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Questions on Chapter 19 – Indicative carry-over table

MS	Question	EC answer
IT	Most of European 2014-2020 RDP Managing Authorities filled Chapter 19 "Indicative carry-over table" in without being totally aware of RDP 2007-13 commitments to be paid making use of 2014-2020 EAFRD.	It should be recalled that, according to Article 3(2) of Regulation 1310/2013, one of the conditions to make expenditure incurred under measures of the old programme eligible under the new programme is that "such expenditure is provided for in the respective rural
	After 31 December 2015 2007-2013 RDP eligibility of expenditures deadline Member States are finally aware of such "carry-over" and are willing to pay beneficiaries and declare such "carry-over" expenditures to EC. Lastly, during 16th September 2015 Rural Development Committee DG Agri clarified about mentioned "Indicative carry-over table", that is "EUR 0 amount for a "carry-over" measure means that there is no operation related to the 2007-2013 period financed with 2014-2020 EAFRD funds -> only be changed by a programme modification".	development programme for the 2014-2020 programming period". 1.a) It means that payments can be done to beneficiaries, declared to the Commission and reimbursed to the MS for amounts higher than those included in the "Indicative carry-over table" in Chapter 19 of the RDP 2014-2020, provided that a certain amount has been included in that table for the measure(s) concerned (i.e. "Total Union Contribution planned 2014-2020 (€)" different from zero). Of course the measure(s) concerned has/have also be part of the financial plan of the programme (chapter 10 of the RDP 2014-2020).
	1) In this regard and taking for granted current 2014-2020 RDP Chapter 19 "Indicative carry-over table" (planned measures for payments and planned Union contribution different from "zero") could please EC clarify the followings:	In case payments made in relation to (a) given measure(s) carried-over from previous programming period are higher than the respective amounts included in the "Indicative carry-over table", the latter should be updated at the occasion of the following RDP amendment.
	 a) What does "indicative" mean in term of flexibility for payments to beneficiaries, declaration of expenditures to EC, reimbursements by EC? b) In practice, starting from current 2014-2020 RDP "Indicative carry-over table", what is the maximum amount of money that could 	1.b) Possible expenditure for carried-over measures is capped at the total amount programmed for the measure(s) in the financial plan of the programme (chapter 10 of the RDP 2014-2020). There is no limitation to

	be paid to beneficiaries, declared to EC and reimbursed by EC?	eligible expenditure that Paying Agencies can pay to beneficiaries and declare to the Commission. However, the Commission reimburses only within the limits of the financing plan in force. Any capped amounts are paid once the financing plan is amended to allow that.
IT	2) Could a measure/measures not already mentioned in the current "Indicative carry-over table" be paid to a beneficiary?	No, the measure(s) has/have to be included in the "Indicative carry-over table" with an amount different from zero. Of course the measure(s) has/have to also exist in the financial plan of the programme (chapter 10 of the RDP 2014-2020).
IT	3) In case of formal submission via SFC2014 of RDP amendments in relation to the "Indicative carry-over table": a) When a beneficiary could be paid? (After formal RDP amendments submission? After RDP amendments approval?)	We understand the question as applying to a case for which a given amendment introduces (a) new measure(s) in the "Indicative carry-over table": 3.a)
	b) And when a Paying agency could declare such expenditure? (After formal RDP amendments submission? After RDP amendments approval?) c) And when a Paying agency would be reimbursed? (After formal RDP amendments submission? After RDP amendments approval?)	Payments by Paying Agencies to the beneficiaries can start being made after submission of the amendment, under Member State's own risk (see Article 65(9) of Regulation EU 1303/2013 and Article 60 of Regulation 1305/2013). 3.b)
		Expenditure should be declared in the first declaration following adoption of the programme amendment (see Article 22(2) of Regulation 908/2014).
		3.c) Paying Agency will be reimbursed according to usual procedures/timing following declaration done as explained in 3.b) above.
		Of course the above can only apply if the measure(s) concerned are also included in the financial plan of the programme (chapter 10 of the RDP 2014-2020).