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Rural Development Programme of Region Lombardia

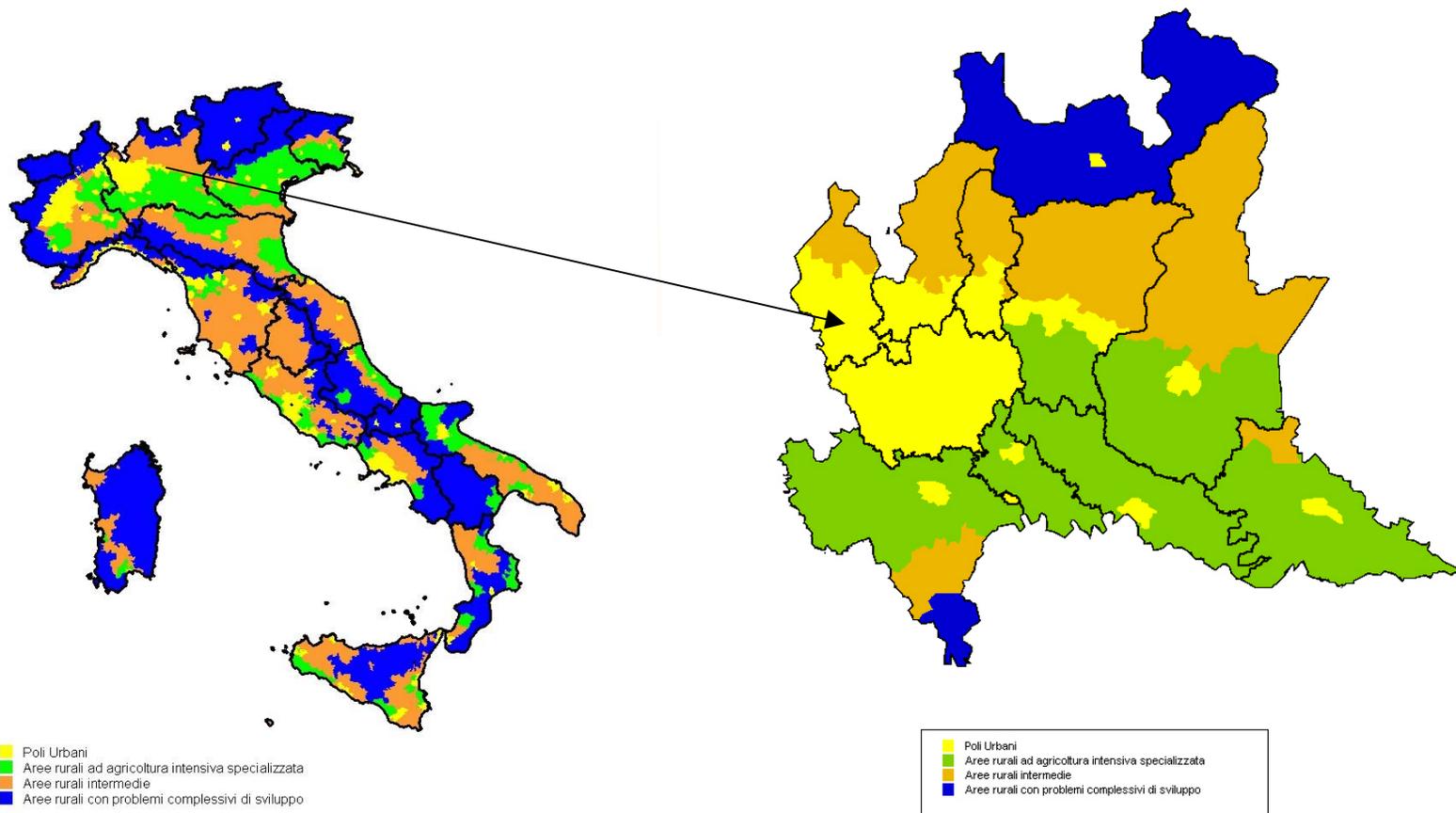
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General overview



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Main features (1)



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Socio-economic context:

- Total population = approx. 9.400.000 inhabitants
- Density = 394 habitants/km².
- GDP/capita (pps) = 140% of the EU-25 average

Rural areas:

- 35% of the population and 82% of the territory
- Density: 163 habitants/km²
- The 3 typologies of rural area defined by the NSP are present



Main features (2)



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Importance of the agricultural, forestry and food sector:

Land utilisation

- The utilised agricultural area covers 43% of the territory and forests 13%
- UAA (981.000 ha)

}	arable land (74%)
	permanent crops (4%)
	permanent pastures (22%)

Holding dimension

- The average surface of the agricultural holdings is 15,6 ha (IT: 6.7 ha; EU: 16 ha)

Value added

- The primary sector represents 1,5% of the regional value added (national average 2.8%), and food industry represents 2,2% of it

Employment

- The employment of the primary sector and the food industry are respectively 1,5% and 1,8% of the regional total



EAFRD allocation Italy (mEUR)



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1	V a l l e d ' A o s t a	5 2 , 2 2 1 , 0 0 0	0 . 6 %
2	M o l i s e	8 5 , 7 9 0 , 0 0 0	1 . 0 %
3	T r e n t o	1 0 0 , 6 5 2 , 0 0 0	1 . 2 %
4	L i g u r i a	1 0 6 , 0 4 7 , 0 0 0	1 . 3 %
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9	L a z i o	2 8 8 , 3 8 4 , 0 0 0	3 . 5 %
1 0	U m b r i a	3 3 4 , 4 3 0 , 0 0 0	4 . 0 %
1 1	T o s c a n a	3 6 9 , 2 1 0 , 0 0 0	4 . 5 %
1 2	B a s i l i c a t a	3 7 2 , 6 5 0 , 0 0 0	4 . 5 %
1 3	P i e m o n t e	3 9 4 , 5 0 0 , 0 0 0	4 . 8 %
1 4	L o m b a r d i a	3 9 5 , 9 4 9 , 0 0 0	4 . 8 %
1 5	V e n e t o	4 0 2 , 4 5 7 , 0 0 0	4 . 9 %
1 6	E m i l i a - R o m a g n a	4 1 1 , 2 5 1 , 0 0 0	5 . 0 %
1 7	S a r d e g n a	5 5 1 , 2 5 0 , 0 0 0	6 . 6 %
1 8	C a l a b r i a	6 2 3 , 3 4 1 , 0 0 0	7 . 5 %
1 9	P u g l i a	8 5 1 , 3 2 7 , 0 0 0	1 0 . 3 %
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2 1	S i c i l i a	1 , 2 1 1 , 1 6 3 , 0 0 0	1 4 . 6 %
	n e t w o r k	4 1 , 4 5 9 , 8 8 3	0 . 5 %
	t o t a l I t a l y	8 , 2 9 2 , 0 0 9 , 8 8 3	1 0 0 . 0 %



Financial weight



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Axis	Public expenditure	EAFRD rate	EAFRD amount	
	EUR	(%)	EUR	(%)
I. Competitiveness	291.656.542	42,8	124.829.000	31,5%
II. Environment and countryside	464.716.480	44	204.475.251	51,7%
III. Quality of life and diversification	80.516.854	44,5	35.830.000	9%
IV. Leader	15.633.523	55	6.878.750	5%
V. Technical assistance	26.871.461	41	11.017.299	2,8%
Total	899.756.700	44	395.949.000	100%

Spending rates (including Leader)

I. Competitiveness	132.213.529	34,3 %
II. Environment and countryside	207.103.670	53,8 %
III. Quality of life and diversification	45.614.501	11,9%
Total - TA	384.931.701	100%



Axis 1 – Measures (31,5%)



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Measure	Public Expenditure	
	EUR	share
111. Vocational training and information actions	5.893.322	2,0%
112. Setting up of young farmers	18.908.262	6,5%
113. Early retirement	70.000	0,0%
114. advisory services	15.508.743	5,3%
<i>human capital</i>	40.380.327	13,8%
121. Modernisation of agricultural holdings	142.988.428	49,0%
122. Improvement of the economic value of forests	5.403.245	1,9%
123. Adding value to agricultural and forestry products	55.831.479	19,1%
124. Cooperation for development of new products	1.783.505	0,6%
125. Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation ...	40.331.481	13,8%
126. Restoring agricultural potential.....	10.329	0,0%
<i>Physical capital</i>	246.348.467	84,5%
132 Participation of farmers in food quality schemes	2.502.180	0,9%
133 Information and promotion activities	2.425.568	0,8%
<i>Quality</i>	4.927.748	1,7%



Measure 121



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- Objectives: supporting process/product innovation and agricultural diversification
- Investments: improvement of immovable property, purchase of machinery and equipment, intangible investments (i.e. general costs)
- Priorities – some examples: (1) restructuring physical potential and reducing costs in areas C and D (dairy farms), (2) improving environmental performance in area B (livestock farms), (3) water saving (F&V and cereals)
- Aid intensity: 40% in LFA, 30% elsewhere (+5% for young farmers)

Axis 2 – Measures (51,7%)



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Measure	Public Expenditure	
	EUR	share
211 Payments to farmers in mountain areas	71.132.243	15,3%
214 Agri-environment payments	228.039.246	49,1%
216 Non-productive investments	34.005.852	7,3%
<i>total agricultural land</i>	333.177.341	71,7%
221. First afforestation of agricultural land	120.220.691	25,9%
223. First afforestation of non-agricultural land	4.317.243	0,9%
226. Restoring forestry potential	7.001.205	1,5%
<i>total forestry land</i>	131.539.139	28,3%



Measure 214 (1)



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- Integrated production will contribute to the improvement of water quality and to the protection of biodiversity, through a more rational use of fertilisers and the reduction of pesticides, in vegetable crops, fruit crops and vineyards.
- The introduction and maintenance of meadows in place of arable crops will contribute to the conservation of the landscape, to the improvement of water quality and to the protection of biodiversity.
- Organic farming will contribute to the improvement of water quality and to the protection of biodiversity. Farmers in Natura 2000 and NVZ will have priority.



Measure 214 (2)



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- The maintenance of buffer areas and hedgerows introduced in place of arable crops will contribute to the improvement of water quality and to the protection of biodiversity and will be implemented in plains (with priority in Natura 2000 and NVZ).
- The creation of landscape features (i.e. wetlands) in place of arable crops will contribute to the improvement of the landscape and the protection of biodiversity. It will be implemented in plains (with priority in Natura 2000 and NVZ).
- The support to endangered breeds will contribute to the protection of biodiversity. 2 breeds of cattle, 2 of sheep and 5 of goats supported

Axis 3 – Measures (9%)



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Measure

Public Expenditure

EUR

share

311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities

53.204.485

66,1%

312 Business creation and development

2.409.782

3,0%

313 Encouragement of tourism activities

5.927.085

7,4%

economic development

61.541.352

76,4%

321. Basic services for the economy and rural population

5.504.854

6,8%

322. Village renewal and development

0

0,0%

323. Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage

11.854.171

14,7%

quality of life

17.359.025

21,6%

331 Training and information

1.616.476

2,0%

341 Skills acquisition, animation and implementation of ...

0

0,0%

human capital

1.616.476

2,0%



Measure 311



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- Objectives: to support integrated and multi-functional farms in rural areas, and to promote renewable energy production
- Actions: (a) realisation of renewable energy power plants, (b) realisation or improvement of agri-tourism, (c) other diversification activities (didactic farms, on-farm itineraries, etc.)
- Aid intensity: 50% in LFA, 40% elsewhere (+10% for young farmers)
- Territorialisation: rural areas, with a priority for rural area C and D. In rural areas B (plains), only farms with structural disadvantages. The measure will exceptionally apply in certain zones of area A (peri-urban), with evident characteristics of rurality.

Axis 4 – Measures (5%)



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Measure	Public Expenditure	
	EUR	share
411 Implementing local development strategies. Competitiveness	9.995.976	27,8%
412 Implementing local development strategies. Environment/land	3.557.927	9,9%
413 Implementing local development strategies. Quality of life	13.244.669	36,8%
421 Implementing cooperation projects	1.997.718	5,5%
431 Running the local action group, acquiring skills and ...	7.199.073	20,0%



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- The admissible area covers 51,8% of the territory and 7,6% of the population. 10 LAGs foreseen
- The selection will be based on the characteristics of the area, of the partnership, of the strategy and on its coherence to the financial resources
- priorities for the selection: innovation, cooperation and the integration of agriculture into the local development strategies
- The axis will contribute to the achievement of the three general objectives of RD policies

Complementarity



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- CMO Fruits and Vegetables - demarcation based on the type of intervention and the beneficiary
- CMO olive – in the RDP measures, where a possible overlapping is present the sector is excluded from support
- CMO sugar – the beneficiaries of the measures for restructuring and diversification (R. 320/06) will be excluded from the RDP support
- Bee keeping - in the RDP measures, where a possible overlapping is present the sector is excluded from support
- For each measure of axis 3, demarcation criteria with Structural Funds set up



Conclusions



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- The rural development programme respects the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) n° 1698/2005 and of Commission Regulation (EC) n° 1974/2006 and it is submitted to the Committee for a favourable opinion

