

**Meeting of Directors-General
for Rural Development**
Forum for Exchange of experiences
14-16 December 2009
Kiruna, Sweden

Summary of workshop 4

What is the best advice to make the programme more effective today and for the next programme period?

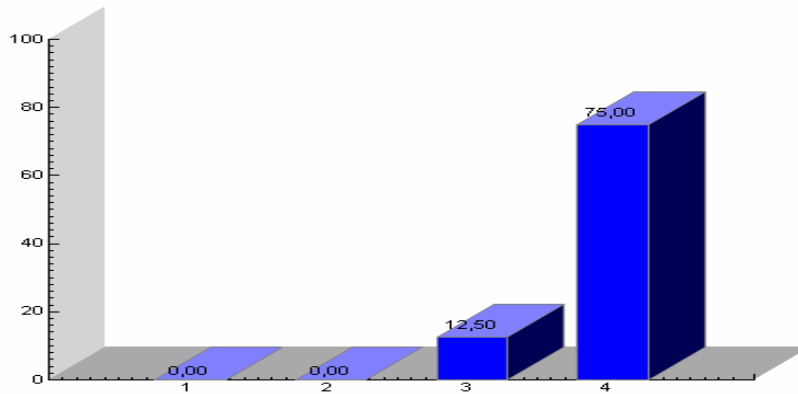
1. Not ask for all the invoices at the first check
2. In a federal state with several programmes the national coordination is crucial
3. The control and regulation are too difficult and should be changed. To much reference to the first pillar today.
4. New programme approved as from 1 Jan 2013
5. The strategy should be included in the programme (then no need for update every 2 year)
6. There is a cash flow today that a farmer needs to borrow 100 % today and then receive the grant, which gives cash flow problems
7. No national programme
8. Stimulation of the staff of administrations to stay working for a long time and not change jobs so often
9. Make one axis out of axis 1 and 3, one single measure for investments for example
10. Harmonization of rules
11. Try, together with the EU and the stakeholders, to optimize the program Implementation continuously
12. Well trained administrative staff is important that understands the program.
13. Clarity of rules from beginning Security for administration
14. One measure for each type of action/activity, also easier to monitor
15. Define target groups and precise objectives
16. Art 24 controllreg concerns the bills and control of liability too complicated (changed to art 26 during discussions)
17. It is not allowed for a member state to only accept digital applications on line. It should be a possible option.
18. More flexibility for member states in evaluation
19. A better coordination with the research fund for innovation measures in the RDP
20. Do not touch too much when changing for the close future - we have just recently earned the system
21. Transfer of the area based subsidies to the CAP pillar I
22. Just one document for national strategy
23. Cooperation between farmers for example water projects it should be possible to have a collective application (not individual like today)
24. The Rural Network should be supported
25. Not more than 150 pages per program...
26. No need for changing the strategy when programme approved
27. Continue the current rules in the running program period (no second health check in this period, please)
28. More connections with the structural funds.
29. A more flexible evaluation framework
30. One common framework for all expenses in all funds
31. Quicker process for making changes in programme
32. Further development of the on-line application of area based subsidies
33. So much continuation of the current rules as possible in the next period
34. The strategy should be included in the program
35. For federal states it would be good to have a possibility to have both national measures and regional measures, which not is allowed at the present.
36. Difficult to make national strategies in countries with many regional programs
37. Is a member state strategy a help for federal states?
38. It should not be more profitable to apply in one fund instead of another, for example EAFRD instead of a structural fund or vice versa

Priority of advice

Scale: 1 – 4 where 4 is most important and 1 is the least important advice (not meaning not important as this is a list of good and important advice)
This result is to be used as an indication only.

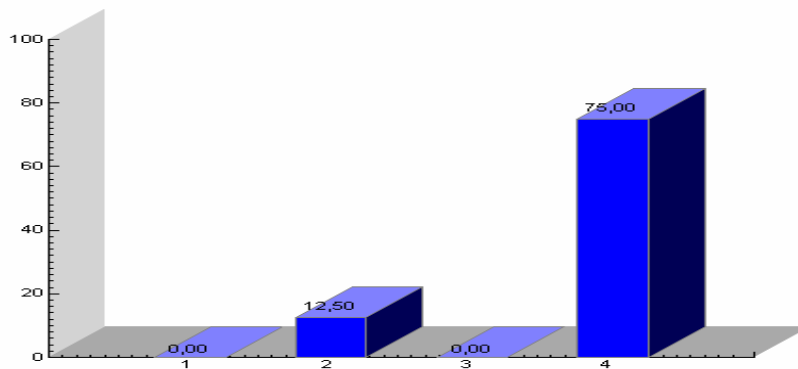
Quicker process for making changes in programme

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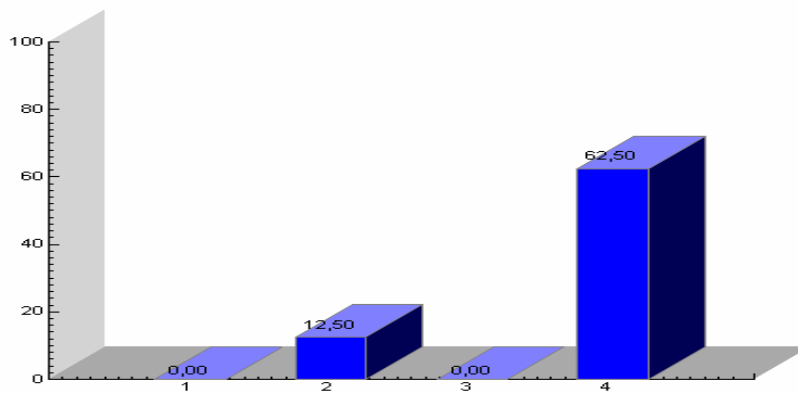
Harmonization of rules

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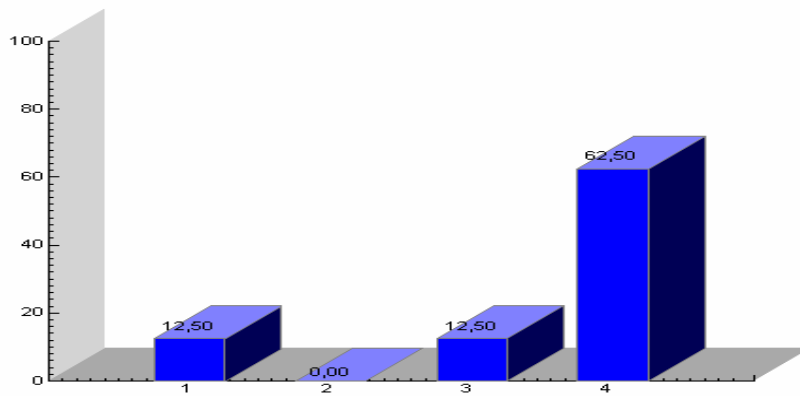
Well trained administrative staff is important that understands the program.

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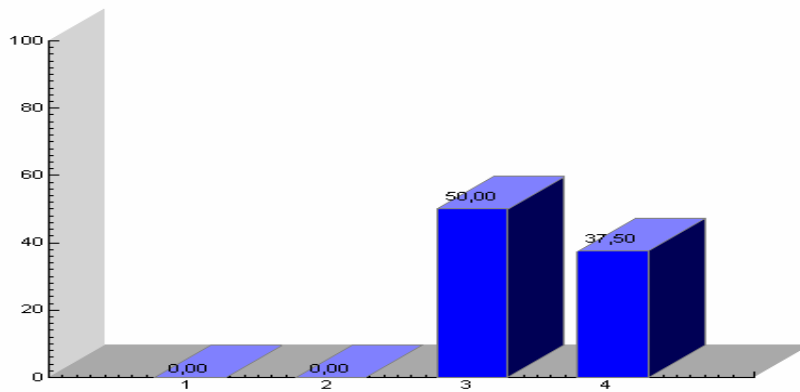
Clarity of rules from beginning Security for administration

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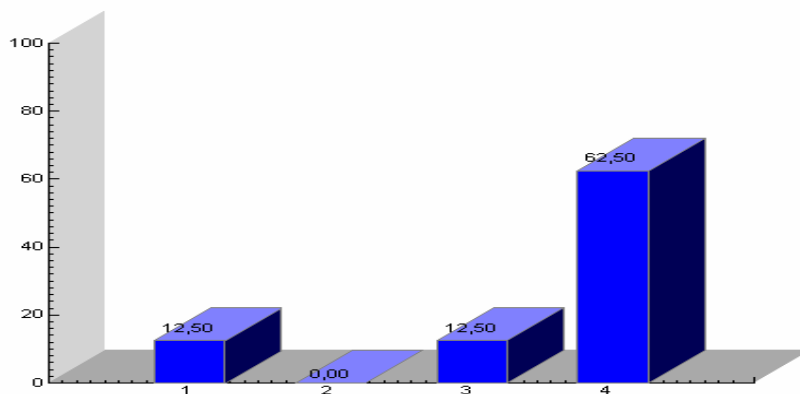
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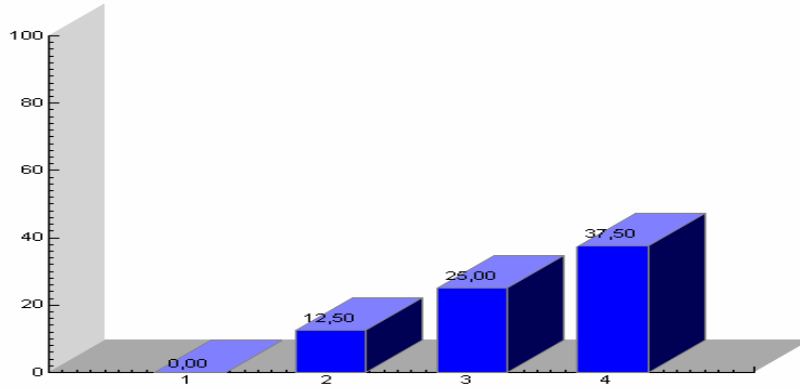
Art 24 should be simplified (in discussion changed to art 26)

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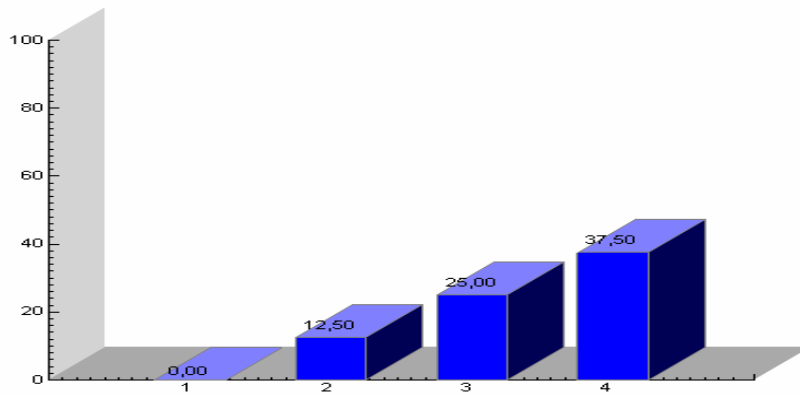
Define target groups and precise objectives

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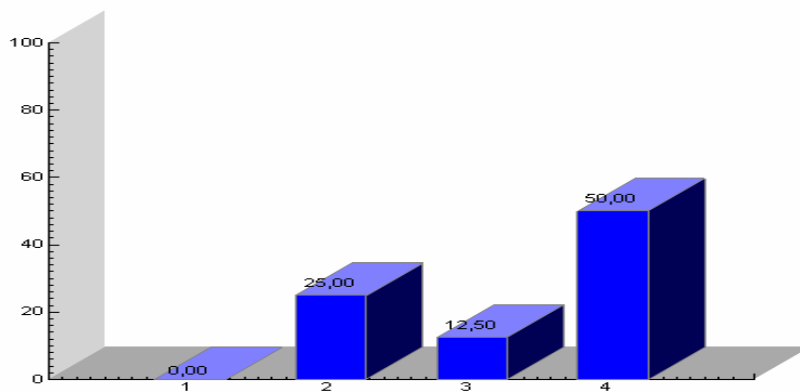
More connections with the structural funds.

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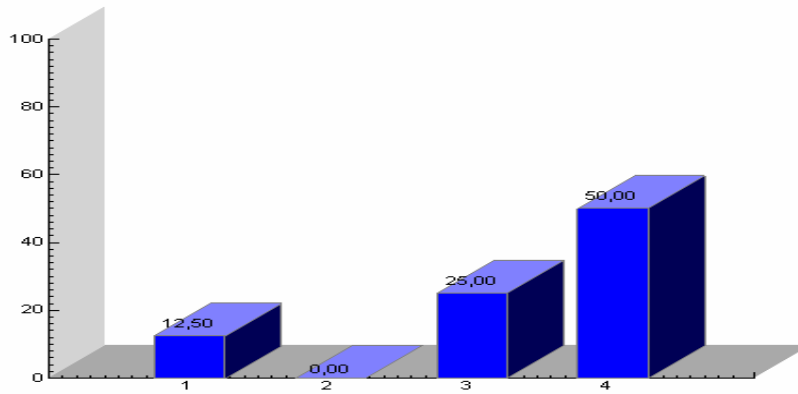
No need for changing the strategy when programme approved

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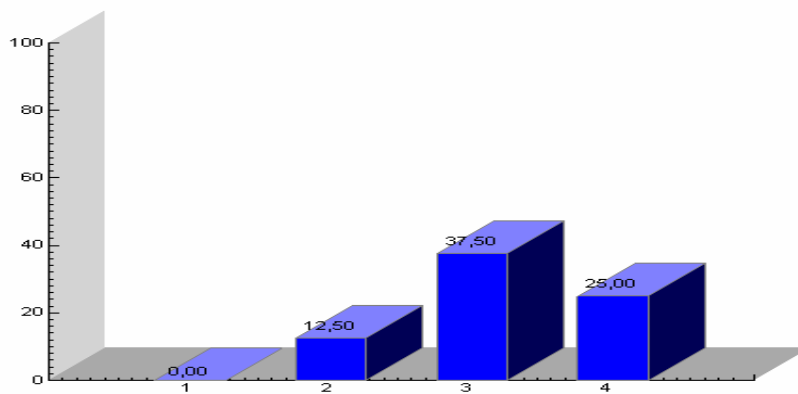
A more flexible evaluation framework

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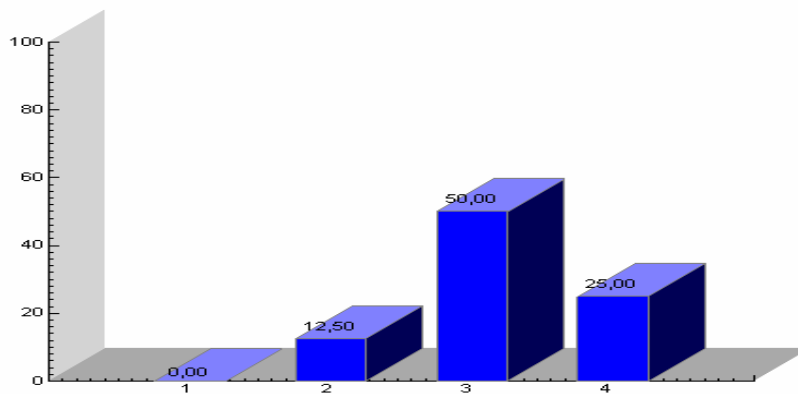
Art 24 controllreg concerns the bills and control of liability too complicated (in discussion changed to art 26)

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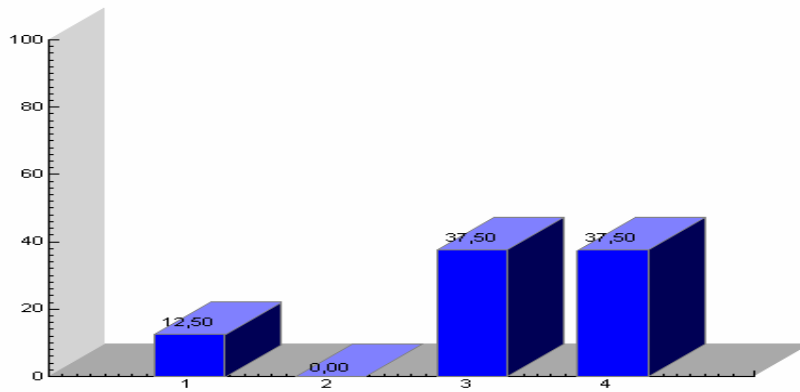
The control and regulation are too difficult and should be changed. Too much reference to the first pillar today.

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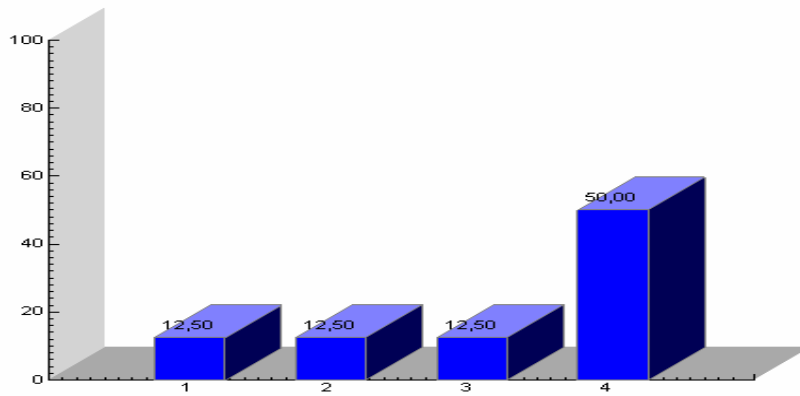
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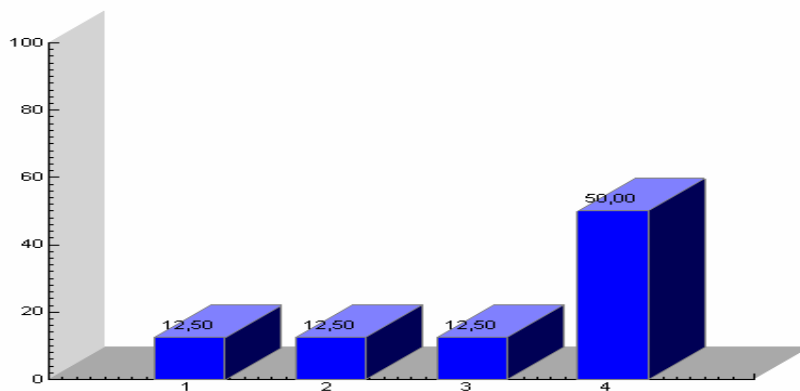
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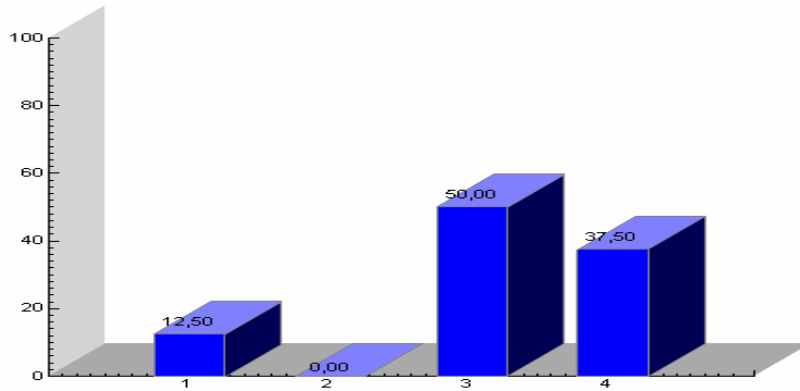
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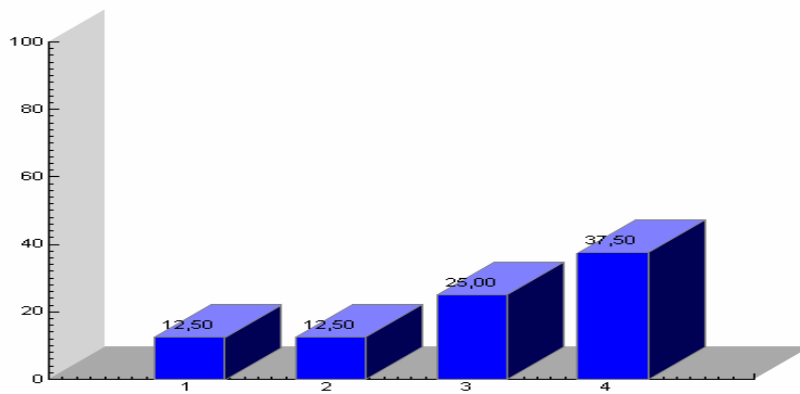
Further development of the on-line application of area based subsidies

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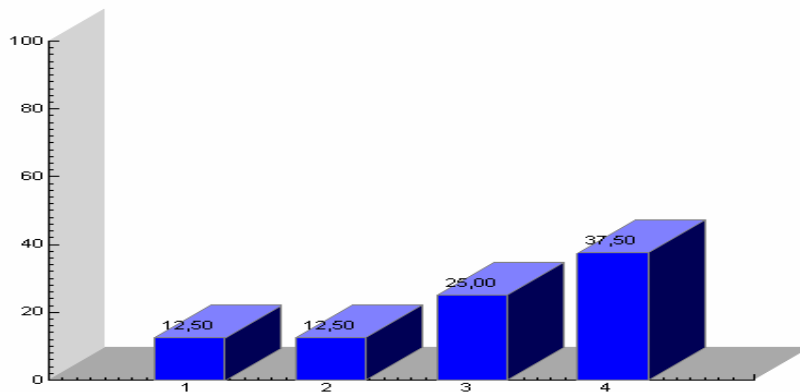
It is not allowed for a member state to only accept digital applications on line. It should be a possible option.

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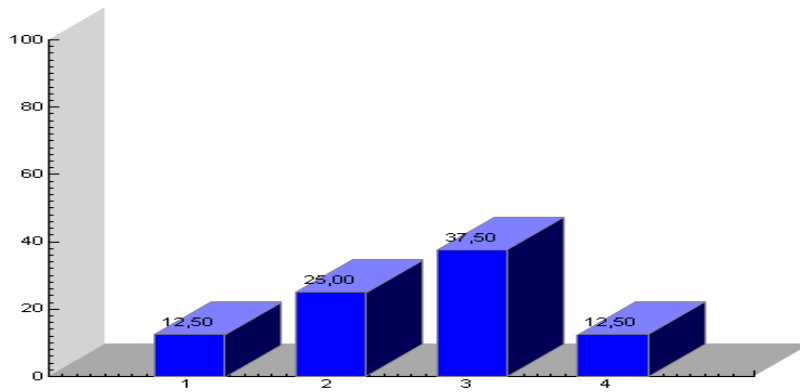
Not more than 150 pages per program...

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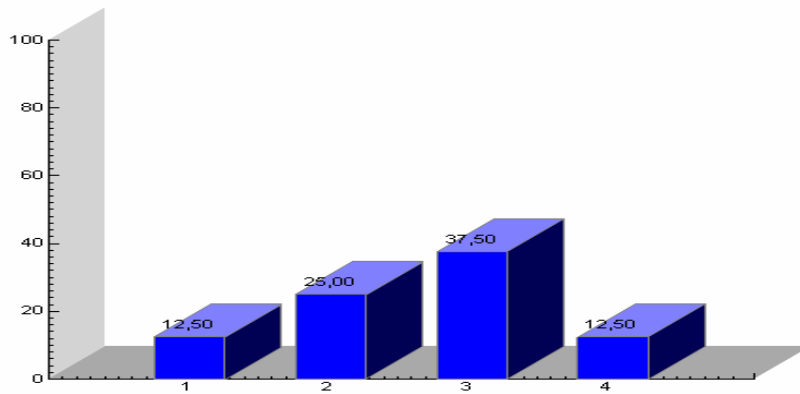
Not ask for all the invoices at the first check

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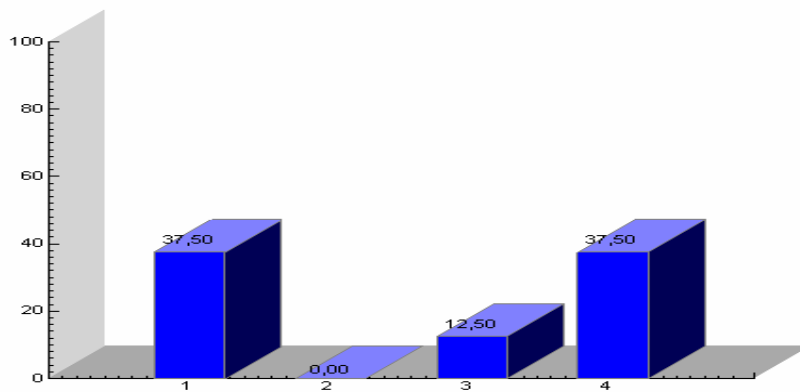
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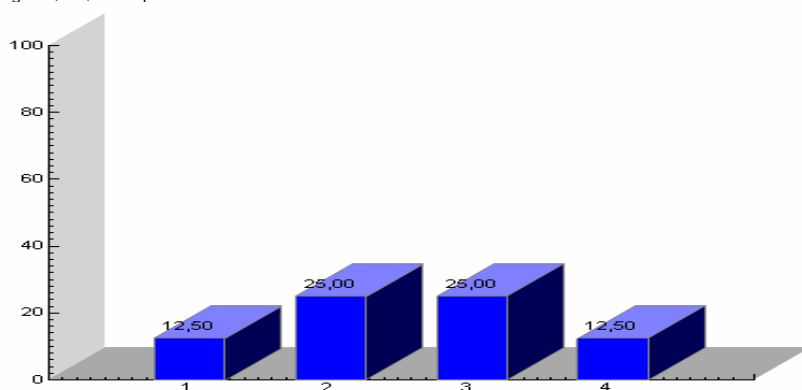
Continue the current rules in the running program period (no second health check in this period, please)

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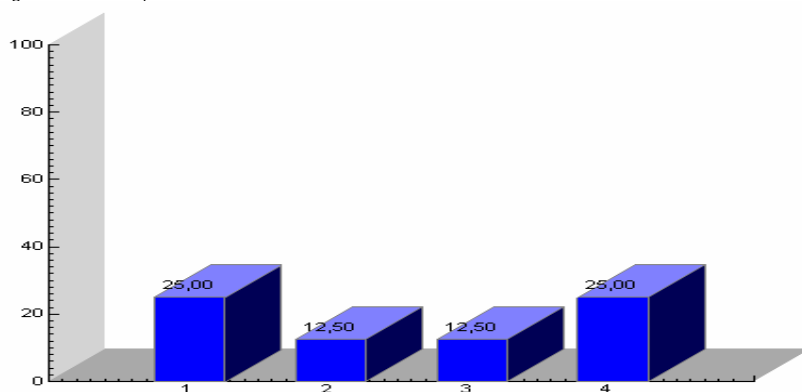
Stimulation of the staff of administrations to stay working for a long time and not change jobs so often

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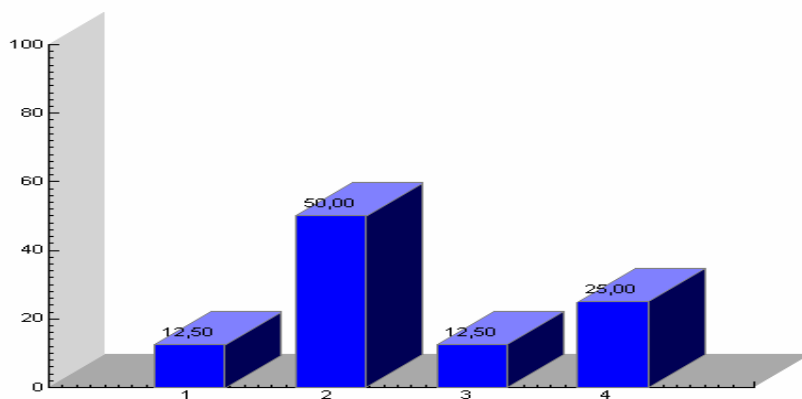
Just one document for national strategy

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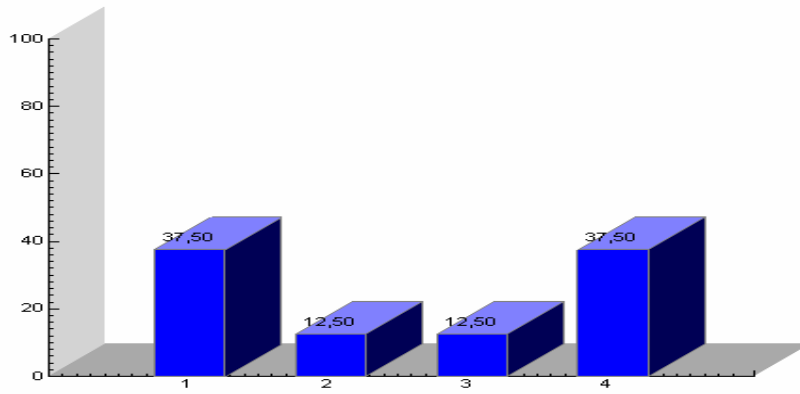
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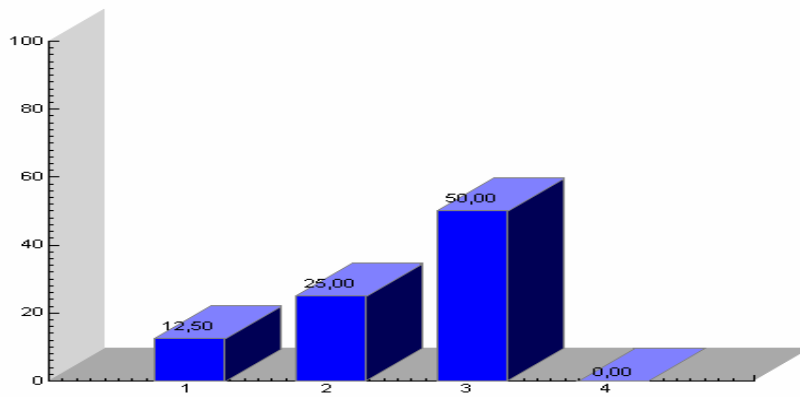
Pay contractor directly to ease the burden of cash flow

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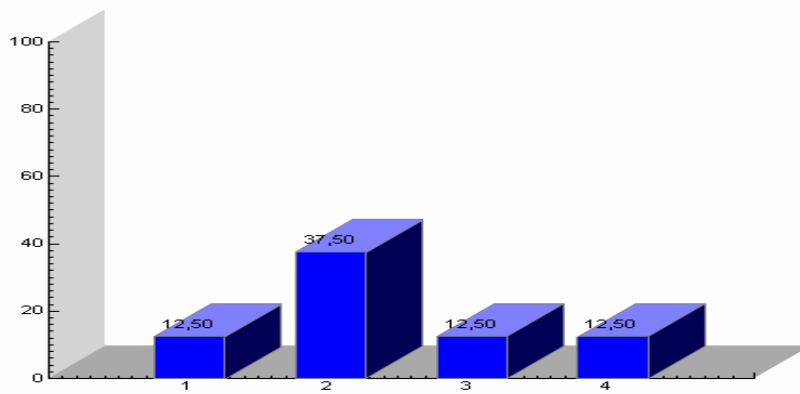
A better coordination with the research fund for innovation measures in the RDP

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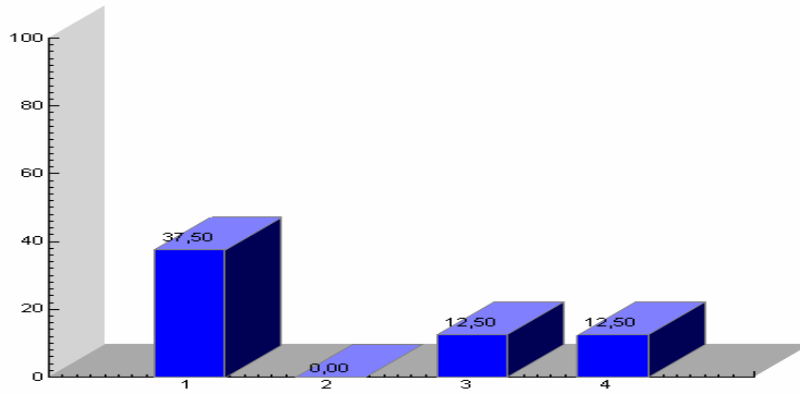
One common framework for all expenses in all funds

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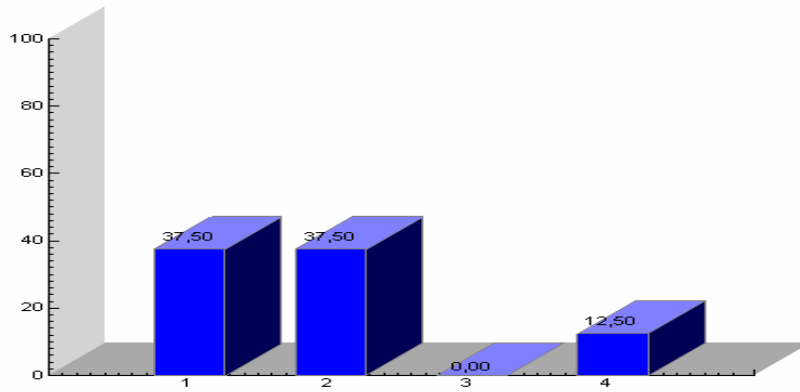
For federal states it would be good to have a possibility to have both national measures and regional measures, which not is allowed at the present.

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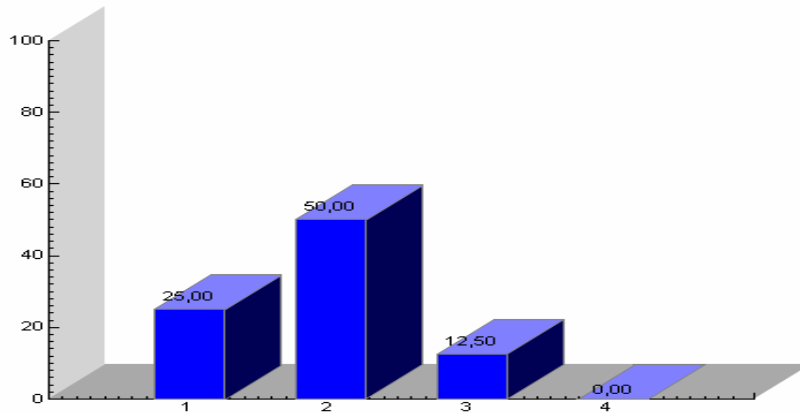
Make one axis out of axis 1 and 3, one single measure for investments for example

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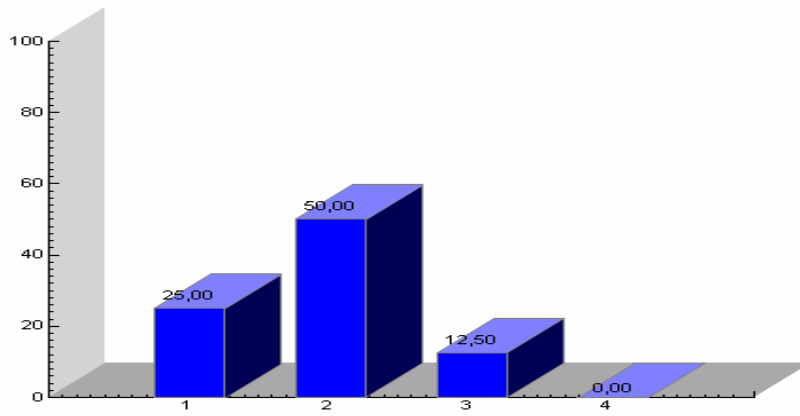
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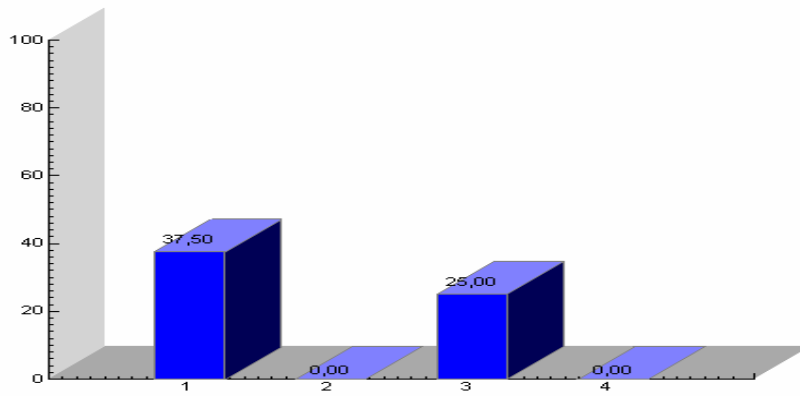
So much continuation of the current rules as possible in the next period

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No national programme

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Transfer of the area based subsidies to the CAP pillar

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