



# RDP extensions and integration of 2021/2022 financial resources

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## Implications for programming, monitoring and evaluation

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# What is happening to RDPs 2014-2020

- RDPs will be extended by 2 years;  
new end of the implementation period: 2025
- New financial resources become available in the programming years 2021 and 2022 with N+3 rule attached
  - MFF resources (EUR 26.9 billion)
  - EURI resources (EUR 8 billion)

These additional resources should be programmed and monitored separately from the MFF resources, while applying, as a general rule, the rules set out in Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013

Legal base: Transitional regulation 2020/2220, amending regulation 1305/2013

# Scope of the 2021/2022 resources – MFF

No new ring-fencing rules, except:

- **ensure that at least the same overall share** of the EAFRD contribution is reserved for the **measures referred to in Article 59(6)** (environmental and climate measures).

New implementing rules for measures in view of the transition:

- For area-based measures new commitments from 2021 shorter (1-3 years), and only one year extensions
- ANC degressive payments may continue, if max. of 4 years was not reached before
- Risk management tools (art. 38+39) new minimum loss thresholds introduced
- COVID 19 measure implementation deadlines are extended by 6 months
- For LEADER, capacity building and preparatory actions related to the design and future implementation of CLLD strategies possible

# Scope of the 2021/2022 resources – EURI

EURI will be used to support RD measures *‘...paving the way for a resilient, sustainable and digital economic recovery in line with the objectives of the Union’s environmental and climate commitments and with the new ambitions set out in the European Green Deal’*

## Ring-fencing rules:

- Minimum ring-fencing of 5% for LEADER (Art. 59(5)) and 30% for environment/climate beneficial operations (Art. 59(6)) will not apply to EURI;
- **1) Non- regression** (no-backsliding) principle applies: At least the same overall share of the EAFRD must be reserved in RDPs for measures under Art. 59(6);
- **2) At least 37 %** must be reserved for measures under Art. 33, 59(5) and (6) (animal welfare, LEADER and operations beneficial for environment & climate);
- **3) At least 55 %** must be reserved for measures under Art. 17 (investments), 19 (farm & business development), 20 (basic services) and 35 (co-operation) to promote economic & social development of rural areas, resilient, sustainable & digital economic recovery in line with agri- environment -climate objectives.
- MS may **derogate from the no-back sliding principle or the 55% threshold to the extent necessary** to comply with either of the two requirements.

# Implications on programming - Strategy

No change to the approach towards the programme strategies:

- RDP Strategies should be changed when
  - Circumstances changed (e.g. emergence of new needs),
  - new information becomes available (e.g. updated statistics, evidence of success of a particular policy approach), or
  - a change in approach to addressing identified needs becomes necessary (e.g. support being provided through alternative instruments)



Extension of programming period, availability of additional funds and the need to address the COVID-19 pandemic are among the reasons to adapt the strategy

# Implications on programming – Measures

Measure descriptions (RDP chapter 8)

- Possibly introduction of new measures or sub-measures according to updated strategy.
- Separate measure descriptions will be required where operations are supported by the additional resources from the EURI.
- Where EURI programming is done for an already existing RDP measure, the separate EURI measure description may be integrated in the existing text, editorially clearly separating the descriptions applicable for the different financial sources. Where the existing measure description is intended to apply one-to-one to the EURI programming, this can be acknowledged by adding a simple sentence to that effect, provided it complies with the specificities of the EURI regulation

# Implications on programming – Indicator Plan

- Planning towards 2025
  - all indicators (planned target indicators and planned output indicators) need to be reviewed in line with the updated RDP strategies, referring to implementation objectives in 2025 (instead of 2023), especially where the additional financial resources will be allocated.
- Planned targets and outputs should refer to the entire activities of the RDPs (nothing new).
- Sub-totals for all planned outputs planned to be financed by EURI to be indicated (new).

# Implications on Monitoring – AIRs

**Last AIR to be submitted in June 2026 – in line with the 2 year extension of the programming period**

**as of AIR2021, submitted in 2022**

- Table A committed expenditure: to be reported for EURI commitments separately.
- Table B realised outputs: Report on all planned outputs, hence also on the sub-totals realised by EURI (analogous to the planning of outputs)



# Special case: Risk management planning and reporting

## Indicator Plan (RDP chapter 11): new outputs for risk management

- The Transitional Regulation makes it possible under art. 38 and 39 of regulation 1305/2013 to set min loss thresholds below the WTO green box min level of 30%.
- For WTO reporting purposes, MS will have to plan and report expenditure where min loss thresholds are below 30%:

For each of the following Measure 17 output indicators, the indicator plan needs to specify in addition the “out of which supporting minimum loss thresholds of below 30%”

- Total public expenditure (€) (17.1)
- Total public expenditure (€) (17.2)
- Total public expenditure (€) (17.3)

# Implications on Evaluation

- Ex post evaluation (Art. 78):
  - MS ex-post evaluation reports to be submitted in 2026
  - EU level synthesis report to be done in 2027
- No new requirements for evaluation (both EURI and TR), however the following may have consequences on evaluation design:
  - If RDPs introduce programmes amendments with important changes to the Intervention Logic
  - RDPs may redefine the content of measures
  - EURI funds will be monitored by financial and other output indicators allowing to trace them
- Evaluation Helpdesk will prepare a working paper discussing this and other questions regarding potential impact of the context change and the new funds on evaluation approach