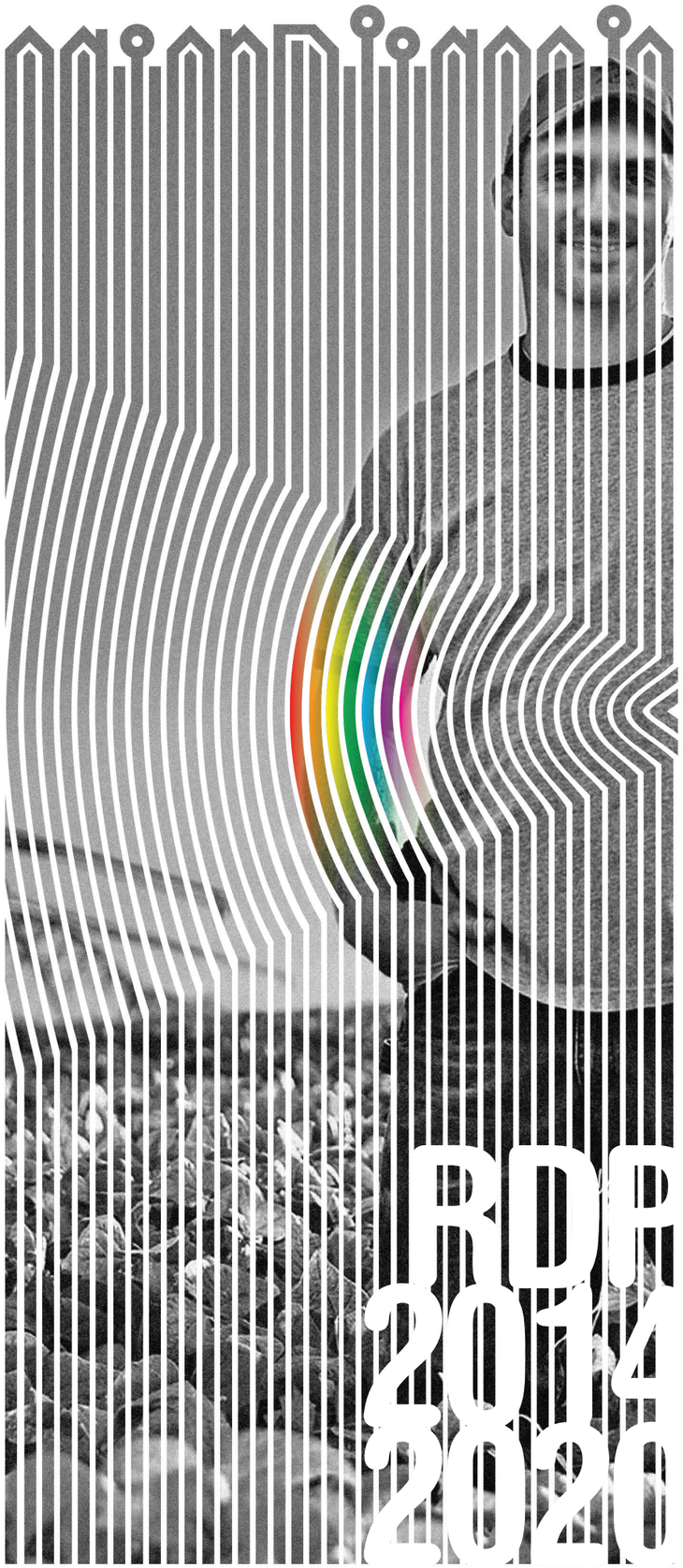

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP) OF GREECE 2014 - 2020

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020 is one of the most important growth promoting tools of the country. It is based on a vision for **integrated development and sustainable competitiveness of rural areas** and it aims to enhance the competitiveness of the agri-food sector, promote the multifunctional role of rural areas and protect the environment.

The strategy for the rural development during the programming period 2014-2020 ensures the continuity of operations implemented during the previous programming period and constitutes a starting point for new innovative operations in rural areas and the rural economy.

It is structured around three interdependent and complementary key objectives:

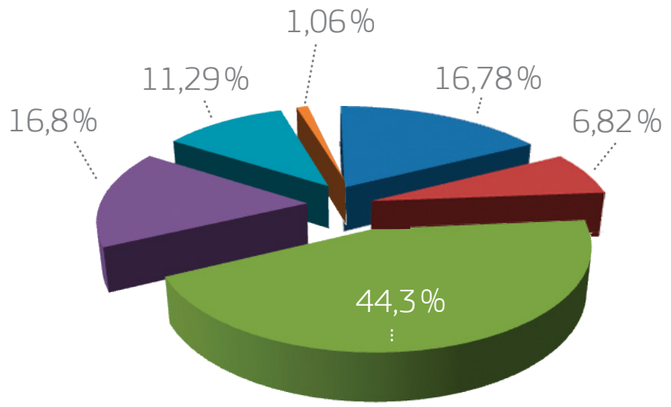
- **Creating a strong, competitive and viable agri-food system**
- **Promoting sustainability of the agri-food system and rural areas**
- **Creating viable and multifunctional rural areas**

These objectives are mainly achieved by:

- **Strengthening** competitiveness and agri-food system productivity by enhancing the added value of agricultural products.
- **Developing** human resources and **strengthening** the entrepreneurial culture.
- **Protecting** and **managing** natural resources and biodiversity, as well as the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
- **Providing** basic services and **improving** the quality of life in the countryside.
- **Fostering** social cohesion in rural areas and the rural diversification.

On the implementation side, some new elements are introduced such as the delegation of certain measures to the Regions and the territorial and / or sectorial specialization.

The contribution of the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development** to the RDP 2014 - 2020 amounts to approximately **€4,7 billion** corresponding to around **€6 billion of public expenditure**.
The allocation of the EAFRD resources to the major strategic choices of the RDP 2014-2020 is shown in the following diagram:



- Strengthening farm viability and competitiveness
- Promoting food chain organization
- Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry
- Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy
- Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas
- Technical assistance

RDP 2014-2020 has maintained the familiar palette of measures such as modernization of agricultural holdings, processing and marketing of agricultural products, young farmers, infrastructure related to the development or adaptation of agriculture, agri-environment payments, knowledge transfer and information actions, advisory services and farm management services, quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuff.
However, significant new elements are introduced such as:

- **Cooperation actions** with expanded scope between different stakeholders in the rural development sector, including, among others, **the establishment of Operational Groups** of the **European Innovation Partnership for Productivity and Sustainability of Agriculture**, which aims to link agricultural research and practice.
- The multi-fund character of **LEADER** through the **"Community-led local development strategies"(CLLD)**.
- The introduction of new measures, including the **development of small farms, start-up aids for non-agricultural activities in rural areas, investments in forest areas, setting-up of producer groups and organizations**.

The following table outlines the approved measures, the EARD allocation and their financial importance:

MEASURE	MEASURE / SUB - MEASURE DESCRIPTION	EFARD CONTRIBUTION (€)	(%)
1	Knowledge transfer and information actions	**45.000.000**	0.95
2	Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services	**100.000.000**	2.12
3	Quality schemes for agricultural products, and foodstuffs	**37.470.000**	0.79
4	**4.1** Investments in agricultural holdings	**378.249.076**	8.02
	4.2 Investments in the processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products	**208.732.511**	4.42
	4.3 Investments in infrastructure projects related to the development, modernization or adaptation of agriculture and forestry	**548.777.885**	11.63
	Other investments related to the achievement of Agri-environment and climate objectives	**3.200.000**	0.07
5	Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions	**40.000.000**	0.85
6	Farm and business development	**387.974.897**	8.22
7	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas	**82.013.236**	1.74
8	Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests	**226.265.500**	4.80
9	Setting - up of producer groups and organisations	**25.000.000**	0.53
10	Agri - environment - climate Payments	**359.805.709**	7.63
11	Organic farming	**626.297.763**	13.27
12	Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments	**7.500.000**	0.16
13	Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints	**950.005.216**	20.13
16	Co-operation	**70.000.000**	1.48
19	CLLD / LEADER	**400.000.000**	8.48
20	Technical Assistance	**50.000.000**	1.06