

## WORKING DOCUMENT

### First Modification of the Rural Development Programme of Thuringia 2007-2013 (CCI No. 2007DE06RPO023)

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE APPROVED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

##### Member State: Germany, Land THURINGIA

Programme: The rural development programme of Germany/Thuringia for the 2007–2013 (Förderinitiative Ländliche Entwicklung in Thüringen 2007-2013 (FILET) approved by the Commission C (2007) 5862 of 26.11.2007. (CCI 2007 DE 06 RPO 023)

#### 2. LEGAL BASIS FOR THE CHANGE

This is the RDP modification related to the first implementation of Article 16a of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005. According to Article 6 (1) a) and Article 7 of R 1974/2006, this revision needs to be approved by Commission decision. Furthermore, the revision is combined with other amendments according to Article 6 (1) c) of R 1974/2006.

The revision has been approved by the Monitoring Committee on 24.04.2009 and 10.06.2009.

#### 3. REASONS JUSTIFYING THE AMENDMENT / STRATEGY CHOSEN

##### Strategy

##### Health Check (HC)

Due to the new modulation as well as the transfer of non-used money from direct payment (Art. 136 of the Regulation 73/2009) to EAFRD in the framework of the HC decisions and according to the revised National Strategy Plan of Germany, an amount of 58.861.243 € EAFRD contribution has been allocated to the German Land Thuringia. This amount has to be used for the new challenges listed in Article 16a (1) of R 1698/2005 from January 2010 to 2013.

There are 6,38 Mio € allocated to agro-environment measures challenging climate change and 36,00 Mio € to biodiversity. About 16.5 Mio € are allocated to measures accompanying the restructuring process of the milk sector

##### Recovery Package (RP)

Due to EU decision on the RP (additional money for the EAFRD) and according to the revised National Strategy Plan of Germany, an amount of 4.539.057 € EAFRD contribution has been allocated to the German Land Thuringia. This amount has to be used for the new challenges listed in Article 16a (1) of R 1698/2005 from January 2009 to 2013.

Nonetheless, this will not lead to a change of the general strategy as the existing strategy still is valid and is fully in line with the Community Strategic Guidelines (CSG) and the National Strategy.

In the frame of this revision the Community co-financing rate as provided for in the approved RDP is altered for the additional funds attributed to Axis 1 and 2 (90% in the Convergence region Thuringia, see Table 6.2.2).

Regarding broadband investments in rural areas, broadband initiative is seen as the precondition for the development of the competitiveness in rural areas. These are indeed some rural areas that do not have the broadband access at the moment. Thuringia supports this sector since 2008, before the EU broadband initiative was launched, with a special National broadband support programme aiming to ensure efficient broadband connections in rural areas for private and commercial persons (1 Mb/s). Development of the broadband facilities is provided within this national scheme and in the opinion of the Managing Authority there is no need for additional funding.

The additional money from the RP –about 4.5 Mio € is allocated to measure 121 in order to support the milk sector.

### **Budget correction due to a new distribution system of the EU budget to the German Länder**

According to the mechanism set out in the revised National Strategy Plan of Germany, an amount of 8.574.241 € EAFRD contribution has been deducted from the existing RDP allocation (without Health Check) of Thuringia.

No transfers between axes are foreseen.

#### *Text of the RDP*

All proposed amendments to the strategy of the programme are described in the new chapter 3.5. of the RDP.

Output indicators have been adapted accordingly and are described in chapter 12.1.2. of the RDP.

## **4. DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**

- A) Health Check and Recovery Package - Types of operations matching the new challenges according to Article 6 (1) a) and Article 7 (1) c) of Regulation 1974/2006
- B) Other amendments proposed according to Article 6 (1) c) and Article 9 of Regulation 1974/2006
- C) Detailed description of measures

### **AD A) HEALTH CHECK AND RECOVERY PACKAGE - TYPES OF OPERATIONS MATCHING THE NEW CHALLENGES**

#### A.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Following changes of the existing measures are proposed:

- Modification of the existing measure "121 Modernisation of agricultural holdings" with sub-measures "Agro-investment support programme" and "Agro-investment support programme for holdings with livestock breeding" that focus on restructuring of the dairy sector due to phasing-out of the quota system

Investments for structural adaptation of the production conditions and for the improvement of the efficiency should be supported.

Following new sub-measures of measure 214 are proposed, all according to the NF:

- Application of soil preserving production processes of the arable fodder production
- Spreading of the manure with special environmental friendly spreading processes
- Enlarged crop rotation on arable land

Following table gives an overview of operations according to the Article 16a(3)(a) and Article 69(5a) of Regulation (EC) 1698/2005.

**Table 5.3.6 (in submitted document as Table 5.3.5). Overview of operations according to the Article 16a(3)(a) and Article 69(5a) of Regulation (EC) 1698/2005**

Axis/measure	Type of operation	Potential effects	"Existing" or "new" type of operation	Reference to the description in the RDP	Output indicator - target		
					Number of holdings receiving investment aid	Actual supported area (ha)	Total number of contracts
Axis 1, code 121	(Dairy) Investment aid for milk production	Improvement of the dairy sector competition	new	Chapter 5.3.1.2.1	100	60 mio €	
Axis 2, code 214	(Biodiversity) Multi-annual field and bank strips and biological bed systems	Protection of birds and other wild animals, better networking of biotopes, reduced injection of pollutants in habitats, conservation of protected animals and plants	existing	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./L3	Number of supported holdings		
					150	500	150
Axis 2, code 214	(Climate change) Soil cultivation (ex. catch crop, crop rotation)	N2O reduction, carbon bonding, adaptation to the climate change effects to the soil	new	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./L5	250	20.000	250
Axis 2, code 214	(Biodiversity) maintaining of the ecologically valuable multi-annual plants	Protection of birds and other wild animals, better networking of biotopes, reduced injection of pollutants in habitats, conservation of protected animals and plants	existing	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./L6	75	300	75
Axis 2, code 214	(Climate change) Soil cultivation (ex. catch crop, crop rotation)	N2O reduction, carbon bonding, adaptation to the climate change effects to the soil	new	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./L7	250	100.000	250
Axis 2, code 214	(Climate change) Soil cultivation (ex. catch crop, crop rotation)	N2O reduction, carbon bonding, adaptation to the climate change effects to the soil	new	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./L8	150	15.000	150
Axis 2, code 214	(Biodiversity) no use of fertilizers and plant protection chemicals on ecologically valuable agricultural areas	Maintaining species-rich vegetations, protection of the grassland	existing	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./N3	675	10.000	675
Axis 2, code 214	(Biodiversity) establishing and maintaining of the mixed orchard	Protection of birds and other wild animals, better networking of biotopes, reduced injection of pollutants in habitats, conservation of protected animals and plants	existing	Chapter 5.3.2.1.4./N4	400	2.800	400

## A.2 REASONS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS JUSTIFYING THE AMENDMENT

The amendment of the RDP programme strategy is the consequence of the EU decisions on Health Check and Recovery Package. It implements also the decision of the Government of Thuringia on EU Health Check and Recovery Package.

### Dairy justification

Milk producing holdings need a special support to manage the necessary alignment before phasing-out the milk quota in 2015. This phasing-out process causes increased difficulties due to the increasing volatility of the milk market that forces the milk producers to large mid-term structural changes.

The structure of the agricultural holdings in Thuringia shows the multitude of the legal forms, types and sizes of holdings. Limitation of the support only to small and middle size holdings is not appropriate to the multitude of the holding structures. Thuringia analyzed that the most burning problem is the economic situation of the milk producers due to phasing out. It is an important factor of regional added value. 20% of the agricultural production in Thuringia is related to the milk.

Following impacts are estimated due to the special support of the milk producers:

- improvement of the efficiency, rationalization and production cost lowering
- retention of the regional added-value and added-value chains in milk sector

Through the support of larger holdings the deficiencies of larger holdings are removed in regard to the investment support, considering the structural advantages of larger holdings

### Agri-environmental justification

Loss of biodiversity is a concern of the Thuringia Authorities. 74% of set-aside areas were used for cultivation of renewable resources.

Agri-environmental measures are in focus of Thuringia RDP programme (ex. L3-flowering areas/strips, N5-conversion of arable land to grassland etc). Majority of HC funds is injected into agri-environmental measures.

### Broadband

Thuringia has already established a broadband programme that is implemented entirely outside the RDP programme. Thuringia confirms that no additional funds for broadband are necessary from Recovery Package.

## A.3 EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The investment in the milk production enables short-term direct investments and the mid-term development of the competitiveness in this sector. Thus, the important part of the agricultural sector can be retained competitive also after 2015 when milk quotas will be phased-out.

In agro-environmental payments (214) the areas using the soil preserving production processes, or treated with environmental friendly spreading of manure, or using extension of cultivation spectrum for grain crops will increase.

The impacts of the introduced new sub-measures will be the mitigation of soil erosion, protection of ground water and the rise of soil fertility.

#### A.4 FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF THE AMENDMENT

An amount of 21 016 970 € of EAFRD contribution is injected into measure 121, thus enabling the earlier and better implementation of modernisation of agricultural holdings in the dairy sector. Financial changes are shown in the tables of the Annex to this document.

An amount of 42 383 330 € of EAFRD contribution is injected into measure 214 in order to notably improve agri-environmental conditions.

#### A.5 COHERENCE WITH THE NSP AND THE REGIONAL RDP STRATEGY

The amendments are in line with the NSP and RDP of Thuringia.

#### A.6 TEXT OF THE RDP

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5 of the RDP.

## **AD B) OTHER AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**

### B.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

#### B.1.1 Demarcation to the programmes of the 1<sup>st</sup> pillar

Clear demarcation lines between the operational programmes concerning wine, fruits and vegetables and measures in RDP were defined.

##### Fruits & vegetables

In case when an operational programme of producer organisation includes an investment measure eligible under measure 121, all members of the producer organisation are excluded from EAFRD aid. Demarcation to the sub-measure "Processing and marketing of agricultural products (code 123)" is done on the basis of the financial volume. Projects up to 800.000 € are financed from the pillar 1, while projects over 800.000 € are financed from EAFRD.

Producer groups are not eligible for the support in agri-environmental measures (KULAP). Area-based payments are not allowed for them.

Consulting services requested from producer groups are eligible via operational programmes, while for the consulting and management systems (code 114) only agricultural holdings are eligible.

Producer groups are not eligible for the support from the measure "innovation support in rural and food economy (code 124)".

##### Wine

Intended financial means for the support programmes in Thuringia will be very limited.. It is envisaged to use the whole amount in one year. A clear delimitation between wine operational programme and RDP will be integrated in RDP before the wine programme starts.

##### Sugar

Support for the measures: 121 - modernisation of agricultural holdings and 311-diversification to non agricultural activities is excluded for the time when the allocations for the diversification aid for sugar are available.

As long as there are funds available for the diversification aid for sugar, the approvals from the EAFRD programme will be withheld. Funds from the 1<sup>st</sup> pillar will be very likely available in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2010. The Commission will be notified on the beginning and the end date of the period.

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 10 of the RDP.

#### B.1.2 Editorial amendments regarding the clarification of eligible public expenditures, the terms "support" and "allocation" according to National Framework

Adaptation of the wording used in line with the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the National Framework (acceptance on 20.05.2009). The text was adapted for measures: 122, 123 - sub-measure-processing and marketing of wood, 227 - sub-measure forest environmental measures with larger investment needs, 322 - sub-measure development of the smallest and small-town

influenced rural communities up to 10.000 inhabitants, and 323 - sub-measure support for the development of the nature and the landscape.

In addition for all measure descriptions: in the title of the paragraph III (Type, scope and amount of support) the word "Förderung" (support) is replaced with the word "Zuwendung" (allocation) as already done in the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the National Framework.

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3 of the RDP.

#### B.1.3 Update of the description for state aids

The changes can be seen in the Chapter 9. and the Table 9.B. was updated.

#### B.1.4 Changes in management and control structures

Due to new competency assignments in Thuringia changes in the management and control functions are described.

The changes are can be seen in the Chapter 11.2 of the RDP.

#### B.1.5 Changes in programme indicators

Errors in existing programme indicators are corrected and inconsistencies removed.

Changes can be seen in the Chapter 12.1 of the RDP.

#### B.2 FINANCIAL EFFECTS

No financial effects for "Other measures". Already existing financial funds will be used.

#### B.3 COHERENCE WITH THE NSP AND THE REGIONAL RDP STRATEGY

The amendments are in line with the NSP and the strategy of the RDP of Thuringia.

### **AD C) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES**

#### **C.1 Measure 121: Modernisation of agricultural holdings**

##### **- Agricultural investment support programme**

##### **Sub-measure - Agricultural investment support programme for holdings with livestock breeding**

##### *Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

Experience has shown that necessary modernisation projects are getting bigger and thus, investments volumes are growing. Furthermore, the number of investments for improving animal welfare projects and those for improving quality of work is constantly increasing.

##### *Description of the change*

- Increase of the maximum eligible investment volume to 2 million €(for dairy. 5 Mio €)
- Increase of the aid intensity to 25% (20% for large holdings)
- Increase of dairy production to 40% (35% for large holdings)



- Increase of support for environment-friendly standards to 35% (30% for large holdings)

Large holdings are defined in the Regulation 800/2008.

#### *The expected impacts of the amendment*

The number of farm co-operations will increase and thus, the economical and competition situation will improve. The support of eligible investment projects can be assured faster and better.

a) Special support of milk production helps achieving the improvement in:

- operational efficiency, rationalisation and reduction of the production costs,
- adjustment process of the phasing-out of the milk quota system,
- preservation of regional added value in dairy sector.

b) The support to large agricultural holdings helps:

- large holdings with capital, taking into account the structural advantages of the large holdings and
- in the development of the centres of growth within associations of holdings.

#### *Financial effects of the amendment*

Additional budget for the special support to dairy sector will be covered by the additional Health Check and Recovery Package allocation.

#### *Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The measure amendment is in line with the NSP as well as with the Thuringia RDP strategy.

#### *Adaptation of indicators*

Indicators have been adapted (Chapter 12.1.2.) concerning number of investments and investment volume.

#### *Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.5 and 5.3.1.2.1 of the RDP.

### **C.2 Measure 124: Cooperation for the development of new products, processes and technologies in the agriculture and food sector and the forestry sector (innovation support in agriculture and food industry)**

#### *Description of the modification*

Legal base for R&D in Thuringia has been changed (amendments of Thuringia Regulation 800/2008) and this has as a consequence the update of this measure. Leasing and leasing costs are excluded from the support. Technical feasibility studies are taken up as eligible

expenditures. Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector are now excluded from the support.

#### *Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

Modified legal base is considered. Administration of leasing and leasing costs (proof records, accounting and control) is very complex. Take-up of technical feasibility studies with same intensity rate as in the industrial research (60 % following the Community Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (2006/C323/01)) enables the examination of technical feasibility and industrial research before the implementation, thus preventing the wrong investment decisions.

#### *The expected impacts of the amendment*

Procedures with the authorities are simplified if leasing is not included. Better decision making is evident if technical feasibility studies serve as a sound base for the decision making in industrial research and pre-competitive development.

#### *Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The measure amendment is in line with the NSP as well as with the Thuringia RDP strategy.

#### *Financial effects of the amendment*

None

#### *Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.1.2.4 of the RDP.

### **Measure 214 Agri-environment payments**

#### *Adaptation of indicators*

Indicators have been adapted (Chapter 12.1.2.) concerning area and number of contracts.

### **C.3 Measure 214: Agri-environment payments (KULAP 2007) - introduction of 3 new sub-measures**

#### *Description of the modification*

Three new agri-environmental sub-measures are introduced, all according to the NF:

L5 Application of soil preserving production processes of the arable fodder production

L7 Spreading of manure with special environmental friendly spreading processes

L8 Crop rotation on arable land II

Deviating from NF, support preconditions, administration of arable crop maps and minimal support of 500 €per beneficiary, are introduced for all 3 sub-measures (L5, L7 and L8).

*Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

Three new sub-measures of the agro-environmental payments contribute to the new challenge "Climate change".

*The expected impacts of the amendment*

Soil protecting production processes in arable fodder cultivation contribute to the reduction of the nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and the carbon sequestration. Besides, further positive environmental impacts are achieved by the substitution of maize of silage and fodder beets with fodder crops and fodder grasses. Mitigation of the soil erosion and better water protection is achieved, as well as soil fertility improvement.

The harmful gas missions (methane and nitrous oxide) and the smell are reduced by the environment-protective spreading of manure. New methods have been developed for environmental friendly manure spreading. Particular focus is given to a method by which the manure is spread into the soil by a special machine that spreads manure under the surface and the other that spreads the manure through pipe leaking machine. Manure is not spread through the air and this is in line with Nitrate directive. This measure is taken from NF and is beyond the basic practices.

The diversification of crop rotation can contribute both to the minimisation of the emissions of certain greenhouse gases as well as to the increased localisation of CO<sub>2</sub> in the soil. Besides, with the cultivation of grain crops further positive effects on the environment are achieved.

*Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The measure amendment is in line with the NSP as well as with the Thuringia RDP strategy.

*Financial effects of the amendment*

Additional estimated costs for these 3 new sub-measures are covered from the additional funds of the Health Check.

*Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.5 and 5.3.2.1.4 of the RDP.

**C.4 Measure 214: Agri-environment payments (KULAP 2007) - increase of the premia for existing AEM**

*Description of the modification*

The amount for most sub-measures is increased as of 2010 (see Table of new premia below).

The following listed measures follow the new premia in National Framework: L1, L3 (partly), L5, L7, L8, and W 22. New contracts as well as the present ones will use the same premia. Rechecking of premia will be done every 2 years.

## 1. Restriction of the premia level of NF:

L1 – NF 214 C.-:	premia for maintenance of grassland 160 €/ha instead of 170 €/ha
L2 – NF 214 A.1.1.:	premia for crop rotation 53 €/ha instead of 75 €/ha and for ecological holdings 32 €/ha instead of 45€/ha
L3 - NF 214 A.7.:	premia for flowering areas/strips with one time seeding in 5 years 660 €/ha instead of 600€/ha
L4 - NF 214 B.3.2.	premia for extensive farming without combination 140 €/ha instead of 150 €/ha
W21 -	increase of annual premia from 45 €/ha to 84 €/ha and for holdings with organic farming from 45 €/ha to 54 €/ha.

## 2. Outside of NF:

L6 –	hedge care taking from 450 €/ha to 495 €/ha
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For the remaining KULAP measures the method of calculation is described for each sub-measure under the heading "Additional information".

### *Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

In past years drastic price developments occurred on the agricultural commodities markets. The changes take the changed price/cost relations into account.

Calculation and certification of premia were done in 2006. Due to drastic price/cost relationship change the premia have been checked again. Calculation method has not been changed and is based on mix of the methods (price/performance, total cost calculation). Specific circumstances of Thuringia have been taken in account, so that the compensation for the agri-environmental services is adequately considered.

### *The expected impacts of the amendment*

Through implementation of provisions of the Article 39(4) of EAFRD Regulation the compensation of the increased costs and the losses of income due to agro-environmental obligations is achieved. Only by compensation of these losses of income the acceptance of agro-environmental measures could be ensured.

### *Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The changes are in line with NSP and RDP strategy.

### *Financial effects of the amendment*

Additional estimated costs for the raise of premia are covered from the additional funds of the Health Check.

### *Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.2.1.4 of the RDP.

## **C.5 Measure 214: Agri-environment payments (KULAP 2007) – premia increase and other changes**

### *Description of the modification*

- a) Modification contains the adjustment of the criteria for female and male animals of merino long wool-sheep and the German saddleback pigs and
- b) A change of the legal base (Regulation EC 73/2009 replaces EC 1782/2003) in the Definition of support beneficiaries in this measure.

### *Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

The number of merino long wool-sheep and the German saddleback pigs is decreasing. EU legislation has been changed as well and this entails the alignment.

### *The expected impacts of the amendment*

The trend in decreasing of the number of merino long wool-sheep and the German saddleback pigs should be turned with the implementation of this amendment. Consequences of the EU legislation shall have an effect.

### *Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The changes support biodiversity and preservation of the genetic diversity and are in line with NSP and RDP strategy

### *Financial effects of the amendment*

None

### *Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.2.1.4 of the RDP.

## **C.6 Measure 323: Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (nature-near water development)**

### *Description of the modification*

Purchase of land can not exceed 10% of the eligible total expenditures, but higher percentage is allowed for well justified exceptional cases with projects for the preservation of the environment. This option should be used in Thuringia only for the nature-near water development.

The objective of the land purchase support for more than 10% of total eligible expenditures is the permanent use (over 50 years) of the land for dedicated use.

Land purchases over 10% of the eligible total expenditures are allowed under this exceptional cases:

- activity supports the implementation of the important goals of the water management, especially the implementation of the Water framework directive and is a part of the programmes that assure the fulfilment of the directives.
- the objective must be the improvement of the water structure for minimum one class in the flow section
- supporting the programmes in measures of EU water framework directive or supporting of the objective of good status or good environment potential in priorities of Thuringian water system
- assuring of the land is necessary for the achievement of the objectives
- assuring of the land is necessary for the cost-effective measure implementation
- ownership or the rights go over to a public institution, a public-law corporation or to a non-profit association that is according to its statutes predominantly dedicated to nature protection and landscape conservation.

Land purchases over 10% of the eligible total expenditures are related only to 680 km of water paths that constitute the water framework plans. Whenever the improvement of water structure is required, the case will be checked, if the improved water situation can be achieved through more cost effective way than through purchase of the land and construction measures. Only in case that the land is needed for the constructive measures, the purchase of the land will be supported with more than 10% of the eligible expenditures.

### *Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

Projects, in which the nature-near water development should be done via water own dynamics are only possible, if the development of the appropriate surfaces is assured. Projects already accomplished and experiences in Germany show that there are positive effects, if the surfaces are acquired for dedicated purpose. Thus just the relationship of the construction costs vs. land purchase costs shifts substantially to land purchase costs. A limitation of the support of purchase of land to only 10% of the measure costs is counter-productive in this context.

### *The expected impacts of the amendment*

Amendment of the RDP will have the following impacts:

- achieving of the important objectives of the water management, in particular the implementation of the water framework directive,
- the cost effective implementation of the nature-near water management,
- the intended use of the land is assured on the long term (minimal for 50 years).

*Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

This amendment supports the strategic approach for the improvement of the condition of the surface waters and for the implementation of the water framework directive.

*Financial effects of the amendment*

None

*Adaptation of indicators*

Indicators have been modified (Chapter 12.1.2.) for the number of investments and the length of the investing undertakings.

*Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.3.2.3 of the RDP.

**C.7 Measure 323: Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage (development of nature and landscape)**

*Description of the modification*

The drawing up of management plans in Natura 2000 areas, which are partly (a smaller part) outside the rural area, shall be taken in support scheme in the future.

*Reasons and implementation problems justifying the amendment*

The Commission clarified in the annual discussion with the German Federal Authorities that a certain possibilities exist for the support of management plans outside the rural area defined in the programmes, if the applicable Natura 2000 areas lie predominantly in the defined rural area.

*The expected impacts of the amendment*

The amendment enables after a first rough survey the complete inclusion of the management plans of 5-7 Natura 2000-areas that lie partly in the urban area (cities of Erfurt, Jena and Gera).

*Coherence with the NSP and the regional RDP strategy*

The national strategy provides for, among other things, implementation support of Natura 2000 and addresses explicitly the development and improvement of the natural and cultural heritage and for the preparation of protection and management plans for areas with high nature value.

### *Financial effects of the amendment*

None

### *Text of the RDP*

Proposed amendments are described in Chapter 5.3.3.2.3 of the RDP.

## **5. THE EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE AMENDMENTS**

The expected impacts have been described separately for each amendment.

## **6. FINANCIAL TABLES**

Financial tables in Annex 1

## **7. ASSESSMENT**

- The changes are in line with the National Strategy Plan as well as with the regional programme strategy, National Framework, Strategic Community Guidelines and reflect the decisions concerning the Health Check and Recovery Package. The proposed actions comply with the new challenges “climate change”, “biodiversity” and “measures accompanying restructuring of the dairy sector”.

- The changes are in conformity with the Council Regulation (EC) No 1689/2005 and with the Commission regulation (EC) No 1974/2006.

## **ANNEX 1**

### **Financial Table – Annual contribution from the EAFRD in €**

#### **Table 6.1**



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total 2007-2013
Convergence region	95.758.866	97.856.202	97.455.378	97.031.612	97.876.989	98.720.297	99.476.111	684.175.455
Additional money linked to Article 69 (5)a of R 1698/2005	0	0	2.670.034	11.218.935	13.846.020	16.470.549	19.194.762	63.400.300
<b>Total</b>	95.758.866	97.856.202	100.125.412	108.250.547	111.723.009	115.190.846	118.670.873	747.575.755

**Financial plan – breakdown of total EARDF amount by priorities in €**

Table 6.2.1

Priority	Public expenditures		
	Total public	EARDF contribution rate %	EARDF amount
Priority 1	239.734.899	75	179.801.174
Priority 2	383.826.206	80	307.060.965
Priority 3	203.827.048	75	152.870.286
Priority 4 Leader	43.208.513	80	34.566.810
Technical Assistance	13.168.293	75	9.876.220
<b>Total</b>	883.764.959	77.42	684.175.455

**Financial plan – breakdown by priorities for the additional EARDF money according to Article 69 (5) of R 1698/2005 in €**

Table 6.2.2

Priority	Public expenditures		
	Total public	EARDF contribution rate %	EARDF amount
Priority 1	23.352.189	90	21.016.970
Priority 2	47.092.589	90	42.383.330
Priority 3	0	0	0
Priority 4 Leader	0	0	0
Technical Assistance	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.444.778</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>63.400.300</b>

**Indicative financial table for measures matching the new challenges in € for the period from 01.01.2009 until 31.12.2013**

Table 6.3

Priority 1/Measure	EARDF contribution for 2009-2013
Measure 121	21.016.970
<b>Priority 1 total</b>	<b>21.016.970</b>
Measure 214	42.383.330
<b>Priority 2 total</b>	<b>42.383.330</b>
<b>Programme total</b>	<b>63.400.300</b>

**Indicative financial distribution specified by measure in €**

<b>Maßnahme/Schwerpunkt</b>	<b>Öffentliche Aufwendungen</b>	<b>Private Aufwendungen</b>	<b>Gesamt-Kosten</b>
<b>Schwerpunkt 1 Wettbewerbsfähigkeit</b>			
Maßnahme 111 Bildungsmaßnahmen	2.370.293	1.015.840	3.386.133
Maßnahme 114 Beratungsdienste	3.456.680	3.456.680	6.913.360
Maßnahme 121 Modernisierung landwirtschaftliche Betriebe	118.117.897	256.218.396	374.336.293
Maßnahme 122 Verbesserung des wirtschaftlichen Wertes der Wälder	1.843.547	1.843.547	3.687.094
Maßnahme 123 Wertschöpfung	33.253.153	77.590.690	110.843.843
Maßnahme 124 Zusammenarbeit	6.617.093	4.411.395	11.028.488
Maßnahme 125 Infrastruktur	72.059.157	21.524.164	93.583.321
Maßnahme 126 Vorbeugende Aktionen	25.369.267	2.818.807	28.188.074
<b>Summe</b>	<b>263.087.088</b>	<b>368.879.519</b>	<b>631.966.606</b>
<b>Schwerpunkt 2 Umwelt/Landschaft</b>			
Maßnahme 212 Benachteiligte Gebiete	132.495.044	0	132.495.044
Maßnahme 214 Agrarumweltmaßnahmen	269.790.101	0	269.790.101
Maßnahme 221 Erstaufforstung	8.641.687	1.525.000	10.166.687
Maßnahme 225 Waldumweltmaßnahmen	7.172.613	0	7.172.613
Maßnahme 227 Nichtproduktive Investitionen Forst	12.819.350	3.204.838	16.024.188
<b>Summe</b>	<b>430.918.795</b>	<b>4.729.838</b>	<b>435.648.633</b>
<b>Schwerpunkt 3 Lebensqualität/Diversifizierung</b>			
Maßnahme 311 Diversifizierung	19.673.440	59.020.320	78.693.760
Maßnahme 313 Fremdenverkehr	3.950.480	3.365.224	7.315.704
Maßnahme 321 Dienstleistungseinrichtungen	37.624.195	30.783.431	68.407.626
Maßnahme 322 Dorferneuerung, und -entwicklung	119.560.663	79.707.109	199.267.772
Maßnahme 323 Ländliches Kulturerbe	19.665.311	3.470.349	23.135.659
Maßnahme 331 Ausbildung und Information	592.573	253.960	846.533
Maßnahme 341 Kompetenzentwicklung	2.760.387	1.183.023	3.943.410
<b>Summe</b>	<b>203.827.048</b>	<b>177.783.416</b>	<b>381.610.464</b>

<b>Schwerpunkt 4 LEADER</b>			
4.1 Lokale Entwicklungsstrategien:	31.110.130	20.740.087	51.850.217
▪ 411. Wettbewerbsfähigkeit	5.617.107	3.744.738	9.361.845
▪ 412. Umwelt/Landschaft	2.592.511	1.728.341	4.320.852
▪ 413. Lebensqualität/Diversifizierung	22.900.512	15.267.008	38.167.520
4.21 Zusammenarbeit	3.456.681	2.304.454	5.761.135
4.31 Gemeinkosten, Kompetenzentwicklung, Sensibilisierung	8.641.702	0	8.641.702
<b>Summe</b>	<b>43.208.513</b>	<b>23.044.541</b>	<b>66.253.054</b>
<b>Schwerpunkte 1, 2, 3 und 4 insgesamt</b>	<b>941.041.444</b>	<b>574.437.314</b>	<b>1.515.478.758</b>
511 Technische Hilfe	13.168.293	0	13.168.293
<b>Gesamtsumme</b>	<b>954.209.737</b>	<b>574.437.314</b>	<b>1.528.647.051</b>