

European Seminar on AEC measures

Framework Governance of EU Rural Development Policy in Spain

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Kingdom of Spain

- 17 autonomous regions. 52 provinces
- 506,000 Km² and 46,4 M population
- Highly devoluted country. Regional governments entrusted with relevant competences in rural development policy, farming, environment and rural planning
- 0.96 M farm holdings and 24 M ha UAA
- GVA (crop and animal output): € 21 bn annually
- Rural areas representing 85% of total land

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Framework governance of EU RD policy (2014-2020)

- 18 Managing Authorities (MAs)
- 18 Paying Agencies (PAs)
- 1 National Framework for Rural Development (NFRD)
- 1 Coordinating body of MAs (MAGRAMA)
- 1 Coordinating body of PAs (FEGA-MAGRAMA)
- Internal legislation complementing EU RD regulatory framework (Royal Decree 1080/2014)

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Implementing EU RD 2014-2020 policy

- 18 Rural Development Programs (RDPs)
- 1 National Framework for Rural Development (NFRD)
- € 8 297 M EAFRD allocation. Expected total public funding (TPF): € 13 200 M
- Wide scope of RD measures covered by Spanish RDPs.
- AEC measures programmed in 17 RDPs. € 870 M EAFRD funding allocated to this measure. TPF over € 1 320 M

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National Framework for Rural Development

- *Adopted by the EC (Feb. 2015)*
- *Aimed at simplifying programming exercise to MAs and reducing administrative burden*
- *Sets out common provisions for RD measures that are further addressed in regional RDPs: M02, M04, M06, M08, M10, M11, M13, M15, M16-EIP, M19.*
- *AEC measure (M10): Baseline assessment, basic principles on selection criteria for operations, cross-compliance, avoiding double funding from greening (CAP, pillar I), delimitation of operations on national RDP and regional RDPs*

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Designing and programming AECM

- *Regional Government's competence*
- *Involvement of technical units and Managing Authority (MA) of the RDP*
- *AECM's execution controlled by the MA (call for proposals, applicants' evaluation, payments claims, controls, checks and penalties).*
- *Payments to beneficiaries made by regional Paying Agencies with the assistance of FEAGA*
- *National cofinancing (regional + MAGRAMA) and potential top-up.*

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Final reflections on this regionalized approach...

- *Fully compatible with internal distribution of powers*
- *Regional MAs with greater flexibility to design and implement AEC measures according to their needs and priorities*
- *Need to enhance coordination among several actors involved in the process (regional MAs, MAGRAMA, EC)*
- *Role of coordinating bodies*

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Thank you very much for your attention

*Muchas gracias
Merci beaucoup
Vielen Dank
Muito obrigado*

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