



2014-2020 Rural Development Plans Opportunities for Flood Management

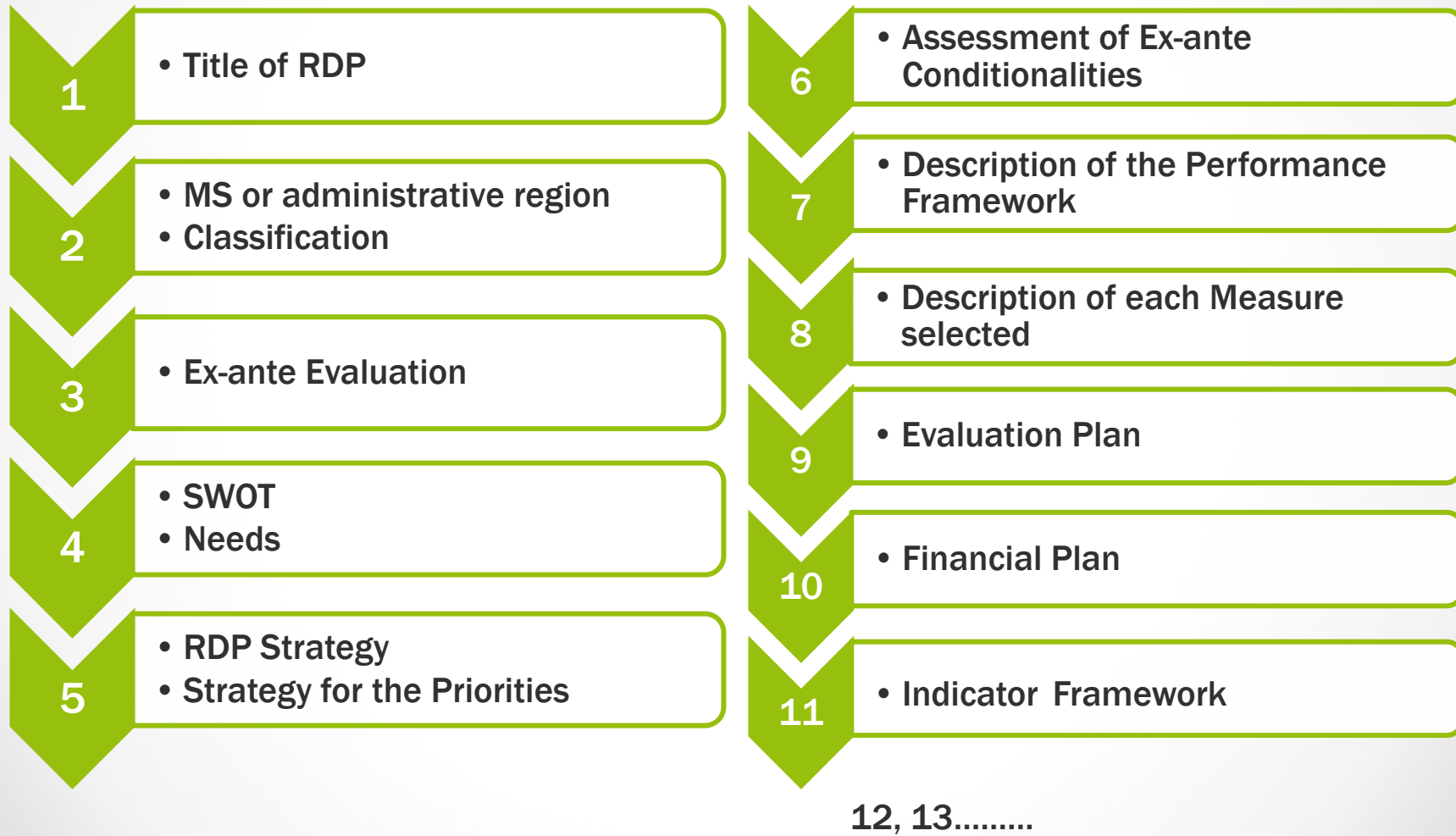
Structure

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 - NEEDS
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Introduction to Rural Development 2014-2020

- EAFRD has a 7-year policy cycle
- Aims to improving competitiveness of agriculture while at the same time ensuring sustainable management of NR and climate and achieving a balanced territorial development of rural economies
- 6 main priorities
 - Priority 3b: Supporting farm risk prevention and management
 - Priority 4b: Improving water management
- MS develop plans (national, regional) outlining pressures, objectives, measures and financing
- Farmers, landowners, communities, associations commit to 5-year projects/measures

Structure of the RDPs



Rural Development Planning Process

- Draft RDPs submitted to COM by end July
- AGRI conduct Inter-service consultation (ISC)
 - comments sent by DG ENV
- AGRI send observation letter to MS
- Meetings between DG AGRI (&ENV for key issues) and MS to address observations
- MS send draft final RDPs
- Final ISC
- Adoption of RDPs (deadline end Dec 2014)

Aim and Approach of Project

- Support COM – Water unit in comments to MS
- Focus on how the RDPs take into account water management
- Analysed 107 national and regional plans
 - Focus on the Intervention logic:
SWOT → Needs → Strategy → Measures → Budget
 - Ensuring focus on positive water/flood measures



SWOT – NEEDS – STRATEGY

SWOT

1. Does the general description mention flood as a problem for rural areas?
2. Do the weaknesses properly link back to the pressures mentioned in the RDP?
3. Is there recognition of the opportunities for NWRMs?

Needs

- Needs identified in relation to the pressures identified
- Specific needs exclusive to flooding
- Well described
- Links to the FD

Strategy

1. Emphasis of Flood Management in general Strategy
2. Emphasis of NWRMs under Priority 3b and 4b

- 1. Achieve the ecological functioning of water bodies, taking into account the flood protection requirements**
- 2. Implementation of the WFD and restoration of water bodies**

Measures

Opportunities

- M4 (Article 1) – Non-productive investments
- M5 (Art. 18) Restoring agri production potential damaged by natural disasters and prevention actions
- M7 (Art. 20) Basic services and village renewal
- M8 (Art. 21-26) Investments in Forests
- M10 (Art. 28) Agri-Environment-climate measures
- M16 (Art. 35) Cooperation

Examples

- Land consolidation for increasing the retention capacity of landscape
- Land swaps
- Dike relocation
- Space for Rivers
- Improve the water balance in the supported afforested and neighbouring areas
- Afforestation of riparian areas
- Preserve or re-establish native trees along river margins
- Targeted planting of forests in headwater areas
- Forests as large-scale water pumps
- Re-meandering of forestry-affected rivers
- Introduction of flood resistant crops



Targeting – flood risk maps

Measures – Continued

What did we question?

- Emphasis on hard defence
 - New Dike construction
 - Retention walls
 - Reservoirs
- No prioritisation of NWRMs over hard defence
- No link to maintaining/not degrading WB status
- No link to the Floods Directive
- No targeting of flood risk areas

Final Considerations

1. Get the Intervention logic right for Flooding issues
 - Proper SWOT – clear depiction of flooding problems
 - Define Needs in line with objectives of the FD
 - Include the FD as a clear consideration under Priority 3b and 4b
 - Make sure to include measures that address flooding pressures
2. Take a coherent approach to flood management
 - Prioritise soft measures over hard measures
 - Link flooding and restoration measures with the Floods Directive
3. Targeting of measures is essential
 - Use of flood risk management plans
4. Allow cooperation opportunities
 - **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LANDSCAPE SCALE!**

Final Considerations

Deadline	Issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final RDPs established for next 7 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish funding framework for c 20% of the CAP budget for Reporting format Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26.05.2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative arrangements to be in place and to be notified to the commission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will define the FRMPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut-off date transitional measure (availability of existing tools).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary flood risk assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you expect now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public participation process starts (publication of mechanism and timetable for consultation).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary flood risk assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public participation process starts (publication of mechanism and timetable for consultation).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USE ENV comments to negotiate for improved RDPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood hazard and risk maps.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood risk management plans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd preliminary flood risk assessment, specific requirement on climate change Commission's first implementation report due.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd flood hazard and risk maps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.12.2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of 1st flood risk management cycle.

Thank you for your attention!



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