



Expectations of a largely agrarian region regarding a CAP to come

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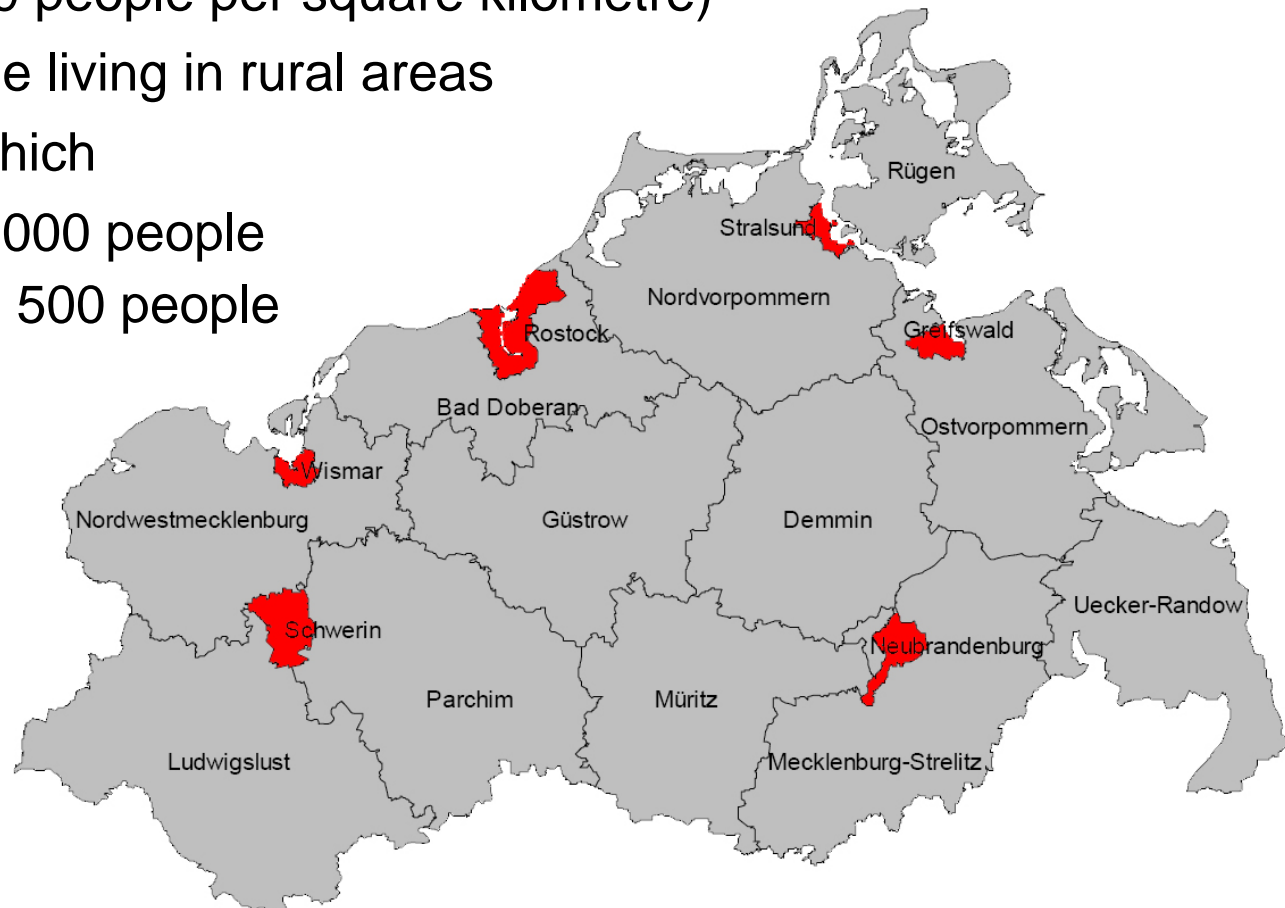
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Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

- Area: 23182 square kilometres, of which over 90 per cent rural areas
- 1,69 million people (79 people per square kilometre)
- Two thirds of all people living in rural areas
- 849 communities of which
 - 84 per cent < 2000 people
 - 35 per cent < 500 people



Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: Projection for the year 2030

- Ongoing drop in population figures 1990 - 2030: **fall-off by about 25 per cent**
(1990: 1,939 million people; 2007: 1,693 million people; 2030: 1,453 million people)
- Changes in age and gender structures → surplus of males
- Ongoing drop of birth rates and selective migration
- More and more elderly people in peripheral rural areas
- Villages losing social structures
- Shortage of skilled personnel also in agriculture



Gross value added by agriculture, forestry and fisheries, compared to economy total (M-V and all Germany - 2007)

State / country	Economic sector	Gross value added	Percentage of economy total	Labour productivity
		€million	per cent	€/ per gainfully employed person
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	Total economy	30771	---	42444
	Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	759	2,5	26948
Germany	Total economy	2172180	---	54664
	Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	19930	0,9	23447

Labour productivity = gross value added in current prices per gainfully employed person

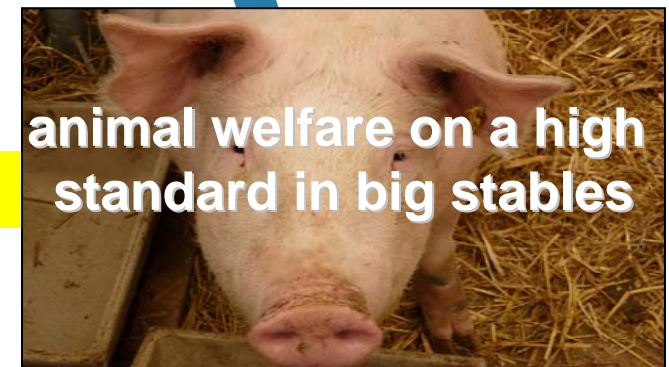


Agricultural structure in MV

modern, multifunctional, market-oriented



Multifunctional



Agriculture



European support measures 2007 - 2013



EAFRD European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

EU axis 1:
€239 million
competitiveness

EU axis 2:
€288 million
environmental
and land
management

EU axis 3:
€383 million
diversification
and
quality of life

“EU axis 4”:
€57 million
LEADER

Development programme for rural areas M-V (EPLR)
2007 - 2013
EURO 975 million

Directives

Diversification and quality of life in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern's rural areas

Examples:

- Basic services for rural population
- Creation and development of microenterprises
- Encouragement of tourism activities
- Conservation and upgrading of rural heritage
(natural and cultural heritage)

**EU axis 3:
€383 million
Diversification
and
quality of life**



Concept of a new CAP beyond 2013 - Three-Steps-Model

3rd step

payments for rural development

- regionally important ecological objectives
- infrastructure, knowledge, innovation
- investments, marketing
- service of public interest

finance: EU + member state + region



2nd step

defined payments for objectives at EU,
member state or regional level (areas with natural
handicap, agro-environmental measures,)

finance: EU + member state



1st step

basic payment for standards, that make the European
agriculture different from the world market

full financed: EU, equalized until 2020



Aspects to a change of rural development support I

- **fixt contribution of the EU- Fonds at the beginning of the programming and for the whole period**
- **connection of support for modernisation of agricultural holdings in combination with new challenges**
- **Development of agricultural holdings to service holding in peripheral rural areas**
- **no minimum budget for the axis**
- **deferent contribution of EU-Funds for every axis or special measures**
- **the necessary co-financing may not result in, that poor regions can not participate adequately in the measures**

Aspects to a change of rural development support II

- **The future of the rural labour market is not in the agricultural sector**
 - **a Fund for the rural area must be open to all other enterprises in the area**
- **The actual Delineation of the rural area is not understandable**
 - **The relation between cities and there environment is important for the economic and social development – there for the region must decide what the rural area shell include**
- **The border between support for processing enterprises from the EAGGF and the ERDF is not understandable for the entrepreneurs, particularly under different frameworks.**

Remarks to the position paper

- 1. Strengthen the second pillar – problem of national or regional co-financing**
- 2. agricultural production of public goods - support investments to produce public services**
- 3. Simplification –**
 - 1. at program level**
 - 2. at national level**
- 4. further integration of the axis 3 and 4 to the rural development**
- 5. Monitoring and evaluation**
- 6. Environmental activities not only in the axis 2**
- 7. Environmental conservation activities should be extended to all measures**

**Our future is decided in
the rural areas.
Thank you very much for
your attention!**

