

Management of Rural Development Programmes: monitoring, modifications, annual reports and annual meetings

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Outline of the presentation

Programming:

- RDP modifications
- Coordination of policies

Monitoring:

- Monitoring committees
- Annual reports
- Annual meetings



Management of RDP

Responsibility of the Commission

- Ensure sound financial management

Responsibility of the Member States

- Take all measures to protect Community financial interests



Programming: RDP modifications (1)

- RDP modification is a useful instrument
- ...but costly
- Multiplication of the number of modifications
- In some cases, modifications are not useful...
- ...or arrive too late



Programming: RDP modifications (2)

In order to use resources in the most efficient manner: a new principle, the « SPA » principle ;))

« S » for Strategy

« P » for Planning

« A » for Awareness:



Programming: RDP modifications (3)

“S” for Strategy:

- Modifications to be based on an objective and accurate evaluation
- The medium term evaluation will be useful



Programming: RDP modifications (4)

« P » for Planning in terms of:

- timing
- expected outcome
- consequences for future modifications



Programming: RDP modifications (5)

“A” for Awareness: of all stakeholders and parts of the administration, including the PA



Programming: Coordination of policies

- Coordination
 - 1st/2nd pillar, in particular now article 68
 - between funds
- Demarcation/complementarity
- On article 68: coordination within administration needed



Monitoring: Monitoring committees (MC)(1)

Role of the MC:

- Examine implementation and RDP's progress
- Consider and approve annual report
- Propose any RDP adjustment or review
- Approve substantial proposals for changes
- Consulted on the selection criteria



Monitoring: Monitoring committees (2)

Good practices:

- Participation/information of Paying Agency
- Documents sent in good time
- Take the time it needs
- Preparatory meeting with MA (and PA)



Monitoring: Annual reports

Timing:

- by end June, but best before...
- on time for a constructive discussion in the MC

Content:

- Not only for specialists...
- Input for the annual examination
- All regulatory elements there...
- ...but there is no need to write 600 pages!



Monitoring: Annual meetings (1)

- Objective: examine the main results of the previous year
- Actions:
 - Commission may make comments to the MS and MA
 - MA to inform MC
 - follow up by MA
 - MS to inform Commission of actions taken



Monitoring: Annual meetings (2)

Best practices:

In terms of organisation:

- Timing: autumn
- Participation: PA and other bodies
- Agendas and documents on time
- Format: learning process
- Follow up: Commission minutes with actions to be undertaken



Monitoring: Annual meetings (3)

Best practices

In terms of substance:

- Not a “mini – Monitoring Committee”
- “Retrospective review”
- “Perspective review”



- Thank you to the colleagues in DG AGRI who helped with collecting best practices
- The floor is now with Mr Lozano
- Thank you for your attention



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