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The EU's rural development policy – delivery mechanisms in the contexts of the post 2013 debate

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Why to look into delivery mechanisms?

- Delivery mechanisms important for what and how EAFRD support is implemented
- Delivery mechanisms decisive for the outcome of EAFRD interventions and the associated value added.



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■ Strategic approach and targeting

3-level strategic approach implemented for the first time in this period

- Has it helped to target resources to areas of biggest needs?
- Are EU priorities sufficiently reflected?
- Have the various levels and elements of the strategic approach worked?
- How can the targeting approach be developed further?



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- **Coherence and complementarity – coordination with other policies**
 - How can complementarity be improved further to increase synergies between different EU policies?
 - Are additional rules on EU level needed to ensure better coordination in MS, in particular at regional/local level?
 - Harmonisation of rules and procedures between EU policies?





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- **Type and range of measures in the tool-kit**
 - Level of detail in specification of measures in basic legal act
 - Eligibility rules: to be specified on EU or national level?
 - Role of selection criteria in directing support to areas of most value added





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- **Programming**
 - Analysis, strategy, setting-up of programmes
 - Level of detail in specification of measures in programmes (e.g. agri-environmentals measures)
 - Simplify contents of programmes while at the same time ensuring clarity of rules and minimising the risk for the administration

- **Implementation**
 - Mechanisms: applications, selection, public procurement





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- **Partnership principle**
 - Partnership between Member States and Commission:
 - Which elements worked well and which need to be improved?
 - Stakeholder involvement in
 - Monitoring Committee
 - Programme design
 - Information and dissemination requirements: sufficient and successful?



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- **Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**
 - Need to assess outcome and impact of policy is not put into question
 - Which elements need to be enhanced to better disentangle effects which are due to our interventions?



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■ Leader

- What are the effects of mainstreaming Leader on
 - Decision taking process
 - Innovative and experimental character
 - Kooperation



2 How should the money be distributed?



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- **Distribution of funds in future?**
 - Currently rural development budget based on historical decisions
 - Post-2013: set of common, objective criteria related to key challenges, needs or rural areas and EU priorities?
 - How can the specific situation of convergence regions be taken into account?



Many thanks for your attention!!!

- More information on Rural Development and the CAP:
- http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm
- http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/fischer-boel/index_en.htm



Issues of interest:

- Assessment and review of the strengths and weaknesses of a number of issues related to existing delivery mechanisms
- Identifying best practice to allow further strengthening of the delivery system associated with EAFRD interventions