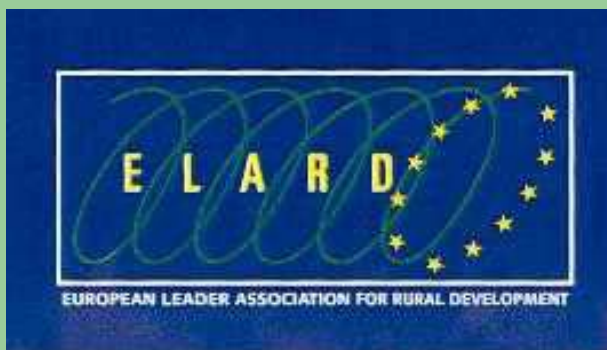


# THE REDR, THE SPANISH NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN AND THE RD REGIONAL PROGRAMMES



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# RURAL FACTS IN SPAIN

- More than 7.000 villages.
- Almost 90% of Spanish Territory.
- 24,4% of population.
- Level of rural incomes < urban areas.
- Public services to be improved.
- Lack of infrastructures.
- Social Security to be improved.

# THE SPANISH NETWORK FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (**REDR**)

- **NON PROFIT ORGANISATION**, DEMOCRATIC, OPEN TO ALL NEW MEMBERS, BASED ON AN INTEGRAL AND SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL.
- **217 LAG´S ASSOCIATED** (LEADER, PRODER & INTERTERRITORIAL), OF A TOTAL OF 306 (+/- 75% OF THEM).
- **13 REGIONAL NETWORKS** ASSOCIATED AND OTHER UNDER CONSTITUTION.
- FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK **ELARD** (under constitution an Iberoamerican Network for Rural Development –**RIDER--**).

# OUR PIRAMIDAL STRUCTURES

We have followed the “bottom-up” philosophy of LEADER for building up our structures (from local to European):

- 4. **EUROPEAN** LEVEL: **ELARD (1999)**.
- 3. **NATIONAL** LEVEL: **REDR (1995)**.
- 2. **REGIONAL/AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES** LEVEL: **REGIONAL NETWORKS (1993)**.
- 1. TERRITORIAL/**LOCAL** LEVEL: **LAG’S (1990)**.

# **WE WORK AS A NETWORK TO...**

- **REPRESENT OUR PARTNERS (LAGs) IN FRONT OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE and other Ministries.**
- **MUTUALLY SUPPORT AND DEFEND COMMON INTERESTS.**
- **FACILITATE THE COOPERATION (Interterritorial & Transnational).**
- **FOSTER THE PARTICIPATION, EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGES, EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES BETWEEN MEMBERS.**

# WE WORK AS A NETWORK TO...

- **OFFER SERVICES TO OUR PARTNERS** (technical assistance; financial, legal, accounting; inserences; training; contact with media), not covered by the Regional Networks.
- **DISSEMINATE a PARTICIPATIVE METHODOLOGY**, the bottom-up approach, to allow the citizens of the rural areas to be the protagonist/leaders of their future.
- **SPREAD AND DEFEND the important role that the GALs** have played in each Spanish Region.
- **DEMAND TRUE RURAL POLICIES TO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND TO THE MEMBER STATES** (in our country and others).

# KEY RD ELEMENTS IN SPAIN FOR THE PERIOD 2007-2013 (1)

- 0) Next meeting with MAPA 11/07/06
- 1) Implementation of the Community Strategic Guidelines (see Annex) in **ONE National Strategy Plan (NSP)** on Rural Development.
- The **LEADER approach** will be implemented in **Axes 1, 2 and 3** of Regulation (CE) 1698/2005 with, **at least, 10%** of the available budget (double of the minimum 5% established in Regulation). It is up to the Regional /Autonomous Governments to increase this percentage.

# KEY RD ELEMENTS IN SPAIN FOR THE PERIOD 2007-2013 (2)

- **Possible distribution per Axes** proposed by the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture (according to the contacts with Regional Governments):
  - Axe 1: 55% of EAFRD (Axe with the biggest budget, horizontal - where historically more % of public budgeted has been concentrated- and priority measures –according to each territory-).
  - Axe 2: 30% of EAFRD (managed through “Territorial Contrat”, horizontal and priority measures)
  - Axe 3: 15% (pending of the final decision of the RD programmes) of EAFRD (horizontal and common elements)
  - Axe 4: ( )% of EAFRD (minimum 10% and application to the three Axes, according to Regional Governments).

# KEY RD ELEMENTS IN SPAIN FOR THE PERIOD 2007-2013 (3)

- 2) **17 Regional Programmes** (instead of a Single Programme), one per Regional/Autonomous Government, which will complement the Horizontal Measures with their own regional specificity.
- 3) An **18th specific Programme** managed by the Ministry of Agriculture for creation and functioning of the **National Rural Network** (4 working areas):
  - Coordination with the European Rural Network
  - Cooperation inter & transnat. (Horizontal measure)
  - Contact Point LEADER LAGs
  - Pilot projects and other fonctions.

**Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**

Community Strategic Guidelines (Annex).

1 National Strategy Plan (NSP)

1 National Framework

**• 17 REGIONAL PROGRAMMES:**

- Andalucía
- Aragón
- Asturias
- Baleares
- Canarias
- Cantabria
- Castilla-León
- Castilla-La Mancha

- Cataluña
- Extremadura
- Galicia
- Madrid
- Murcia
- Navarra
- La Rioja
- Cdad Valenciana
- País Vasco.

# Programming

- **1 National Framework**
  - Working-out after the National Strategy Plan (NSP)
  - Approved by Community Decision
  - Contain common elements for the Regional Programmes: horizontal measures and general criteria of key/basic character.
- **17 Regional Programmes**
  - Working-out after the National Framework
  - Approved by Community Decision
  - 17 Regional Programmes, one per Regional/Autonomous Government, which will complement the Horizontal Measures with their own regional specificities.
  - Each Programme will contain:
    - Ex - ante Evaluation
    - Justification of priorities
    - Axes, measures per axes, objectives and indicators
    - Financial tables of the EAFRD contribution, the national co-financing and the contribution per axe
    - Control, Monitoring and Evaluation
    - Implementation of the LEADER approach
    - Information and publicity of the programme.

# NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN (NSP).

## General content.

- Indicative **distribution** of funds between Spanish Rural Development Programmes (17 Regional programmes): two breakdowns, one 1st distribution per Convergence Regions (Andalucía, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and Galicia) and per “Phasing-out” Regions (Murcia and Asturias), and a 2nd distribution between all Spanish Regions, included the convergence and phasing-out.
- **External and internal consistency** of the NSP, and **complementary** with other Community Financial instruments.
- **General agreement** for funds and implementation of a **National Rural Network**.

# HORIZONTAL MEASURES, PRIORITY MEASURES AND COMMONS ELEMENTS

- The Regulation (EC) 1698/05, the document with the Community Strategic Guidelines and the Guidelines for the National Strategy Plan (NSP) allow the existence of Regional Measures and of Horizontal Measures.
- The Regulation divided the measures in three (3) Thematic Axes. This is the outline followed by the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture.
- Axes 1 and 2 include two types of Measures, Horizontal (where historically more % of public budget has been concentrated – period 2000-2006, 78,8% of budget-) and Priority (according to each territory); Axe 3 Priority and Common measures, and Axe 4 (LEADER approach) can be applicable in the other three Axes, according to Regional Governments.

# OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK (1)

1. The National Framework must include also the basic characteristics of the rest of the Rural Development programming non included in the ensemble of the Horizontal Measures, as well as the co-financing percentages of EAFRD, General Administration of the State and Regional Governments for each one of these Measures.
2. Monitoring Committee. It will be structured as plenary sessions and it will work through as specific work pannels according to:
  - Geographical criteria, for convergence regions y the rest of Spanish regions
  - Horizontal Measures, one per measure established in the National Framework.

## OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK (2)

3. National Rural Network – It will have its own operating budget in order to be useful and to achieve cooperation and pilot projects. It will count with a separate specific programme. It will be responsible for interterritorial and transnational cooperation between LAGs.

# AXE 1: HORIZONTAL MEASURES

- Setting up of young farmers.
- Modernisation of agricultural holdings.
- Management of water resources.
- Adding value to agriculture and forestry products.
- Use of advisory services by farmers and forest holders.
- Support to the production of biofuel / agro-energetic culture.

# AXE 1: PRIORITY MEASURES

- Access to the new technologies (to increase the adoption of ICT technologies).
- Information and professional training.
- Improvement of agricultural and forest infrastructures.
- Reconstruction of the agricultural potential damaged by natural catastrophes and installation of preventive measures.
- Cooperation for the development of new products, processes and technologies in the agriculture and food sector and in the forestry sector.
- Development of associative entities that integrate several phases of the agricultural chain (production-elaboration-commercialization).
- Improvement of the quality of the agricultural products.
- Search of new markets and of alternative commercialization channels.
- Development of activities of information and promotion of the food and agricultural products.
- Improvement of the environmental administration in the agrifood industry.
- Diversification of the agrifood industry.

# AXE 2: HORIZONTAL MEASURES

- **Agro-environmental Contract** (model of territorial contract for the management of the agricultural part of Axe 2). This contract will simplify Rural Development Policy, facilitate the administrative management, and foster politically the improvement of environment linked to agriculture.
- The contract will include the agri-environmental measures, the animal welfare, farmer additional costs and incomes foregone to the handicap and agricultural production Natura 2000 and mountain areas, as well as ecological agricultural productions, integrated and extensive agrosystems, and mitigation of desertification: prevention of forest fire.
- The model of contract will establish a set of general criteria for ALL territory, and will constitute a minimum premium (national level), which will be complemented by Regional Governments, according to their agriculture and territory.

# AXE 2: PRIORITY MEASURES

- Support to areas with natural handicap (included in the territorial contract).
- Animal welfare (included in the territorial contract).
- Nature 2000 payments in the agriculture environment (included in the territorial contract).
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- Agri-environments: (included in the territorial contract)
  - - Collective administration of the fertilization.
  - - Fights against the erosion of the floor.
  - - Maintenance of autochthonous breed.
  - - Protection of species and breed in extinction danger.
  - - Maintenance of the biodiversity.
  - - Conservation of the genetic resources.
  - - Protection of landscapes.
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- Other payments:
  - - Related with the Water Framework Directive.
  - - Maintenance of forests, pastures, natural prairies and wetlands.
  - - Development of forestry.
  - - Maintenance of the use of communal lands in the agro-forestry exploitations .
  - - Increase and support of the forest surface, as well as repopulation of forest lands.

# AXE 3: PRIORITY MEASURES

- There are NOT HORIZONTAL measures, but **ONLY PRIORITY**, due to the diversity and differences existing between the Spanish Regions), such as:
  - Creation of employment opportunities, fostering the participation of women in the labor market.
  - Microenterprise creation and SMEs.
  - Diversifications of exploitations and micro SMEs toward non agriculture activities.
  - Skill-acquisition to elaborate and apply local development strategies.
  - Training of new entrepreneurs.
  - Development of tourist activities.
  - Modernization of local infrastructures (telecommunications, transport, energy, water, etc.).
  - Restoration, conservation and appraisalment of the rural heritage.
  - Offer of rural housings.
  - Support to investments for increasing the energy efficiency, for agri-food microenterprise and municipalities.
  - Cleansing measures for small rural municipalities.
  - Restoration of forests and riverside ecosystems in areas of high natural value and in historical groups of high patrimonial and landscape value in rural areas.

## AXE 4 (LEADER Approach): HORIZONTAL MEASURES

- Management through the LAG, 10% of financing the programme.
- Up to the Regional/Autonomous Government to increase this percentage and to use this approach in Axe 3 or also in Axes 1 and 2.
- Definition (in the National Framework) with precision of the composition of the LAG including, the farmers organisations.

# ANNEX - Community Strategic Guidelines on Rural Development. Axe 1

- *Knowledge transfer, modernisation, innovation and quality in the food chain, investment in physical and human capital.*
- Key actions:  
Restructuring and modernisation of the agriculture sector, improving integration in the agrifood chain, facilitating innovation and access to R&D, encouraging the take-up and diffusion of information and communication technologies (ICT), fostering dynamic entrepreneurship, developing new outlets for agricultural and forestry products (renewable energy materials, biofuels and processing capacity), improving the environmental performance of farms and forestry.

# ANNEX - Community Strategic Guidelines on Rural Development. Axe 2

- *Biodiversity, development of high nature value farming systems, water, and climate change.*
- Key actions:  
promoting environmental services and animal-friendly farming practices, preserving the farmed landscape and forests, combating climate change, consolidating the contribution of organic farming, encouraging environmental/economic win-win initiatives.

# ANNEX - Community Strategic Guidelines on Rural Development. Axe 3

- *Creation of employment opportunities.*

- Key actions:

raising economic activity and employment rates in the wider rural economy, encouraging the entry of women into the labour market, developing micro-business and crafts, training young people, encouraging the take-up and diffusion of ICT, developing the provision and innovative use of renewable energy sources, development of tourism and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

# ANNEX - Community Strategic Guidelines on Rural Development. Axe 4

- *Improving governance and mobilising the endogenous development potential of rural areas.*
- Key actions:  
Building local partnership capacity, promoting private-public partnership, promoting cooperation and innovation and improving local governance.

THE RESOURCES OF THE LEADER APPROACH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO OBTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AXES 1, 2 AND, MAINLY, 3.



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