

WORKING DOCUMENT

Consultation of the Rural Development Committee

Member State: Netherlands

Region: -

1. Approved programme:

Rural Development Programme for the Netherlands 2007-2013 - Approved by Commission Decision C(2007)3464 of 20/07/2007 - CCI 2007NL06RPO001

2. Legal basis for the modification:

Modification related to the first implementation of Article 16a of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005

Changes to the total Community contribution for the entire programming period

Article 6(1)(a) and Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1974/2006

Article 6(1)(c) and Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1974/2006

3. Reasons justifying the amendment / Strategy chosen

3.1 Amendments linked to the CAP Health Check and Recovery Package

As indicated in the revised National Strategy Plan, the Dutch authorities see a need for action on most of the new challenges identified in the framework of the HC/RP review of the Community Strategic Guidelines for Rural Development. No action shall be taken in relation to the restructuring of the dairy sector because this sector is fairly competitive in the Netherlands and is considered to be capable of dealing on its own with the changing market conditions and with the reformed CAP.

Stopping the loss of biodiversity is considered to be a crucial task for the Netherlands. The same is valid for water management. As regards renewable energy, there are possibilities for a combination with the current generic policy. The challenges related to climate change can be combined with efforts on biodiversity, on water management and energy. In order to deal with these priorities, the extra funding under the HC/RP will be used for financing actions on the management of field border strips, measures related to water quality and quantity, measures improving the environmental quality, innovation in agriculture and production of agriculture based durable energy

In view of the fact that 98% of the Dutch population has access to broadband, an action supporting broadband access will target cases of farmers living in specific areas lagging behind in broadband access and where such access requires more substantial investments.

In revising the RDP, the Dutch authorities have tried to work out a coherent package of measures. In view of the limited extra budget available, they will focus

on a limited number of measures that mainly benefit farmers because the HC funds have been sourced from their direct payments. These measures are:

– Measure 111: with a view to improving the knowledge, insight and capacities of those active in the agriculture, forestry and agro-food sector on the new challenges and to maximize the use of existing potentials, training, advice and demonstration projects and networks are considered of crucial importance for reaching ambitious targets on the new challenges.

– Measure 121: with a view to a more durable agriculture and horticulture production, extra funding will be made available for investments related to climate change, improving water quality and water management, developing and making better use of renewable energy and maintaining biodiversity.

– Measure 124: taking account of the small scale of the agriculture sector and of the importance of collaboration within and between the different chains in the agro food sector, cooperation on innovation has a potential multiplier effect for meeting the new challenges.

– Measure 214: support for field border strips should further stimulate biodiversity and make agriculture production more durable. The additional support for border strips should also compensate for the suppression of the set-aside obligation under the first pillar of the CAP. In the Netherlands, set-aside only related to a small surface (in total 14.750 ha, i.e. 0.8% of the total UAA), and notably to land of the larger cereal producers. Because the Netherlands have few large cereal producers, the number of ha concerned was limited. Besides, only a small part of the set-aside area related to environmental set-aside (only 650 ha); the other forms produced no advantage for the biodiversity, unlike environmental set-aside. With the additional envelope spent on arable land border strips, the discontinuation of environmental set-aside is more than compensated: the target for border strips is 4.700 ha paid with HC/RP funds and a further 800 ha paid with extra money coming from the revised EAFRD budget.

– Measure 216: support will focus on durable investments that contribute to improving water quality and water management.

– Measure 311: support will focus on durable energy production.

– Measure 321: support will focus on renewable energy (linked to agriculture) and broadband access for specific problem situations.

In addition to the current Dutch RDP envelope of 486.521.137 EURO, additional amounts of 93.700.000 EURO and 3.876.000 result from the HC and RP, respectively. The indicative repartition of these additional envelopes over the HC/RP priorities is as follows: water management 21%, climate change 23%, renewable energy 19%, biodiversity 23%, innovation 13% and broadband 0.5%.

3.2 Other amendments

Besides the additional HC/RP funding, the Dutch RDP envelope has been increased with 9.1 million EUR by Decision 2009/14/EC. These funds will be used to increase the available budget for measures 121 (air washers), 212 (two new LFA areas), 214 (geese forage packages/field border strips) and 511(technical assistance).

4. Description of the amendments proposed related to the HC/RP:

4.1 New priorities / types of operations

As indicated above and in line with the NSP, the Dutch RDP focuses on six priorities: climate change / renewable energy / water management / biodiversity / innovation linked to the previous priorities / broadband internet infrastructure in rural areas.

The types of operation envisaged and the potential impacts are summarized under point 5.3.6 of the RDP, in table 5.8 which is copied below.

<i>Axis / measure</i>	<i>Type of operation</i>	<i>Potential effects</i>	<i>Existing or new type of operation</i>	<i>Reference to the description in the RDP</i>	<i>Output indicator target</i>
111	Information and dissemination of knowledge related to water management	Raising awareness and knowledge and thus indirectly, the efficiency of operations related to water management	Existing	Annex 4 – Fiche 111 – under C) and D)	Number of participants: 1800 Number of training days: 4900
	Information and dissemination of knowledge related to renewable energies	Raising awareness and knowledge and thus indirectly, the efficiency of operations related to renewable energies			Number of participants: 700 Number of training days: 2000
	Information and dissemination of knowledge related to biodiversity	Raising awareness and knowledge and thus indirectly, the efficiency of operations related to biodiversity			Number of participants: 1100 Number of training days: 1100
	Training and use of farm advisory services in relation to climate change	Provision of training and advice to farmers to reduce greenhouse gases and to adapt to climate change			Number of participants: 400 Number of training days: 1000
121	Biogas production using organic waste (on farm and local production)	Substitution of fossil fuels, reduction of methane (CH ₄)	New	Annex 4 – Fiche 121 – under C)	Number of farm holdings: 50 Investment volume: 3.000.000 EURO
	Processing of agriculture/forest biomass for renewable energy	Substitution of fossil fuels			Number of farm holdings: 100 Investment volume: 6.500.000 EURO
	Improvement of energy efficiency (e.g. use of construction materials)	Reduction of carbon dioxide (CO ₂) emissions by saving energy			Number of farm holdings: 50

	which reduce heat loss)				Investment volume: 3.000.000 EURO
	Improve efficiency of nitrogen fertiliser use (e.g. reduced use, equipment, precision agriculture), improvement of manure storage	Reduction of methane (CH ₄) and nitrous oxide (N ₂ O) emissions			Number of farm holdings: 850 Investment volume: 53.500.000 EURO
124	Processing of agriculture/forest biomass for renewable energy	Substitution of fossil fuels	Existing	Annex 4 – Fiche 124 – entire fiche	Number of cooperating groups: 5
	Innovative operations to address climate mitigation and adaptation measures	Reduction of GHG emissions and adaptation of agriculture to climate change			Number of cooperating groups: 5
	Innovative operations to support the development of renewable energies	Substitution of fossil fuels and reduction of GHG			Number of cooperating groups: 5
	Innovative operations to enhance water management	Improvement of the capacity to use water more efficiently and to improve water quality			Number of cooperating groups: 30
	Innovative operations to support the conservation of biodiversity	Halting the loss of biodiversity			Number of cooperating groups: 5
214	Perennial field and riparian boundary strips and bio beds	Protection of birds and other wildlife and improvement of biotope network, reducing entry of harmful substances in bordering habitats, conservation of protected fauna and flora	Existing	Annex 4 – Fiche 214	Number of holdings: 1.650 Total area supported: 4.700 ha Physical area supported: 4.700 ha Number of contracts: 1.650 Number of actions related to genetic resources: 0

216	Wetlands restoration Conversion of agriculture land into swamps	Conservation of high-value water bodies, protection and improvement of water quality	New	Annex 4 – Fiche 216 – Under A3)	Number of holdings: 250 Investment volume: 17.400.000 EURO
311	Installations/infrastructure for renewable energy using biomass and other renewable energy sources (solar and wind power, geothermal)	Substitution of fossil fuels	New	Annex 4 – Fiche 311 – Under B)	Number of beneficiaries: 10 Investment volume: 5.000.000 EURO
	Biogas production using organic waste (on farm and local production)	Substitution of fossil fuels, reduction of methane (CH ₄)			Number of beneficiaries: 15 Investment volume: 7.500.000 EURO
	Processing of agriculture/forest biomass for renewable energy	Substitution of fossil fuels			Number of beneficiaries: 15 Investment volume: 7.500.000 EUR
321	Creation of broadband infrastructure notably backhaul facilities (e.g. fixed, terrestrial wireless, satellite-based or combination of technologies)	NA	New	Annex 4 – Fiche 321 – Under C)	Number of broadband connections: 3.000 Investment volume: 1.600.000 EURO
321	Installations/infrastructure for renewable energy using biomass and other renewable energy sources (solar and wind power, geothermal)	Substitution of fossil fuels	New	Annex 4 – Fiche 321 – Under B)	Number of actions supported: 12 Investment volume: 8.500.000 EURO

4.2 Description of the amendments proposed to axes and measures

Measure 111:

- In the parts of the measure fiche related to justification and objectives of the measure: addition of reference to the new challenges supported.
- Under description of the activities supported under C. (knowledge dissemination through demonstration projects) and under D. (knowledge dissemination through practise networks): addition of reference to the new challenges supported
- Under aid intensity: for demonstration projects related to new challenges, aid intensity up to 100% of the eligible costs

Measure 121:

- In the part of the measure fiche related to objectives of the measure: addition of reference to the new challenges supported
- Under description of the activities supported: introduction of new point C. related to support for more durability in agriculture and horticulture in the framework of new challenges. Investments under this point include those related to: more efficient use of manure and improved storage thereof (for existing storage capacity), installations for the treatment of waste water, pluri-annual energy crops, prevention mechanism against negative consequences of climate related extreme situation (e.g. nets against showers of hail), production of biogas using organic waste, improvement of energy efficiency, processing of agriculture/forest biomass for the production of renewable energy, water saving technologies or production methods, water storage.
- Under aid intensity: for investments under the new point C, aid intensity up to 50% of the eligible costs
- The period for completing the investments is extended from 2 to 3 years (from the date of approval of the dossier).
- The amount of 105.1 million EURO for additional national financing is replaced by 332.6 million EURO. This relates to sub-measures notified under state aid registration numbers XA116/2009 and XA117/2009.

Measure 124:

- In the part of the measure fiche related to objectives of the measure: addition of reference to the new challenges supported
- Under aid intensity: Increase of the aid intensity from 35 to 50% of the eligible costs (to bring the aid intensity in line with an analogue national subsidy scheme).
- Under definition of beneficiaries: explicit exclusion of the forest sector under the new challenges support.

Measure 214:

- In the part of the measure fiche related to the scope of the actions: addition of a sentence indicating that for the period 2009-2013 an additional amount of 23.5 million € will be used for the existing action "management of field strips" in the framework of the new challenge biodiversity.

- In the part of the measure fiche related to the support level: addition of a new paragraph indicating that the total aid amount for the action management of field strips will be eligible for EU co-financing at a rate of 75% (for other actions, the EU co-financing is limited to 50% of a maximum aid amount of 450 €/ha, the remaining aid amount falls under state aid).

Measure 216:

- In the parts of the measure fiche related to the justification, objectives and scope of the measure: addition of a paragraph related to the new challenges supported.
- In the part of the measure fiche related to eligible costs: insertion of a new point A3) indicating the non-productive investments supported in the framework of the new challenge "water management": the drawing up of installation plans for the improvement of water quality; reparation or installation of landscape elements; movement of ground; placing of fences; other actions necessary for the installations concerned.
- In the part of the measure fiche related to the support level: addition of a new paragraph indicating that the total aid amount for the investments under point A3) can be 100% of the eligible costs.

- Main elements of the new sub-measure:

Aim of the measure: improving the water quality, notably in relation to nutrients (nitrogen and phosphate), where possible combined with targets related to water quantity management, nature and landscape.

Scope of the action: investment on agriculture land resulting in positive impacts on water management; in most cases, the investment will be coupled to multi-annual agreements on management of the land. This can be linked to agro-environmental commitments.

Eligible investments: the drawing up of installation plans for the improvement of water quality (as part of an investment project); reparation or installation of landscape elements; movement of ground; placing of fences; other actions necessary for the installations concerned. Not eligible are: removal of pollution or waste, construction of buildings, maintenance of landscape elements, purchase of machinery. Only once off measures having a direct impact on the physical conditions and features of the plot are eligible; they should have a lasting effect on the water quality, whether combined or not with agro-environmental measures.

Beneficiaries: farmers or public bodies.

Aid intensity: 100% of the eligible costs

Measure 311: Insertion of a new sub measure 311b related to renewable energy.

- Intended aims and targets of the sub measure: to stimulate diversification of farm holdings into activities related to renewable energy.
- Type of operation implemented: investments on renewable energy, introduction of new information technology in support of or as part of a diversification project on renewable energy on a farm holding.

- Selection criteria: projects will be judged against 8 criteria linked to the focus on biomass and/or rest products, the positive economic perspective, the positive impact on farmers' income, the environmental balance, the contribution to reduced methane expulsion, the existence of a long term management plan, the impact on employment, the existence of a regional or local need).
- Eligibility criteria: projects have to comply with 9 conditions linked to the objectives of the project, the impact on the landscape and regional planning, maintaining the project for 5 years, capacities of the beneficiary, presentation of a management planning, biofuels have to respect the durability criteria of the Directive, presentation of an environmental balance, project relates to activities falling outside the scope of Annex I of the Treaty, respect of the conditions of R.1998/2006.
- Types of diversification eligible: 1) production of biogas using organic waste; 2) processing of agriculture/forestry biomass into renewable energy; 3) installations/infrastructures for renewable energy based on biomass or other renewable energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal).
- Eligible costs: construction, purchase or improvement of immovable goods (purchase of land cannot exceed 10% of the project costs); purchase of leasing of machinery or equipment; once off costs for preparation, planning and organisation of the investment project (up to 15% of the total projects costs; 25% in duly justified cases, e.g. projects involving greater risk or on experimental basis); labour cost of persons directly involved in the implementation of the project.
Eligible costs are limited to the extra costs born by the farmer compared to conventional energy facilities or traditional heating systems.
- Type of beneficiaries: a member of farm household (natural or legal person, or group of natural or legal persons).
- Aid intensity: the *de minimis* rule applies for these investments → maximum amount of support of 200.000 EURO over a period of 3 fiscal years.
- Indicators: targets for the total number of supported actions (40) and for the total investment volume (20 million EURO).
- Demarcation with ERDF: beneficiaries and projects complying with the criteria of measure 311 cannot benefit from ERDF support.

Measure 321: Insertion of a new sub measure 321b related to renewable energy.

- Intended aims and targets of the sub measure: improvement and creation of basic services related to renewable energy, located in villages, in rural areas or on farm holdings.
- Type of operation implemented: a) installations and infrastructure for renewable energy based on biomass and other renewable energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal); b) Production of renewable energy (from agriculture biomass and rest products) and supply to purchasers of that energy; c) Facilities for local and regional transport of water, heat, biogas, waste, biomass, packaging and fibres (transport of manure is excluded under this measure); d) activities of rural communities and their partners for the dissemination of knowledge, stimulating cooperation on renewable energy and energy saving in the food supply chain and the conception and developing of initiatives on renewable energy .

- Type of beneficiaries: public bodies, legal persons or cooperation groups
- Selection and: projects will be judged against 8 selection criteria: existence of a need for the project in the region concerned; complementarity with national initiatives/strategies on renewable energies; degree of substitution on fossil fuels; positive side-effects on climate change, biodiversity, water management; number of inhabitants and rural communities benefiting from the project; financial or labour contribution of third parties; quality of management and exploitation of the facility; contribution of the project to a durable rural economy.
- Eligibility criteria: projects have to comply with 8 eligibility criteria: supra local character of the project, maintaining the project for at least 5 years, measurable effect of the project, support necessary for realising the project, biofuels have to respect the durability criteria of the Directive, presentation of an environmental balance, project relates to SMEs for activities falling outside the scope of Annex I of the Treaty, respect of the conditions of R.1998/2006 as well as with environmental criteria.
- Eligible costs: Construction, purchase or improvement of immovable goods (purchase of land cannot exceed 10% of the project costs); Once off costs for investment in mobile and semi-permanent facilities of the project; Investments in connecting to ICT facilities; Purchase or lease of new machines or equipment; Labour costs (under the conditions of Article 54 of R.1974/2006); Once off preparation, planning and organisation costs (limited to maximum 15% of the total project costs, except in duly justified cases notably for experimental projects involving greater risk for failures when a maximum of 25% applies); drawing up of plans; Costs related to preparation, development and implementation of cooperation, communication, promotion and organisation actions for a period of maximum 3 years and not later than 15/06/2015; these initial costs cannot exceed 30% of the total eligible project costs in the first year, 25% in the second year and 20% in the third year.
Eligible costs are limited to the extra costs born by the beneficiary compared to conventional energy facilities or traditional heating systems with the same capacity.
- Amount of support/aid intensity: for undertakings → maximum support amounts to 70% of the eligible costs; for public bodies → 100% of the eligible costs. With respect of the *de minimis rule* with a maximum of 200.000 EURO.
- Demarcation criteria: if activities and beneficiaries comply with requirements for measure 311 than support will be granted under measure 311; beneficiaries and projects complying with the criteria of measure 321b and staying within the maximum eligible costs of that measure cannot benefit from ERDF support.
- Indicators: targets for the total number of supported actions (12) and for the total investment volume (8.5 million EURO).

Measure 321: Insertion of a new sub measure 321c related to broadband.

- Intended aims and targets of the sub measure: to support farm holdings that face high costs for their connection to broadband internet because they are located in rural areas that are lagging behind in terms of broadband access infrastructure.
- Type of operation implemented: investments in broadband internet access by farm holdings.
- Type of beneficiaries: farmers not yet connected to broadband internet and located in rural areas where no broadband internet is yet available via ADSL, cable or UMTS networks. To benefit from support, the farmer should be able to prove an investment of at least 400 EURO.
- Eligible costs: investments in connection to broadband internet (e.g. fixed equipment, terrestrial wireless systems, satellite systems or a combination thereof). Computers, laptops or mobile phones or not eligible for support. The principle of technological neutrality is respected because the choice of specific technological solutions is left to the beneficiaries.
- Amount of support: subsidy of 200 EURO
- Aid intensity: the *de minimis* rule applies for these investments → maximum amount of support of 7.500 EURO over a period of 3 fiscal years;
- Demarcation with EFRD indicated: beneficiaries and projects complying with the criteria of measure 321c cannot benefit from ERDF support.
- Indicators: targets for the number of broadband internet connections supported (3.000) and for the total investment volume (1.6 million EURO).

4.3 Description of other amendments to the programme

Chapter 4 (justification of priorities chosen)

- Addition of reference to the HC/RP decisions and to the new challenges.
- Targets of the RDP completed with renewable energy and broadband.
- In the indicators list, the target for 2013 in relation to improvement of the water quality is revised to make reference to the 4th action programme in the framework of the nitrates directive, covering the period 2010-2013. The indicator on climate change is completed with target for HC actions on renewable energy.

Chapter 5 (description of axes and measures)

- Overview of axes and measures is completed with references to actions on the HC/RP.
- New point 5.3.5 with detailed description on how the new challenges will be addressed, including summary table 5.3.6 (see above).

Chapters 6, 7 and 8 (financial tables) See point 6 of this note.

Chapter 9 (state aid aspects):

- Tables 9a and 9b have been updated taking account of recent state aid authorisations replacing previous ones
- Table 9b is completed for measures 321b and 321c indicating that support will be granted under the rules of *de minimis* support.

Chapter 10 (complementarity & demarcation)

- New text inserted on the implementation in the Netherlands of Article 68 of R.73/2009 (specific support for: water transport allowance, animal welfare measures, identification & registration system for sheep and goats, weather insurance premium).
- Text on complementarity with sugar CMO updated.

4a. Description of the amendments proposed not related to the HC/RP:

Measure 212 (areas affected by specific handicaps)

The amendment relates to an extension of the areas receiving payments under Article 20 of R.1257/1999 (areas affected by specific handicaps where agriculture activities are at risk of disappearing), from 232.946 ha under the current RDP to 252.796 ha. The latter is still well below the 10% ceiling of total area of the Member State laid down by Article 21 of the Regulation (for the Netherlands 10% corresponds to 349.000 ha).

The amendment in fact concerns an extension of two areas that are already receiving payment under measure 212:

- The "Westerkwartier" in the province of Groningen (12.600 ha) is a sandy area characterized by small parcels (90% smaller than 2.9 ha) bordered by wood borders.

Description of the natural handicaps in the "Westerkwartier": the handicap mainly lies in the small scale of the parcels in this area. In the southern part of the area, 90 % of the parcels are smaller than 2.9ha; they are bordered by wood strips that negatively affect the productivity of the parcels. In large parts of the area, flooding or high water levels make the handicap even worse. In the northern part, 20% of the parcels are smaller than 2ha and 60% is smaller than 4ha. In both areas, land parcels are irregularly shaped. The calculation underpinning the aid amount takes into account the handicaps of different sub-areas: Small scale sandy landscape (Southern part) lower crop yields due to small parcels and impact (shadow/roots) of wooden strips, Veenweidegebied (Southern part) a combination of peat-moor and high water levels result in lower crop yields, Uiterwaarden (Southern part) lower crop yields due to inundation, Hellinggen (Southern part) lower crop yield due to slopes, parcel size and restrictions as regards crops that can be cultivated; for the Northern part of the area, the compensation is based on lower crop yields due to size of the parcels (small + irregular shapes) and impact of wood strips and inundation.

- The "Noordelijke Friese Wouden" in the province of Friesland (7.200 ha) is again an area characterized by small and stretched parcels bordered by wood borders. Parcels larger than 4 ha will not be eligible for support.

Description of the natural handicaps in the "Noordelijke Friese Wouden": small scale sandy area with parcels mainly between 0,5 and 2 ha; almost all parcels are bordered by wood strips. The compensation is based on lower crop yields due to the irregular and small size of the parcels and the impact (roots/shadow) of wood strips around the parcels. The areas are classified as national landscape and cannot therefore be changed.

The compensation paid under this measure is unchanged (maximum 150 EURO/ha).

Measure 511 (technical assistance)

As regards the co-financing of evaluation activities the current RDP text only refers to the 2000-2006 ex-post evaluation and to 2007-2013 mid-term evaluation. The text is completed with a reference to activities in the framework of the ongoing evaluation.

5. The expected impacts of the amendments

The expected effect and quantified targets of the amendments linked to the HC/RP are indicated in the table under point 3.1 of this working document. As regards the new sub-measure 321c (broadband), the amendment should assist certain areas that are lagging behind in terms of broadband access to catch up with new developments on internet access.

The extension of areas supported under measure 212 should allow compensating farmers in specific areas for the restrictions under which they have to operate, thereby rewarding them for their assistance in maintaining the landscape in these areas that are important for their value offered to society. The new areas are basically extensions of existing LFA areas that thereby become more homogenous.

Reinforcing measure 511 (technical assistance) should help in meeting the additional tasks resulting from the HC/RP exercise in particular, and the ongoing evaluation in general.

6. Financial aspects of the modification

The total EAFRD envelope for the Netherlands was recently increased by 106.676.000 EURO, of which 9.1 million EURO under Decision 2009/14/EC and 97.576.000 EURO under Decision 2009/545/CE (HC/RP).

The annual contribution of the EAFRD to the Dutch RDP is now as follows (in EURO):

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Normal	70.536.869	72.638.338	71.391.337	72.215.293	70.606.648	69.682.449	68.550.233	495.621.167
HC/RP	0	0	2.280.000	14.896.000	19.800.000	26.400.000	34.200.000	97.576.000
Total	70.536.869	72.638.338	73.671.337	87.111.293	90.406.648	96.082.449	102.750.233	593.197.167

The table below gives an overview on the allocation of the extra funds over the different measures of the RDP (in EURO):

Measure	Dec. 2009/545/EC	Dec. 2009/14/EC	Total
111	16.500.000		16.500.000
121	24.750.000	800.000	25.550.000
124	14.325.000		14.325.000
212		3.750.000	3.750.000
214	17.625.000	4.230.000	21.855.000
216	13.050.000		13.050.000
311	7.500.000		7.500.000
321	3.826.000*		3.826.000
511		320.000	320.000
Total	97.576.000	9.100.000	106.676.000

* Of which 450.000 EURO for sub-measure 321c on broadband

The revised allocation of normal EAFRD funds over the different axes and the co-financing rates for these funds is as follows:

Axis	Total public expenditure (€)	EAFRD co-financing rate (%)	EAFRD contribution (€)
Axis 1	292.480.000	50%	146.240.000
Axis 2	305.380.000	50%	152.690.000
Axis 3	290.160.000	50%	145.080.000
Axis 4	96.720.000	50%	48.360.000
Technical Assistance	6.502.334	50%	3.251.167
Total	991.242.334	50%	495.621.167

The allocation of the extra funds from the HC/RP over the different axes and the co-financing rates for these funds is as follows:

Axis	Total public expenditure (€)	EAFRD co-financing rate (%)	EAFRD contribution (€)
Axis 1	74.100.000	75%	55.575.000
Axis 2	40.900.000	75%	30.675.000
Axis 3	15.101.333	75%	11.326.000
Axis 4	0	-	0
Total	130.101.333	75%	97.576.000

The indicative budget related to operations referred to in Article 16a of regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2013 is as follows:

Axis/measure	EAFRD contribution for 2009-2013 (EUR)
Axis 1	
Measure 111	16.500.000
Measure 121	24.750.000
Measure 124	14.325.000
Total axis 1	55.575.000
Axis 2	
Measure 214	17.625.000
Measure 216	13.050.000
Total axis 2	30.675.000
Axis 3	
Measure 311	7.500.000
Measure 321	
- related to priorities listed in Article 16a(1), points (a) to (f)	3.376.000
- related to priority (g) listed in Article 16a(1)	450.000
Total axis 3	11.326.000
Total axis 4	0
Total programme	97.576.000
Total axes 1,2,3 and 4 related to priorities listed in Article 16a(1), points (a) to (f)	97.126.000
Total axes 1,2,3 and 4 related to priority (g) listed in Article 16a(1)	450.000

In table 8.1 of the RDP that gives an overview of additional national financing, the amount of 105.1 million EURO for measure 121 is replaced by 332.6 million EURO.

7. Assessment

The amendments proposed are coherent with the National Strategy Plan as modified in the framework of the HC/RP exercise. They respect the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and of Commission regulation (EC) No 1974/2006.