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Public Policy and Governance of Rural Development: A European Union Perspective

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Institutional setting (2nd order)

- FLEXIBLE
- STRATEGIC
 - Regulation sets priorities, reflecting Lisbon, Goteburg
 - MS National Strategy Plans
 - Monitoring and evaluation of results by MS and COM
- THEMATIC
 - Measures grouped around objectives (*Axes*)
 - 1 Economic
 - 2 Environment & countryside
 - 3 Social aspects
 - 4 Horizontal axis, "LEADER" approach (1st order)
- INTEGRATED
 - Measures may contribute to several objectives



Flexibility in MS arrangements

94 RD Programmes submitted by Member States

- **National or Regional RD Programmes**

- 4 MSs submit regionally

- Germany (14), Spain (17) + National Frameworks

- UK (4), Belgium (2)

- **National Rural Development Networks**

- (Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal)



Financing

European Agriculture Fund for RD (EAFRD)

- EU budget **96.2 bn EUR** (2007-2013)
 - + national co-financing (25%)
 - + private sector co-financing
- Total expenditure **231.3 bn EUR**



LEADER

- *Liaison entre actions de développement rural*
- Launched in 1991
- Enhancing local rural governance
- *How to proceed, rather than what needs to be done*
- Integrating local stakeholders into the decision-making process
- Obligatory part of RD programmes, covering wider scope



Concept behind LEADER

Given the diversity of European rural areas, development strategies are more effective and efficient:

*if decided and implemented at **local level by local actors***

...accompanied by clear and transparent procedures,

...the support of relevant public administrations and

...necessary technical assistance for transfer of good practise



Key features of LEADER

1. Area-based local development strategies
2. Bottom up approach
3. Public-private partnership: Local Action Groups (LAGs)
4. Facilitating innovation
5. Integrated and multi-sectoral actions
6. Networking
7. Co-operation



EU-type RD in Turkey (IPARD)

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance in Rural Development

Programme preparation, strategic objectives for 2007-2013:

- Modernisation of the agriculture sector (including processing) through targeted investments
- Improvement of food safety, veterinary, phyto-sanitary and environmental standards towards the EU acquis
- Contribution to the sustainable development of rural areas
- Preparation of agri-environmental measures and local rural development strategies (LEADER approach)



Governance of IPARD

Agriculture & Rural Development Support Institute (ARDSI, IPARD Agency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Announces calls for proposals and receives applications•Evaluation of applications, contracting, payment, control
Managing Authority (MA) (Ministry of Food, Agriculture & Livestock)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Programming•Monitoring*•Reporting•Publicity
National Authorising Officer (NAO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Overall responsibility for financial management•Legality and regularity
Competent Accrediting Officer (CAO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Sole interlocutor regarding accreditation procedure
Audit Authority (AA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Verification of management and control systems and reliability of accounting

*Coordinates the Monitoring Committee, inc. governmental & NGO stakeholder representatives



Monitoring Committee NGOs

- Union of Chambers & Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
- Union of Milk, Meat, Food Industrialists & Producers of Turkey (SET-BİR)
- Union of Meat Producers (ET-BİR)
- Turkish National Union of Cooperatives
- Agricultural Credit Cooperatives Central Union of Turkey
- Fishery Products Producers' Central Union
- Cattle Breeders Central Association of Turkey (DSYMB)
- Central Union of Milk Producers (SÜT-BİR)
- Turkish Association for the Conservation of Nature
- Development Foundation of Turkey
- Central Union of Chambers of Agriculture



Total EU Budget 873.9 MEUR

Budget (mln €)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Budget allocation	20.7	53.0	85.5	131.3	172.5	197.9	213	-	-	-	873.9
To be spent, according to N+3	-	-	-	-	-	<u>78.7</u>	131.3	172.5	197.9	293.5	873.9

- Heavily back-loaded
- Co-financed by Turkey and by the final beneficiary



LEADER in Turkey

- EU Project (2011) establishing institutional capacity- MA, ARDSI, LAGs
- Raising awareness of related institutions and local people on LDS
- Building capacity in two pilot sites- Districts of Birecik and Iskilip
- Guidelines for the preparation of LDSs
- LDS SWOT analysis, strategy, action plan, budget
- Iskilip -adding value to local products
- Birecik -tourism activities
- Considerable time and effort required to develop local capacities



Future prospects

- Preparations for IPA mark II, programming period 2014-2020
- Country Strategy Paper
- Sectoral Analysis
- Agriculture and Rural Development Sector
- Use of current institutions
- Continuation of Leader
- Stakeholder consultation!



Useful web links

EU Delegation www.avrupa.info.tr

DG AGRI www.ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rurdev/index_en.htm

European Network for RD <http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/>

IPARD Managing Authority www.tarim.gov.tr/tr/kirsal-kalkinma.html

IPARD Programme: www.tarim.gov.tr/E_kutuphane,lpardProgrami.html

ARDSI: www.tkd.gov.tr



Teşekkür ederim!

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