



Managing Authority
Rural Development Programme for Malta 2007-2013
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
Europe Investing in Rural Areas



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THE EAFRD PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR 2014 -2020

SECOND HALF OF 2012 – CYPRUS PRESIDENCY



- ✘ Working Parties still underway
- ✘ It is proposed to maintain the current structure of the CAP in two pillars
- ✘ New design of direct payments seeks to better exploit synergies with Pillar II
- ✘ Common Strategic Framework to better coordinate with other EU shared management funds.



WHAT'S NEW UNDER PILLAR II?

- ✘ A European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability
- ✘ A Risk management toolkit

OBJECTIVES OF RD SUPPORT 2014-2020



- ✘ Six EU-wide priorities in line with Europe 2020 Strategy:
 1. Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas;
 2. Enhancing competitiveness of all types of agriculture and enhancing farm viability;
 3. Promoting food chain organization and risk management in agriculture;

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4. Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry;
 5. Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors;
 6. Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas.



NEW REGULATION INCLUDES:

- ✘ Rules on the preparation, approval and revision of programmes that largely follow current rules
- ✘ Possibilities for sub-programmes that benefit from higher aid intensities
- ✘ Streamlined individual measures
- ✘ Adjustments to measures to address issues of scope, implementation and uptake raised in the current period.



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- ✘ Significantly reinforced and extended cooperation measure
 - ✘ Current LEADER and networking approaches - Support through Leader will be consistent and coordinated with the support for local development from other EU shared management funds



- ✘ A prize for local innovative co-operation projects to support transnational initiatives in favour of innovation.
- ✘ A percentage of technical assistance funds to be allocated for a prize for innovation, however most MS have objected to this and in the current revised text presented to the CIION by the presidency, this has been eliminated completed. MS are still waiting for the CIION's reaction to this



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- ✘ Proposal to build on the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (CMEF) introduced in the current period
 - ✘ A common list of indicators that will be linked to the policy priorities for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation



ARTICLES FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY MALTA

- ✘ Article 32: Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints and
- ✘ Article 33: Designation of areas facing natural and other specific constraints.



✘ Article 46: Investments for Irrigation.

Malta's concerns and issues with the original proposed text have been taken into consideration and addressed accordingly in the newly proposed Article.

The amendments offer MS sufficient flexibility and give due consideration to their specificities in making investments specified under Article 46(3) of the Proposal for a new Regulation on support for rural development



✘ Article 95: Transitional Provisions.

Discussions on this article are still at an early stage under this current presidency

Malta is following closely to ensure that it will be made possible to pay operations where commitments are taken in 2014 or 2015 under the “old” rules, with the new budget (should the budget 2007-2013 be used up)

Thank You