

EVALUATION CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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Support and innovation measures

The use of the standard unit cost option is encouraged (as well as the adoption of new solutions for monitoring training courses).

Investment measures

It is recommended, among other things, to eliminate the requirement for beneficiaries to submit negations issued by public institutions, delaying the submission of certain opinions and the reduction of the number of supporting documents requested to beneficiaries and issued by public authorities.

Measures with flat-rate support

It is recommended to avoid re-checking during the pre-contracting stage the documents submitted during the submission stage.

Measures with standard unit costs

It is recommended to modify the procedural flow by carrying out the over-control independently and simultaneously with the verifications carried out by other institutions involved.

Compensatory measures

It is advisable to avoid double checking done by different institutions involved in implementation.

Leader measure

It is recommended to delegate to AFRI the process of approving the evaluation fiches, guidelines and methodologies developed by LAGs in the cases of atypical measures in LDSs and adopting the simplified cost option.



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The National Rural Development Program (NRDP) is a financial instrument with a financial allocation of 9.441.583.798 Euro, through which non-refundable grants from the European Union and from the Romanian Government are provided for agriculture and rural development.

From the experience gained during the previous programming period (2007-2013), it can be noticed that the administrative burden and costs having an impact on both beneficiaries and NRDP managing authorities can affect the attractiveness of the various sub-measures and the progress in achieving the objectives of the program strategy. In this context and by adopting the objective to simplify the program and the procedural documents (while also taking into account the future programming period), the Managing Authority has considered the necessity of an impact assessment of overregulation on the implementation of the NRDP 2014-2020.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION STUDY

The aim of the study was to identify the requirements and legal provisions that can be considered elements of overregulation in the implementation of the NRDP, as well as submitting simplification proposals, relevant as well for the next programming period while also assessing the impact of the actions proposed in the 2014-2020 NRDP to reduce administrative burden.

EVALUATION RESULTS

The impact of the overregulation on the implementation of the NRDP 2014-2020 is assessed as being relatively low, the procedures applicable to the different sub-measures being largely based on the respective national EU legislation or justified by the principles of transparency, regularity and sound financial management.

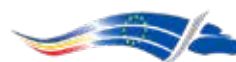


Furthermore, the measures introduced at the level of this implementation period (2014-2020) towards simplifying implementation have positively influenced:

- the application phase (by reducing the number of required supporting documents or by delaying the stage at which the documents must be submitted);
- the selection process (which allowed qualitative selection of projects over a shorter period);
- the project implementation process (e.g. by introducing the standard unit costs option, standardized procurement fiches, etc.).

The impact of these simplification actions of a transversal nature can be further extended to other measures and sub-measures in order to continuously improve the manner in which the programme is implemented.





Annex 1. Benchmark analysis

Introduction

Of the 118 Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) for the 2014-2020 programming period¹, it was considered appropriate to carry out a comparative analysis of the Irish² National Rural Development Programme and Regional Rural Development Plans in Veneto³, Aragon⁴ and Tuscany⁵.

The selection justification for performing the benchmarking analysis of the Irish National Rural Development Programme is that it has the highest rate of access to EU funds, compared to the RDP 2014-2020 from other Member States (see Annex 1.1), with an absorption rate of 56%. Veneto Regional Rural Development Plan was selected taking into account the expenditure absorption rate of 41,9% (the second highest rate in Italy regions), but also for its particular relevance given the viability and competitiveness of the planned expenditure, while in Ireland there is a high incidence of planned resources for environmental priorities.

The choice of Aragon region has a similar justification because it has one of the highest spending rates in Spain and a significant rate of access to EU funds. While the Tuscany region has been selected because it pays special attention to rural development, it has extensive experience in rural tourism and has recently implemented the standard cost⁶.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files_en

² <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/ruralenvironmentsustainability/ruraldevelopmentprogrammerdp2014-2020/>

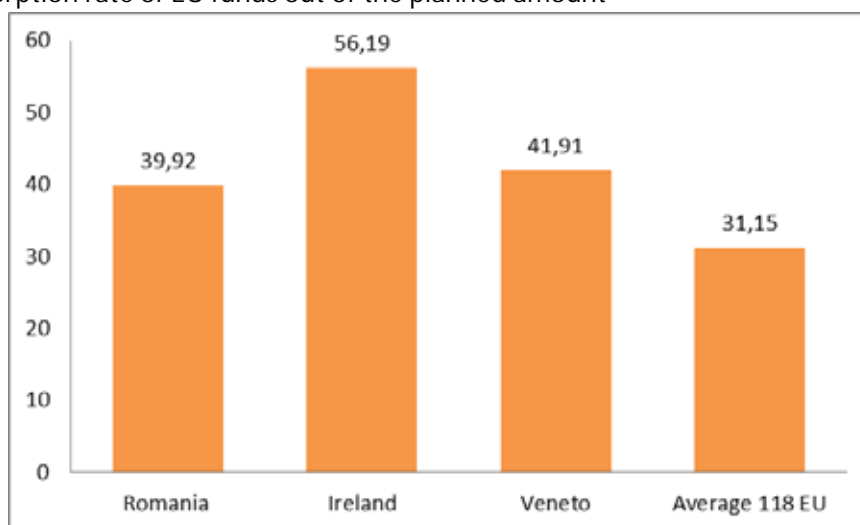
³ <https://psrveneto.it/psr-2014-2020/>

⁴ idem

⁵ idem

⁶ https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR18_11/SR_SCO_EN.pdf

Figure 1. Absorption rate of EU funds out of the planned amount



Source: https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files_en

NRDP Ireland has been selected for analysis because it has a significant programme-level experience on LEADER approach, which has been part of rural development policy since the early 1990s, at the same time being noticed the significant effort to highlight farmers' rights (the "Farmer Chart"), as well as the use of an attractive application format under the different schemes. The two regions of Italy have been selected for analysis for various reasons, including for the degree of planning and accessing European funds in Italy (over 20 million euro - for more details see Annex 1.1) or the relevant experience in the administrative simplification process (started in 2010).

At the same time, the implementation of aforementioned programmes in the Veneto region also included the observance of the following principles:

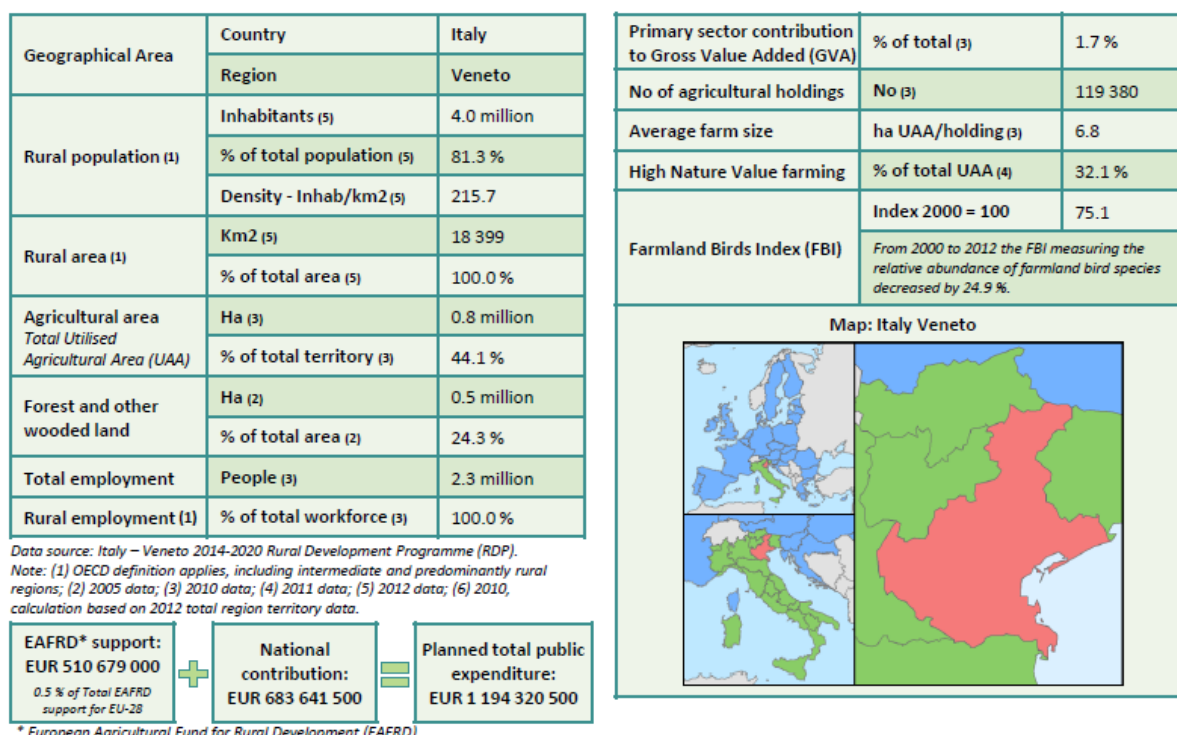
- Principle of regulation quality;
- Principles of subsidiarity, differentiation, adequacy and proportionality;
- Principle of fast administrative action;
- Principle of simplifying and reducing the administrative burdens and burdens borne by citizens and businesses;
- Principle of harmonization and uniformity of administrative procedures;
- Principle of technological innovation in relations between public administration, municipalities and enterprises;
- Principle of accessibility.

On the other hand, RDPs in the Tuscany region use unit costs and lump sums for supported projects that promote vocational training and skills acquisition. The PDR uses three different unit costs for training activities, depending on their duration (less than 20 hours, from 21 to 60 hours, over 60 hours) and a lump sum for coaching activities. Amounts established for unit costs and lump sums are based on the methodologies already developed and used in 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 by the Regional Operational Programme for Competitiveness and Employment, funded by the European Social Fund.

Key aspects regarding RDP Veneto

The following table, produced by the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD), presents the main features of Veneto region. Thus, around 4 million people live in this region, but more than 80% of the population live in rural areas and only 1,7% of the VAB comes from the primary sector. The total public expenditure planned for 2014-2020 is 1.194.320.500 euro, with an allocation of 6,36% of national resources for rural development. Funding in the Veneto region comes from 43% of European funds, 40% from the national budget, and 17% from the local budget.

Figure 2. Rural Development Program Data Sheet 2014-2020 (Veneto)



Source: https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rural-development-policy-figures/rdp-summaries_en

Veneto region has decided to invest in areas such as competitiveness, technological efficiency and organizational modernization to reduce the negative impact of agriculture on the environment. Thus, Veneto region respects the constraints set by European regulations: 30% of resources are allocated to environmental measures and 5% to local rural development.

At the same time, at the level of the region, it was chosen to allocate the minimum possible resources for environmental measures and to double funding for Priority 6.

Figure 3. Total public expenditures by investment priority

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	455.8	38.2 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	134.4	11.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	375.6	31.5 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	73.8	6.2 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	137.9	11.6 %

* Figures do not add up to 100 % because the budget for technical assistance is not included. The budget for technical assistance is available in Section 4.

Key aspects regarding RDP Toscana

Tuscany is located in central Italy. The region is renowned for the production of wine and olive oil and for the existing landscapes. This aspect, together with a good management of European funds, contributes to increasing rural tourism and increasing processing of agricultural products.

Figure 4. Rural Development Programme Data Sheet 2014-2020 (Tuscany)

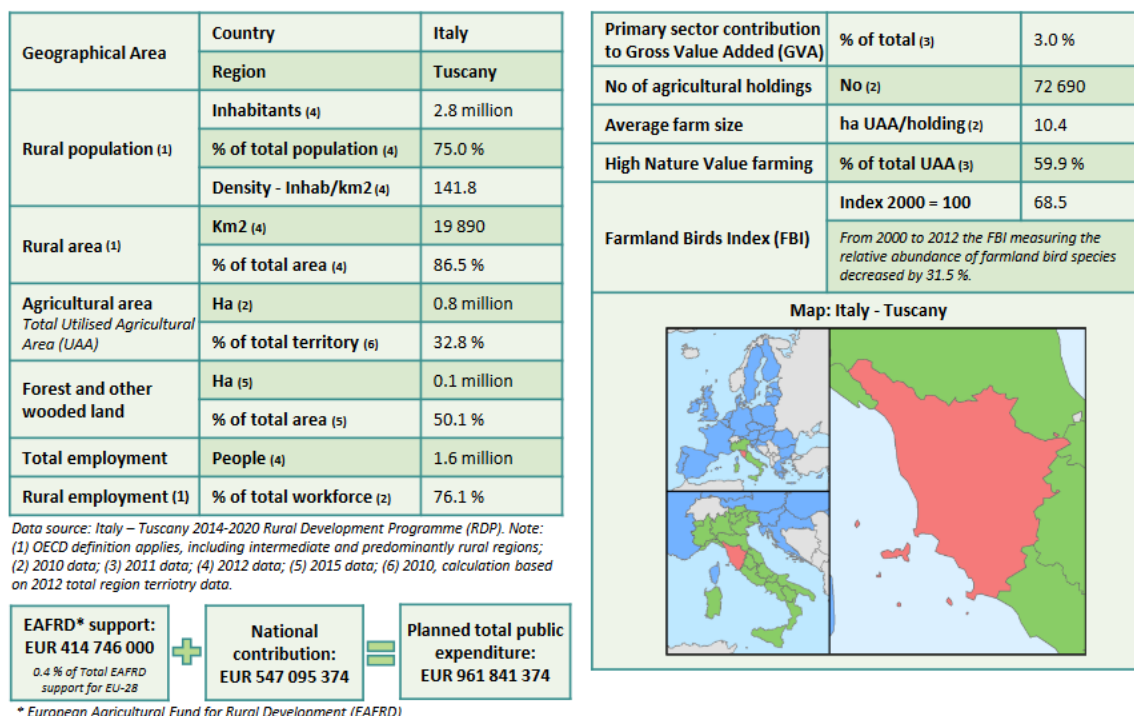
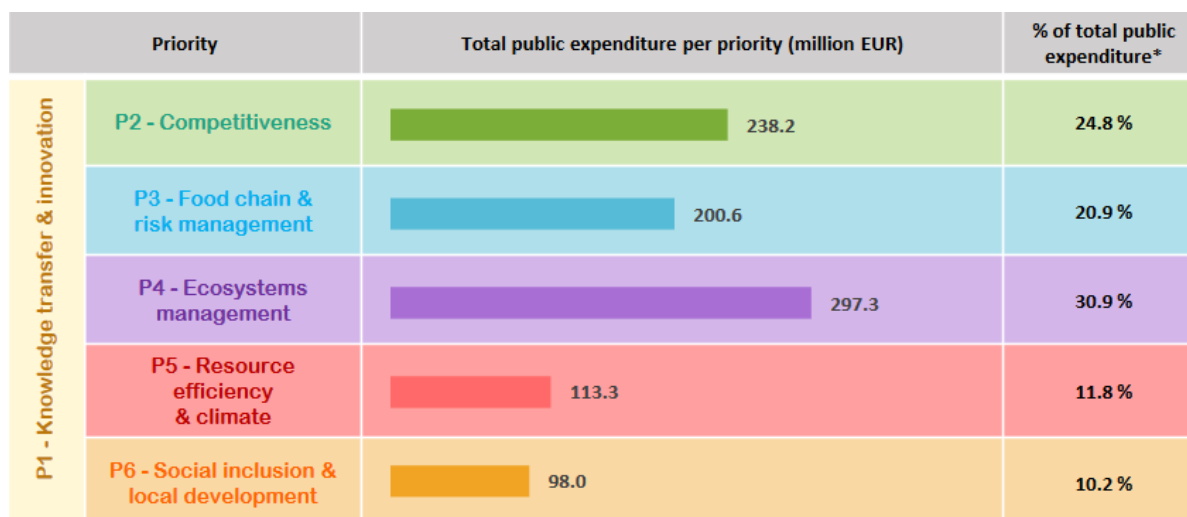


Figure 5. Total public expenditures by investment priority

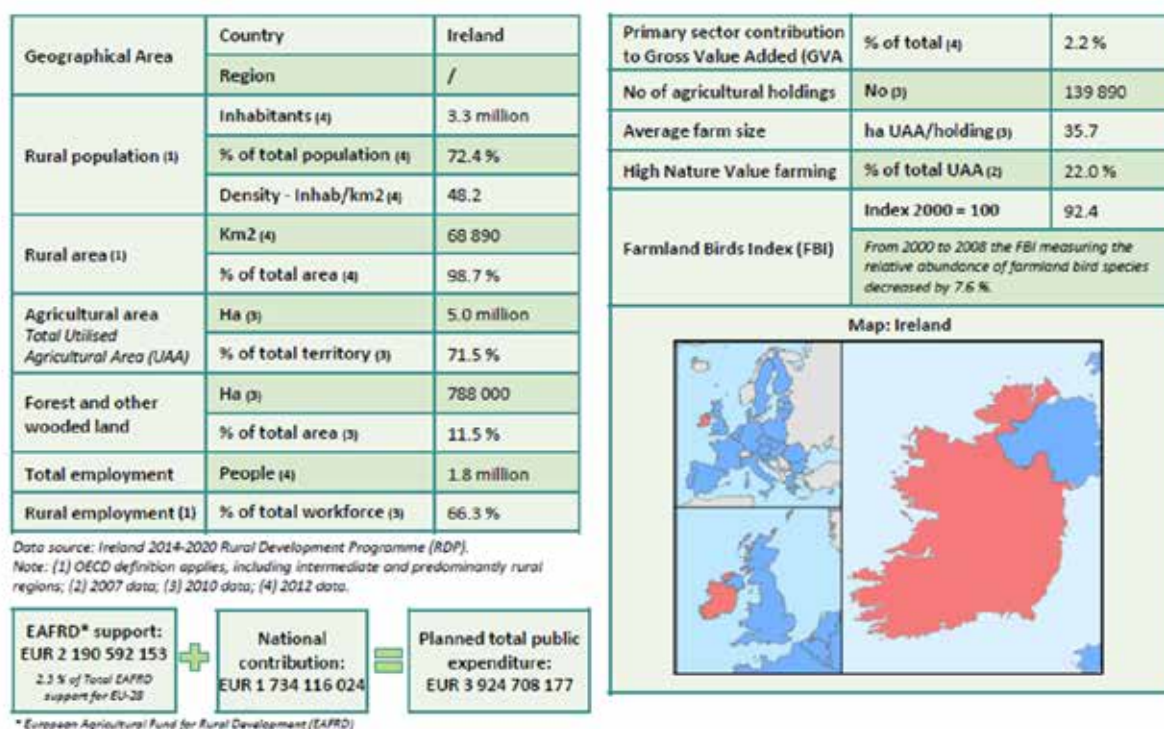


Compared to other countries, there is a stronger focus on Priority 5 and Priority 3 in the Tuscany region, a clear example of the need to make changes to the region's economic structural advantage.

Key aspects regarding RDP Ireland

Ireland has a population of 3,3 million (rural population accounts for about 72% of the total population) and a rural area of about 5 million hectares. Only 2,2% of the VAB comes from the primary sector and the total public expenditure planned for 2014-2020 is 3.924.708.177 euro.

Figure 6. Rural Development Programme Data Sheet 2014-2020 (Ireland)



Source: https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rural-development-policy-figures/rdp-summaries_en

Based on the NRDP Ireland's analysis, the emphasis is placed on the investment priority for environmental issues, climate change and biodiversity through an integrated approach at national level. The need to invest significant amounts in this category of investment stems from the Irish tradition of ecology and its reputation internationally.

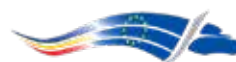


Figure 7. Total public expenditure on investment priority

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	291.5	7.4 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	56.0	1.4 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	2 873.0	73.2 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	439.0	11.2 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	250.0	6.4 %

Key aspects regarding RDP Aragon

In the Aragon region, the average farm size is higher (44,5 hectares) compared to the other countries used as reference point, with the rural population accounting for approximately 42,8% of the total population, 4,6% of the VAB comes from the primary sector, and the planned expenditure is 907.060.172 euros.

Figure 8. Rural Development Programme Data Sheet 2014-2020 (Aragon)

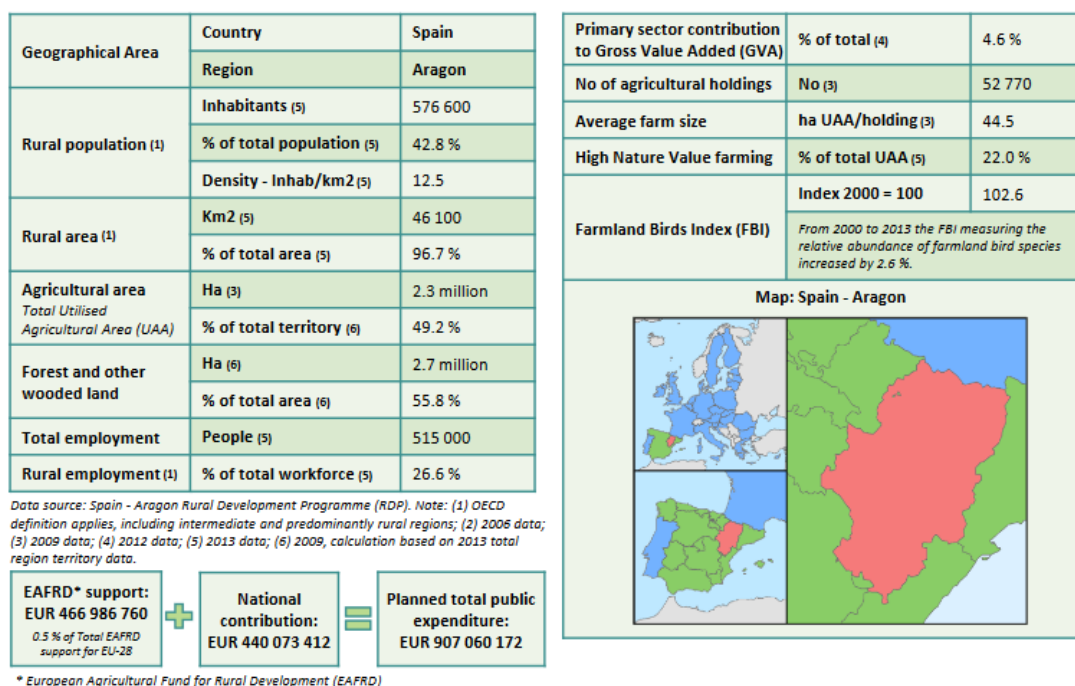
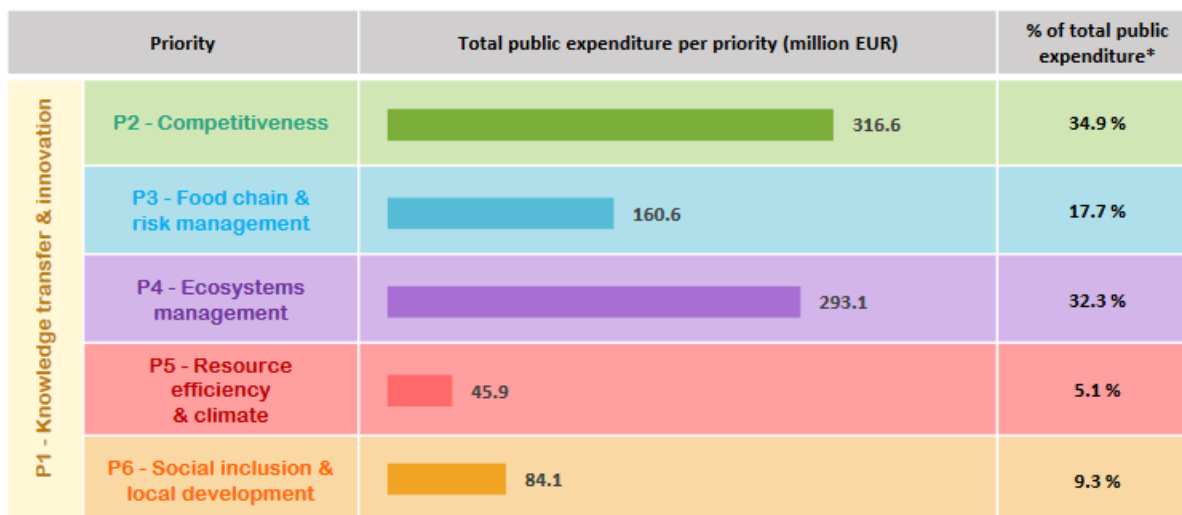
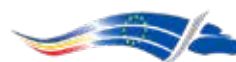


Figure 9. Total public expenditure on investment priority



The percentage of resources allocated for priorities is similar to the one of Veneto region. At the same time, the food processing sector is important in the Aragon region, with a high level of investment in Priority 3 linked to the food chain.



The relationship between government and potential beneficiaries

In Ireland, the relations between governmental institutions and clients (including farmers or other types of beneficiaries) are highlighted by a certain "Charter of Rights". The Farmer's Charter of Rights 2015-2020 was agreed upon the discussions with agricultural organizations. This charter also describes the level of service that customers can expect from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine Environment (DAFME).

The Farmer's Charter of Rights is complemented by a specific Action Plan detailing how the commitments and standards set out in the Charter are being implemented, as well as other service improvements for beneficiaries to be provided and evaluated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine Environment

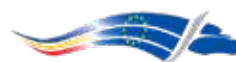
In Ireland, in accordance with the Farmer's Charter of Rights and in accordance with EU regulations, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine Environment (DAFM) carries out on-the-spot inspections / controls at beneficiary farms under different funding schemes. Usually, the level of the inspection rate is 5%, but in the case of RDP investment measure, it can also reach 20% in the pre-contracting and pre-payment stage, while this rate is 5% in the post-pay phase.

Figure 10. Inspection rate

Scheme	Inspection rate
Standard Payment Scheme and Young Farmers Scheme	Inspection of eligible land
	5% of beneficiaries – around 6.500
	65% - 85% are remotely verified
Organic Farming Scheme	5% of beneficiaries
TAMS II (Measure 4 of RDP)	5% - 20% pre-contracting
	5% - 20% - before making the payment request
	5% - post payment

In Veneto, the Veneto Managing Authority has set up an efficient management system to ensure the necessary conditions for achieving the efficacy objectives: delegating to the Paying Agency the process of selecting support requests, monitoring calls, ensuring compliance with predefined times and developing procedural guidelines, e-management of projects over the entire application cycle, regional call planning.

By the act of DGR no. 1937 of 23/12/2015, a multiannual plan for the activation of public procurement procedures was established. The multi-annual plan allows all interested parties to have an adequate



view of the way the programme is implemented and the availability of financial resources. This information allows potential applicants to synchronize the project development process with the evaluation activities and including the process of obtaining the required authorizations and other necessary documents, with planning the implementation of the schemes and related financial commitments and any other activities required in when submitting applications for funding.

In Veneto region, starting January 28, 2016, the submission of RDP funding applications takes place exclusively on-line. Prior to 2016, the user was required to provide documents not only on-line but also original documents (application and annexes).

Consequently, Veneto region accepts the following forms and payment request:

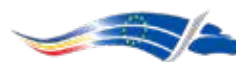
- Signed with digital signature;
- Signed with handwritten signature (transmitted in scanned format);
- Signed with a graphometric signature.

In order to facilitate the process of uploading applications in the on-line environment, a manual dedicated to detailing the procedure for submitting applications online was also distributed. The 24-page manual shows step by step all the procedures for submitting the application, being a specific example of simplifying the procedural flow of funding schemes

Leader measure

In Veneto, the area influenced by Leader strategy (D, C and B) covered 328 municipalities (56% of Veneto municipalities) and represents 63% (11.600 km²) of the regional territory and 31% (1.500.000 inhabitants) of Veneto population.

In Veneto, local action groups (LAGs) have an adequate technical structure, composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, where at the decision-making level neither public authorities nor representatives of other interest groups represents more than 49% of the total number of those entitled to vote. All the actions proposed by the local development strategy must be compatible with the ESI Fund regulatory framework and the current state aid rules. Each level of action therefore certifies the compatibility of the assistance provided by the single strategy, through the required references to the RDP and the applicable regulations (p. 777 of RDP).



In Veneto, in order to ensure an active role for LAGs, from the application submission in the IT system to the relative preliminary assessment, are provided solutions through the managing formulas of LAG-AdG-AVEPA (paying authority).

In particular, based on the experience gained during the 2007-2013 programming period, a Technical Commission for each Local Development Strategy (SDL), chaired by GAL-AVEPA through the LAG representative, is responsible for:

- checking the general situation of the submitted applications;
- verifying and supporting the assessment of aid applications;
- verifying and validating the proposals of the preliminary analysis regarding the the application of the selection criteria;
- preparing the list of eligible applications;

The composition of LAG-AVEPA Technical Commission and the procedures for fulfilling the assigned tasks are defined in the DGR Act approving the LDS.

Veneto –experience in simplifying primary sector procedures

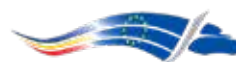
Through the resolution no. 1932 of 27 July 2010, a working group was created to simplify procedures in the primary sector. The Group has put forward simplification proposals on the procedures for calculating the net income of enterprises and their overall performance in support of certain types of applications and for the recognition of certain certifications or authorizations and to clarify the eligibility of applications in relation to the specific measures of the Programme Veneto Rural Development.

Public and private law issues were identified by regional secretaries and commissioners for their areas of expertise in a consultation where concrete proposals for simplification were presented and illustrated:

1. Citizens have made proposals by accessing a special form available on the Veneto Region site;
2. Employees of public institutions have submitted suggestions for simplification by accessing a specific form available on the Intranet site of the Veneto region;
3. Regional structures have submitted their proposals through institutional channels, at the invitation of the secretaries and regional commissioners in the operational field of each proposed facility.

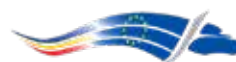
In total, together with this specific procedures, 868 simplification proposals were collected

Simplification measures	No.	%
On-line publication and newsletters	178	21%



Legislative simplification	149	17%
Simplifying general documents and acquisition procedures	76	9%
Unifying procedures at the level of one single office for productive activities	69	8%
Reducing deadlines	54	6%
Standardizing formats	44	5%
Auto certification, auto evaluation, obtaining public documents	40	5%
Organizational simplification (governance)	27	3%
Others	231	26%
Total	868	100%

Of all these proposals, 26% were accepted, 24% were already implemented, 35% were considered useful, but they were not immediately implemented and therefore postponed and 15% were not accepted, not considered relevant for simplification processes, which in turn are not feasible, taking into account the context or regulatory factors.

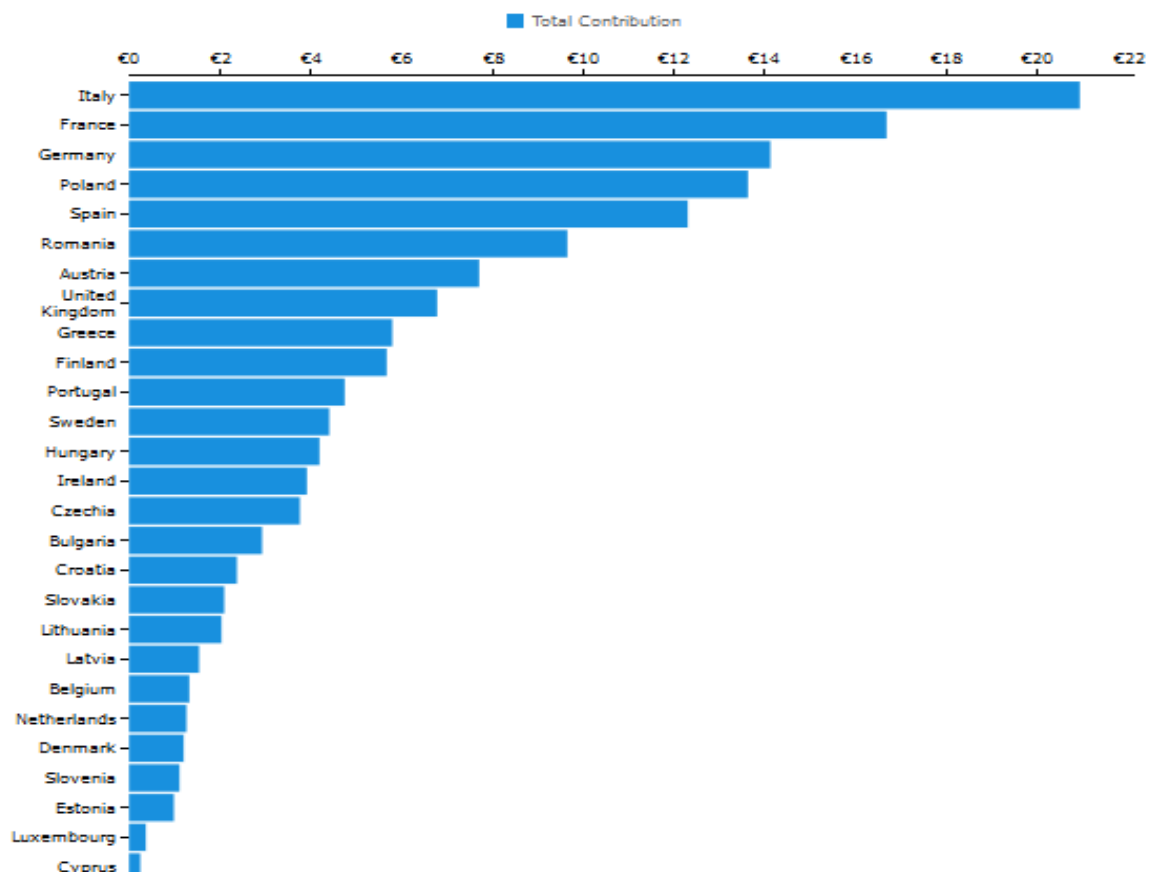


Annex 1.1 Key aspects of RDP at European level

Figure 11. The total EAFRD budget allocated at Member State level

Total Budget by Country (daily update): European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, EUR billion

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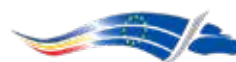
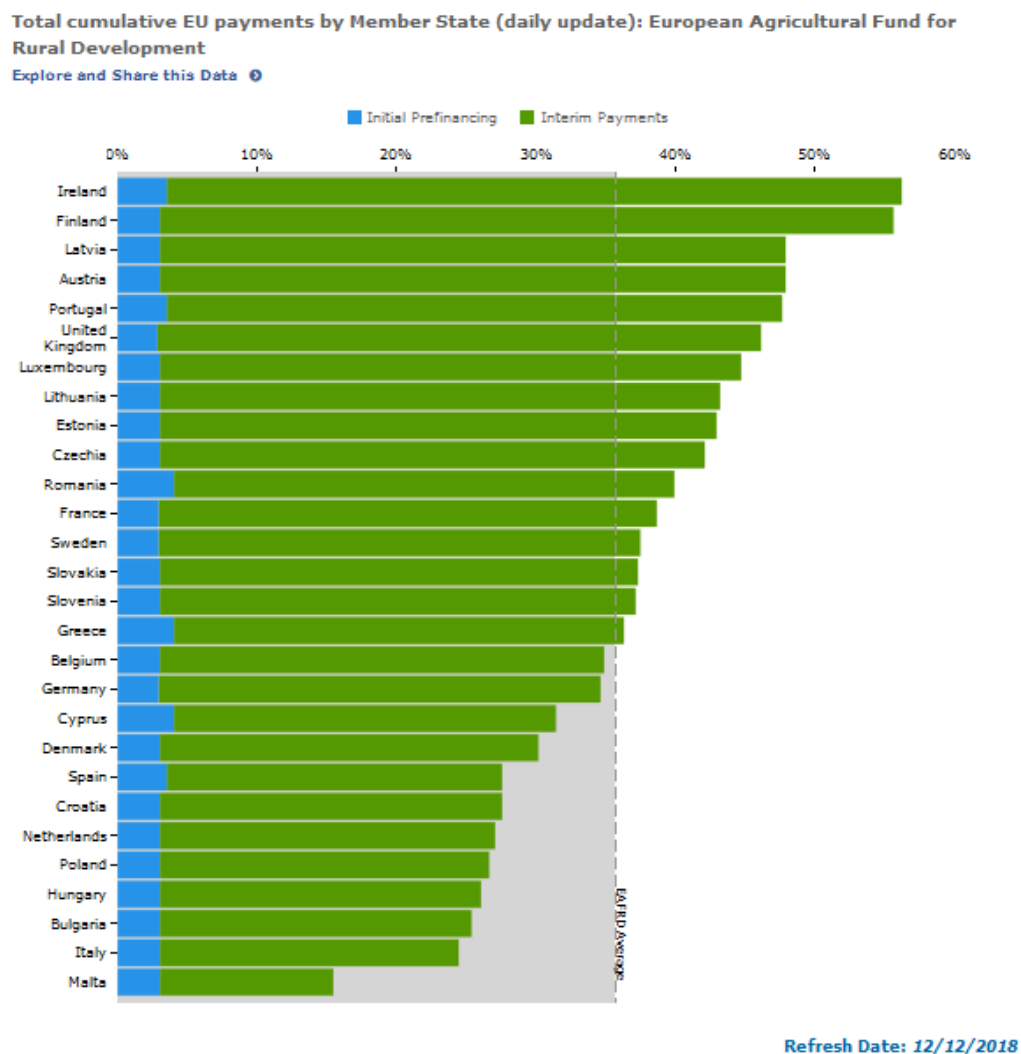


Figure 12. Public Expenditure Planning at RDP Level - June 2018

	Romania	Ireland	Veneto
Planned budgetary allocation	8,127,996,402. 00	2,190,589,653. 00	504,084,000. 00
Pre-financing	325,119,856.08	76,670,725.36	15,320,370.0 0
Intermediary payments	2,919,646,453. 63	1,154,239,512. 73	195,966,037. 07
Total net payments	3,244,766,309. 71	1,230,910,238. 09	211,286,407. 07
Absorption rate of funds out of the total planned one	39.92	56.19	41.91

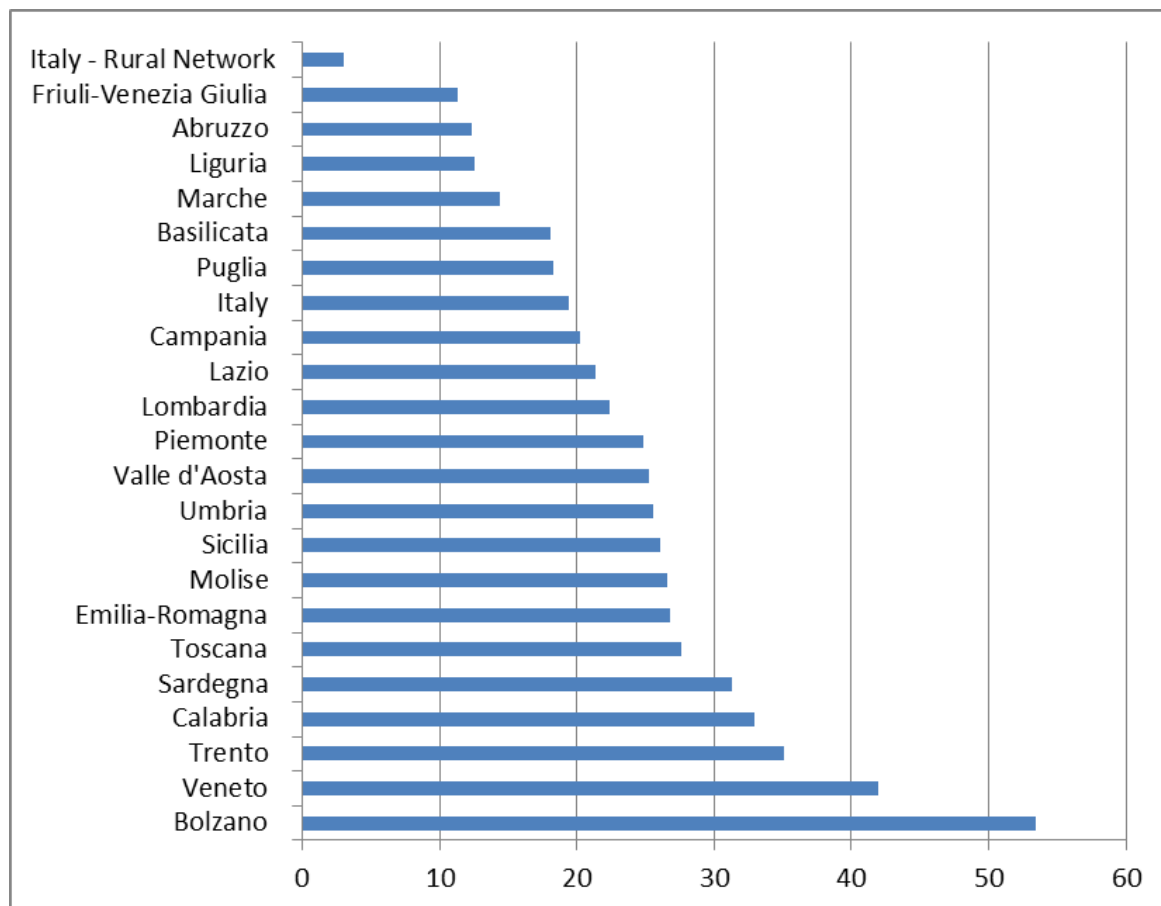
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Figure 13. Public Expenditure Planning at RDP Level - June 2018



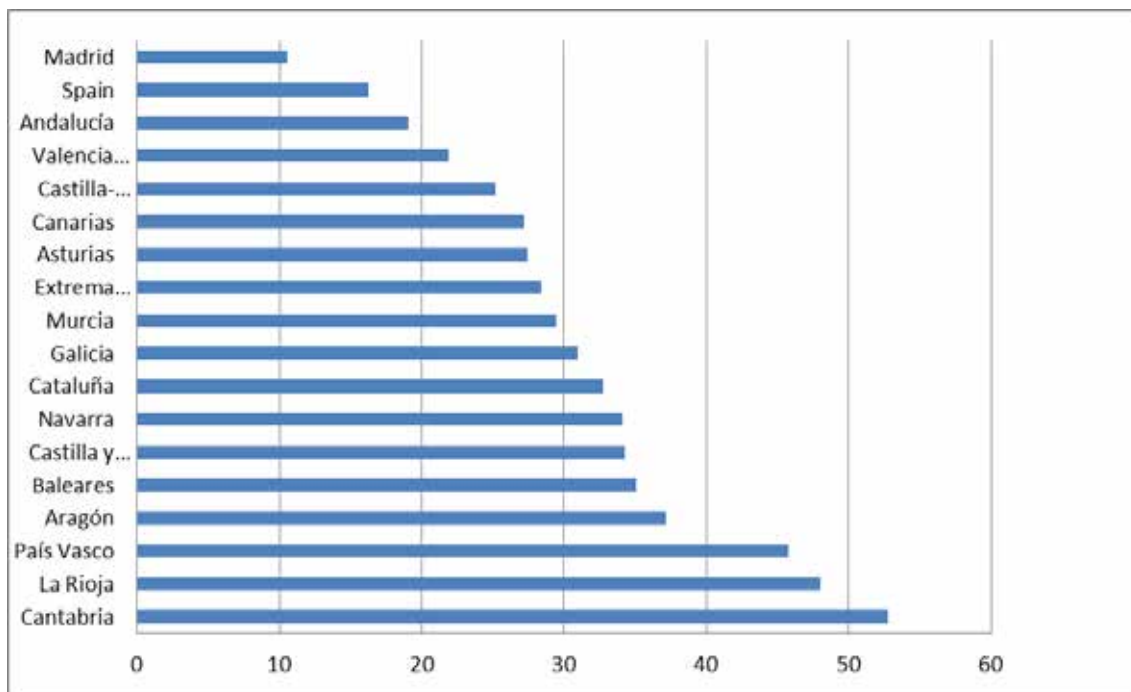
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Figure 14. Total public expenditure rate in Italy, by region



Source: elaborated by the evaluation team based on the statistics regarding RDP 2014-2020 in different Italian regions - https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files_en

Figure 15. Total public expenditure rate in Spain, by region



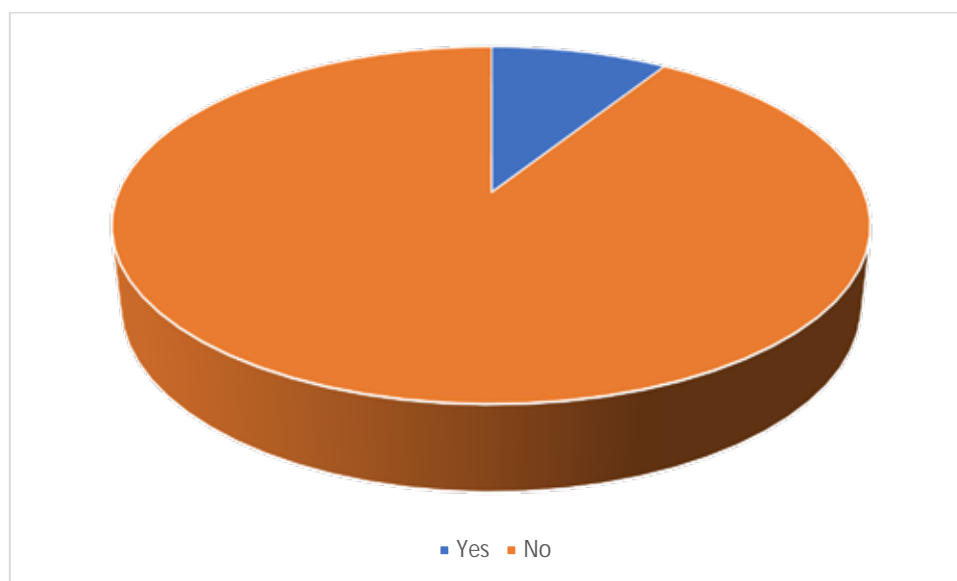
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Annex 2. Interpretation of data resulting from the application of questionnaires among the beneficiaries of NRDP 2014-2020

Application stage

- 1) Have you encountered any difficulties in demonstrating the eligibility criteria for the sub-measure under which you were a beneficiary?

Figure no. 1 Responses provided by beneficiaries regarding the difficulties encountered in demonstrating that the eligibility criteria have been met





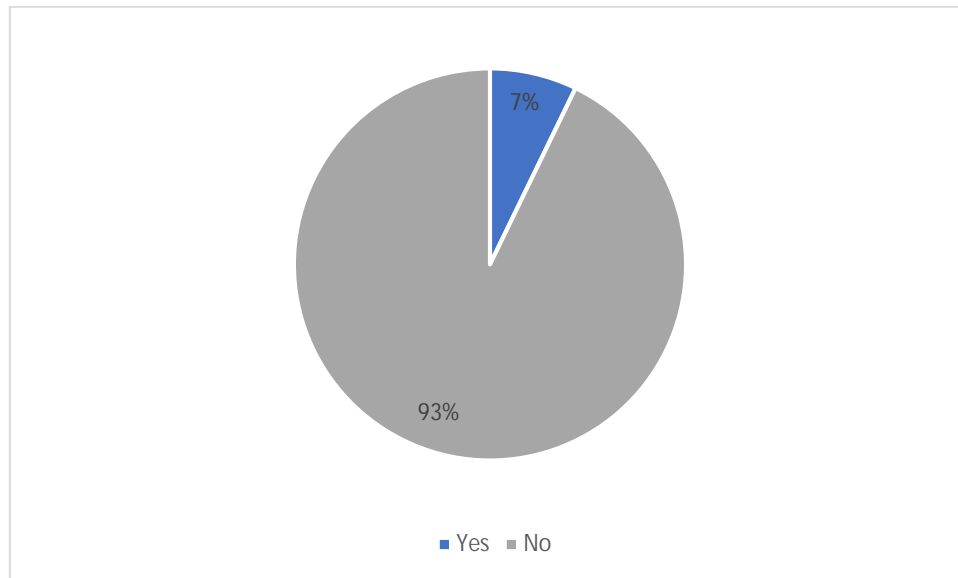
Responses provided by beneficiaries regarding the difficulties encountered in demonstrating the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria at sub-measure level

sM	Yes	No	Total
1.1	0	4	4
2.1	0	1	1
4.1, 4.1a	3	35	38
4.2, 4.2a	0	6	6
4.3	1	13	14
6.1	1	25	26
6.2	5	28	33
6.3	1	33	34
6.4	3	12	15
6.5	0	1	1
7.2	0	14	14
7.4	0	1	1
9.1	0	5	5
10.1	0	13	13
11.1	0	10	10
11.2	1	3	4
13.1	1	12	13
13.2	0	17	17
13.3	0	3	3
16.4, 16.4a	0	3	3
19.1	0	6	6
19.2	8	2	10
19.4	1	6	7
Total	25	253	278

Analyzing the distribution of responses provided by the beneficiaries included in the sample, it is noted that most of them (91%) did not encounter difficulties in demonstrating that the eligibility criteria were met. At sub-measure level, the situation is quasi-similar except for sM 19.2 where the number of beneficiaries who responded affirmatively is higher than those who denied the difficulty of demonstrating that the eligibility criteria were met.

- 2) Do you consider that in the case of the sub-measure to which you have benefited from support, the minimum requirements have led to difficulties in reaching them during the implementation period?

Figure no. 2 Answers provided by beneficiaries regarding the difficulties encountered in fulfilling the minimum mandatory conditions during the implementation period



Responses provided by beneficiaries regarding the difficulties encountered in meeting the minimum requirements during the implementation period at sub-measure level

sM	Yes	No	Total
1.1	2	2	4
2.1	0	1	1
4.1, 4.1a	2	37	39
4.2, 4.2a	0	6	6
4.3	2	12	14
6.1	3	23	26
6.2	2	31	33
6.3	2	32	34
6.4	0	15	15
6.5	0	1	1
7.2	1	13	14
7.4	0	1	1
9.1	0	5	5
10.1	3	10	13
11.1	1	9	10
11.2	1	3	4
13.1	1	11	12

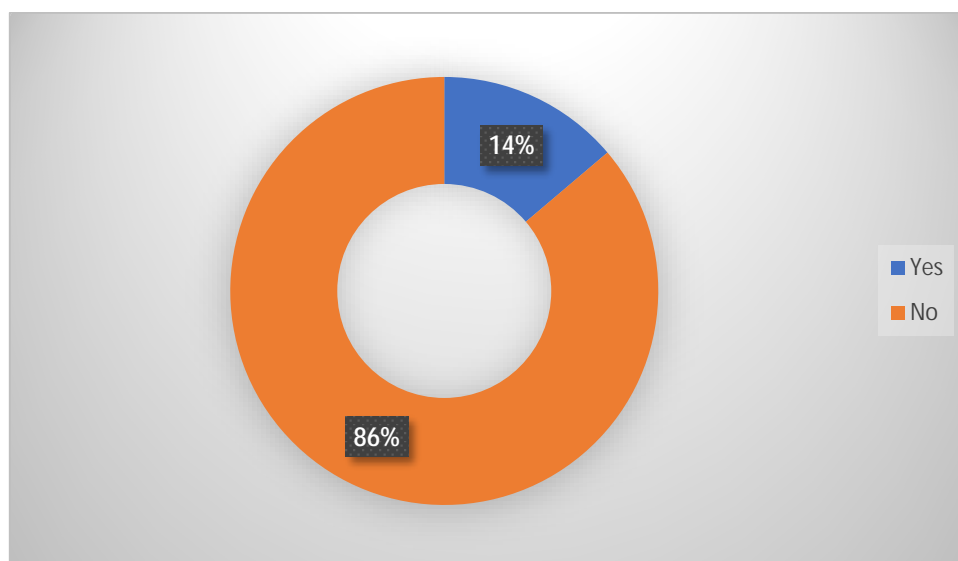
sM	Yes	No	Total
13.2	0	17	17
13.3	0	3	3
16.4, 16.4a	0	3	3
19.1	0	6	6
19.2	0	10	10
19.4	0	7	7
Total	20	258	278

According to the responses collected within the questionnaire survey, 93% of the beneficiaries considered that they did not encounter difficulties in complying with the minimum conditions during the implementation period. Only 7% of the surveyed respondents indicated the presence of difficulties, the most common being associated with:

- Maintaining the commitments assumed under the financing contract;
- Significant volume of documents requested by authorities responsible for managing and implementing the programme;
- Difficulties in identifying the target group (M1), etc.

3) Do you consider that there are conditions set out in the Applicant / Informative Guide that could be removed without affecting the results achieved in the sub-measure implementation?

Figure no. 3 Answers provided by beneficiaries regarding the opportunity to remove certain conditions from the Applicant / Informative Guide

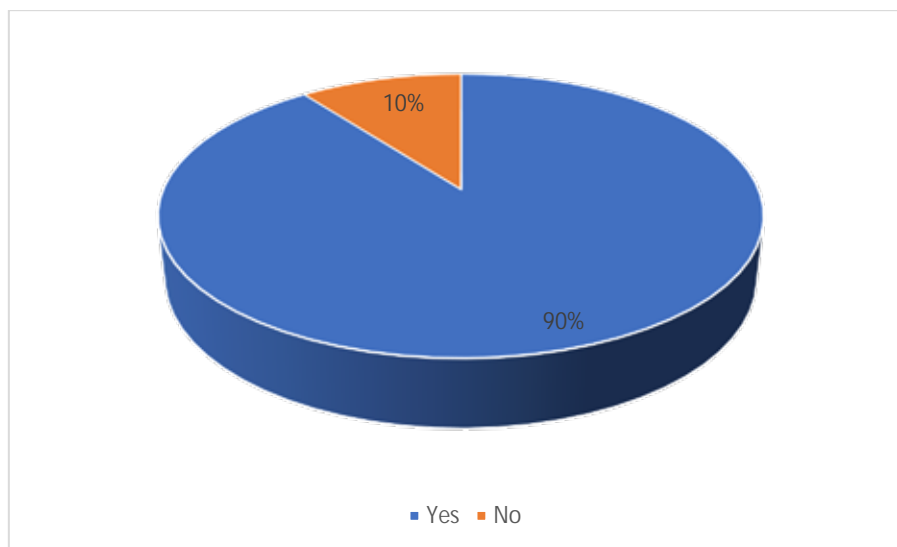


Most of the beneficiaries included in the sample (86%) indicated the need to remove certain conditions from the Applicant / Informative Guide, the most important being represented by:

- Requirements for the submission of documents proving the fulfillment of the obligations to pay the contributions and taxes to the local budget and the state budget, which may be requested directly by the competent authorities;
- The conditions for obtaining opinions during the project submission stage (sM 6.4);
- Requirements for the project implementation period (sM 4.1);
- The need to update beneficiaries' annual data at PAIA headquarters (sM 13.1), without the possibility to registry this information on-line;
- Conditions prohibiting the access to funds (sM 6.2) by members of the same family (husband and wife) etc.

- 4) Do you consider that the information presented in the Applicant / Informative Guide and its structure are clear and detailed?

Figure no. 4 The responses provided by the beneficiaries regarding the clarity and detail degree of the information presented in the Applicant / Informative Guide





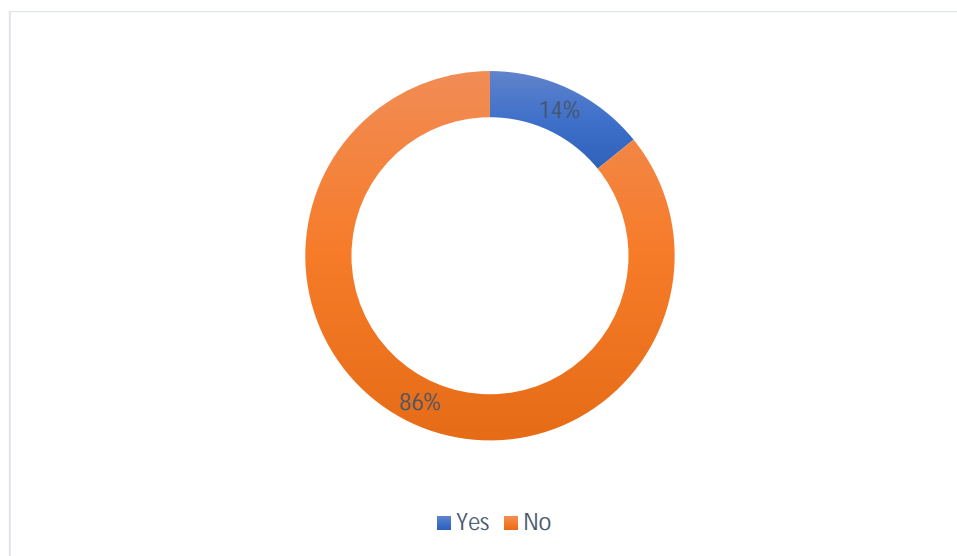
The responses provided by the beneficiaries regarding the clarity and detail degree of the information presented in the Applicant / Informative Guide, at sub-measure level

sM	Yes	No	Total
1.1	4	0	4
2.1	1	0	1
4.1, 4.1a	31	8	39
4.2, 4.2a	6	0	6
4.3	14	0	14
6.1	25	1	26
6.2	28	5	33
6.3	31	3	34
6.4	0	1	1
6.5	1	0	1
7.2	13	1	14
7.4	1	0	1
9.1	5	0	5
10.1	13	0	13
11.1	6	4	10
11.2	0	1	1
13.1	12	0	12
13.2	17	0	17
13.3	3	0	3
16.4, 16.4a	2	1	3
19.1	6	0	6
19.2	9	1	10
19.4	6	1	7
Total	234	27	261

Analyzing the distribution of answers provided by the surveyed beneficiaries, it is noticed that most of them (90%) perceive information presented in the Applicant / Informative Guide as having a high level of clarity and detail. Only 27 responses out of the total of 261 collected by applying the questionnaires indicate the presence of some ambiguities at the guide level, most of which are due to the need for better structure and detail of the information (e.g. detailing specific conditions by type of investment).

- 5) Have you requested or needed clarification on the information mentioned in the Applicant/ Informative Guide?

Figure no. 5 The responses provided by beneficiaries regarding the need to request clarifications regarding the information contained in the Applicant / Informative Guide

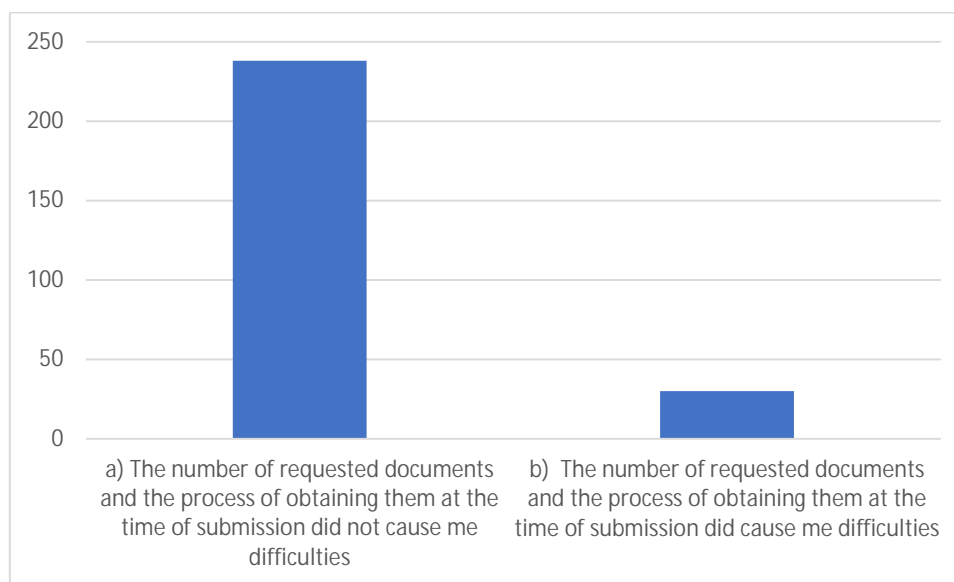


Only 14% of the beneficiaries included in the survey mentioned the need to request clarification on the information contained in the Applicant / Informative Guide. The most common unclarities concerned issues such as:

- form of ownership / right over the land that is subject to investment (sM 6.4);
- conditions and method of granting the advance (sM 16.4a);
- Eligible expenditures, how to set up the budget and the composition of target groups (sM 1.1);
- Organizing procurement procedures (sM 6.2), etc.

6) Which of the following options do you think is the most appropriate for you?

Figure no. 6 Perceptions of beneficiaries regarding the number of requested documents and how to obtain them

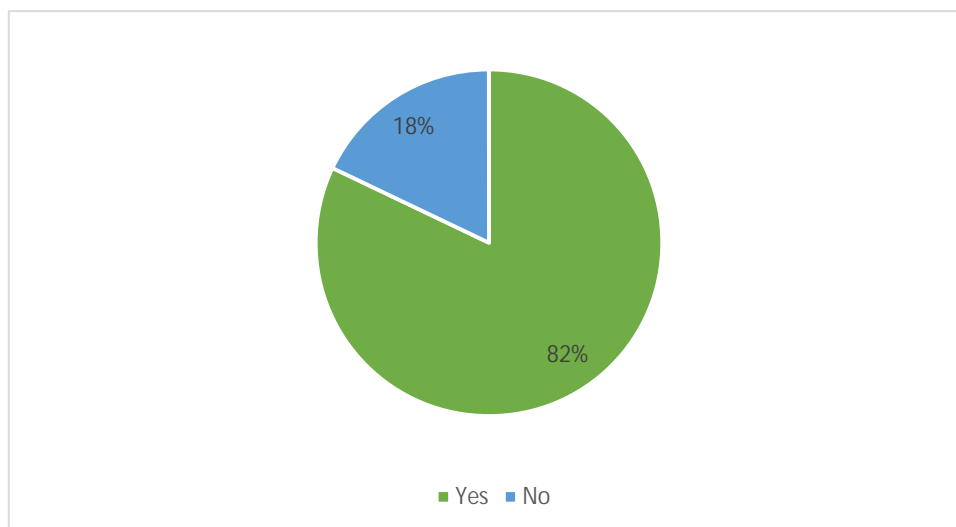


Most of the surveyed beneficiaries (88,8%) mentioned that the number of requested documents and the process of obtaining them at the time of submission did not cause significant difficulties. The main issues raised by the 21,2% of respondents who answered yes to this question include:

- Significant volume of documents and the need to sign on each page (sM 1.1);
- Requesting the opinions listed in the urbanism certificate, including the OCPI topographic survey visa in the submission stage (sM 4.3);
- The volume and complexity of the documents for the partners that constitute the public-private partnership (sM 19.1);
- Difficulties in obtaining environmental permits (sM 6.1), etc.

7) In your opinion, do you consider that all the documents requested to be submitted at the time of application were necessary?

Figure no. 7 Beneficiary's perception regarding the documents submitted when the application is submitted



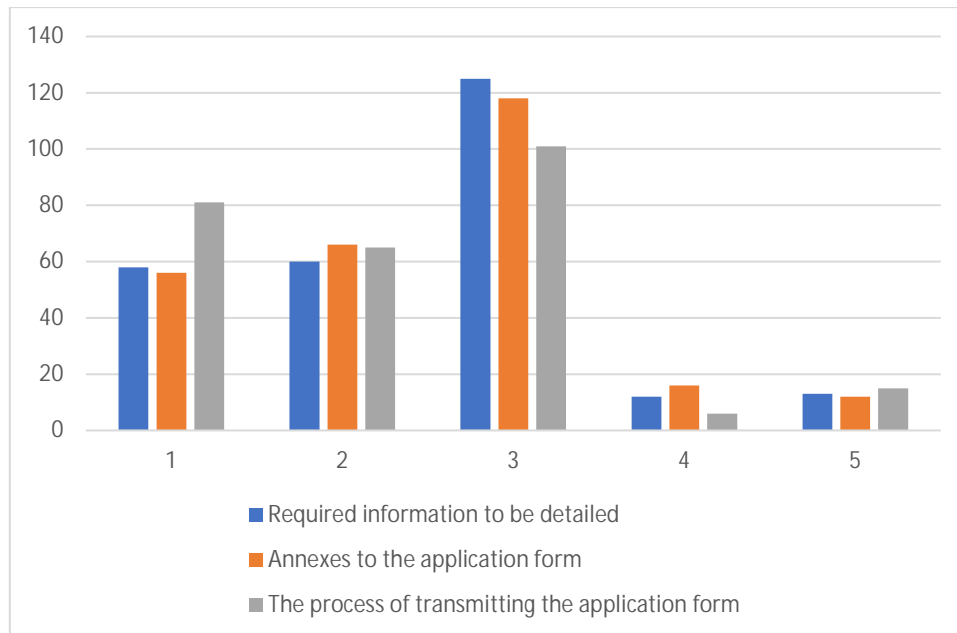
The distribution of responses collected during the survey indicates that 82% of the beneficiaries consider that documents submitted at in the application phase are necessary and justified.

- 8) With regards to the application form, please evaluate the complexity for each of the following aspects, ranging from 1 to 5 (1 being the lowest level of complexity and 5 the highest level of complexity):

The beneficiaries' opinion regarding the complexity of the information, documents and the process of their transmission

Aspect	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5
Required information to be detailed	58	60	125	12	13
Annexes to the application form	56	66	118	16	12
The process of transmitting the application form	81	65	101	6	15

Figure no. 8 The beneficiaries' opinion on the complexity of the information, documents and the process of their transmission

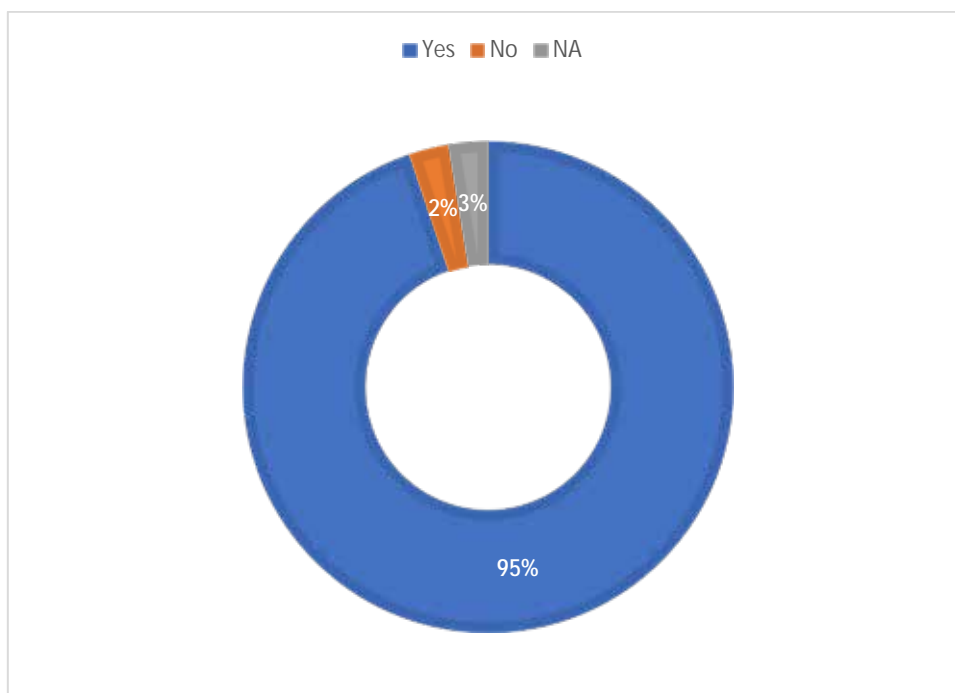


Analyzing the answers provided by the beneficiaries, it is observed that they follow the trend of a normal distribution, most of the respondents (42,78%) being of the opinion that the requested information, the annexes to the application form and the process of submitting the application have an average complexity (score 3). Only 9,2% of the surveyed beneficiaries consider that the preparation and submission aspects of the application are very high and complex.

Selection stage

- 9) Do you consider that the selection principles are in line with the objectives of the sub-measure under which you are / were beneficiary and with the Applicant / Informative Guide' provisions?

Figure no. 9 The beneficiaries' opinion regarding the compliance of selection principles with the objective of the sub-measure and with the provisions of the Applicant / Informative Guide



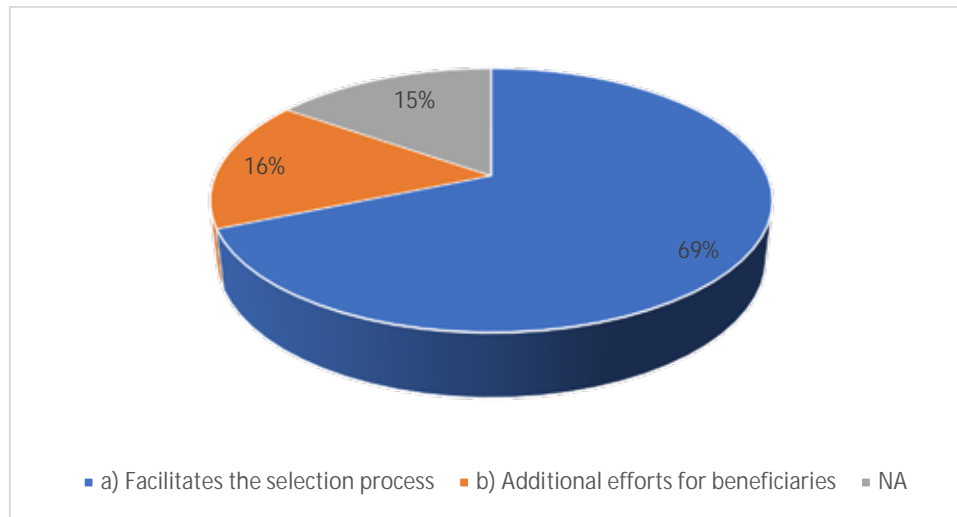
Most of the beneficiaries surveyed (95%) consider that the selection principles imposed to the applicants are in line with the objectives of NRDP sub-measures and provisions stipulated in the Applicant / Informative Guide.

10) If applicable, do you consider that the self-assessment / pre-scoring requirements for certain sub-measures streamline the selection process or represent an additional effort for the beneficiaries?

Figure no. 10. Distribution of responses provided by beneficiaries on requirements for self-evaluation / pre-scoring of the application form

Facilitează procesul de selecție	Eforturi suplimentare pentru beneficiari	NA
184	43	41

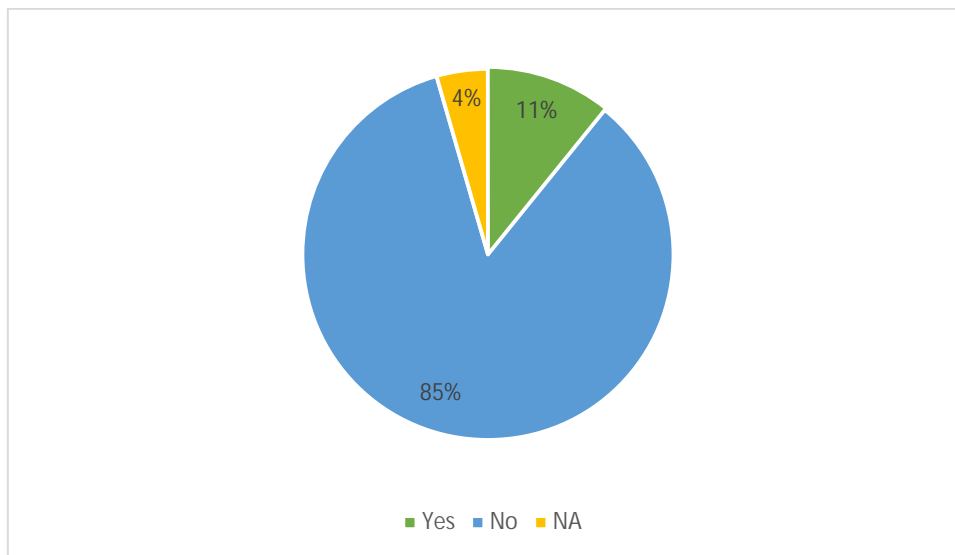
Figure no. 11 Beneficiaries' opinion regarding the self-evaluation / pre-scoring requirements of the application form



Analyzing the distribution of responses provided by the beneficiaries of NRDP 2014-2020, it is observed that most of them (69%) consider that self-evaluation / pre-scoring facilitates the selection process and gives the possibility to estimate the chances of financing the project, while 16% believe that self-evaluation / pre-scoring generates additional tasks for the applicant.

11) Do you consider that the selection process has been hampered by the clarification requests sent by the financing authority?

Figure no. 12 Beneficiaries' opinion regarding the clarification requests transmitted by the financing authority



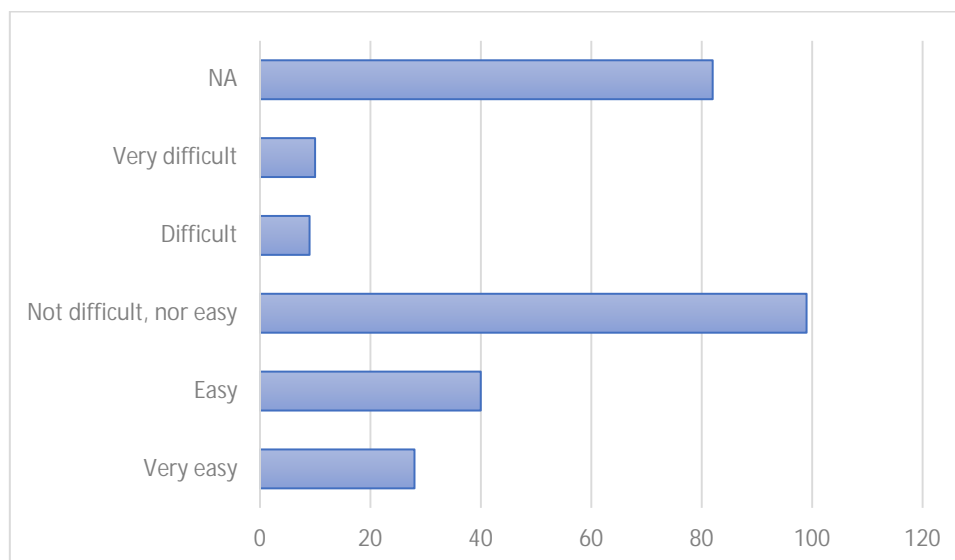
Regarding the clarification requests sent by the authorities responsible with programme implementation, only 11% of NRDP beneficiaries stated that they generate an additional administrative burden, hampering the project / commitment selection process, while the majority of the respondents mentioned that they did not encounter specific problems resulting from the received requests for clarifications.

12) As regards the process of submitting and resolving complaints, how difficult did you find the process of filing complaints (if any)?

The perception of NRDP beneficiaries regarding the degree of difficulty to go through the process of filing complaints

Very easy	Easy	Not difficult, nor easy	Difficult	Very difficult	NA	Total
28	40	99	9	10	82	268

Figure no. 13 The perception of NRDP beneficiaries regarding the degree of difficulty to go through the process of filing complaints



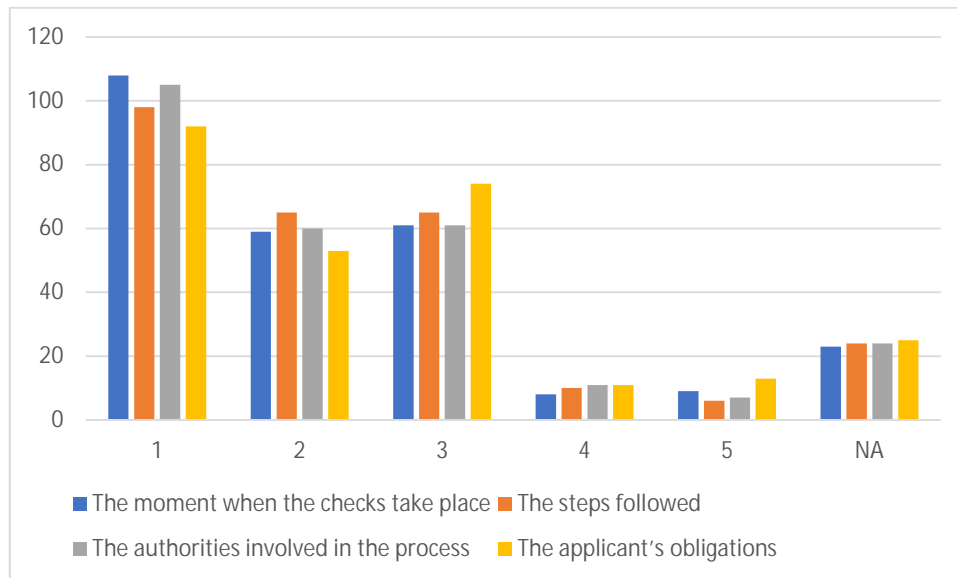
Regarding the process of filing and solving appeals, most of the respondents considered that the process of filing complaints was neither difficult nor easy (99 beneficiaries), easy (40 beneficiaries) and very easy (28 beneficiaries).

13) If applicable, please evaluate from 1 to 5 (1 being the smallest and 5 highest) the degree of difficulty with regards to field checks, from the following perspective:

The opinion of NRDP beneficiaries regarding field checks

Aspect	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5	NA
The moment when the checks take place	108	59	61	8	9	23
The steps followed	98	65	65	10	6	24
The authorities involved in this process	105	60	61	11	7	24
The applicant's obligations	92	53	74	11	13	25

Figure no. 14 The opinion of NRDP beneficiaries regarding field checks

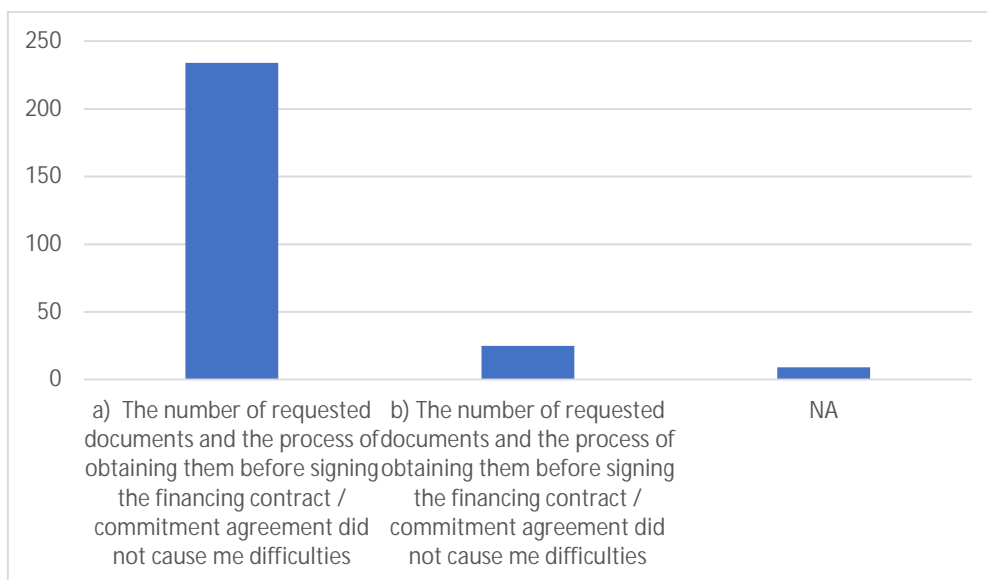


According to the views expressed by the beneficiaries included in the sample, the complexity of administrative burdens imposed by on-site inspections is generally low and very low (score 1 and 2) or average (score 3). By deepening the analysis on each of the specific aspects of the on-the-spot checks, we note the following:

- The moment when on-site inspections take place is generally very low and low in difficulty (62,31% of respondents) or an average level of difficulty (22,76%);
- The steps followed by the beneficiaries are low and very low (60,82%) or medium difficulty levels (24,25%);
- The authorities involved in the on-site verification process are facing administrative burdens whose level of difficulty is generally low and very low (61,56% of respondents) or average (22,76% of respondents);
- Applicants' obligations deriving from the procedures applied by authorities to field visits generally have a low and very low level of complexity and difficulty (54,10%) or an average level (27,61% of respondents).

14) Which of the following variants do you think is the most appropriate for you?

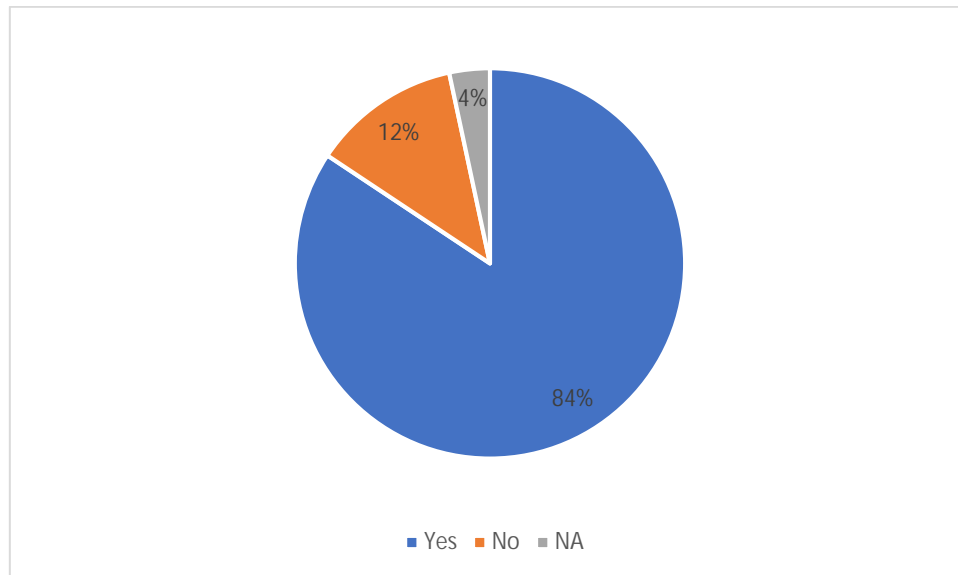
Figure no. 15 The opinion of NRDP beneficiaries regarding the difficulties caused by the number of documents submitted before the contract was signed and the way of obtaining them



Most of the beneficiaries surveyed (87,31%) mentioned that the number of requested documents and the manner of obtaining them for submission before signing the contract did not cause significant difficulties.

15) In your opinion, do you consider that all documents requested to be submitted when signing financing contract / commitment agreement were necessary?

Figure no. 16 Beneficiaries' perception regarding the necessary documents submitted when signing the financing contract/ commitment agreement

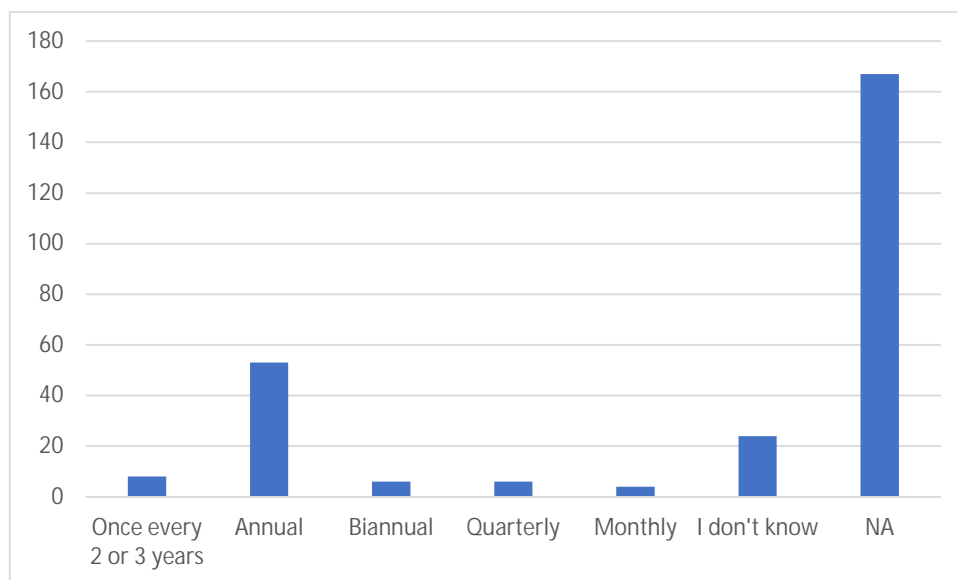


The distribution of responses collected during the survey indicates that 84% of beneficiaries consider the documents submitted when signing the financing contract / commitment agreement are necessary and justified.

Monitoring and implementation stages

16) As regards monitoring and ensuring project sustainability (monitoring compliance with commitments), how often is the progress assessment made?

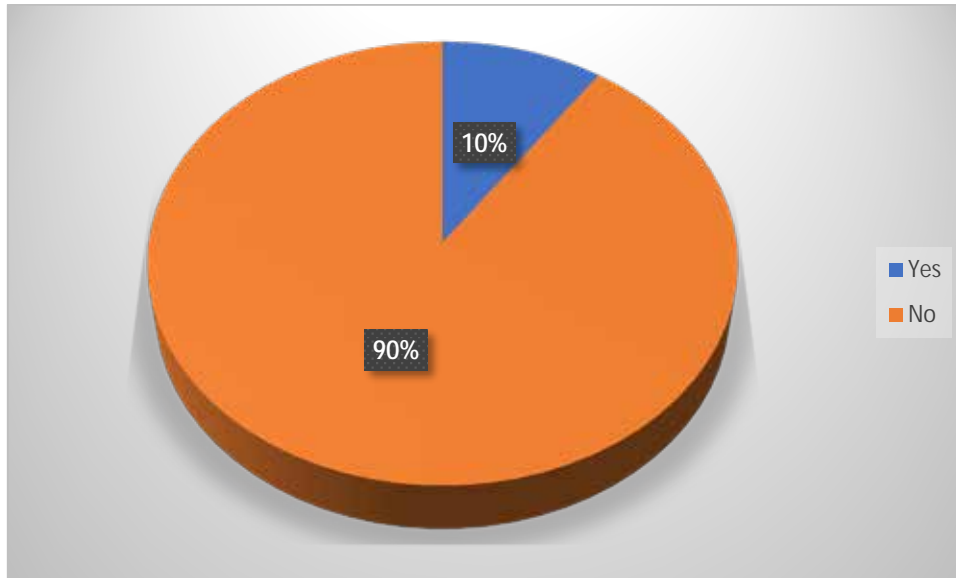
Figure no. 17 Frequency of evaluations to monitor the progress of project implementation/ compliance



According to the responses gathered during the survey, the progress registered by NRDP beneficiaries in the implementation of projects, i.e. the fulfillment of commitments, is verified, in most cases, with an annual frequency (19,77% of respondents).

- 17) In your view, is there any requirement in the process of monitoring the project (where appropriate, monitoring compliance with the commitment) that could be simplified or eliminated?

Figure no. 18 The opinion of NRDP beneficiaries regarding the opportunity to simplify or eliminate certain requirements from the project monitoring process



Although the majority of surveyed respondents (90%) believe that there is no need to modify the requirements imposed to NRDP beneficiaries during the project monitoring phase, there were also opinions (10%) that it would be appropriate to eliminate or modify the conditions regarding:

- Stamping and signing the documents on each page by the legal representative (sM 1.1);
- Obligation to sign payment orders for payments made electronically (sM 1.1);
- The requirement that field visits are made only in the presence of the beneficiary (sM 7.2), etc.

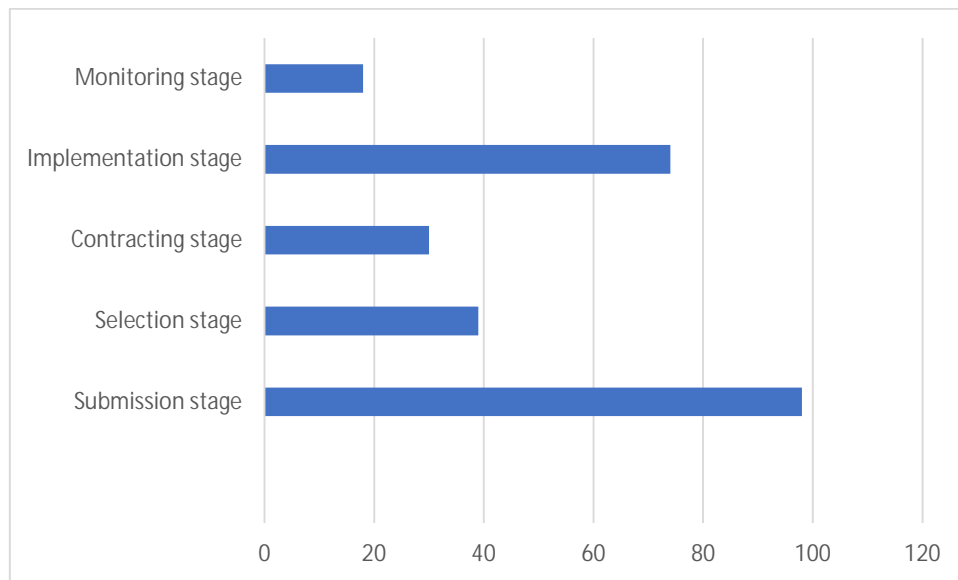
18) In your opinion, which of the steps listed below are provisions that have led you to difficulties? (You can select multiple responses).

Difficulties encountered by beneficiaries during different procedural stages

Submission stage	Selection stage	Contracting stage	Implementation stage	Monitoring stage	NA
98	39	30	74	18	53

Analyzing the procedural and administrative pathways that NRDP beneficiaries cross over from the perspective of the difficulties encountered, it is noticed that most of the problems are encountered in the submission stages (26,56% of respondents) and implementation (27,61%), followed by the selection (14,55%), contracting (11,19%) and monitoring (6,7%) stages.

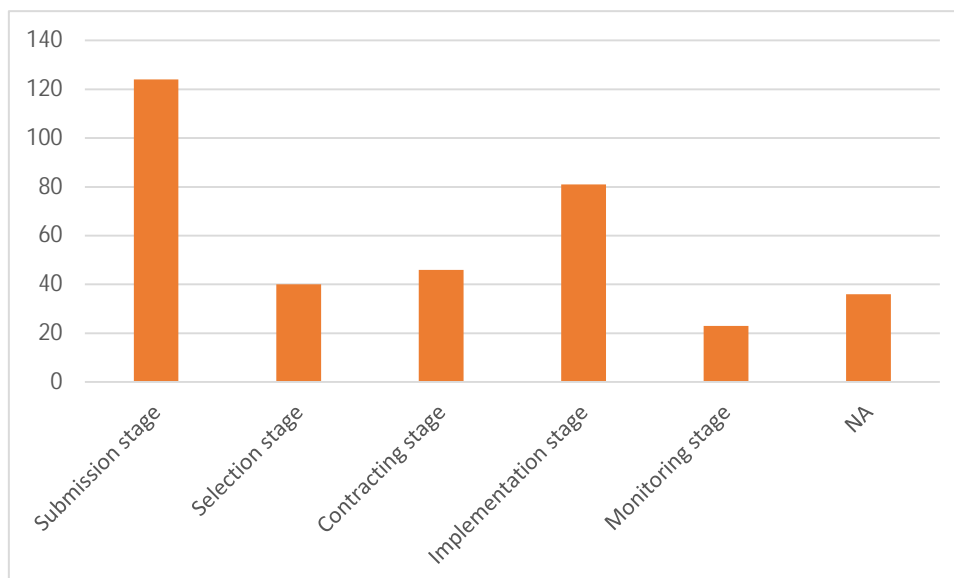
Figure no. 19 Difficulties encountered by beneficiaries during different procedural stages



19) In the case of sub-measure under which you have benefited from support, where from the procedural steps below, do you consider that simplification measures are necessary? (You can select multiple responses).

Submission stage	Selection stage	Contracting stage	Implementation stage	Monitoring stage	NA
124	40	46	81	23	36

Figure no. 20 Perception of beneficiaries regarding the necessary simplification measures during different procedural steps



With regards to adopting simplification measures at the various procedural steps taken by beneficiaries, the opinions of respondents included in the sample indicated, in particular, the simplification of the requirements in the submission phase (46,26% of beneficiaries) and implementation (30,22%), followed by contracting (17,16%), selection (14,92%) and monitoring (8,5%) phases.



Annex 3. European and national regulations

sM 1.1 Support for vocational training and skills acquisition

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 14.2, 14.3, 49.2, 62.2, 14.4).

b) Relevant national regulations

- Order no. 835 of 17 June 2016 amending the Annex to the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 116/2016 regarding the approval of the Regulation for organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for Solving Complaints for the projects related to Measure 1 "Actions for the transfer of knowledge and information actions" from the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP);
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 116/2016 regarding the approval of the Regulation for organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for Solving Complaints for the projects related to Measure 1 "Actions for the transfer of knowledge and information actions" from the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP);
- Order no. 834 of 17 June 2016 amending the Annex to the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 2373/2015 on the approval of the Procedural Manual for the evaluation and selection of projects submitted under Calls for Proposals under Measure 1 - "Actions for the transfer of knowledge and information actions" under the National Rural Development Programme;
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 2373/2015 on the approval of the Procedural Manual for the evaluation and selection of projects submitted under Calls for Proposals under Measure 1 "Actions for the transfer of knowledge and information actions" of the National Rural Development Programme;
- Order 837/2018 amending the Regulation for organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for Solving Complaints for the projects related to sub-Measure 1.1 - Support for Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition, using standard unit cost, procedure conducted through the web portal approved by the Order no. 585/2017;



- Order no. 585/2017 regarding the approval of the Regulation for organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for Solving Complaints for the projects related to sub-Measure 1.1 - Support for Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition, by using standard unit cost, procedure conducted through the web portal (art. 4.4, 7.9).

sM 1.2 Support for demonstrative activities and information actions

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 14, 49.2).

b) Relevant national regulations

- Order no. 1282/2018 for the approval of the Operational Procedures Manual for the evaluation and selection of projects submitted under Calls for Proposals related to sub-Measure 1.2 Support for information actions and demonstration activities;
- Order no 1283/2018 regarding the approval of the Regulation for organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for solving complaints for the projects related to sub-measure 1.2. Support for information actions and demonstration activities;
- Order no. 1512/2018 for the approval of the Operational Procedures Manual for the evaluation of the projects submitted under the Call for proposals no. 3/2018, "*Information actions for farmers on minimum biosecurity measures and sanitary veterinary norms in swine breeding*", related to sub-measure 1.2 "Support for information actions and demonstration activities" (sM 1.2) under NRDP 2014 -2020;
- Order no. 1513/2018 for the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Selection Committee and of the Commission for solving complaints for the projects related to the sub-measure 1.2. "Support for demonstration activities and information actions" from NRDP 2014-2020, Call for proposals no. 3/2018.

sM 2.1 Support for help with the use of counseling services

a) Relevant European regulations

N.A.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Law no. 98/2016 on public procurement (art. 142, 165.2, 167, 178.1);
- Decision no. 395/2016 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of the provisions regarding the award of the public procurement contract



/ framework agreement of Law no. 98/2016 on public procurement (art. 12, 18, 19, 130, 162, 166);

- Decision no. 226/2015 for establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development programme co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 11, 27).

sM 3.1 Support for first first-time participation in quality schemes

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC;
- Regulation (EU) No. 1151/2012 of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and food stuffs, with further additions;
- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91, with further additions;
- Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89, with subsequent modifications;
- Regulation (EU) No 251/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91;
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 of 27 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine as regards support programmes, trade with third countries, production potential and on controls in the wine sector, with subsequent amendments;
- Commission Regulation (EC) no. 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) no. 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control, with subsequent amendments;



- Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules, with subsequent amendments.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Law 1/2005 on the organization and functioning of the co-operation, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- The Law on Agricultural Co-operation no. 566/2004;
- Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Emergency Ordinance no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture;
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 181 of August 16, 2012 for the approval of the rules regarding the organization of the system of inspection and certification in organic farming, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 1253 of November 6, 2013 for the approval of rules on the registration of operators in organic farming, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 34 of 17 April 2000 on organic food products, as amended and supplemented.

sM 4.1 Support for investments in agricultural holdings

a) Relevant european regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) no. 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions (art. 13);
- Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety;



- Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs;
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC;
- Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Order 111 of 16 December 2008 on the approval of the Sanitary and Veterinary and Food Safety Norms concerning the procedure for veterinary registration and food safety for the production and direct and / or retail sale of food of animal or non-animal origin, and of the production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of food products of non-animal origin;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- Emergency Ordinance no. 41/2016 regarding the establishment of simplification measures at central public administration level and amending and supplementing some normative acts;
- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).

sM 4.1a Support for investments in fruit growing holdings

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 2, 14, 17, 19, 36, 38, 45, 49, 62, 63).

b) Relevant national regulations

- N.A.



sM 4.2 Support for investments in the processing / marketing of agricultural products

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (art. 37).
- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety;
- Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs;
- Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.

b) Relevant national regulations

- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- Order 111 of 16 December 2008 on the approval of the Sanitary and Veterinary and Food Safety Norms concerning the procedure for veterinary registration and food safety for the production and direct and / or retail sale of food of animal or non-animal origin, and of the production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of food products of non-animal origin;
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- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).



sM 4.2a Investments in processing/marketing products in the fruit-growing sector

a) Relevant European Regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 49, 63);
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- Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs.

b) Relevant national regulations

- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- Order 111 of 16 December 2008 on the approval of the Sanitary and Veterinary and Food Safety Norms concerning the procedure for veterinary registration and food safety for the production and direct and / or retail sale of food of animal or non-animal origin, and of the production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of food products of non-animal origin;
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).

sM 4.3 Investments for the development, modernization or adaptation of agricultural and forestry infrastructure

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.



b) Relevant national regulations

- Local Public Administration Law no. 215/2001;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).

sM 6.1 Installation of young farmers

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 2, 19, 49,);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions (art. 2, 5);
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (art. 8)

b) Relevant national regulations

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sM 6.2 Support for the establishment of non-agricultural activities in rural areas

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 19, 27, 49, 50);



- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009;
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006. (art. 65);
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (art. 60)
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions (art. 5);
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (art. 8);
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Law no. 31/1990 regarding the companies with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Law no. 346/2004 on the stimulation of the establishment and development of small and medium-sized enterprises.

sM 6.3 Support for the development of small farms

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 19, 36, 38, 49,);



- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions (art. 5, 13).

b) Relevant national regulations

- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (Art. 16).

SM 6.4 Investing in the creation and development of non-agricultural activities

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented;
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of



the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented;

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, rules on checks, securities and transparency, as amended and supplemented.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Law no. 15/1990 on the reorganization of the state economic units as autonomous regions and commercial companies, with subsequent modifications and completions;
- Law no. 31/1990 on companies - Republication, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Law no. 82/1991 of accounting - Republication, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Law no. 160/1998 for the organization and pursuit of the profession of veterinary;
- Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Law no. 1/2005 regarding the organization and functioning of the cooperative, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 44/2008 on the carrying on of economic activities by authorized natural persons, individual enterprises and family enterprises, as subsequently amended and supplemented, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 182 / 2016;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 142/2008 on the approval of the National Territory Planning Plan Section VIII - Areas with tourist resources, approved by Law 190/2009, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 6/2011 to stimulate the start-up and development of microenterprises by business start-up entrepreneurs, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 66/2011 on the prevention, detection and sanctioning of irregularities in obtaining and using the European funds and / or national public funds related to them, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 49 / 2015 on the financial management of the European non-reimbursable fund related to Common Agricultural Policy, Common Fisheries Policy and Integrated Maritime Policy at the level of the European Union, as well as the funds allocated from the state budget for the programming period 2014 -2020 and



for amending and completing some normative acts in the field of guarantee, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 56/2016;

- Government Ordinance no. 27/2002 regarding the regulation of the activity of solving the petitions, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Government Decision no. 907/2016 on the stages of development and the framework content of the technical and economic documentation related to the public funded investment projects/ objectives;
- Order of NSVFSA no. 17 / 2008 for the approval of the sanitary veterinary norm regarding the registration procedure and the official control of the units where the veterinary care activities are performed;
- MEF Order no. 858/2008 regarding the submission of tax statements by electronic means of distance transmission, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- MEF Order no. 3512/2008 on financial and accounting documents, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Order of NSVFSA no. 16/2010 approving the Sanitary Veterinary Norm regarding the procedure for veterinary registration / authorization of the units/collection centers/holdings of origin and means of transportation in the field of animal health and welfare, of the units involved in the storage and neutralization of the by-products of animal origin not intended for human consumption and of processed products, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- MARD Order no. 22/2011 on the reorganization of the Farm Register, which becomes the Single Identification Registry, in order to access the measures regulated by the common agricultural policy, with the subsequent modifications and completions;
- TNA Order no. 65/2013 with subsequent amendments and completions of the TNA regarding the Norms for classification of tourism structures;
- MPF Order no. 65/2015 on the main aspects related to the preparation and submission of the annual financial statements and the annual accounting reports of the economic operators to the territorial units of the Ministry of Public Finance, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Decision no. 31/1996 approving the Methodology for endorsement of urban planning documentation regarding tourist areas and resorts and technical documentation regarding construction in the field of tourism.

SM 6.5 Scheme for small farmers

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 19, 49);



- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 december 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 37, 61, 64);
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008; (art. 60)
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (art. 65);

b) Relevant national regulations

- Emergency Ordinance no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture.

sM 7.2. Investing in the creation and upgrading of small scale basic infrastructure

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 20, 45, 49, 50, 63);
- Council Directive 98/83 / EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Local Public Administration Law no. 215/2001;
- Ordinance no. 43/1997 on the regime of roads;
- Decision no. 866/2008 amending Government Decision no. 844/2002 on the approval of the nomenclatures of professional qualifications for which the pre-university education is provided, as well as the duration of the schooling;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment;



- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).

sM 7.6 Investing in the creation and development of non-agricultural activities

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 20, 45, 49, 50, 63).

b) Relevant national regulations

- Local Public Administration Law no. 215/2001;
- Order no. 2828/2015 for the amendment of Annex no. 1 to the Order of the Minister of Cults and Culture no. 2.314 / 2004 on the approval of the updated Historical Monuments List and of the Missing Historical Monuments List, as amended;
- Law no. 422/2001 on the protection of historical monuments;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- Order 763 / 05.05.2015 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the selection process and the process of verification of appeals for the projects related to the measures of the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP).

sM. 8.1. Afforestation and creation of wooded areas

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, as amended and supplemented.
- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for



Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments (art. 22, 49, 45).

- Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (art. 16).
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended and supplemented (art. 9).
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented (Title VI).
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 on establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001 (Annex IV).
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provision, as amended and supplemented (art.6).
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented (Annex I).

b) Relevant national regulations

- Land Fund Law no. 18/1991, republished in 1998 (Art. 8).
- Law no. 381/2009 on the introduction of the preventive concordat and the ad hoc mandate (Article 3).
- GEO no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented (Articles 6, 8).
- GD no. 445/2009 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment (Annex 2).



- GEO no. 65/2018 amending the Annex to Law no. 289/2002 regarding the forest protection shelters.
- MARD Order no. 857/2016 for approving the state aid scheme "Support for the first afforestation and the creation of wooded areas".
- Order of the Ministry of Environment no. 1763/2015 for the approval of the Regulation on the attestation of legal entities performing regeneration and maintenance of seeds and plantations, tree care works, as well as the attestation of natural and legal persons carrying out the design and / or execution of land improvement works in the field of forestry.
- MARD Order no. 766/2007 for the approval of Methodological Norms on the prevention, detection, evaluation and approval of losses caused by dangerous meteorological phenomena and other damaging factors to the national forest fund, forest vegetation outside the national forest fund and the installations installed therein.

SM 9.1 Establishment of producer groups in the agricultural sector

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 19, 27, 45, 49, 60);
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (art. 65);
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008; (art. 60)

b) Relevant national regulations

- Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Order no. 358/763/2016 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of Government Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups and organizations for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;



- Law no. 338/2005 for the approval of the Government Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Law no. 346/2004 on the stimulation of the establishment and development of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget.

SM 9.1a Establishment of producer groups in the fruit sector

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 19, 27, 45, 49, 60);
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (art. 65);
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008; (art. 60)

b) Relevant national regulations

- Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Order no. 358/763/2016 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of Government Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups and organizations for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Law no. 338/2005 for the approval of the Government Ordinance no. 37/2005 on the recognition and functioning of producer groups for the marketing of agricultural and forestry products;
- Law no. 346/2004 on the stimulation of the establishment and development of small and medium-sized enterprises;



- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget;

Measure 10. Agro-environment and climate

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments (art. 5, 28, 29, 47, Anexa II).
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended and supplemented (art. 4, 32, 33, 39, 43, 45, 93, Annex II).
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented (art. 67, 72, Title VI).
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions, as amended and supplemented (art. 7, 8).
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance, as amended and supplemented (art. 22);
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance, as amended and supplemented (art. 13, 24, 63).

b) Relevant national regulations

- GEO no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented (art. 2, 8, 30);



- Order no. 619/2015 for the approval of the eligibility criteria, the specific conditions and the way of implementation of the payment schemes provided for in art. 1 par. (2) and (3) of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as well as the specific conditions for implementation for the compensatory rural development measures applicable to agricultural lands, stipulated in the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (art.11);
- Order no. 352/636/54/2015 for approving cross-compliance rules for farm support schemes and measures in Romania;
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 18).
- Order no. 68/2017 on the approval of the sanctions systems for measures 10 "Agri-environment and Climate" 11, "Organic Farming" and 13 "Payments for areas facing natural constraints or other specific constraints", foreseen in the National Rural Development Programme 2014- 2020, and for measure 214 "Agri-environment payments" foreseen in the National Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, related to payment requests submitted since 2017 (Section 3).

Measure 11 Organic agriculture

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 december 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended and supplemented (art. 9, 4, 43).
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented (art. 67,72, 58, 59, 63).
- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments (art. 2, 29, 47).
- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (art. 17, 27, 28).
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard



to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance, as amended and supplemented (art. 13).

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented (Annex I).
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (art. 40).

b) Relevant national regulations

- Order no. 1182/2005 on the approval of the Code of good agricultural practices for the protection of waters against pollution by nitrates from agricultural sources.
- Order no. 352/636/54/2015 approving cross-compliance rules for farm support schemes and measures in Romania.
- Order no. 1253/2013 for the approval of rules on the registration of operators in organic farming (Article 2).
- Order no. 619/2015 for the approval of the eligibility criteria, the specific conditions and the way of implementation of the payment schemes provided for in art. 1 par. (2) and (3) of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as well as the specific conditions for implementation for the compensatory rural development measures applicable to agricultural lands, stipulated in the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (art.11);
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 2, 3, 18).
- GEO no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented (art. 6, 8, 17, 30).
- MARD Order no. 999/2016 on the approval of the system of cross-compliance sanctions starting with 2016.
- Order no. 68/2017 on the approval of the sanctions systems for measures 10 "Agri-environment and Climate" 11, "Organic Farming" and 13 "Payments for areas facing natural constraints or other specific constraints" (Annex no. 2).



Measure 13 Payments for areas experiencing natural constraints or other specific constraints

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments (art. 31).
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented (art. 67, 72, 91, 92).
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 december 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended and supplemented (art. 1, 9).
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance, as amended and supplemented (art. 16).

b) Relevant national regulations

- GEO no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented (art. 6, 8).
- Order no. 619/2015 for the approval of the eligibility criteria, the specific conditions and the way of implementation of the payment schemes provided for in art. 1 par. (2) and (3) of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture, as well as the specific conditions for implementation for the compensatory rural development measures applicable to agricultural lands, stipulated in the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (art.11).

sM 15.1 Payments for forestry commitments

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural



Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments (art. 34, art. 27, Anexa II).

- Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (art.1).
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008, as amended and supplemented (Titlul VI).
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 on establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001 (Annex IV).
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (art. 65).
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Law no. 46/2008, Forestry Code (Article 1).
- Law no. 381/2009 on the introduction of the preventive concordat and the ad hoc mandate (art. 3).
- GEO no. 77/2014 on national procedures in the field of state aid, as well as for amending and completing the Competition Law no. 21/1996.
- MARD Order no. 1002/2016 regarding the approval of the state aid scheme "Forest services, climate services and forest conservation".
- Order of the Ministry of Environment and Forests no. 1540/2011 for the approval of the Instructions on the deadlines, modalities and periods of collecting, removing and transporting timber.
- GEO no. 3/2015 for the approval of payment schemes that apply in agriculture in the period 2015-2020 and for the modification of art. 2 of the Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies



and other forms of association in agriculture, as subsequently amended and supplemented (art. 8).

- MARD Order no. 45/2017 on the approval of the standard payment form for the year 2017.

sM 16.1 Support for the establishment and functioning of Operational Groups (OG), for the development of pilot projects, new products in the agricultural sector

16.1a Support for the establishment and functioning of Operational Groups (OG), for the development of pilot projects, new products in the fruit-growing sector

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 35.1, 45, 57.3, 55.1, 55.2, 49.2, 49.3, 57.3, 63, 65.11).

b) Relevant national regulations

- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 6);
- Order no. 21/2018 regarding the approval of the Regulation for the organization and functioning of the evaluation, selection and contestation process for the Calls for Expressions of Interest (CEI) related to sub-measure 16.1 "Support for the establishment and functioning of the Operational Groups (OG), for development of pilot projects, new products in the agricultural sector "and 16.1a" Support for the establishment and functioning of Operational Groups (GO), for the development of pilot projects, products and processes in the fruit sector "of the 2014-2020 National Rural Development Programme - Phase I (Article 3.1, 3.3, 10.6, 11, 12.1, 14.1);
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 6, 11, 12.1, 14.1).

16.4 Support for horizontal and vertical cooperation between stakeholders of the supply chain in the agricultural sector

16.4a Support for horizontal and vertical cooperation between stakeholders of the supply chain in the fruit-growing sector

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 27.3, 35.1, 35.2, 49.1, 49.2, 60, 63).



b) Relevant national regulations

- Law no. 37/2015 on the classification of farms and agricultural holdings (Article 1);
- GD no. 226 of 2 April 2015 establishing the general framework for the implementation of the measures of the national rural development program co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the state budget (art. 6, 14.1).

sM 19.1 Preparatory support

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented;
- Delegate Regulation (EU) no. 480/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 laying down rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Agreement delegating tasks related to the implementation of measures under the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 41/2014 on the establishment, organization and functioning of the Agency for Financing Rural Investments, by reorganizing the Paying Agency for Rural Development and Fisheries;
- Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 on associations and foundations, as amended;
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 531 of March 13, 2015 regarding the approval of the conditions for the submission of the applications for the measure 4-Sub-measure 4.1 "Investment in agricultural holdings", 6-Sub-measure 6.1 "Support for the installation of young farmers", 19-Sub-measure 19.1 - Preparatory



support for the development of Local Development Strategies (LDS) and aid applications for measures 10 - Agri-environment and Climate, 11 - Organic Farming and 13 - Payments for areas experiencing natural constraints or other specific constraints, from the National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, prior to its approval by the European Commission.

- Decision no. 1185 of 29 December 2014 on the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Emergency Ordinance no. 49 of 23 October 2015 on the financial management of European non-reimbursable funds related to Common Agricultural Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy and Integrated Maritime Policy at the level of the European Union, as well as the funds allocated from the state budget for the 2014-2020 programming period and for amending and completing some normative acts in the field of guarantee.

sM 19.2 Support for the implementation of actions within the local development strategy

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented;
- Delegate Regulation (EU) no. 480/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013;
- Implementing Regulation (EU) No. No 215/2014 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 1303/2013;
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard



to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance;

- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 907/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013. Regulation (UE) nr. 834/2014 al Comisiei de stabilire a normelor pentru aplicarea cadrului comun de monitorizare și evaluare a PAC;
- Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products;
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid;
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Government Decision no. 30/2017 regarding the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, as well as for the modification of art. 6 par. (6) of the Government Decision no. 1.186 / 2014 on the organization and functioning of the Authority for the Administration of the National Anti-Hail and Precipitation System;
- Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 on associations and foundations, as amended;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 49 / 2015 on the financial management of the European non-reimbursable fund related to Common Agricultural Policy, Common Fisheries Policy and Integrated Maritime Policy at the level of the European Union, as well as the funds allocated from the state budget for the programming period 2014 -2020 and for amending and completing some normative acts in the field of guarantee, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 56/2016;
- Law no. 98/2016 on public procurement.



sM 19.3 Preparation and implementation of LAG cooperation activities

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, as amended and supplemented;
- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (art. 17, 45, 46, 49, 63);
- Regulation (EU) no. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 december 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (art. 4);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions, as amended and supplemented;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as amended and supplemented;
- Delegate Regulation (EU) no. 480/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 laying down rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013;
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 907/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to paying agencies



and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro;

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013. Regulamentul (UE) nr. 834/2014 al Comisiei de stabilire a normelor pentru aplicarea cadrului comun de monitorizare și evaluare a PAC.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 49 / 2015 on the financial management of the European non-reimbursable fund related to Common Agricultural Policy, Common Fisheries Policy and Integrated Maritime Policy at the level of the European Union, as well as the funds allocated from the state budget for the programming period 2014 -2020 and for amending and completing some normative acts in the field of guarantee, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 56/2016;
- Law no. 98/2016 on public procurement, as amended and supplemented;
- Government Decision no. 1860/2006 on the rights and obligations of the personnel of public authorities and institutions during the delegation and posting in another locality, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Decision no. 714/2018 on the rights and obligations of the staff of public authorities and institutions during their delegation and posting to another locality;
- Government Decision no. 518/1995 regarding some rights and obligations of the Romanian personnel sent abroad for the fulfillment of temporary missions, with the subsequent modifications and completions;
- Law no. 571/2003 on the Fiscal Code, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

SM 19.4 Support for running and animation costs

a) Relevant European regulations

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, as amended and supplemented;
- Delegate Regulation (EU) no. 480/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 of 7 March 2014 laying down rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional



Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund with regard to methodologies for climate change support, the determination of milestones and targets in the performance framework and the nomenclature of categories of intervention for the European Structural and Investment Funds;

- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, with subsequent amendments;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions;
- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008.
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 907/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 of 6 August 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 834/2014 laying down rules for the application of the common monitoring and evaluation framework of the common agricultural policy.

b) Relevant national regulations

- Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 on associations and foundations, as amended;
- Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 1.571 / 2014 regarding the approval of the Reference price database for specialized agricultural machinery, equipment and equipment to be used within the framework of the National Rural Development Programme, as subsequently amended and supplemented;



- Law no. 98/2016 on public procurement, as amended and supplemented;
- Law no. 176/2010 on integrity in the exercise of public functions and dignities, amending and completing the Law no. 144/2007 regarding the establishment, organization and functioning of the National Integrity Agency, as well as for the modification and completion of other normative acts;
- Government Decision no. 1860/2006 on the rights and obligations of the personnel of public authorities and institutions during the delegation and posting in another locality, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Government Decision no. 518/1995 regarding some rights and obligations of the Romanian personnel sent abroad for the fulfillment of temporary missions, with the subsequent modifications and completions;
- Labor Code of 24 January 2003 (Law No 53 of 24 January 2003) - republication;
- Law no. 78 of 24 June 2014 regulating volunteering in Romania, as amended and supplemented.