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WORKSHOP 2

Verifiability and controllability of Rural Development Programs by
Paying Agency

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- ECA Annual Reports reveals a high “MLE” in RDP expenditure

	2011	2012
Market measures and direct aids	2,9%	3,8%
Rural Development, environment, fisheries and health (1)	7,7%	7,9%

^[1] Expenditure related with RD represents more than 85%

- MS Control Statistics reveals high error rate for RDP measures
- Director DG AGRI included a reservation related with RDP expenditure in the Assurance Declaration of 2011 and 2012

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Actions – Current period

- 2013: MS Action Plans for the reduction of error rates in RDP
- 2013-2014: follow up meetings of action plans

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Actions – 2014-2020 period

- Art. 62 of EAFRD Regulation (EU) 1305/2013

NEW - obligation to conduct the assessment

- Member States shall ensure that all measures are verifiable and controllable
- The Managing Authority and the paying agency shall provide an ex ante assessment of the verifiability and controllability of the measures

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Actions – 2014-2020 period

- Art. 62 of EAFRD Regulation (EU) 1305/2013
 - They shall also undertake the assessment of the verifiability and controllability of measures during the implementation
 - It shall take into account the results of controls in the previous and current programming period
 - Where the assessment reveals that the requirements of verifiability and controllability are not met the measures concerned shall be adjusted accordingly

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Actions – 2014-2020 period

- LN – DG AGRI specific meeting – March 2013
- 33rd Conference Directors PA - Workshop on “The High Error Rate in Rural Development Measures” - April 2013
- Guidance from COM
 - Comission Staff Working Document on the assessment of root causes of errors in the implementation of RD policy and corrective actions
 - Guidance fiche

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Workshop 2 – Proposed work

Questions:

***Ex ante* assessment**

- What went well/what should be improved (main problems/obstacles and how to overcome) at PA level and between MA and PA
- Main changes introduced in RDP
- Main mitigating/remedial actions proposed in order to reduce error rate (breakdown to area or animal related measures and investment measures)

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Questions:

Assessment during the implementation of RDP

- “Lessons learned” from the *ex ante* assessment (exchange of good practices between MS)
- How to make the assessment effective and timely in order to obtain concrete results in the error rate
- Role of PAs during the implementation of the measures (cooperation with various national bodies co responsible for the national legislation affecting the implementation of RD measures and the eligibility rules).

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Thank you for your attention!