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Agricultural Policy Developments in Bulgaria

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- 2000** – National Agriculture and Rural Development Plan for the period 2000-2006 under SAPARD
- 2001** – Start of the SAPARD Programme
- 2002** – Development of 3 integrated regional programmes
- 2003** – Draft National Agri-environmental Programme
- 2003** – MAF Pilot project on Leader approach
- 2004** – Concept for Rural Development 2007-2013
- 2005** – National Strategy and National Action Plan for organic agriculture for the period 2006-2013
- 2005** – National Pilot Scheme for LFA support
- 2006** – Draft National Strategy Plan 2007-2013
 - Draft Program for Rural Development 2007-2013



Current Policy Priorities

- Preparation for the implementation of the CAP
 - Direct Payments to farmers through the Single Area Payment Scheme
 - Sustainable rural development
- Enforcement of food safety policy
- Establishment of IACS
- Accreditation of Paying Agency



Rural Development in Bulgaria

- From SAPARD 2000-2006 to the post-accession Rural Development Programme 2007-2013
- From overview of SAPARD results to a vision of a wider RDP
- From introducing Rural Development Policy to ensuring its achievements are preserved and multiplied



SAPARD Impact on Policy Level

- SAPARD introduced integrated rural development as a blend of sector-territory-community development policies
- SAPARD introduced partnership with the economic and social NGOs and local actors as a continuous process throughout policy making and programme management



SAPARD Impact on Policy Level

- SAPARD introduced the approach of multi-annual programming with priority setting and continuous monitoring and evaluation to improve and guide programme implementation
- SAPARD allowed Bulgarian institutions to acquire the responsibility for programme management and build internal expertise and capacity to implement, monitor and evaluate such programmes.



Using SAPARD Experience in Preparation of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

In programming

- The members of the SAPARD Monitoring Committee are involved in the Working Group responsible for the preparation of the new programming documents for 2007-2013: the National Strategy for Rural Development and the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013;
- The partner NGOs in the MC permanent working groups are involved in the measures preparation of the RDP 2007-2013



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In Management

- The Rural Development Directorate which was responsible for SAPARD planning, monitoring, evaluation will act a Managing Authority for the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013
- The SAPARD Agency evolved into the Paying Agency for RDP 2007-2013



Strategic objectives 2007-2013

- Development of competitive agriculture and forestry and of innovative food processing sector
- Protection of natural resources and environment in rural areas
- Improving the quality of life in rural areas;

Priority Areas

- Investments in agriculture and forestry aimed at restructuring, promotion of processing and added value innovations, as well as promotion of organic farming;
- Environment protection and sustainable land management;
- Creation of employment and improvement of infrastructure and services in rural areas;
- Investments in participation of local communities in rural development





Financial allocation for Bulgaria for the period 2007-2013

- EAFRD – EUR 2 609 million
- Co-financing from the NB –EUR 500 million
- Total – more than EUR 3 100 million



Financial allocation by priority Axes in the NSP 2007-2013

<u>Priority Axes</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Priority <u>Axis 1</u>	40%
Priority <u>Axis 2</u>	26%
Priority <u>Axis 3</u>	30%
Priority <u>Axis 4</u>	2,5%, (included in the budget of the other axes)
<u>Technical assistance</u>	4%



Approaches for Programme Development

- Strategic – to identify problems and priorities (agriculture, diversification, environment, etc.);
- Simplified and targeted set of measures – corresponding to the administrative capacity;
- Complimentarity - coordination with EC Structural funds;
- Partnership with all relevant stakeholders;

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