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**Third Report on the implementation of the national strategy plans and the Community
strategic guidelines for rural development (2007-2013)**

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Table 1.1. EAFRD expenditure realized at the end of 2013 compared to the overall 2007-2013 allocation¹.

Measures		RDP implementing the measure [n]	EAFRD expenditure (2007-2013) [million EUR]	Total allocation 2007-2013 [million EUR]	Uptake level [%]
111	Vocational training and information actions	74	557	947	59%
112	Setting-up of young farmers	69	2 177	2 841	77%
113	Early retirement	51	2 133	2 491	86%
114	Use of advisory services	48	98	198	50%
115	Setting up of farm management, relief and advisory services	27	27	50	53%
121	Modernisation of agricultural holdings	87	8 712	11 636	75%
122	Improvement of the economic value of forests	48	225	369	61%
123	Adding value to agricultural and forestry products	85	3 193	5 540	58%
124	Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies	46	128	295	43%
125	Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry	78	2 648	4 787	55%
126	Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and introducing appropriate prevention actions	25	391	654	60%
131	Meeting standards based on Community legislation	17	60	69	87%
132	Participation of farmers in food quality schemes	43	71	131	54%
133	Information and promotion activities	39	74	167	45%
141	Semi-subsistence farming	8	636	807	79%
142	Producer groups	11	161	241	67%
143	Providing farm advisory and extension services	2	8	16	49%
144	Restructuring due to reform of common market organization	11	178	200	89%
Axis 1 Total			21 475	31 441	68%
211	Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps	60	6 708	6 725	100%
212	Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps in mountain areas	75	6 854	7 497	91%
213	Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD)	26	193	583	33%
214	Agri-environment commitments	88	20 032	22 934	87%
215	Animal welfare payments	30	524	885	59%
216	Non-productive investments	45	374	544	69%
221	First afforestation of agricultural land	63	1 312	1 711	77%
222	First establishment of agroforestry systems on agricultural land	5	1	11	7%
223	First afforestation of non-agricultural land	31	122	257	47%
224	Natura 2000 payments	13	37	75	50%
225	Forest-environment payments	26	47	134	35%
226	Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions	56	1 040	1 622	64%
227	Non-productive investments	65	429	773	56%
Axis 2 Total			37 673	43 751	86%
311	Diversification into non-agricultural activities	65	764	1 237	62%
312	Business creation and development	40	928	2 046	45%
313	Encouragement of tourism activities	60	535	1 227	44%

¹ Source: DG AGRI, allocation as at 2013. The calendar year expenditure cannot be compared to the Financial Reports of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of EAFRD which are based on financial year.

Measures		RDP implementing the measure [n]	EAFRD expenditure (2007-2013) [million EUR]	Total allocation 2007-2013 [million EUR]	Uptake level [%]
321	Basic services for the economy and rural population	67	2 190	3 661	60%
322	Village renewal and development	49	2 452	3 344	73%
323	Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage	64	754	1 210	62%
331	Training and information for economic actors operating in the fields covered by Axis 3	30	62	116	54%
341	Skills acquisition, animation and implementation	29	77	131	58%
Axis 3 Total			7 761	12 971	60%
411	Implementing local development strategies - axis 1	63	166	535	31%
412	Implementing local development strategies - axis 2	34	25	154	16%
413	Implementing local development strategies - axis 3	85	1 941	4 161	47%
421	Implementing cooperation projects	54	54	235	23%
431	Running the local action group, acquiring skills and animating the territory	87	589	979	60%
Axis 4 Total			2 775	6 064	46%
511	Technical assistance	87	905	1 545	59%
Technical Assistance Total			905	1 545	59%
611	Direct Payments (RO and BG)	2	437	437	100%
Direct Payments Total			437	437	100%
Grand Total			71 026	96 208	74%

Table 1.2 Health Check and EERP - EAFRD expenditure realized by the end of 2013 compared to total allocation.

Health Check and EERP challenges	EAFRD Expenditure (2010-2013) ² [million EUR]	Allocation (2010-2013) ³ [million EUR]	Uptake level [%]
Climate change	702	704	100%
Renewable energy	59	275	21%
Water management	367	1 332	28%
Biodiversity	1 451	1 542	94%
Restructuring dairy sector	606	716	85%
Innovative approaches (new challenges)	9	16	58%
Broadband infrastructure	111	360	31%
Total Health Check New Challenges	3 305	4 496	74%

² Source: DG AGRI, indicative expenditure based on CMEF monitoring data 2013

³ Source: DG AGRI, allocation as at 2010.

Table 2.1. Monitoring output indicators realized at the end of 2013 (including HC⁴, and targets⁵).

Measures		Output indicator	Unit of measure	Value 2007-2013	Targets for period	Target achievement [%]
111	Vocational training and information actions	Participants in training ⁶	n.	3 041 119	3 418 559	89%
		Training days received	n.	4 450 013	7 139 244	62%
112	Setting up of young farmers	Assisted young farmers	n.	143 785	164 577	87%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	13 885	15 652	89%
113	Early retirement	Number of beneficiaries	n.	28 386	35 359	80%
		Number of hectares released	ha	491 400	559 778	88%
114	Use of advisory services	Number of farmers supported	n.	156 877	274 809	57%
		Number of forest holders supported	n.	2 319	13 180	18%
115	Setting up of management, relief and advisory services	Newly set up services	n.	845	656	>100%
121	Modernisation of agricultural holdings	Farm holdings supported	n.	379 000	574 959	66%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	39 280	48 974	80%
122	Improvement of the economic value of forests	Forest holdings supported	n.	21 076	48 851	43%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	730	1 049	70%
123	Adding value to agricultural and forestry products	Number of enterprises supported	n.	22 885	34 029	67%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	17 439	24 481	71%
124	Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies	Number of cooperation initiatives supported ⁷	n.	1 908	3 289	58%
125	Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry	Number of operations supported	n.	43 528	43 818	99%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	7 243	9 245	78%
126	Restoring agricultural production potential and prevention actions	Area of damaged agricultural land supported (Ha)	ha	477 315	1 456 885	33%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	2 028	1 938	>100%
131	Meeting standards based on Community legislation	Number of beneficiaries	n.	31 695	215 139	15%
132	Participation of farmers in food quality schemes	Number of farm holdings supported	n.	370 489	283 705	>100%
133	Information and promotion activities	Number of actions supported	n.	7 513	8 681	87%
141	Semi-subsistence farming	Number of semi-subsistence farm holdings supported	n.	73 751	78 385	94%
142	Producer groups	Producer groups supported	n.	1 577	962	>100%
		Turnover of supported producer groups	million EUR	5 397	6 446	84%
211 212	Support to Less Favoured Areas	Number of holdings supported	n.	2 908 294	2 864 533	>100%
		UAA supported	ha	55 343 502	55 518 858	100%
213	Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC	Number of holdings supported	n.	70 744	98 930	72%
		UAA supported	ha	1 519 272	1 320 321	>100%
214	Agri-environment payments	Number of contracts	n.	3 074 173	3 039 236	>100%
		Holdings supported	n.	1 504 180	1 731 574	87%
		Physical area supported	ha	46 854 995	47 000 000	100%
		Total area supported	ha	86 219 832	60 010 844	>100%
215	Animal welfare	Number of contracts	n.	160 190	169 255	95%

⁴ Source: RDIS IDIM 2013, outputs indicators for commitments made from 2007 onwards.

⁵ The implementation period of the 2007-2013 EAFRD programming period runs until the end of 2015

⁶ BE Flanders data are not included.

⁷ Finland data are not included.

Measures		Output indicator	Unit of measure	Value 2007-2013	Targets for period	Target achievement [%]
	payments	Farm holdings supported	n.	83 192	105 546	79%
216	Non-productive investments	Holdings supported	n.	30 909	70 741	44%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	850	1 295	66%
221	First afforestation of agricultural land	Number of beneficiaries	n.	39 612	108 763	36%
		Number of afforested land	ha	271 163	469 796	58%
222	First establishment of agroforestry systems	Number of beneficiaries	n.	168	1 763	10%
		UAA supported	ha	2 295	21 618	11%
223	First afforestation of non-agricultural land	Number of beneficiaries	n.	7 303	22 838	32%
		Number of afforested land	ha	67 735	224 373	30%
224	Natura 2000 payments	Forest holdings supported	n.	12 676	16 568	77%
		Forest land supported	ha	275 686	280 304	98%
225	Forest-environment payments	Number of contracts	n.	9 552	22 767	42%
		Forest holdings supported	n.	8 257	18 905	44%
		Physical forest area supported	ha	308 171	459 861	67%
		Total forest area supported	ha	379 313	680 709	56%
226	Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions	Number of actions supported	n.	65 273	124 692	52%
		Supported area of damaged forests	ha	7 808 153	NA	NA
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	1 832	NA	NA
227	Non-productive investments	Forest holders supported	n.	92 289	109 715	84%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	1 256	1 527	82%
311	Diversification into non-agricultural activities	Number of beneficiaries	n.	35 121	59 465	59%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	4 228	5 049	84%
312	Business creation and development	Number of micro-enterprises supported	n.	61 761	73 344	84%
313	Encouragement of tourism activities	Number of new tourism activities supported	n.	19 436	31 739	61%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	2 275	3 295	69%
321	Basic services for the economy and rural population	Number of actions supported	n.	50 285	89 513	56%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	5 311	7 146	74%
322	Village renewal and development	Number of villages where actions took place	n.	39 434	29 063	>100%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	6 863	6 896	100%
323	Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage	Number of actions supported	n.	75 843	72 599	>100%
		Total volume of investment	million EUR	2 093	2 873	73%
331	Training and information for economic actors operating in the fields covered by Axis 3	Number of economic actors supported	n.	356 024	424 064	84%
		Number of training days received	n.	833 615	714 150	>100%
341	Skills acquisition, animation, implementation	Number of actions supported ⁸	n.	7 530	5 329	>100%
414 412 413	Implementing local development strategies	Number of beneficiaries	n.	15 618 110	2 056 002	>100%
		Number of LAGs	n.	2 381	2 294	>100%
		Projects financed by LAG	n.	139 128	227 281	61%
		Total population in LAG area	n.	141 668 433	115 598 631	>100%
		Total size of the LAG area	km ²	4 091 367	3 936 575	>100%
421	Implementing cooperation projects	Number of cooperating LAGs	n.	3 395	2 134	>100%
		Number of cooperation projects supported	n.	2 814	4 085	69%
431	Running the local action group	Number of actions supported	n.	186 744	48 753	>100%

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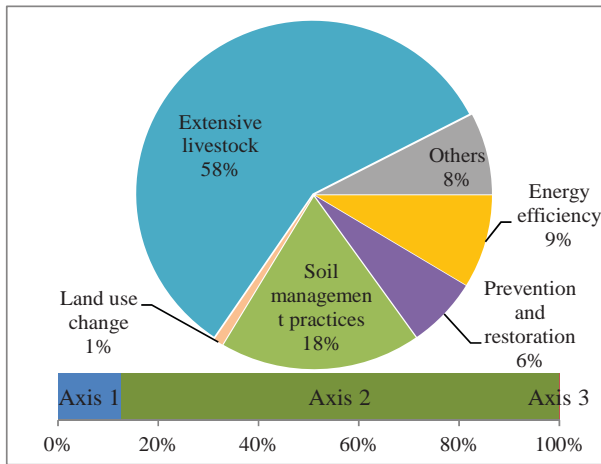
Table 2.2. Selection of main relevant target indicators (outputs) per challenges for the Health Check/EERP budget defined in the Rural Development Programmes⁹ and realization by the end of 2013.

Type of operations	Output indicator	Unit of measure	Value 2010-2013	Targets 2010-end of period	Target achievement [%]
Climate Change					
Improvement of energy efficiency	Total volume of investments ¹⁰	million EUR	95	243	39%
Improve efficiency of nitrogen fertiliser use	Total volume of investments	million EUR	120	104	>100%
Soil management practices (measure 214)	N of ha supported	million ha	1.3	1.4	91%
Extensive livestock (measure 214)	N of ha supported	million ha	2.3	2.6	88%
Afforestation and the establishment of agro-forestry system	N of ha supported	ha	1 368	10 000	14%
Renewable energy					
Installations/infrastructure for renewable energy using biomass and other renewable energy sources (solar and wind power, geothermal)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	92	248	37%
Processing of agricultural/forest biomass for renewable energy	Total volume of investments	million EUR	20	197	10%
Biogas production using organic waste (on farm and local production)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	37	62	60%
Water management					
Water storage (including water overflow areas) – Axis 1	Total volume of investments	million EUR	31	184	17%
Water savings technologies (e.g. efficient irrigation systems) – Axis 1	Total volume of investments	million EUR	293	568	52%
Westland restoration (measure 216)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	25	119	21%
Meandering rivers (measure 323)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	1.4	71	2%
Biodiversity					
Extensive forms of livestock management (measure 214)	N of ha supported	million ha	3	3.6	83%
Integrated and organic production (measure 214)	N of ha supported	million ha	1.6	1.58	>100%
Land use change (extensive grassland management) (measures 216 and 323)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	2.2	76	3%
Restructuring of dairy sector					
Investments related to dairy production (measure 121)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	1 895	1 116	>100%
Improvements in processing and marketing related to dairy sector (measure 123)	Total volume of investments	million EUR	205	270	76%
Broadband infrastructure					
Creation and enabling of access to broadband infrastructure	Total volume of investments	million EUR	184	383	48%
Upgrade of existing broadband infrastructure	Total volume of investments	million EUR	11	175	7%
Laying down passive broadband infrastructure	Total volume of investments	million EUR	20	129	15%

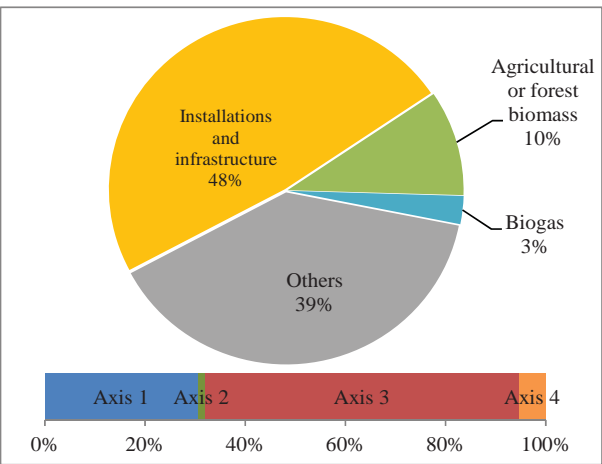
⁹ As at beginning of 2010.

¹⁰ Total amount (= the sum of all public and private expenditure) of all the tangible and/or intangible investments related to the supported operations.

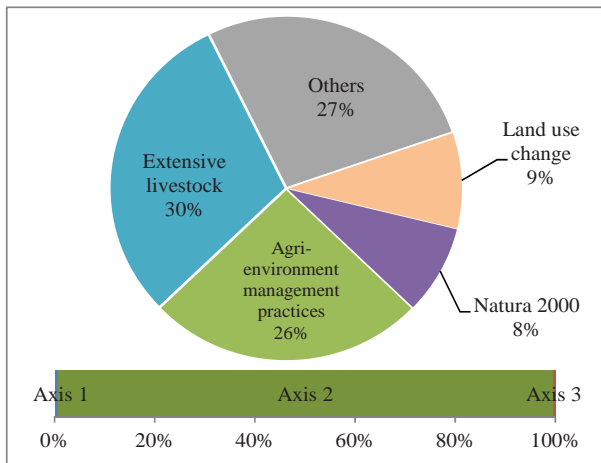
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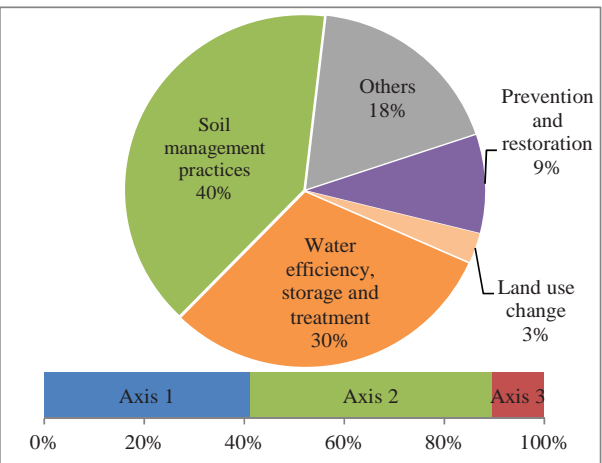
2. Renewable energy.



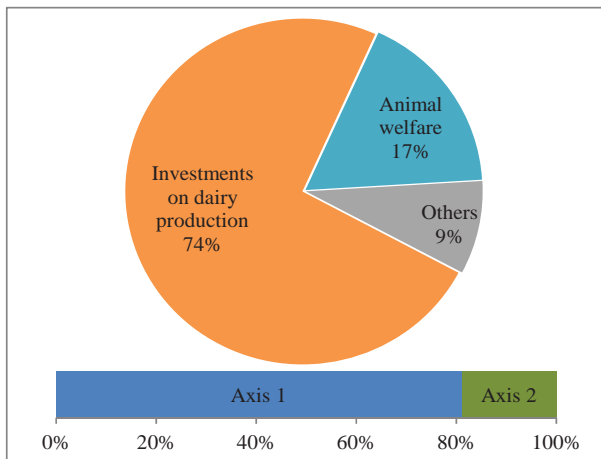
3. Water management.



4. Biodiversity.



5. Restructuring dairy sector.



6. Broadband infrastructures.

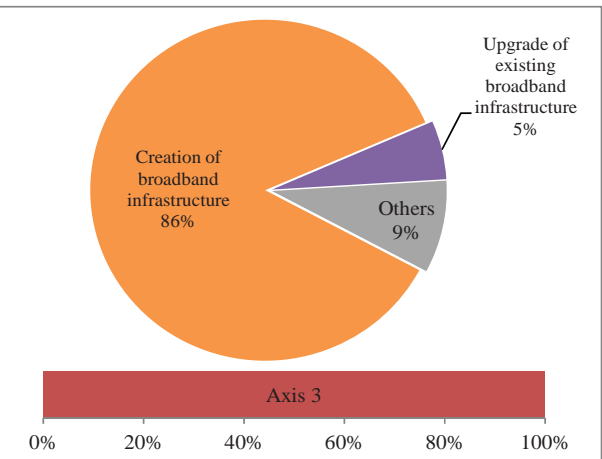


Figure 1. Health Check EAFRD expenditure by the end of 2013 break down into challenges and main types of operation.

Table 3. Monitoring result indicators realized by the end of 2013, and targets 2007-2013.

Axis	Result indicators		Unit of measure	Value 2007-2013	Targets for period ¹¹	Target achievement [%]
Axis 1	R1 - Number of participants that successfully ended a training activity related to agriculture and/or forestry		n.	2 430 000	2 774 000	88%
	R2 - Increase in GVA in supported holdings/enterprises ¹²		million EUR	11 066	25 000	44%
	R3 - Number of holdings / enterprises introducing new products and/or new techniques		n.	136 000	252 000	54%
	R4 - Value of agricultural production under recognized quality label/standards ¹³		million EUR	29 000	29 200	99%
	R5 - Number of farms entering the market		n.	5 500	82 000	7%
Axis 2	R6 - Agricultural and forestry areas under successful land management contributing to...	Biodiversity	million ha	62.3	50	>100%
		Water quality		42.4	35	
		Climate change		35	23	
		Soil quality		46.5	32	
		Avoidance marginalisation		71.3	52	
Axis 3	R7 - Increase in Non-agricultural gross value added in supported business		million EUR	1 070	4 000	27%
	R8 - Gross number of jobs created		n.	75 200	241 000	31%
	R9 - Additional number of tourist visits	Number of day visitors	n.	11 450 000	9 500 000	>100%
		Number of overnight stays	n.	3 550 000	8 300 000	43%
	R10 - Population in rural areas benefiting from improved services		n.	99 200 000	88 000 000	>100%
	R11 - Increase in internet penetration in rural areas		n. of persons	8 137 000	9 300 000	87%
	R12 - Number of participants that successfully ended a training activity in the field of axis 3		n.	244 007	425 000	57%

¹¹ As at 2010, after Mid Term Evaluations update (BG and ES Castile and León non included).

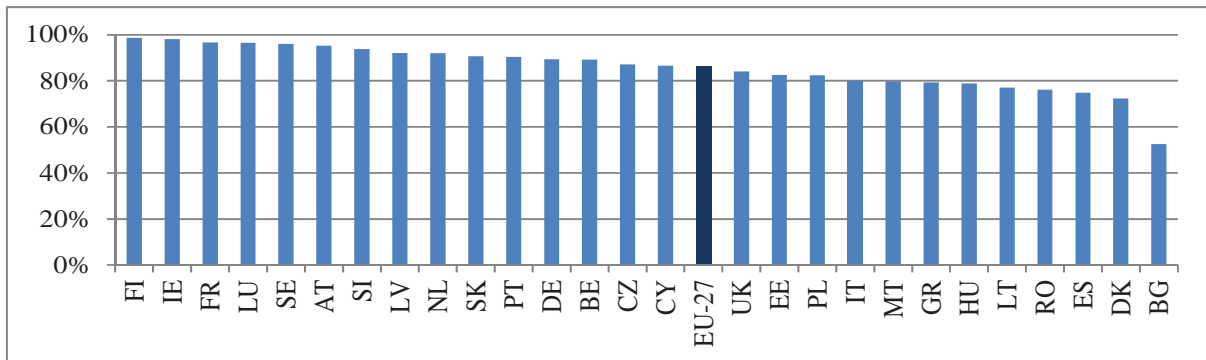
¹² EL, HU and PT non included.

¹³ ES Catalonia RDP not included.

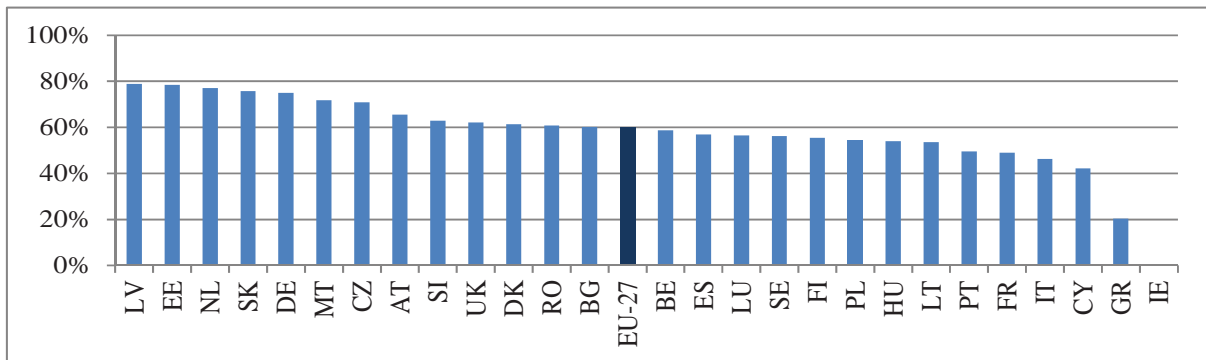
Axis 1. EU-27 average: 68%.



Axis 2. EU-27 average: 86%.



Axis 3. EU-27 average: 60%.



Axis 4. EU-27 average: 46%.

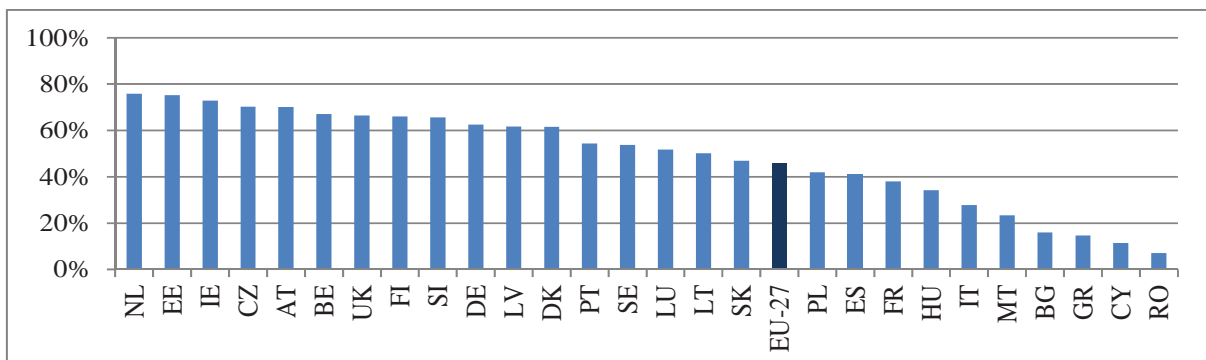
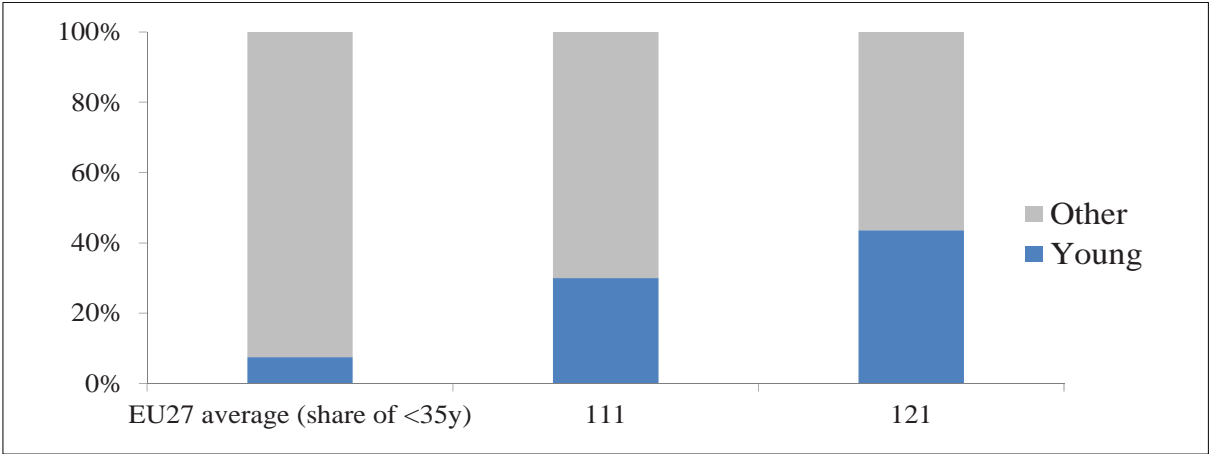


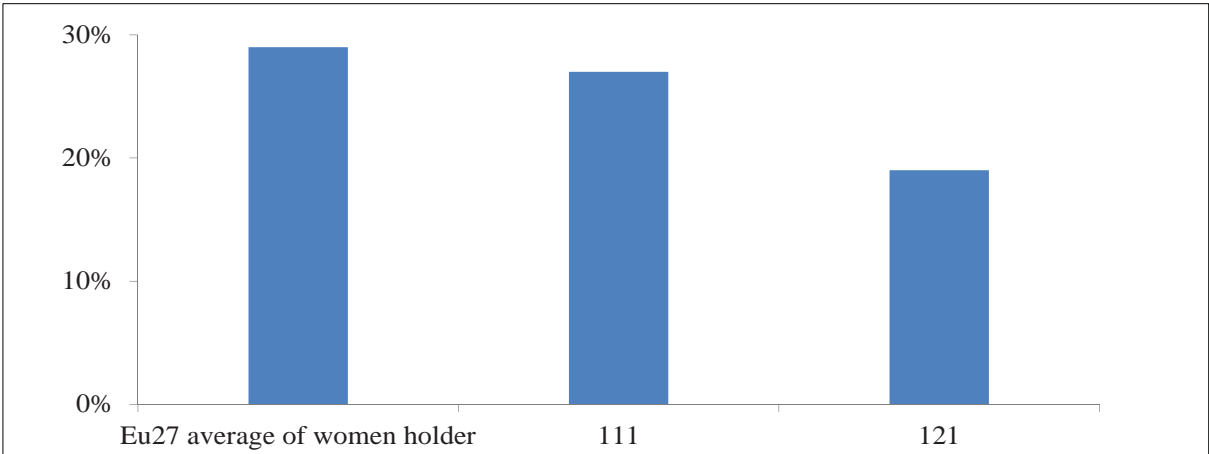
Figure 2. Overall execution of the EAFRD budget by the end of 2013 compared to the overall 2007-2013 allocation, axis per axis¹⁴.

¹⁴ Sources: DG AGRI.

Share of the beneficiaries under 40 years for the measures training (111) and modernisation (121) compared to the EU27 share of young holders¹⁵.



Share of women beneficiaries for the measures training (111) and modernisation (121) compared to the EU-25 share of women holders for the whole sector¹⁶.



Share of women beneficiaries for the measures diversification (311) and micro enterprises support (312).

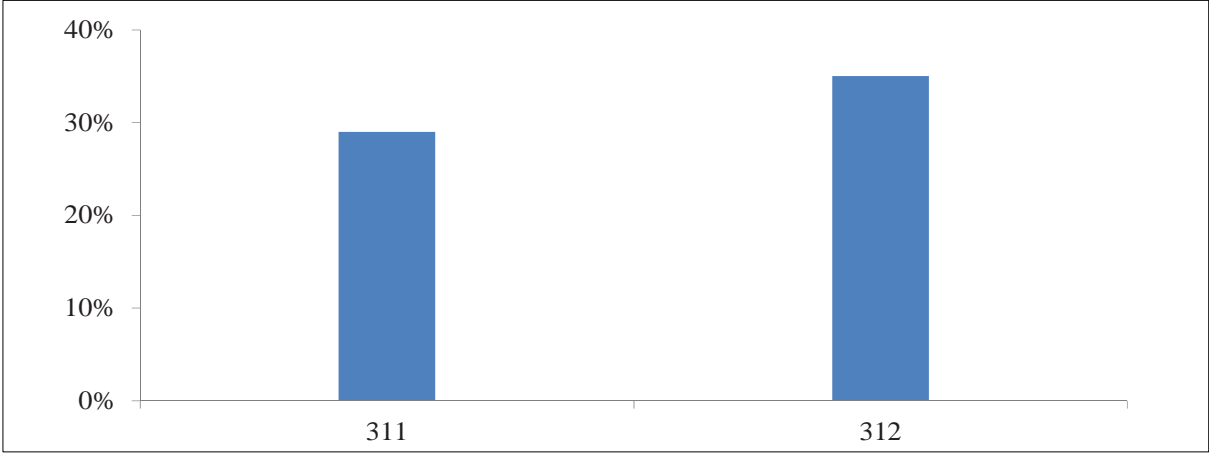


Figure 3. Axis 1 and Axis 3 implementation break down according gender and age as laid down in the Art. 81 of the Reg. (EC) No 1698/2005¹⁷.

¹⁵ FSS 2010.
¹⁶ Eurostat, FSS 2010.
¹⁷ Source: RDIS IDIM 2013, outputs indicators for commitments made from 2007 onwards.