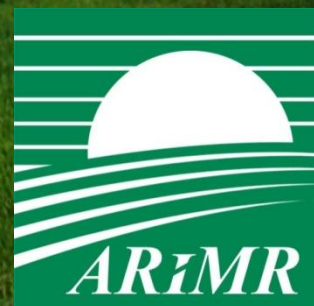


Facilitating access to funding for potential beneficiaries - Polish example

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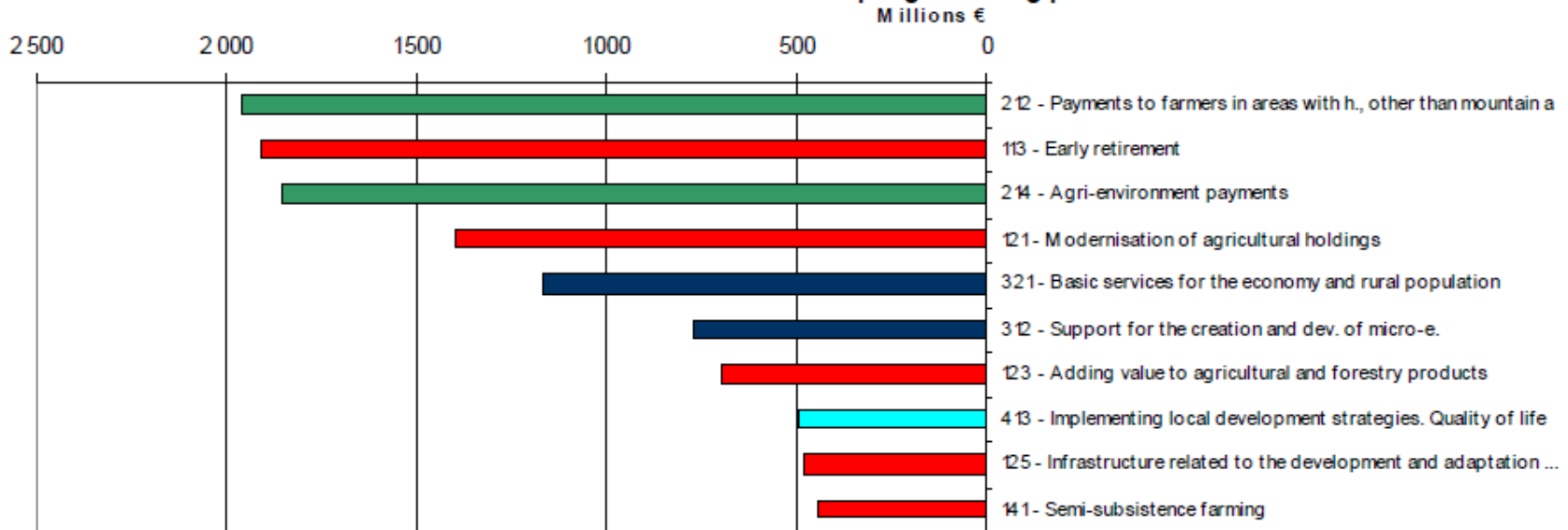
Axis 1. 43%
 Axis 2. 30.9%
 Axis 3. 20,1%
 Axis 4. 4,5%
 Technical assistance. 1,5%

Polish RDP 2007-2013

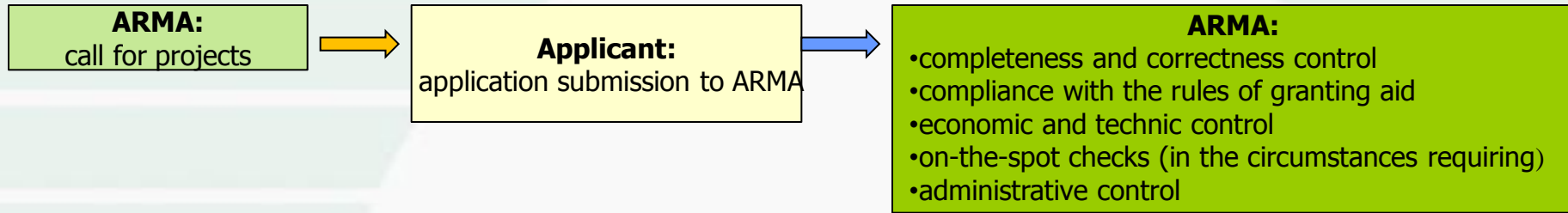
- ❑ Area of Poland – 312 000 km²
- ❑ The Polish rural areas - 39% inhabitants of Poland population
- ❑ Number of farmers (Farm Register) – 2 mln
- ❑ Average size of the holding – 10,23 ha (increasing)
- ❑ ARMA’s beneficiaries profile of 23. RDP measures: farmers, rural citizens, food enterprises, producer groups, LAGs, self-governments, state forestry, fishers sector

EAFRD contribution	Total public expenditure	Private expenditure
13,39 bilion EUR	17,41 bilion EUR	7,39 bilion EUR

The main RD measures of the 2007-2013 programming period - Poland



121. Farm modernisation



Pre-selection process

- in the application form: clearly marked data which are necessary for passing pre-selection process: ex. Farm identification number;
- necessary attachments the application form: Farm Development Plan

Improvements in the application procedures:

- active version PDF format allows to prepare, check and print application form, payment application and Farm Development Plan (self-updating formulas)
- information about agriculture holding:
 - ✓ concernig crop production vs. IACS system
 - ✓ concerning animal production vs. IACS sub-system (Animal Identification and Registration System)
- applicant can one time change summary of material and financial operation but the aim of the operation can't be changed
- unification of application for all investment measures: one application form for payment; one application form for advanced payment for all investment measures
- no attestation of tax delay and no attestation of social security delay
- possibility of obvious errors corrections under administrative control: for ex. personal identification number (PESEL), National Official Business Register number (REGON)

OUTCOME:

- shortening of time for application processing
- shortening of time for contract signing



214. Agri-environmental payments

call for projects	• 15.03- 15 .05 + 25 days
completeness and correctness check	• 15.03 - 08.07 (successively)
administrative control	• 06.06 - 10.10
evaluation after on-the-spot check report	• successively with information after on-the-spot check
calculation of payment	• second period of november
decision	• 1.12 year of project submission - 1.03 next year
payment	• max. 30.06 year after project submission

Primary selection of projects:

with cooperation of agriculture advisory to prepare Agri-environment Plan for agriculture holding

Improvements in the application procedures:

- PA information about parcels under sub-measure organic farming from Certifying Bodies
- part of *cross compliance* requirements controled on the spot by Veterinary Inspections = information directly to PA informatic system
- from 2010 campaign: personalized application form distributed to the formers unique application form for most of area payments (direct payments, LFA, agri-environment payments) => declaration of parcels
- from 2011 campaign: electronic platform allows farmer to submit application 24/7 during campaign

OUTCOME:

- shortening of time for application processing
- elimination of most common errors with parcels declaration,
- limitation of administrative checks with Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS)
- PA official can use additional informations submitted by the farmer with errors management concerning other measures

321. Basic services for the economy and rural population

Beneficiaries: local community (gmina)

- submit application
- claim for payment



Implementing Body: Regional government

- administrative check and ranking list
- verification of compliance with the agreement
- agreement between beneficiary and RG
- payment order



Payment Agency: ARMA

- payment

Improvements in the application procedures:

- no special attestation IACS number => information about number of beneficiary from IACS system
- no special information about unemployment at the district level and water supply and sewage network density necessary for ranking list => information from statistic information prepared by Local Statistic Offices
- no attestation describing project double funding from other european funds: structural funds/Cohesion Fund/ERDF => cross check with SIMIK system
- no attestation of National Official Business Register number (REGON) => information from statistic database run by Central Statistic Office www.stat.gov.pl
- no attestation about private funds designated to project

OUTCOME:



- elimination the administrative burden
- shortening of time for application processing



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