



Amendments to 2014-2020 Rural development programmes

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OUTLINE

1) State-of-play of amendments of 2014-2020 RDPs

2) Main rules for 2014-2020 rural development program modifications



Coordination and complementarity with ESI Funds

European
Level

Common Provisions Regulation for ESI Funds

- Covering the EAFRD, ERDF, ESF, CF, EMFF
- Reflecting EU2020 through 11 common thematic objectives to be addressed by key actions for each of the funds

National
Level

Partnership Agreement

National document outlining the intended use of the funds in the pursuit of EU2020 objectives

National or
Regional
Level

Rural Development Programme(s)

(Other funds' operational programmes)

State-of-play of amendments to 2014-2020 RDPs

Snapshot: November 2015





Layers of applicable EU legislation for amendments

- Common Provisions Regulation (R 1303/2013) for ESIF programs and for Partnership Agreements (PA)
- Code of conduct on partnership in framework of ESIF (R 240/2014)
- Rural development Basic Act (BA) (R 1305/2013)
- Rural Development Implementing Regulation (R 808/2014)

Types of amendments, deadlines, other key elements

General deadlines:

- 1 month deadline for COM provide observations on program amendments
- 3 month for approval of amendments (2 months – performance reserve)
- 42 working days for minor amendments
- Period suspending deadlines: between COM observation- receiving MS reply

RDP amendment may have effect on Partnership Agreement.

Role of Monitoring Committee: need to be consulted and where it considers appropriate give its opinion on amendments.

Provision	Amendments covered	Types of approval	Frequency-timing
Art.11 (a)BA	(i) 50% change in target, focus area (change in program strategy) (ii) EAFRD contribution rate for one or more measure (iii) entire EU contribution/annual distribution on program level	COM decision- implementing act	11(a)(i) max. 3 times/programming period others: once per calendar year
Art.11(b) BA	Any other: (i)remove/include measure/operation (ii)changes in measure description (eligibility conditions) (iii)transfer of funds between measures under different contribution rate	COM approval- implementing act	Once per calendar year 42 working days: minor amendments (less than 5% of total EAFRD contribution+ less than 20% of allocation of measure)-> otherwise tacit agreement
Art.11(c) BA	Purely clerical, editorial corrections (without effect on implementation of policy/measures)	No COM approval	Anytime

Rural development implementing rules

RDP + programs for national rural networks+ National Framework amendment

Content (RDP+NRN)

- Type pf amendment
- Reason/justification
- Expected effects
- Impact on indicators
- Relation with PA

Timing- frequency

- Main rule: once per year
- Last dates for amendments (2020/2023)

Flexibility-no limitation of frequency on amendments

- emergency measures,
- due to EU legislation change,
- performance review,
- transfer between CAP pillars

Thank you for your attention!