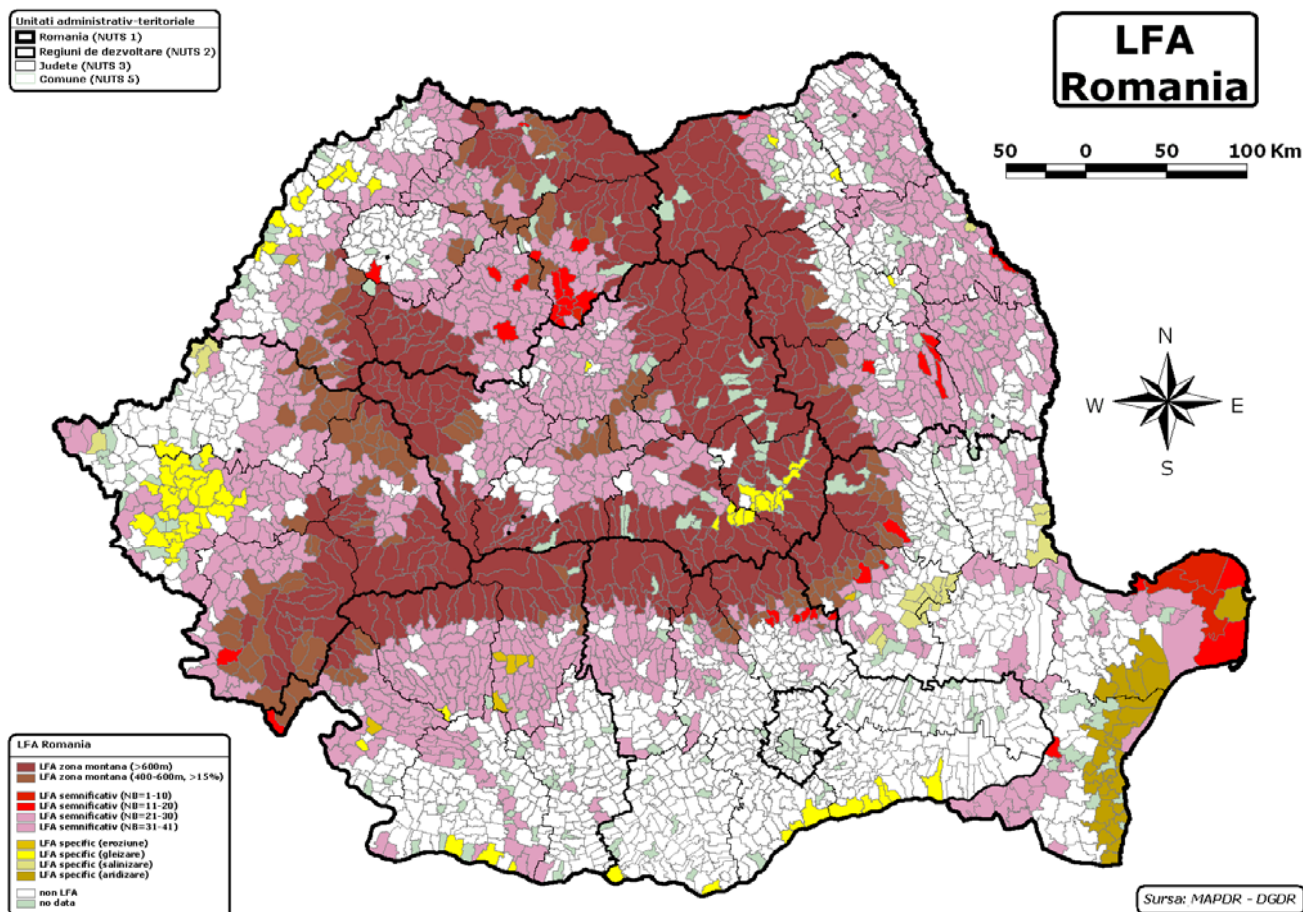
2. Regarding the support level :

- To take into consideration other schemes and measures to see what exactly will be the level of payment by cumulating different payments per ha;
- Have a look also to the average incomes in your country – to avoid “sofa farmers”;
- Always ask for more at the beginning but have in mind that the payment must be “reasonable” and a “look around” will be a good idea.

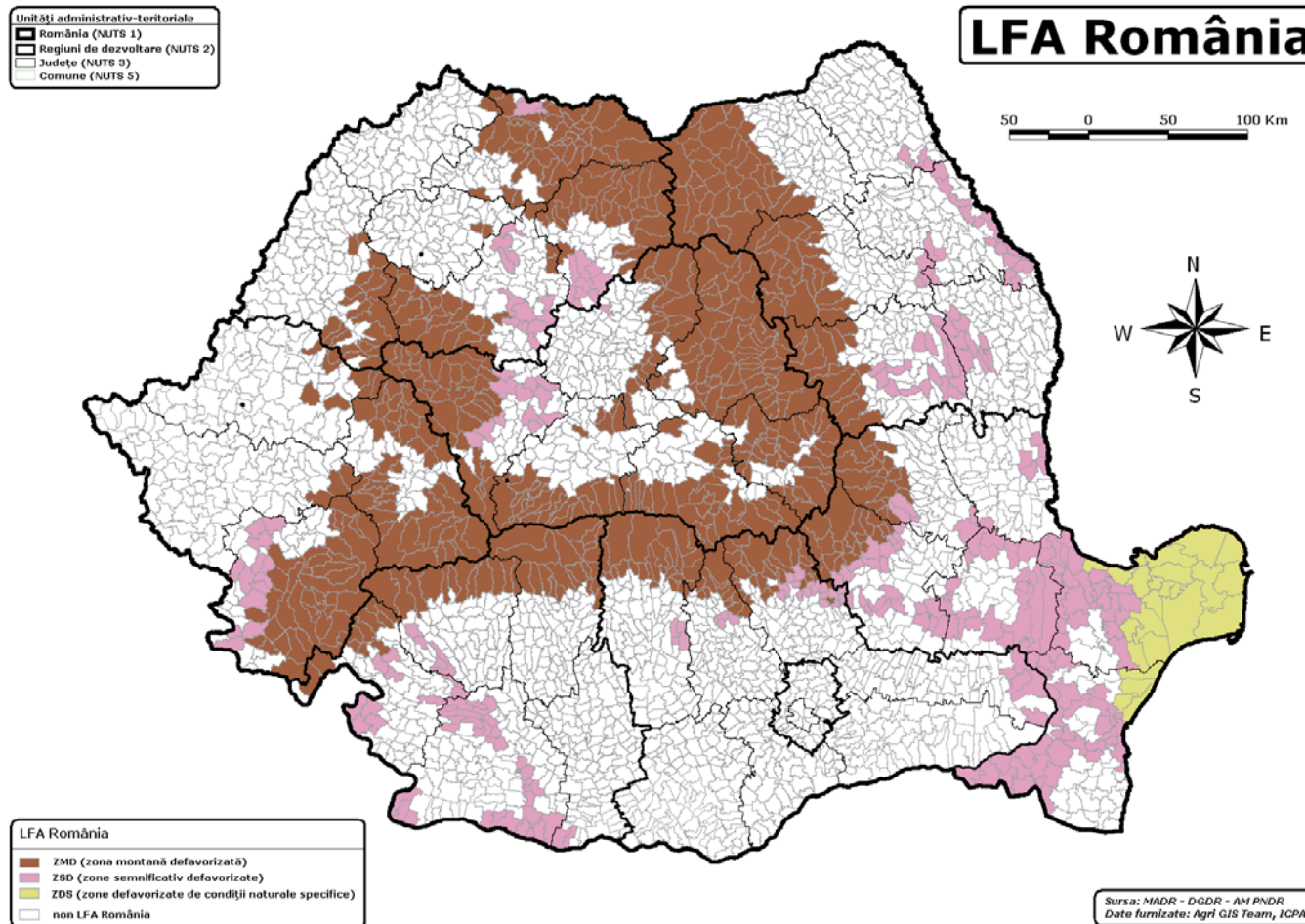
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- Difficulties for introducing “intermediary LFA” in a context where criteria were in discussion for the next period;
- Using an approach that was accepted by other countries – a good solution;
- Strong need for a national research institute support on soil and climate issues;
- Negotiations on criteria used as thresholds for designation – huge impact in terms of ha..., and on farmers expectations..., so during discussions with the Commission there is a need for internal explanations of what exactly is a proposal...

Romanian Less Favored Areas before



Romanian Less Favored Areas after...



LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA – LFA other

Payment calculation:

- Correlation between total budget and level of support is depending on eligible areas and degresivity model used, and not on total agricultural area;
- All areas based measures must to have in reality payments calculated for $n + 1$.

LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA – LFA other

- Regarding the LFA specific – up to 10% of national territory is, more or less at national discretion for designation
- Not the same thing when talking about money...

LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN ROMANIA

- What about today?

IMPLEMENTATION

- We have to manage the first audit report from the Commission on this issue;
- Main focus is on IACS, remote sensing control and on error rate;

Thank you for attention,

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