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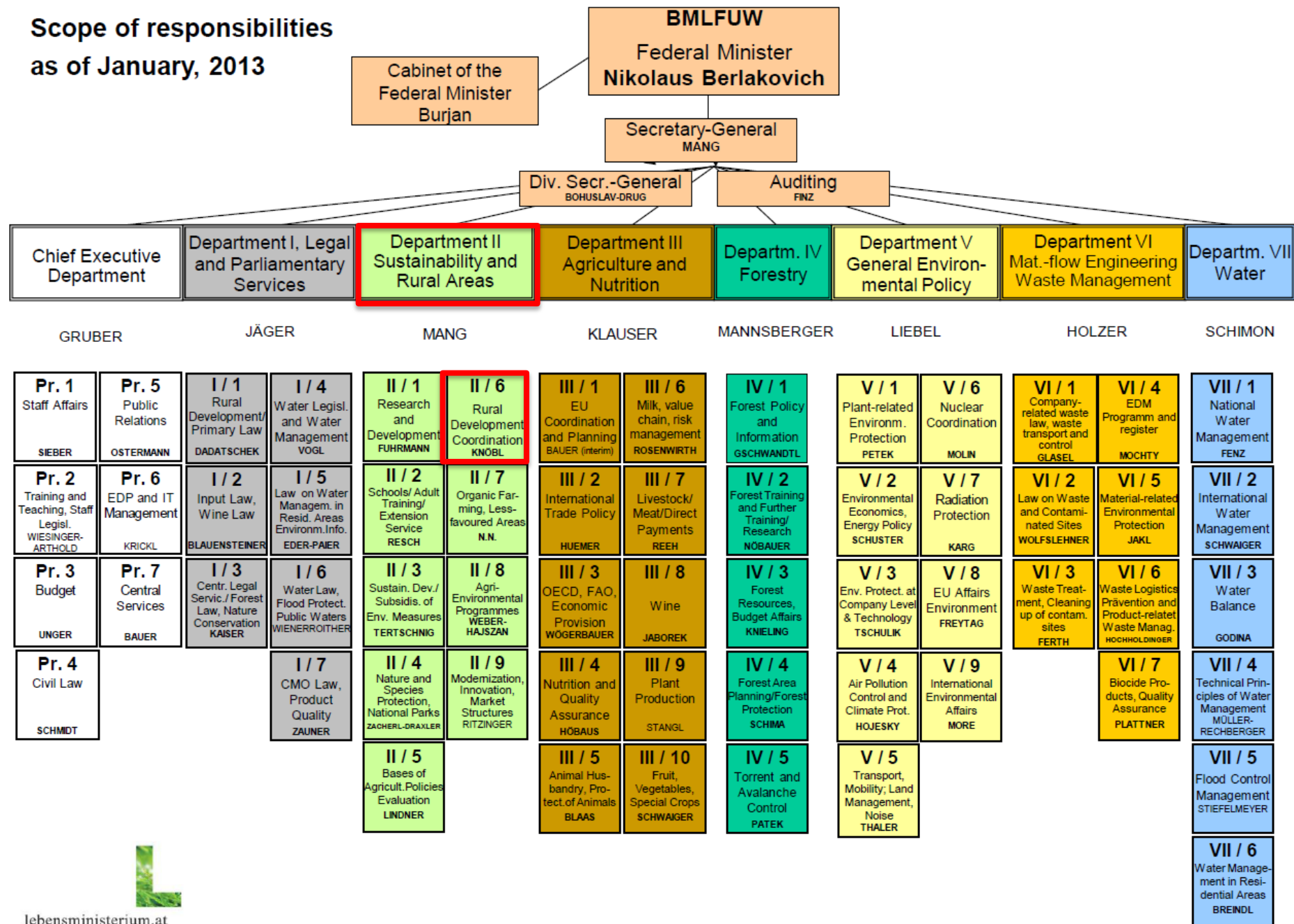
Rural Development Policy in Austria

Regional Rural Development SWG in South-Eastern Europe
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Scope of responsibilities as of January, 2013



- Agriculture and Rural Development in Austria
- Austrian Rural Development Programme 2007-2013
- Programme Management & RD 2020





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Agriculture and Rural Development in Austria

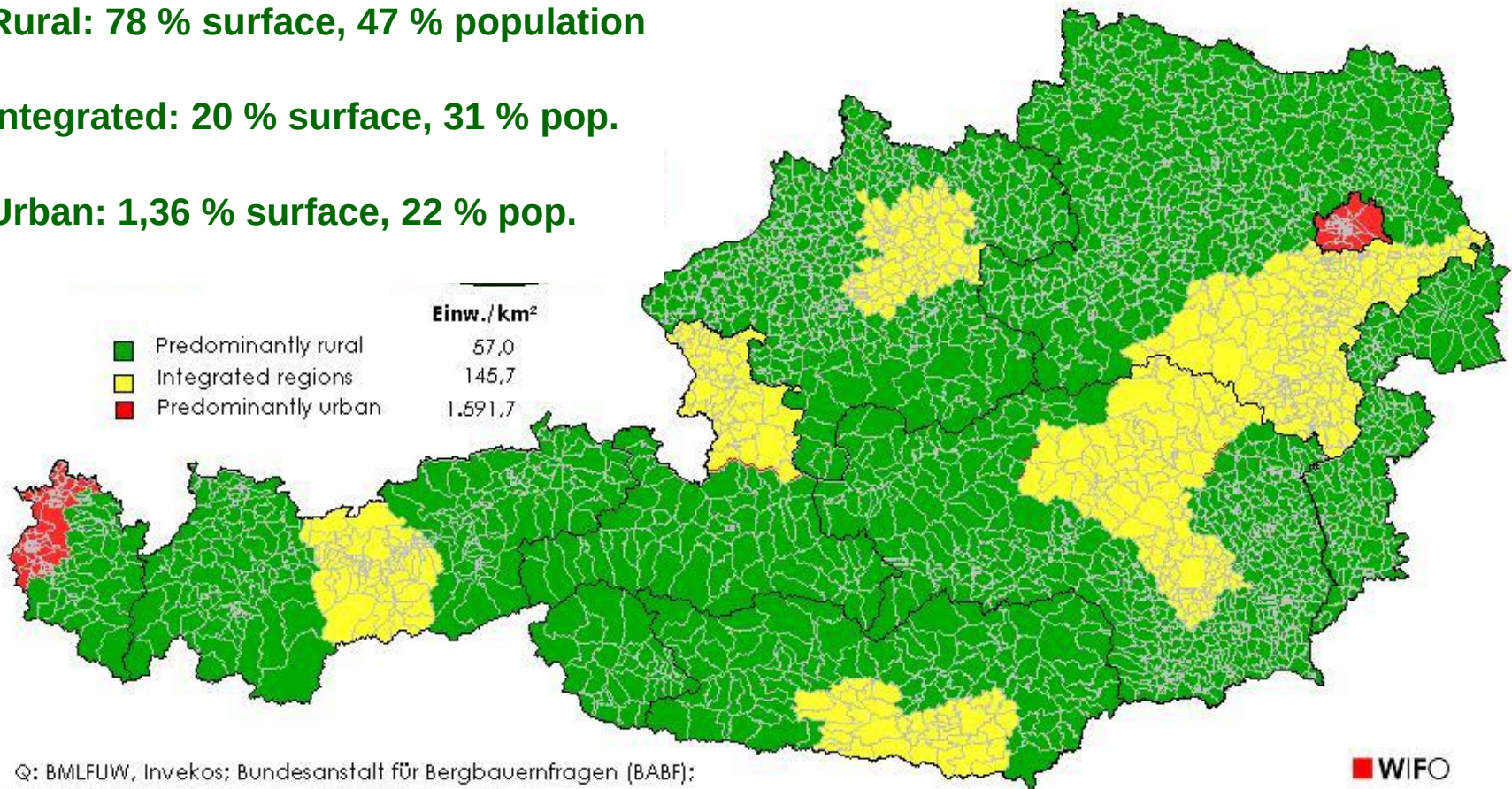


OECD classification of the regions – NUTS III-Level

Rural: 78 % surface, 47 % population

Integrated: 20 % surface, 31 % pop.

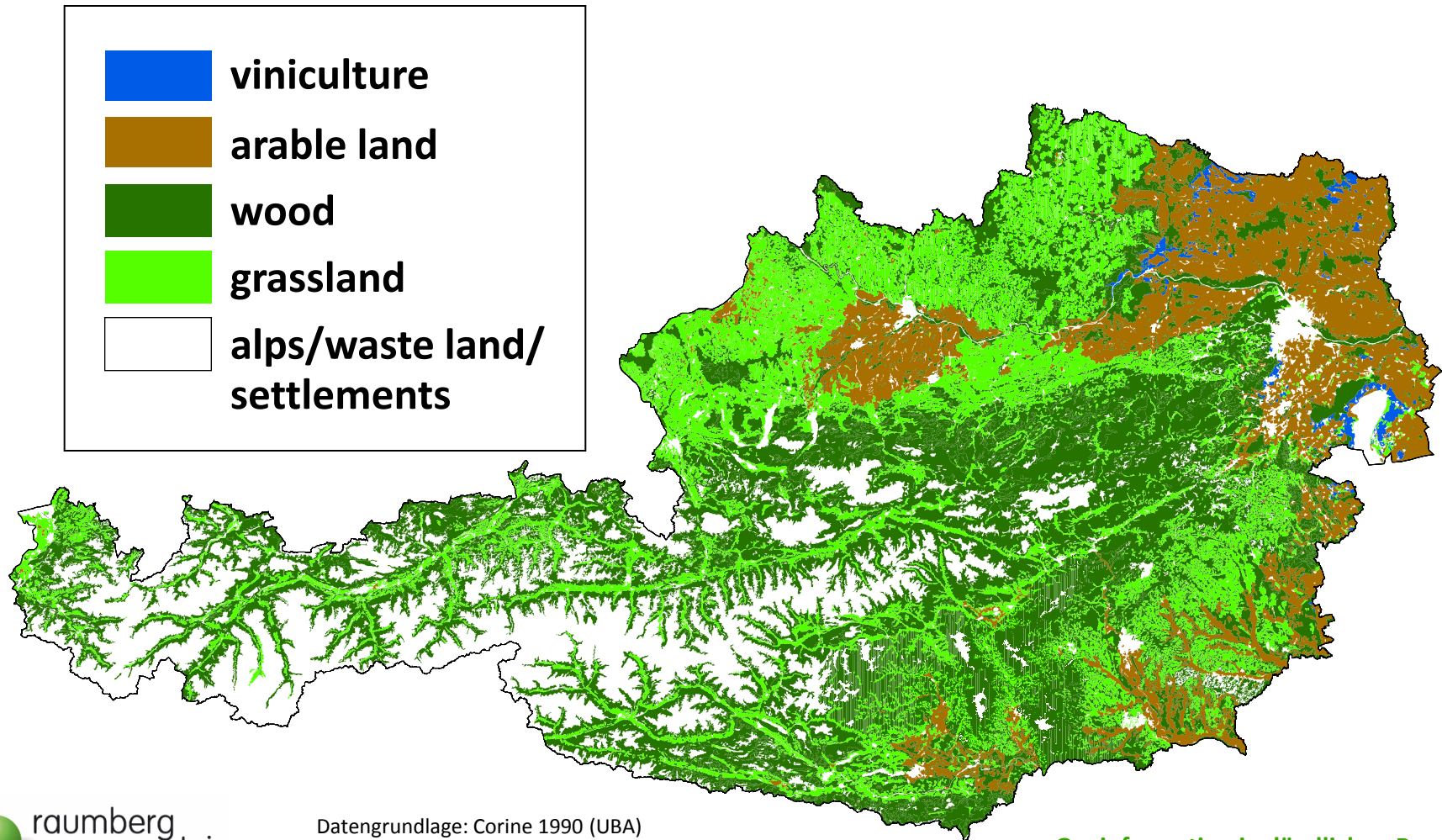
Urban: 1,36 % surface, 22 % pop.



Agriculture and Forestry in Austria



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Agriculture in Austria



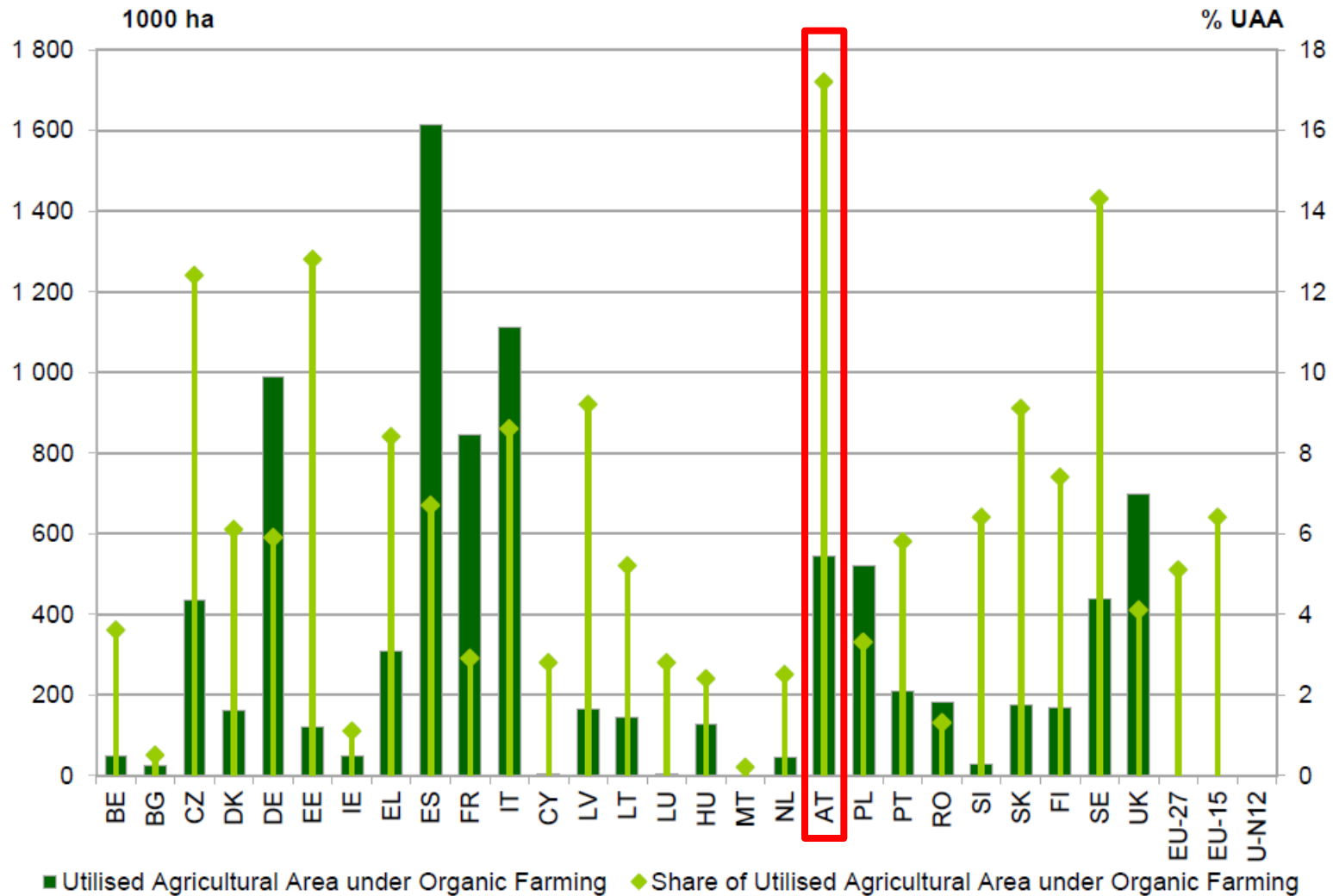
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- **Small** structured, **farm-based** agriculture – linked to **forestry**
- High proportion of **less-favoured areas** (~ 70 % of UAA)
- Production of **high-quality food** / regional food important for consumers
- **Tourism** as a strategic partner (farm holidays)
- ~ 60 % **part-time** farmers
- Relatively **low production intensity**
- High proportion of **organic farming**





Share of UAA under organic farming (2010)



Source: European Commission, RD in the EU, Statistical and Economic Information Report 2012



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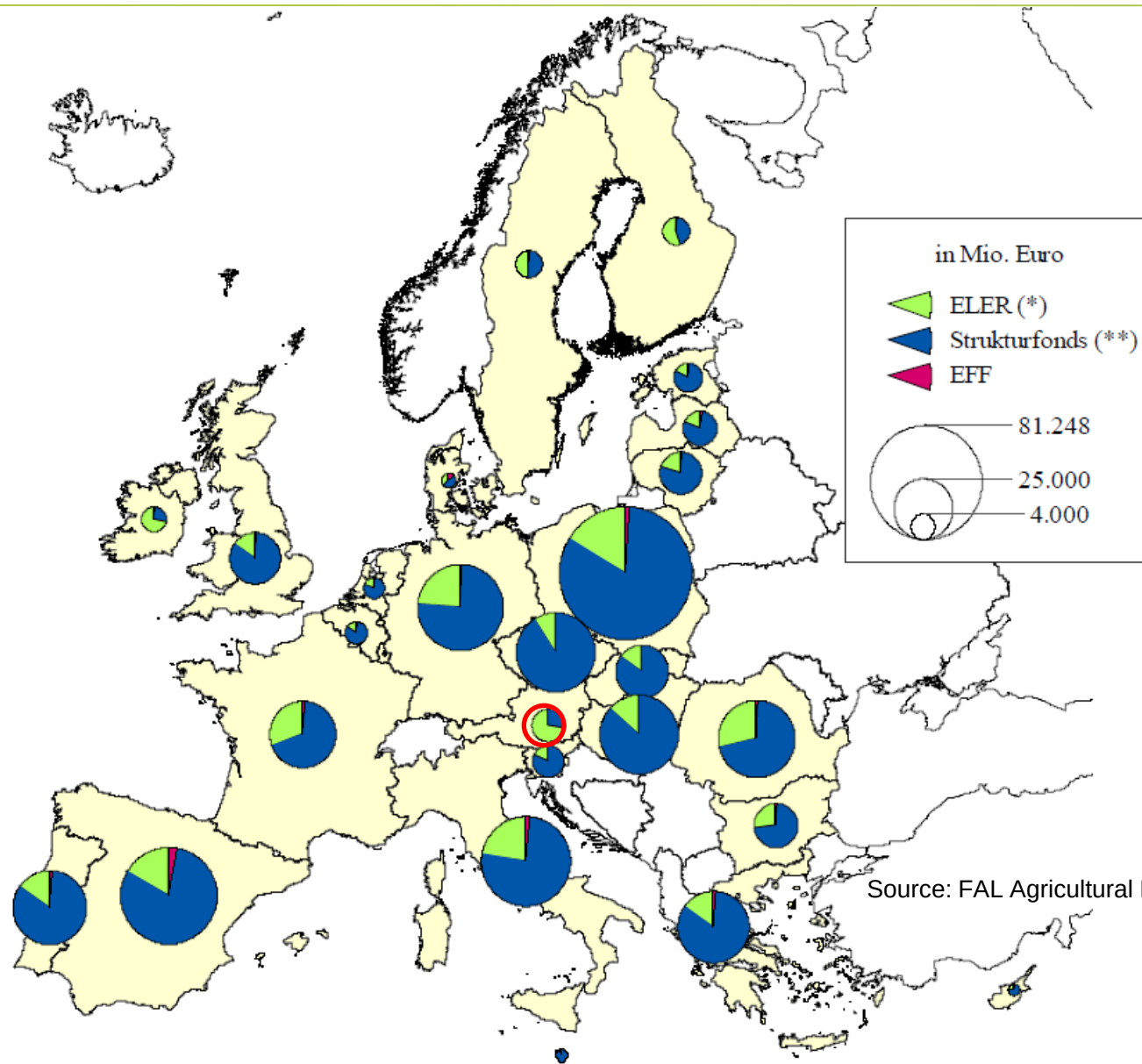
Austrian Rural Development Programme 2007-2013



Distribution of EAFRD, Structural Funds and EFF in member states



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Source: FAL Agricultural Research, Sonderheft 135, 2007

Why is Rural Development so important in Austria?



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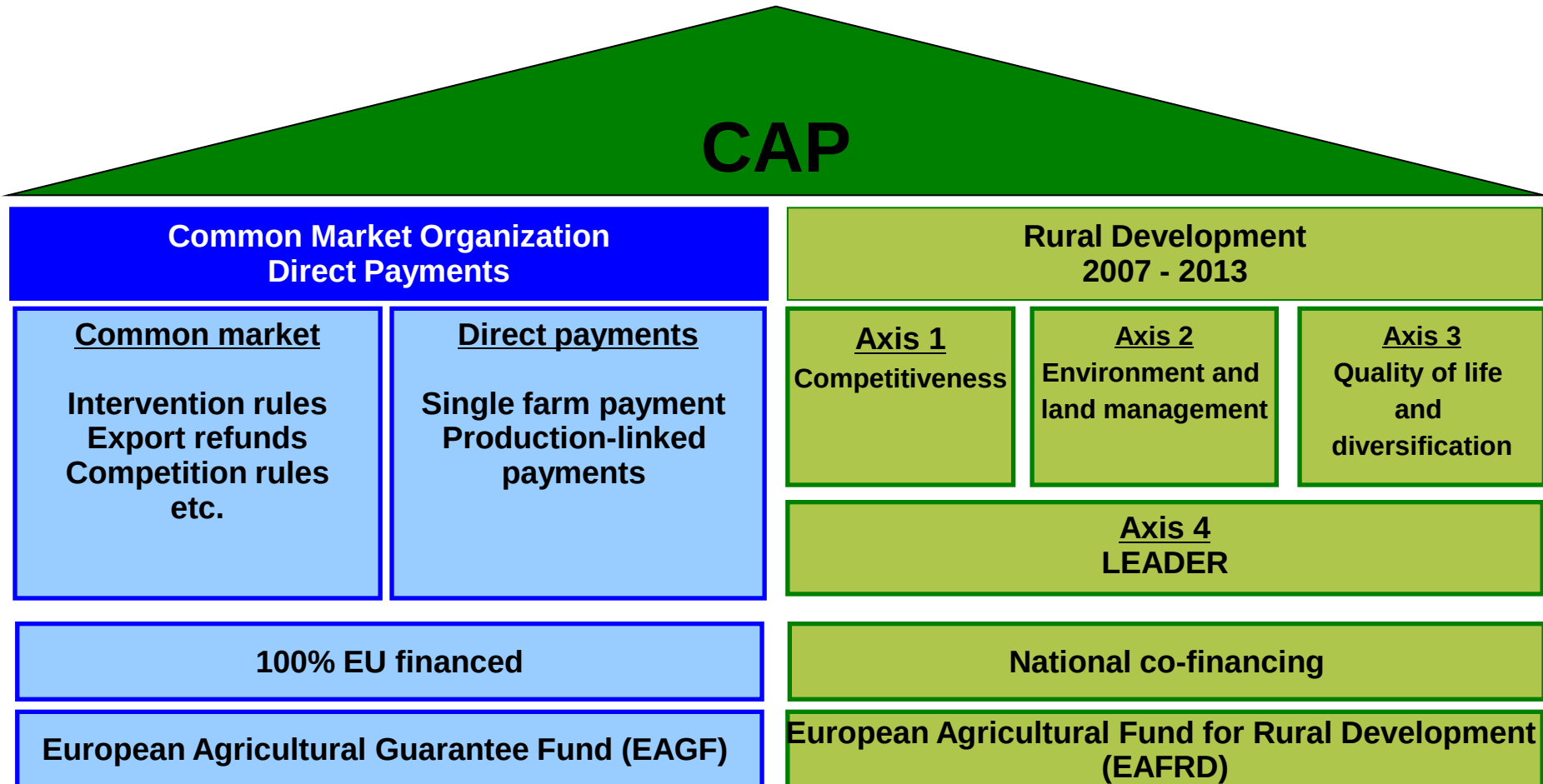
- Measures corresponding to RD have already been playing an important role in the time before the accession to the EU in 1995.
- Recognising that Austria will moderately participate in the 1st pillar of CAP due to the agricultural structure, political efforts have been concentrated on RD.
- With the accession RD has consequently been implemented and reinforced.
- RD contributes to reinforcing the multifunctional character of the Austrian agriculture.
- Nature preservation and maintenance of landscape are the main deliveries of multifunctional agriculture – essentially strengthening the economic resources (tourism) in Austria.



Structure of CAP 2007 - 2013



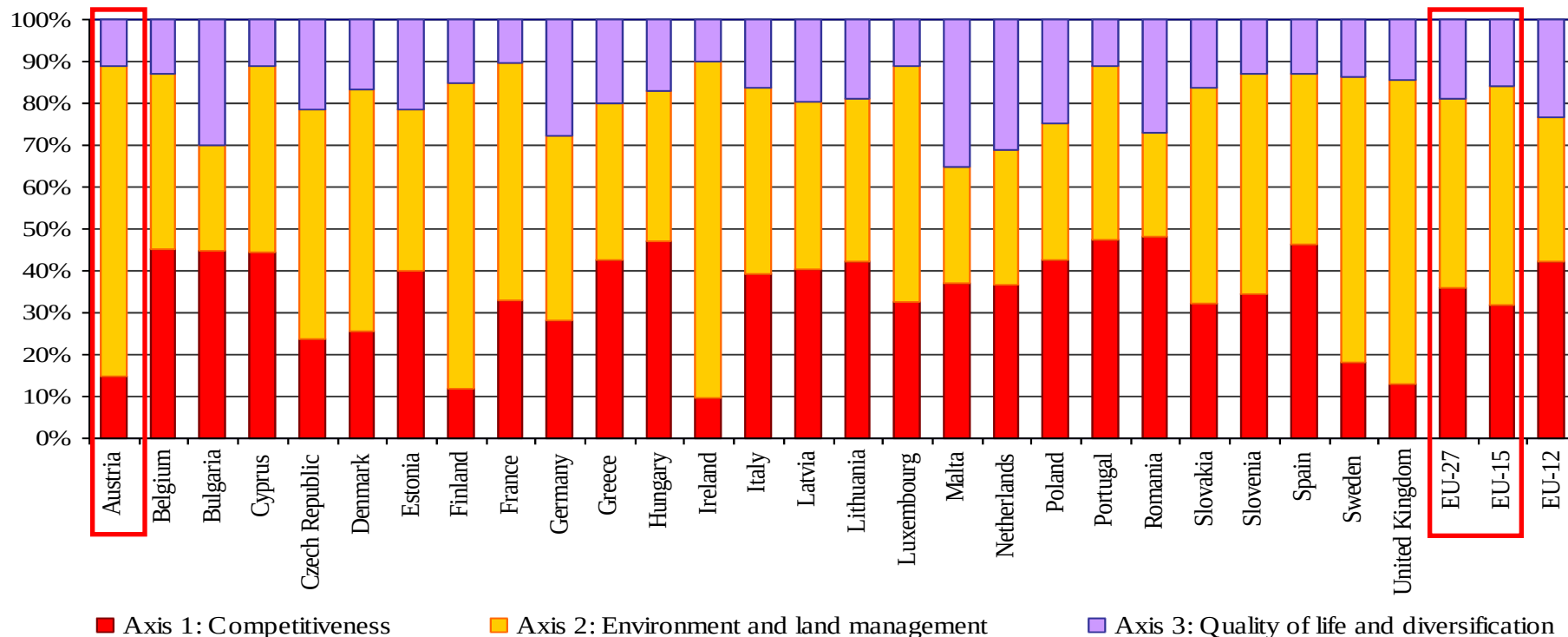
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Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: EAFRD expenditure 2007-2013 according to axes



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Share of each axis of total EAFRD expenditure EU-27*

Axis 1: 35.8% **Axis 2: 45.4%** **Axis 3: 18.8%**

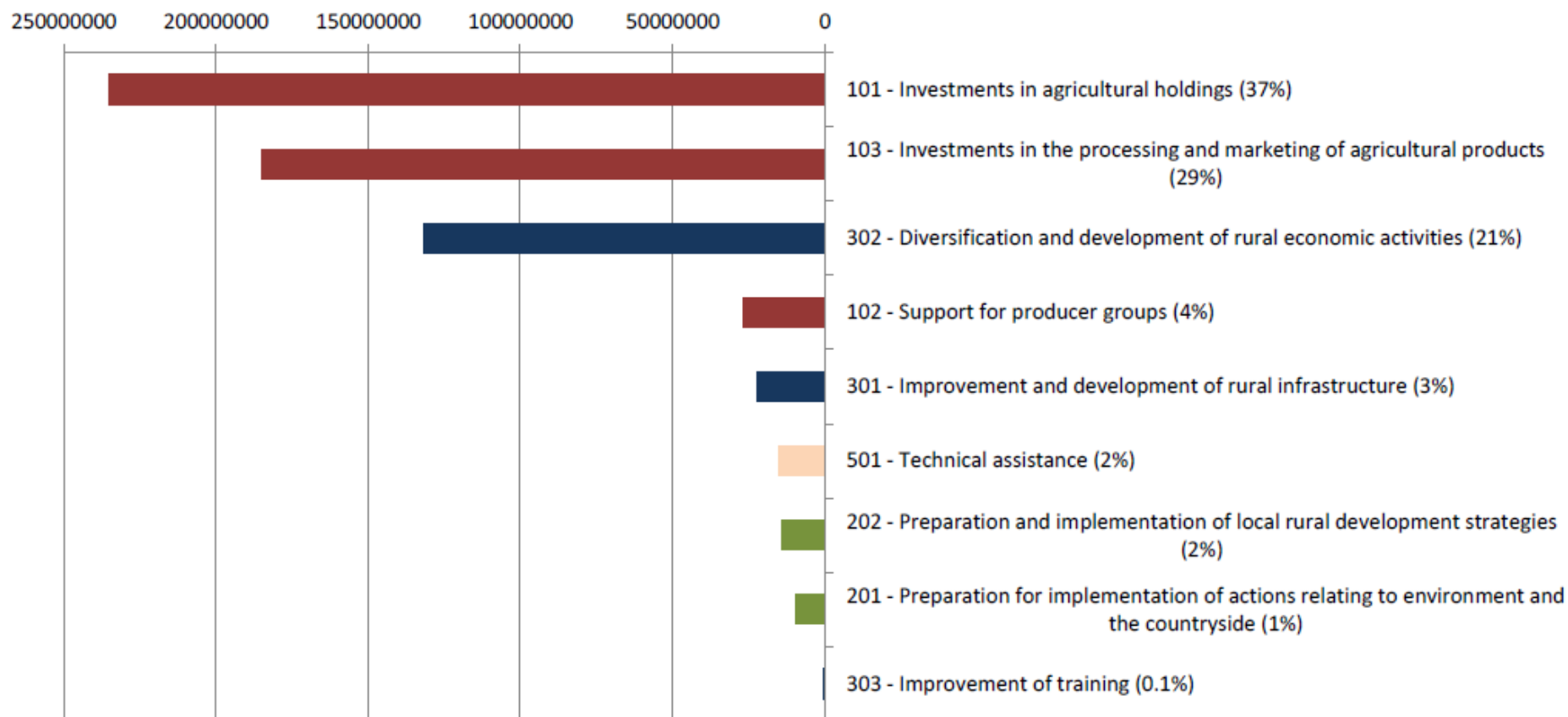
* Including funds allocated for Technical Aid and DP ROM

Source: European
Commission – DG
AGRI

IPARD measures according to their financial allocation in CRO, FYROM, TUR in the period 2007-2011 (in EUR)



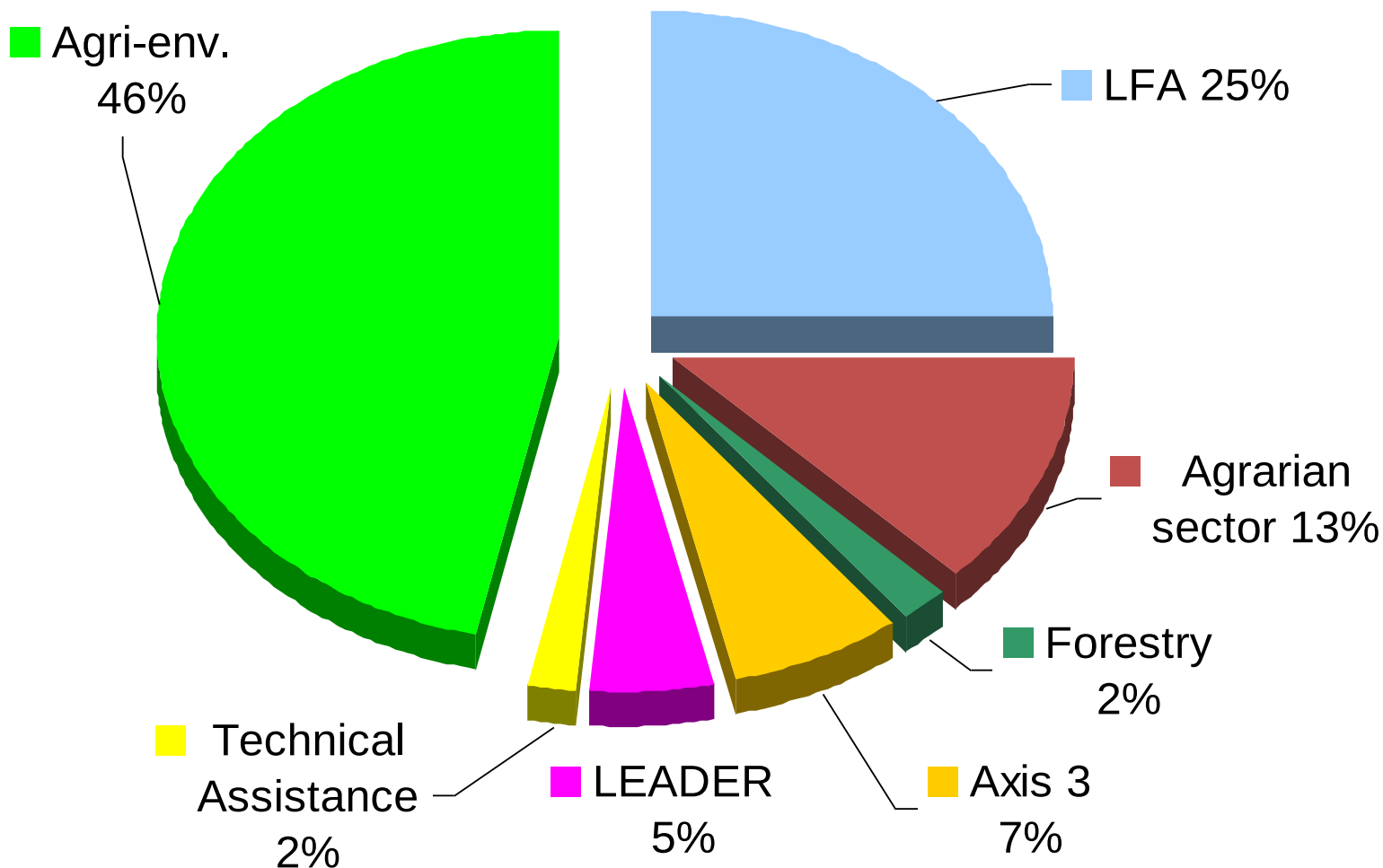
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Austrian RDP 2007 – 2013

total public funds: approx. 8 billion EUR for the whole programming period



Austrian RDP 2007 – 2013 (6th modification)



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Axis	Area of measures	Public funds in million EUR	
Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector	Human potential	170.2	
	Investments	763.4	12,5%
	Food quality	55.5	989,1
Improving the environment and countryside	Agri-env.& LFA	5,722.0	73,5%
	Forestry	97.9	5,819.9
Quality of life & Diversification of the rural economy	Diversification	75.4	
	Quality of life	374.7	6,2%
	Training	43.9	494.0
Leader	Development strategies	415.1	5,9%
	Cooperation	12.9	467,7
	Skills acquisition	39.7	
Technical assistance			1,9% 152.7
Total			7,923.7

- **Austrian EAFRD envelope: 4.025,6 Mio EUR**
- **EU contribution Ø 50,8 %**



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Less-Favoured Areas EU-27

Set up in 1975, the less favoured areas schemes provide 'compensatory allowances' to farmers in mountainous areas or in other areas where the physical landscape results in higher production costs.

This map illustrates the LFA-eligibility on Commune basis (GISCO SABC 2001), for the Programming Period 2000-2006.

The area of a commune can be Partially or Totally eligible for one of the three LFA-articles:

LFA Art. 18:
Mountain/hill Areas

Partially
Totally

Not Eligible

LFA Art. 19: Areas in danger
of abandonment of land-use

Partially
Totally

Only Art. 18 available

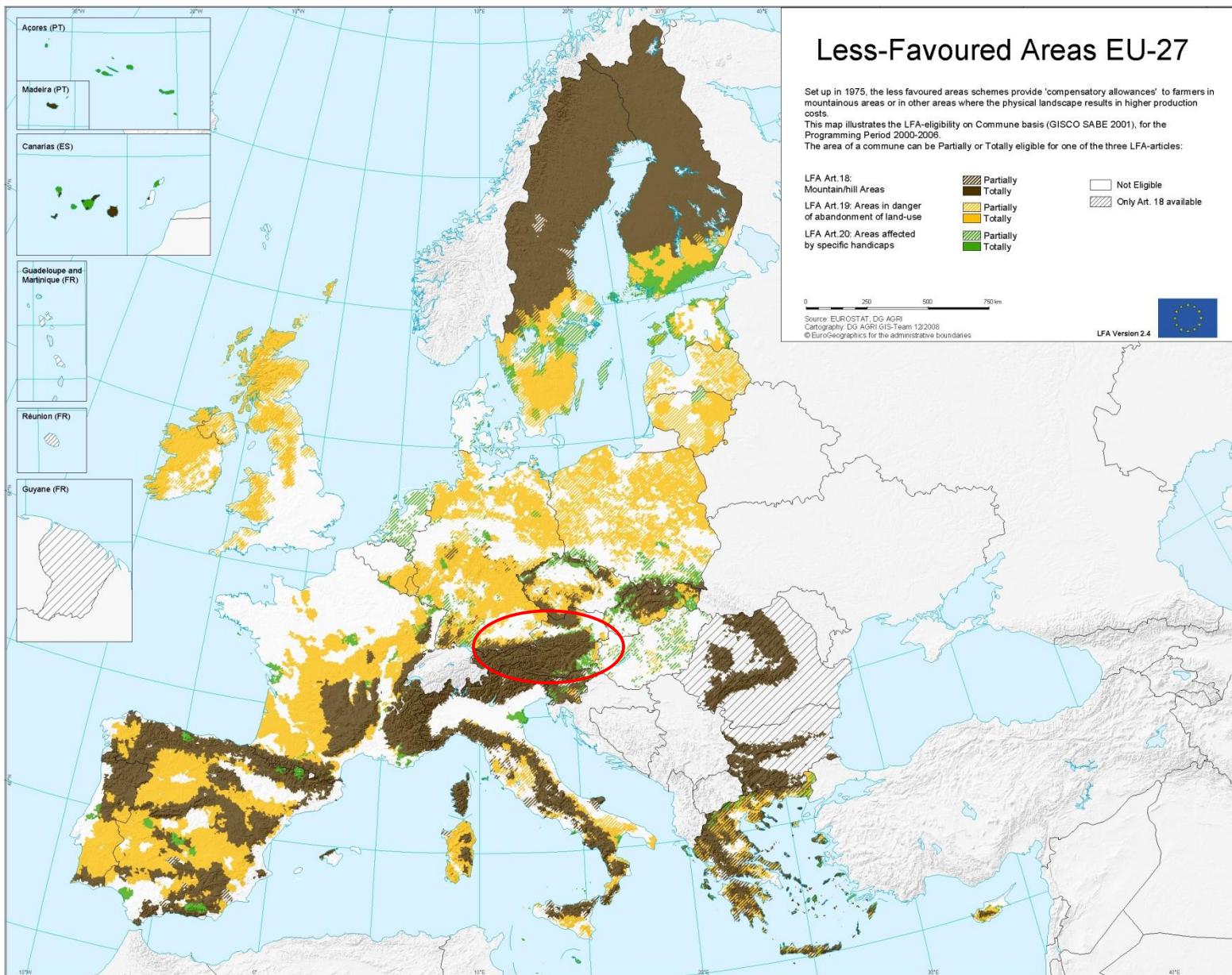
LFA Art. 20: Areas affected
by specific handicaps

Partially
Totally

0 250 500 750 km

Source: EUROSTAT, DG AGRI
Cartography: DG AGRI GIS-Team 12/2008
© EuroGeographics for the administrative boundaries

LFA Version 2.4



Current LFA delimitation in Austria

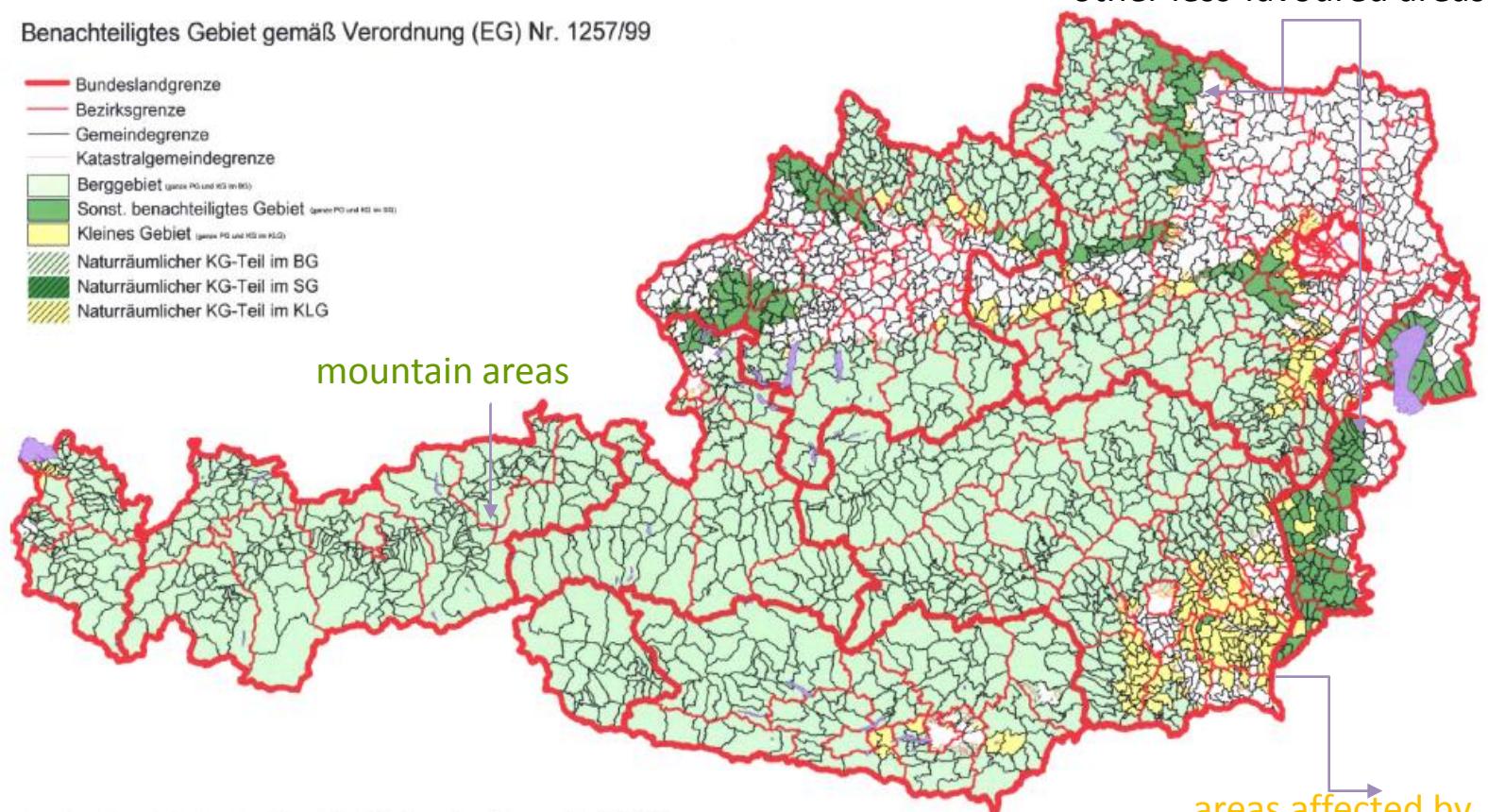


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~ 70 % of UAA = LFA

Benachteiligtes Gebiet gemäß Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1257/99

- Bundeslandgrenze
- Bezirksgrenze
- Gemeindegrenze
- Katastralgemeindegrenze
- Berggebiet (gemäß PG und KG im BG)
- Sonst. benachteiligtes Gebiet (gemäß PG und KG im BG)
- Kleines Gebiet (gemäß PG und KG im KLG)
- Naturräumlicher KG-Teil im BG
- Naturräumlicher KG-Teil im SG
- Naturräumlicher KG-Teil im KLG



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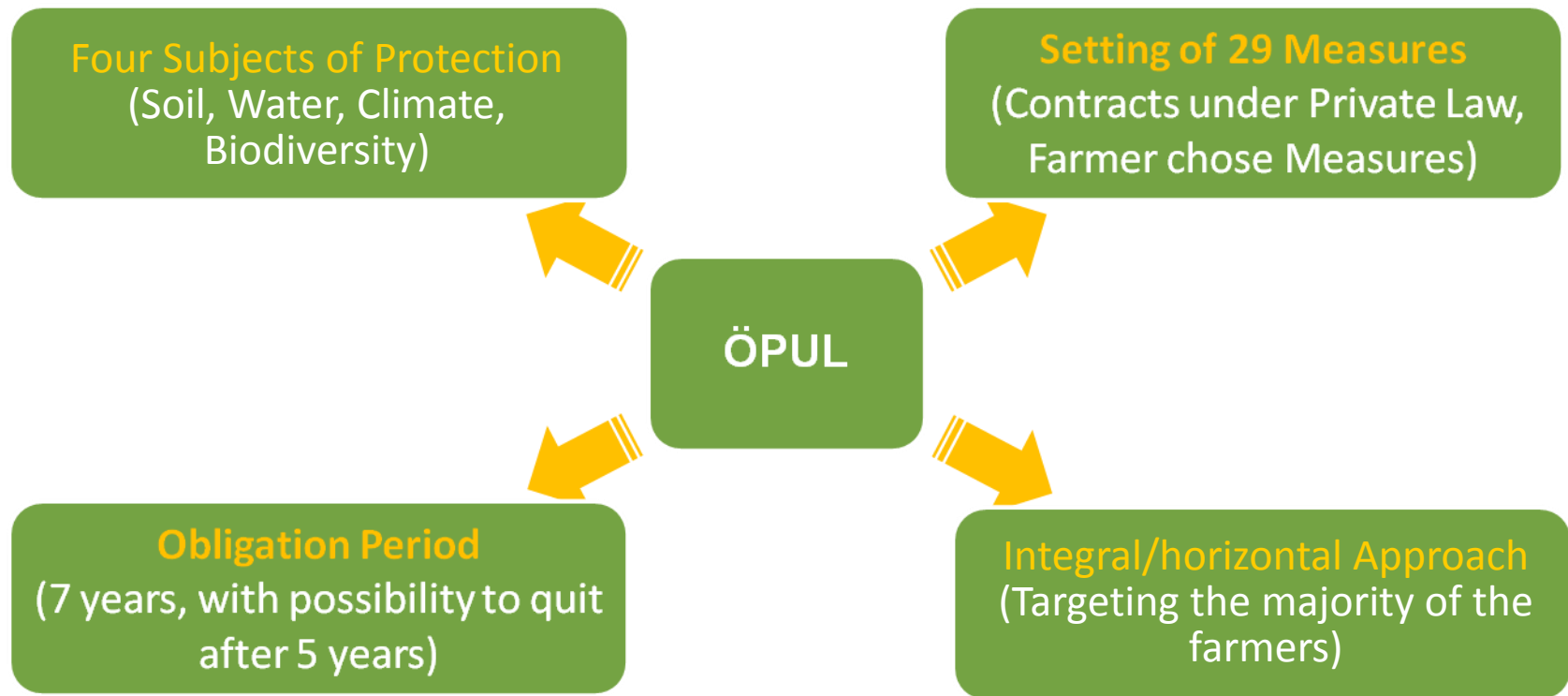
areas affected by
specific handicaps

The Austrian Agri-Environmental Programme ÖPUL



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Austrian programme to promote agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of environmental protection, extensive production and the maintenance of the countryside.



Agri-environmental programme ÖPUL

Key figures 2011



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- Number of measures 29
- Public funding 549 Mio. EUR in 2011
- Contracted holdings 114.508
- Measures implemented > 450.000
- Acceptance approx. 87 % of IACS holdings
approx. 2,20 Mio. ha UAA (approx. 87 %)

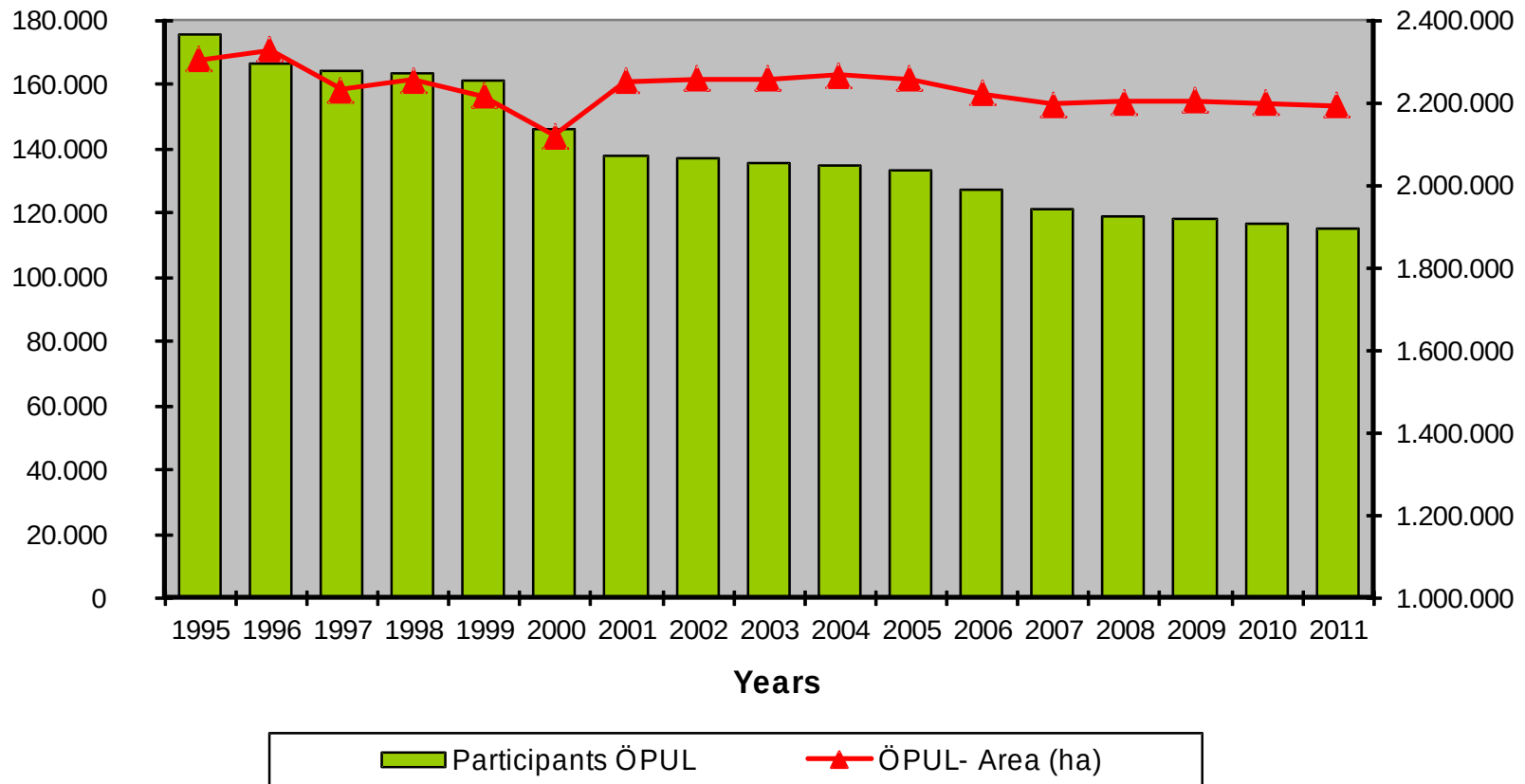


Agri-environmental Programme (ÖPUL)

Development of participants and area



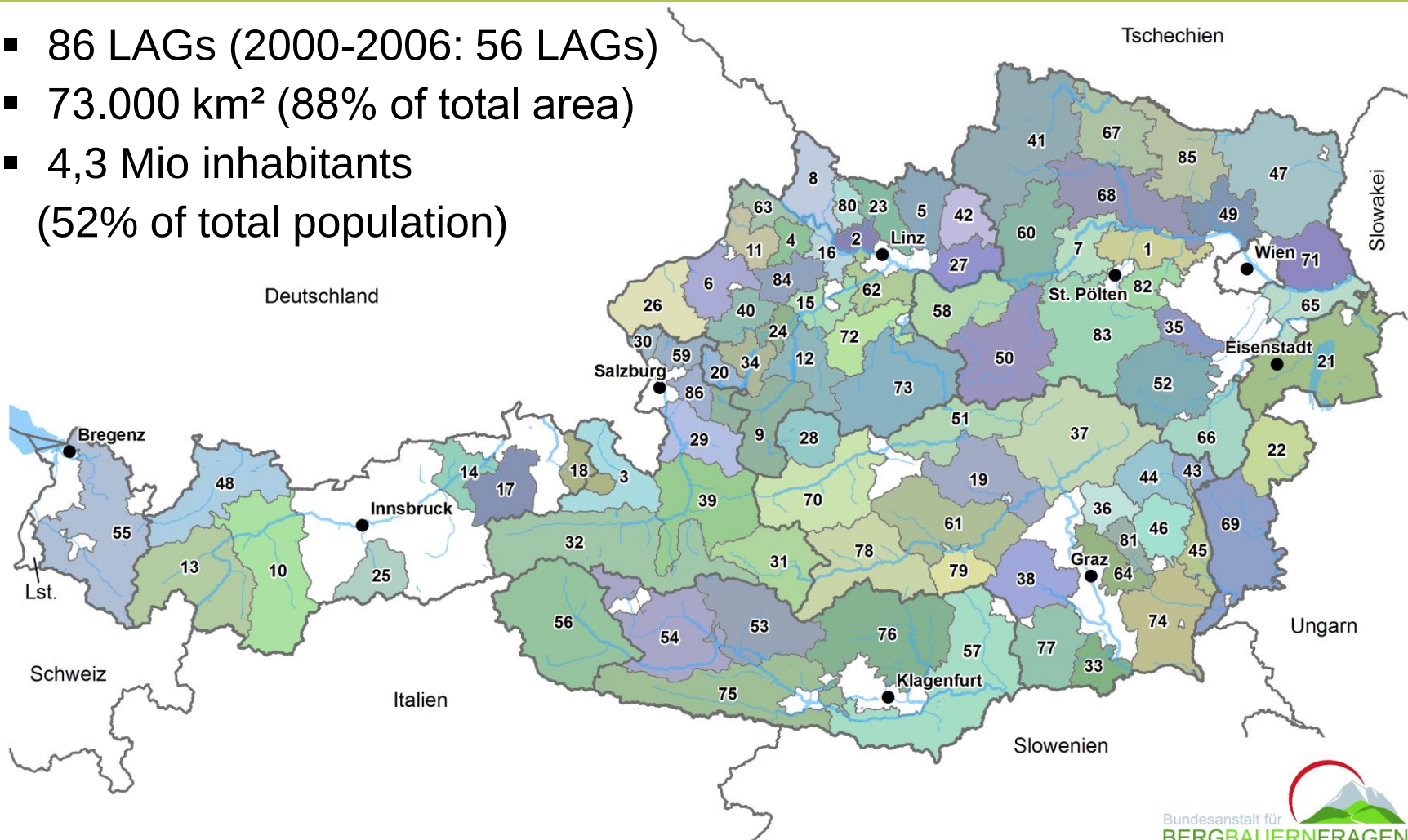
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Source: Facts & Figures (2011)

Local Action Groups 2007 - 2013

- 86 LAGs (2000-2006: 56 LAGs)
- 73.000 km² (88% of total area)
- 4,3 Mio inhabitants
(52% of total population)





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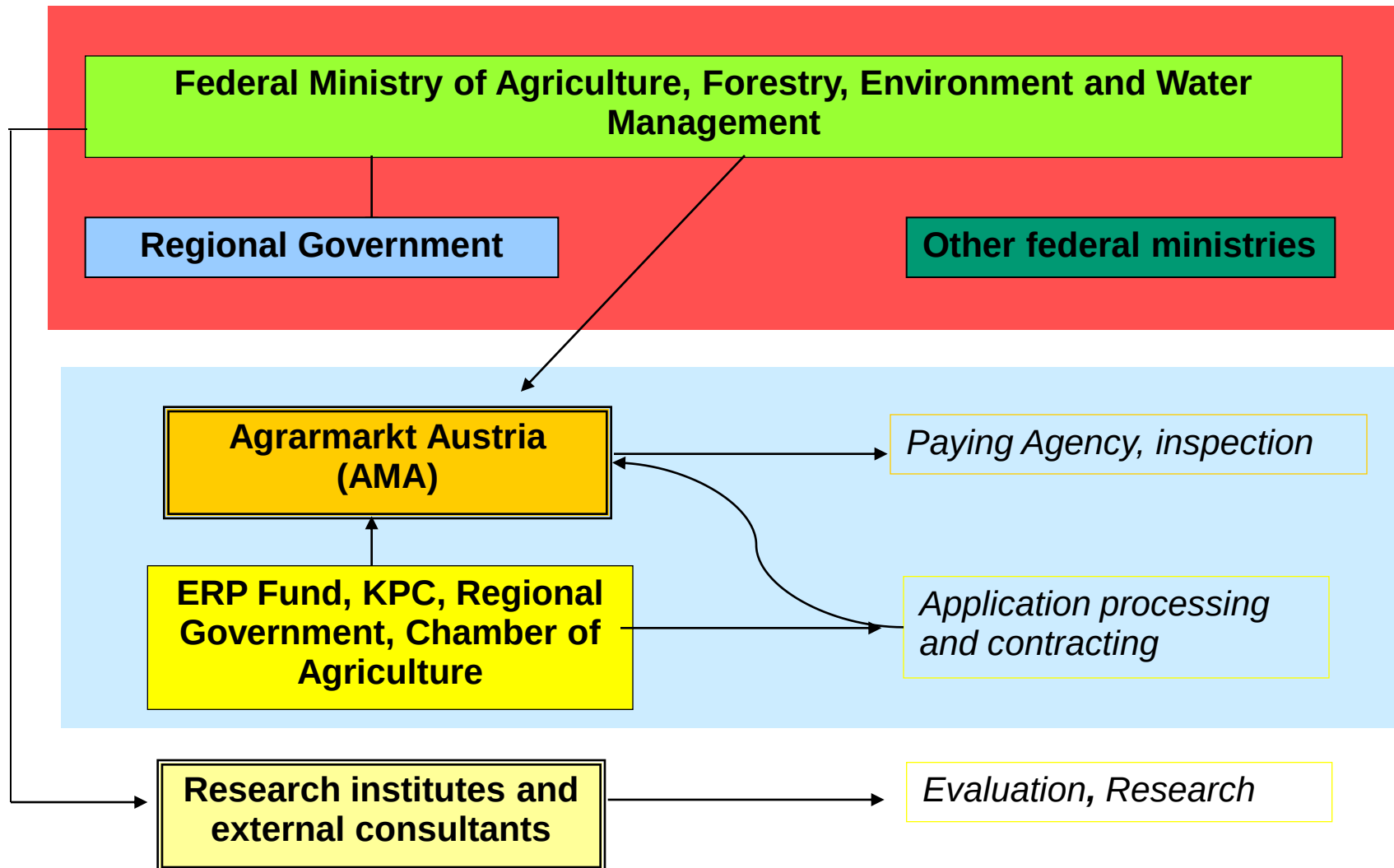
Programme Management & RD 2020



RDP implementation in AT - overview



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Technical assistance in Austria

– eligible costs



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- Paying Agency (RD-related part)
- Rural Development Network
- Granting body for measure M 123 - Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (ERP Fonds)
- Technical Assistance of Federal Provinces
- Monitoring Committee
- External contracts (esp. evaluation studies)
- Information and publicity
- Preparation of RD 2020



Europe 2020 strategy

Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

National Partnership Contract

Rural development
EAFRD

Other CSF funds
(ERDF, ESF, CF, EMFF)

Innovation, Environment and Climate Change as cross-cutting objectives

Priorities

Knowledge
transfer
and
innovation

Enhancing
competitiveness

Promoting
food chain
and risk
management

Restoring,
preserving,
and enhancing
ecosystems

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

Social inclusion,
poverty reduction
and economic
development of
rural areas

Rural Development Programme(s)



Thank you for your attention!

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