

# Performance of Rural Development Programmes of the 2007-2013 period - Your Voice

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

## Introduction

---

*The Commission will use the information gathered through this survey together with other analysis to draw conclusions on the performance of the 2007-2013 Rural Development programming period. The conclusions will feed into the reflection on the future Common Agricultural Policy.*

*Respondents can also upload a document (e. g. a position paper) at the end of the questionnaire.*

## About you

---

\*1 You are replying

- as an individual in your personal capacity
- in your professional capacity or on behalf of an organisation

2 If you are replying as an individual in your personal capacity you are a:

- farmer
- processor
- retailer
- wholesaler
- individual citizen of a rural area
- none of the above

\*9 Respondent's first name

Felicia

\*10 Respondent's last name

Covalciuc

\*11 Respondent's professional email address

felicia.covalciuc@aecm.eu

\*12 Name of the organisation

AECM ( European Association for Guarantee Institutions

\*13 Postal address of the organisation

Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28  
B-1040 Brussels  
Belgium

\*14 Type of organisation

Please select the answer option that fits best.

- Private enterprise
- Professional consultancy, law firm, self-employed consultant
- Trade, business or professional association
- Non-governmental organisation, platform or network
- Research and academia
- Churches and religious communities
- Regional or local authority (public or mixed)
- International or national public authority
- Other

\*23 Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

\*24 If so, please indicate your Register ID number.

AECM's Interest Representative Register ID number is: 67611102869-33

\*25 Country of organisation's headquarters

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia

- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

**\*27 Your contribution,**

Note that, whatever option chosen, your answers may be subject to a request for public access to documents under [Regulation \(EC\) N° 1049/2001](#)

- can be published with your organisation's information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including the name of my organisation, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
- can be published provided that your organisation remains anonymous** (I consent to the publication of any information in my contribution in whole or in part (which may include quotes or opinions I express) provided that it is done anonymously. I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent the publication.

## PERFORMANCE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF THE 2007-2013 PERIOD – YOUR VOICE

---

*Your perception of the efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value of the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programmes is important.*

28 Are you aware of Rural Development projects (2007-2013) funded in your area/region?

- yes
- no

29 Have you been a beneficiary of a project funded within the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programme?

- yes

no

30 If yes: Under which axis was your project funded?

- Axis 1: improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector
- Axis 2: improving the environment and the countryside
- Axis 3: improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of the rural economy
- LEADER

31 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

32 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to improving the competitiveness of the forestry sector?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

33 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to improving the environment?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

34 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to improving the countryside?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution

- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

35 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to improving the quality of life in rural areas?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

36 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to encouraging diversification of the rural economy?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

37 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to building local capacity for employment?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution
- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

38 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country/region contributed to building local capacity for diversification?

- very strong positive contribution
- strong positive contribution
- moderate positive contribution
- had no effect
- moderate negative contribution

- strong negative contribution
- very strong negative contribution
- no opinion

39 In your opinion, to what extent have the Rural Development Programmes in your country provided value for money?

- very good value for money
- good value for money
- limited value for money
- no value for money
- no opinion

40 In your opinion, what could be simplified and how in order to improve the management and implementation of Rural Development Programmes?

The mechanism of direct payment made by the state agency to the suppliers of the companies who has project funded from 2007-20013 RDP had already a big impact in the implementation of the Programme and implicitly increasing the absorption rate. This mechanism also helps the companies, with no big resources to avoid the additional costs (for example: for the loan contracted from the banks, in order to pay the suppliers, before the grant is granted). Reviewing the safe-harbour premium of 3,8% stipulated in the Commission Notice on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid in the form of guarantees (2008 /C 155/02) taking into consideration the market (for ex interest rate for a loan 3-4 %).

41 In your opinion, to what extent were the Rural Development projects consistent with other EU funded interventions in your area?

- very strongly consistent
- strongly consistent
- moderatelly consistent
- not consistent
- no opinion

42 In your opinion, to what extent did the Rural Development projects fit with the needs of your area?

- fit very well
- fit well
- fit moderatelly well
- did not fit
- no opinion

43 In your opinion, what were the most essential benefits of EU financing for Rural Development Programmes that would not have been achieved by the Member States/regions acting on their own?

44 Do you have any suggestions on how future Rural Development Programmes could further improve living conditions in rural areas?

45 Would you apply in the future? Why? / Why not?

Our members are very willingness to participate in a future Rural Development Programs, as long as a guarantee scheme is required.

## Document upload and final comments

---

46 Please feel free to upload a concise document, such as a position paper. The maximum file size is 1MB.

*Please note that the uploaded document will be published alongside your response to the questionnaire which is the essential input to this public consultation. The document is optional and serves as additional background reading to better understand your position.*

47 If you wish to add further information — within the scope of this questionnaire — please feel free to do so here.

*1000 character(s) maximum*

### Contact

AGRI-EVALUATION@ec.europa.eu

---