



Rural development in France

Preparation of the 2014-2020 programming phase

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I. State of the debate concerning the reform process

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- Many improvements in the draft regulation amended by the Danish presidency
- Some issues to be discussed further under the Irish presidency
 - An increase in some co-financing rates (art. 65);
 - The link between the AEC commitments baseline and greening (art. 29);
 - Provisions for irrigation investments (Art. 46.3);
 - Support investments aimed at compliance with newly introduced standards (Art. 18);
 - Alignment of the baseline of Water Framework Directive payments to the baseline of Natura 2000 payments (art. 31);
 - Technical improving of the articles on risk management (art. 37 to 41);
 - Simplifying of the state aid rules (art. 88 and 89);
 - Simplifying the implementation of the rural development policy and rules harmonisation with the other funds;
 - Best taking into account the reality of the outermost regions.



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II. Partnership agreement preparation

Partnership Agreement Preparation National Instancy

- Preparation of the process with all the involved ministries, 2 meetings per month since the beginning of 2012, several thematic working groups;
- Creation of the Partnership Agreement Preparation National Instancy « INPAP » that will consist of four following blocs, with 70 members :
 - State
 - Social partners
 - Communities
 - Economic actors and civil society
- The Presidency of the INPAP will be provided by the State, because the Partnership Agreement commits the State towards the European Commission.
- Three representativeness criteria are identified:
 - The representation of the specificities of four funds covered by the partnership agreement (ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF) within each college;
 - The representation of the three pillars of the Europe 2020 strategy (smart, sustainable and inclusive);
 - The representation of different types of areas (mountain, coastal, rural, urban, ultra-marine border).

Partnership agreement preparation

- December 12'
 - Finalisation of the consultation document and
 - Finalisation of the perimeter of the Partnership ;
 - National Press Conference to launch a broad written consultation (4 weeks).
 - January to November 13'
 - Organisation of 15/20 thematic, methodologic and territorial seminars ;
 - Dissemination of the draft version 1 of the Partnership Agreement to members of the INPAP, and validation of the V1, iteration with the managing authorities ;
 - National Seminar to present the results of of the National Partnership consultation (in June);
 - September to November 13'
 - Dissemination of the draft version 2 of the Partnership Agreement to members of the INPAP, and validation of the V2, iteration with the managing authorities ;
 - Dissemination of the final version of the Partnership Agreement to members of the INPAP and to the managing authorities ;
- 13/12/2012 – Final meeting of the INPAP and sending to the EC. Conference on rural development, Roma



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III. Programmes preparation

Rural development programming architecture



- First scenario :
 - One hexagonal program without national set of measures
 - Probably 5 regional programmes for Corsica and outermost regions
 - MA : Ministry of Agriculture and delegated MA : regional authorities
- Second scenario :
 - 1 national framework and 26 regional RDP
 - MA : regional authorities
- In any case, two paying agencies : ASP and

Programmes preparation



- Territorial strategic diagnostics to be finalised at the end of 2012, common work between the regional state representatives and the regional councils
- Synthesis of the diagnostics at the national level
- Programmes to be then designed by the managing authorities
- Iterative construction together with the Partnership agreement
- Sending with the partnership agreement (end 13')



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IV. EC Position paper

EC position paper

- In line with the challenges identified at the national level
 - Low R&D especially in the private sector and in small and medium enterprises
 - Unemployment and labor market segmentation
 - Transition to a low-carbon, sustainable use of resources and environmental protection
 - Improving socio-economic conditions, general labor market segmentation and infrastructure in outermost regions
- Rural development priorities
 - Compatible with the thematic objectives
 - The partnership agreement shall take into account the specific objectives of the CAP that are not mentioned in the position paper
 - Main priorities to be defined when the programming architecture of the will be stabilised