

Priorities of European Rural Development Policy

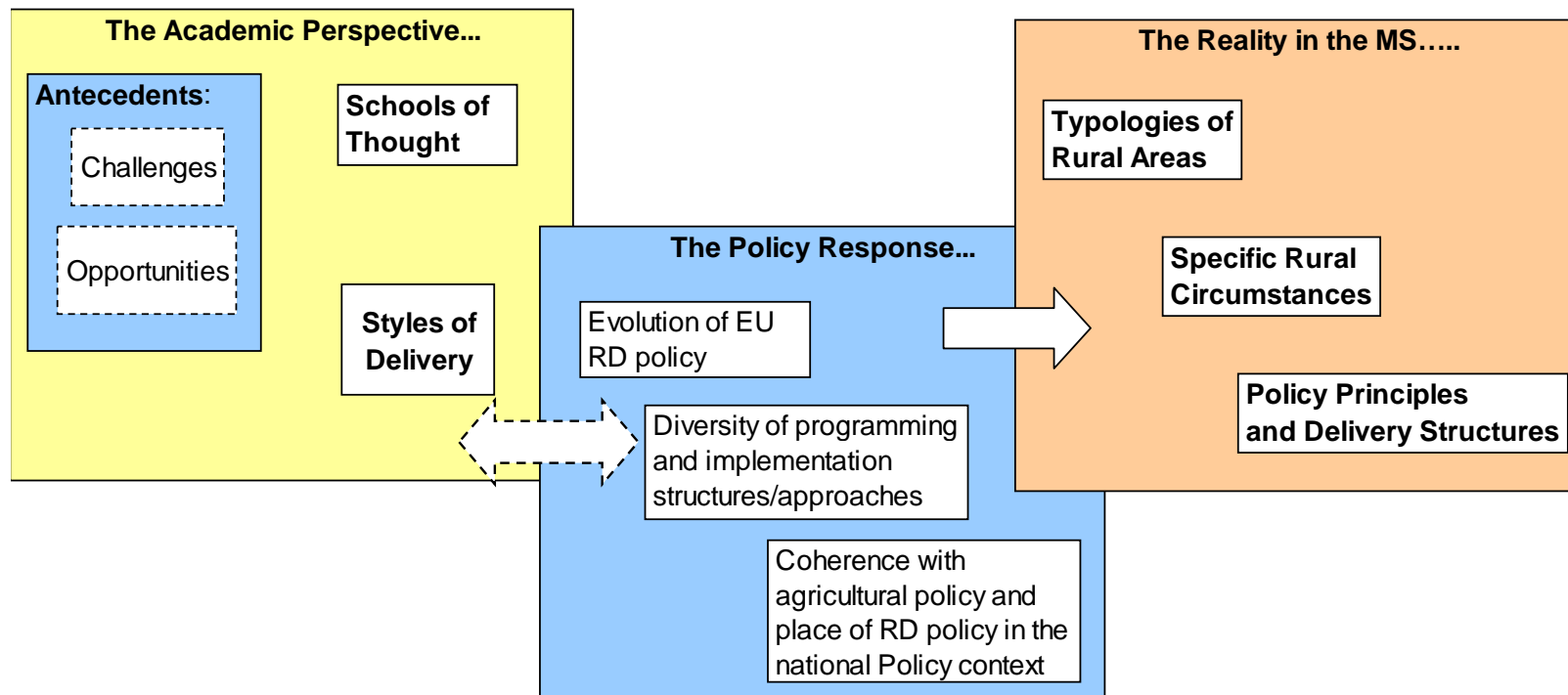
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Pillar 2 in context



What can planned expenditure patterns tell us about EU and MS priorities?

Two kinds of “prioritisation”:

- a) Geographical – Cohesion, Lisbon, Gothenburg etc
 - Initial Allocation to MS, and subsequent impact of co-funding
 - Regional allocation within MS
 - Patterns of “intensity”

- b) Thematic – evolution in response to changing rural context and theoretical shifts...
 - Territorial v Sectoral
 - Between Rural Development Themes

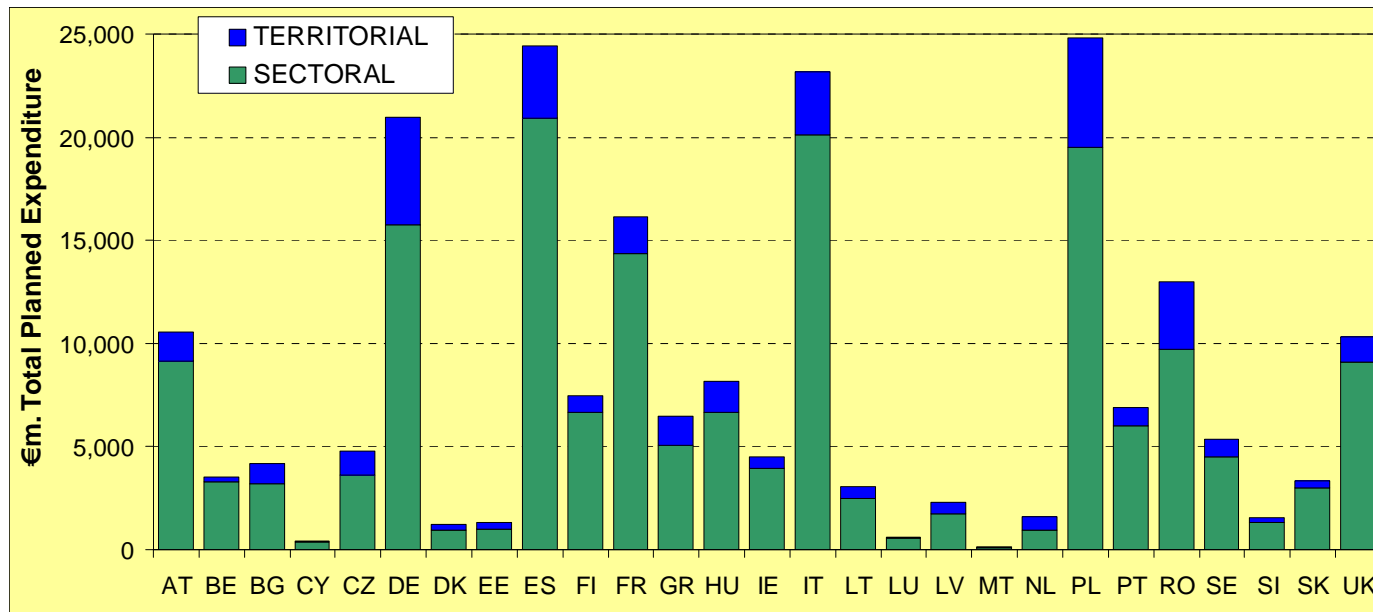
Geographical Priorities

- Initial Allocation reflected historical patterns + convergence criteria + “objective criteria” (of need).
- Impact of (private and “other public”) co-funding:
 - EU15: Total Budget 2.7x EAFRD (all MS except IE and PT increase share).
 - NMS12: Total Budget 1.8x EAFRD (all MS shares decrease)
- There are forms of “Targeting” within the criteria for particular measures – on an individual beneficiary level.
- Targeting is intrinsic to the LFA measures.

Geographical Priorities

- Most (National) RDP do not pre-allocate funds to regions.
- Those which do, use rather simple allocation devices (historic patterns, number of holdings, proportion of UAA etc)
- Little evidence of deliberate strategies at MS level to reflect Lisbon objectives, or Territorial Cohesion objectives.
- Some MS have regional programmes...
- Comparisons of patterns of intensity (per holding, per Ha., per AWU, per ESU) very difficult to interpret – issues with harmonisation of denominators etc.

Prioritisation by Theme



EU27 17% "Territorial"

EU15 15% "Territorial"

NMS12 22% "Territorial"

NL, MT, EE, RO, LV, DE all >25% "Territorial"

CY, FI, FR, PT, SK, and UK all 85-90% "Sectoral"

Measure ↓	Group →	A1: Physical Capital	A2: Quality and marketing	B1: LFA + oth. Direct Payments	B2: Agri-Environment	B3: Forestry	C1: Human Capital	C2: Local Capacity	D1: Rural Diversification	D2: Quality of Life
111	Vocational training and information actions						x			
112	Young farmers						x			
113	Early retirement						x			
114	Use of farm advisory services						x			
115	Setting up of farm management, relief and advisory and forestry advisory services						x			
121	Farm/forestry investments	x								
122	Improvement of economic value of forests	x								
123	Processing and marketing		x							
124	Co-operation for innovation	x								
125	Agricultural/forestry infrastructure	x								
126	Restoring agricultural production potential	x								
131	Meeting standards temporary support		x							
132	Food quality incentive scheme		x							
133	Food quality promotion		x							
141	Semi-subsistence (only for new MS)	x								
142	Setting-up producer groups (only for new MS)		x							
143	Direct Payment (BG + RO)			x						
211	Mountain LFA			x						
212	Other areas with handicaps			x						
213	Natura 2000 agricultural areas				x					
214	Agri-environment				x					
215	Animal welfare (compulsory)				x					
216	Support for non-productive investments				x					
221	Afforestation of agricultural land					x				
222	Agroforestry establishment					x				
223	Afforestation of non-agricultural land					x				
224	Natura 2000 forest areas					x				
225	Forest environment					x				
226	Restoring forestry production potential					x				
227	Support for non-productive investments					x				
311	Diversification to non-agricultural activities								x	
312	Support for micro-enterprises								x	
313	Encouragement of tourism activities								x	
321	Basic services for the rural economy and population (setting up and infrastructure)									x
322	Renovation and development of villages									x
323	Protection and conservation of the rural heritage									x
331	Training and information						x			
341	Skills acquisition, animation and implementation						x			
411	LEADER (Axis 1)							x		
412	LEADER (Axis 2)							x		
413	LEADER (Axis 3)							x		
421	Cooperation Projects							x		
431	Skills and animation of LAGs							x		
511	Technical Assistance							x		
611	Direct Payments (BG, RO)?			x						

- A - Primary Sector Competitiveness (blue)**
- B - Agri-Environment and Forestry (green)**
- C - Human Capital and Local Capacity (yellow)**
- D - Wider Rural Development (red)**

(Public Expenditure Only)

Type	MS	Total Budget	% of Total EU27 Budget
ABCD	CY, EE, IT.	17,937	12.1
ACBD	ES, LT, PT.	21,254	14.3
ACDB	BE, GR, HU.	11,382	7.7
ADBC	RO	9,971	6.7
ADCB	LV.	1,362	0.9
PSC Types	(11 MS)	61,905	41.7
BACD	FR, LU.	12,312	8.3
BADC	SL, SK.	3,722	2.5
BCAD	AT, DK.	8,653	5.8
BCDA	FI, IE, SE, UK.	23,533	15.8
BDAC	CZ.	3,616	2.4
AEF Types	(11 MS)	51,835	34.9
CDAB	PL.	17,218	11.6
HCLC Types	(1 MS)	17,218	11.6
DABC	DE.	13,214	8.9
DACB	BG, MT, NL.	4,315	2.9
WRD Types	(4 MS)	17,529	11.8
EU27		148,487	100.0

- Strong emphasis on PS Competitiveness (S and NMS) and Agri-Environment (N EU15).
- Evidence of a shift by several major MS towards Human Capital, Local Capacity and Wider Rural Development.



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