

## STUDIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOCAL ACTION GROUP SOUTH- OLT

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### ABSTRACT

*As a result of the investments made with financial support in the pre-accession commercial farms have failed than to a small extent to adapt to current market needs. It is therefore necessary, improving competitiveness of farms, especially those of semi-subsistence that investment in fixed capital and introducing new technologies and performance will lead to the transformation of a large number of such farms in farms viable.*

*Since Romania joined the European Union, Romanian farmers can access grants for modernization of agricultural holdings under the National Program of Rural Development Programme (RDP) financed under the European Rural Development (EAFRD).*

*Axis IV LEADER essentially starts from the idea that the development of local communities can not be achieved without active citizens in involvement process and decision making.*

*Otherwise there is a need to create local level, the structures that bring together representatives of public sectors private and civil society in an established territory, identify weaknesses and strengths and to prioritize territory, implement appropriate actions and then share their experiences and good practice with other partner structures similar.*

### INTRODUCTION

Strengthening farms rely mainly on supporting members associative forms recognized, young farmers, farms in disadvantaged areas and will have the effect of improving farm income.

It must accelerate the restructuring and modernization of agricultural holdings, given the economic importance and environmental aspects thereof in order to ensure the development of a competitive and sustainable agriculture in accordance with the requirements of cross compliance. In this context, for example, vegetable crops (sunflower), they will follow the "profitability parameters and economic efficiency for unflower, it must be placed in direct relation with the average yield per hectare, administration and trading costs" (Pânzaru R. L. and others, 2014).

In Romania, the PNDR is structurally 3-axis, 4 axis plus LEADER,, "and measure Complements to direct payments. These axes each covering an important sector of rural development, are complementary to each other but also with other programs implemented Romanian State and the European Union.

Measure 41: Implementation of local development strategies (LEADER)

411 - Improving the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry

412 - Improving the environment and the countryside

413 - Quality of life and diversification of the rural economy

Participation of members of rural communities in the local development process and encourage innovative actions ( eg. new solutions to old problems, new product introduction and development of new market systems, modernizing traditional activities by applying new technologies, etc.).

Total funding of measure 4 LEADER is 246 317 899 euro public cost of which is 171.604.657 euro.

## **MATERIAL AND METHOD**

This is a statistical study and was conducted to present the situation of the submitted projects, contracted and submitted payment in the Local Action Group, OLT SOUTHERN LAG.

Range researched when they submitted projects was the first session in March 2013 date for submitting projects respectively last session in December 2014-the date of submission of projects.

Through work in the territory Local Action Group South Olt on a range of measures and operational objectives addressed subsistence farmers. Local Action Group strategy and cooperation projects for involving local partners in operations: integration, development of agriculture and forestry, environmental protection, increase quality of life etc.

They were authorized number of projects on the priority axes and measures in terms of numbers and value, highlighting attractive after study measures the Territory Local Action Group South Olt. The results selection contracting and payments were taken statistic and presented in tabular form both within and measures in priority areas included in the Local Development strategy of the Local Action Group South Olt.

## **RESEARCH RESULTS**

Participation of members of rural communities in the local development process and encourage innovative actions (eg new solutions to old problems, introducing and developing new products, new systems market, modernizing traditional activities by applying new technologies, etc.). Encouraging actors locally to work together with representatives of other communities inside and outside the country (421 measure).

Local Action Groups will be able to implement measures of axes 1 and 3, with a focus on actions with an innovative character that area, such as new solutions to old problems, new products, a new organization, a new market, the modernization of traditional forms by applying new technologies, etc. The projects to be implemented under the axis will be small projects that will be subject to a maximum ceiling of 100,000 euros FEADR funding and the total investment will not exceed 300,000 euros. As the Leader axis will be used to implement local development strategies that will improve the territorial coherence and synergies between measures to develop rural economy and community, the effective functioning of LAG will be key to support this LAG measure and partners involved need accurate, appropriate skills and other support to perform their duties in a satisfactory manner. Axis 4: Leader, eligible projects were in the number 5, the public value of eligible projects being 260.488 euros, of which 38 840 euro were contracted and were paid 0 lei. It was a total of 6 projects compliant of which only five eligible.

Table 1

**SITUATION IN PROJECTS SUBMITTED AXIS 1: COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SECTOR**

Nr. Crt.	Measure	Nr. Session / date	session Dates	Number of projects compliant	The value of projects under public	Number of eligible projects	Public value of eligible projects	Nr. projects submitted to APDRP	Nr. Projects withdrawn from APDRP	Nr. projects under evaluation APDRP	Nr. The eligible projects PARPE	No projects declared eligible APDRP	Nr. contracts signed APDRP	Public value of contracts signed	Total amount paid
1	111	1	21.03.2013-22.10.2013	4	122,744	4	122,744	4	0	0	3	1	3	90,092	82,238
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	1	19953	1	19953	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		3	09.07.2014 – 25.07.2014	1	19953	1	19953	1	0	0	1	0	1	19731	0
		4	30.12.2014 – 22.01.2015	1	44300	1	44300	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Measure				7	206,950	7	206,950	7	0	1	4	2	4	109,823	82,238
2	121	1	29.04.2013-22.10.2013	4	173,180	4	173,180	4	0	0	3	1	3	130,590	127,106
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	3	182,415	3	182,415	3	0	0	3	0	3	182415	180417
		3	03.03.2014-04.04.2014	1	101,985	1	101,985	1	0	0	1	0	1	101,985	36689
		4	22.08.2014-04.09.2014	2	198,359	2	198,359	2	0	0	2	0	2	198,359	109936
		5	30.12.2013-22.01.2015	2	149,842	1	74,921	1	0	0	1	0	1	74,921	0
Total Measure				12	805,781	11	730,860	11	0	0	10	1	10	688,270	454148
3	123	1	29.04.2013-22.10.2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3	25.03.2014-25.04.2014	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		4	09.07.2014-15.08.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		5	22.08.2014-04.09.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		6	18.09.2014-10.10.2014	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	0	0	1	0	1	100000	0
Total Measure				2	200000	2	200000	2	0	0	1	1	1	100000	0
Total AXIS 1				21	1,212,731	20	1,137,810	20	0	1	15	4	15	898,093	536,386

Table 2

**SITUATION IN PROJECTS SUBMITTED AXIS 3 QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS AND DIVERSIFICATION OF RURAL ECONOMY**

Nr. Crt.	Measure	Nr. Session / date	session Dates	Number of projects compliant	The value of projects under public	Number of eligible projects	Public value of eligible projects	Nr. projects submitted to APDRP	Nr. Projects withdrawn from APDRP	Nr. projects under evaluation APDRP	Nr. The eligible projects PARDF	No projects declared eligible APDRP	Nr. contracts signed APDRP	Public value of contracts signed	Total amount paid
1	312	1	29.04.2013-22.10.2013	12	485,680	12	485,680	12	4	0	5	3	5	234,302	179,447
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	4	180,060	4	180,060	3	2	0	1	0	1	49,510	0
		3	25.03.2014-30.04.2014	2	99,210	2	99,210	2	1	0	1	0	1	49,700	0
Total Measure				18	764,950	18	764,950	17	7	0	7	3	7	333,512.00	179,447
2	313	1	29.04.2013-22.10.2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3	25.03.2014-06.05.2014	1	83,203	1	83,203	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total Measure				1	83,203	1	83,203	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	322	1	21.03.2013-31.10.2013	8	346,003	8	346,003	8	5	0	3	0	3	127,835	60,246
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	5	229,814	5	229,814	5	0	0	5	0	5	224,765	62,234
		3	25.03.2014-16.05.2014	2	130,550	2	130,550	2	0	0	2	0	2	132,733	0
		4	22.08.2014-04.09.2014	8	341,489	8	341,489	8	0	0	8	0	8	341,489	20,102
		5	18.09.2014-10.10.2014	2	50,200	2	50,200	2	0	0	2	0	2	50,200	0
		6	30.12.2014-22.01.2015	1	10,827	1	10,827	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Measure				26	1,108,883	26	1,108,883	26	5	1	20	0	20	877,022	142,582
TOTAL AXIS 3				45	1,957,036	45	1,957,036	44	12	1	27	4	27	1,210,534	322,029

**Table 3**

**SITUATION IN PROJECTS SUBMITTED AXIS 4: LEADER**

Nr. Crt.	Measure	Nr. Session / date	session Dates	Number of projects compliant	The value of projects under public	Number of eligible projects	Public value of eligible projects	Nr. projects submitted to APDRP	Nr. Projects withdrawn from APDRP	Nr. projects under evaluation APDRP	Nr. The eligible projects PARDF	No projects declared eligible APDRP	Nr. contracts signed APDRP	Public value of contracts signed	Total amount paid	
1	421	1	29.04.2013-22.10.2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		2	30.12.2013-17.02.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3	03.03.2014-25.04.2014	1	71,982	1	71,982	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		4	16.05.2014-26.05.2014	1	38,840	1	38,840	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		5	09.07.2014-15.08.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		6	25.08.2014-04.09.2014	3	130,000	2	110,822	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		7	18.09.2014-10.10.2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		8	14.10.2014-24.10.2014	1	38,840	1	38,840	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	38840	0
Total Measure				6	279662	5	260484	5	2	0	1	2	1	38840	0	
Advance measure 431.2*				60000												
TOTAL measure 431.2**				121835,89												

Table 1 shows the measures financed under the Axis 1: Increasing competitiveness of agriculture and forestry Measure 111 (Vocational training, information and diffusion of knowledge) Measure 121 (Modernisation of agricultural holdings) and Measure 123 (Adding value to agricultural and forestry products). Eligible projects were in number 11, the public value of projects reaching the amount of 730 860 euros of which were contracted for 688 270 euro and 667 432 euro were paid.

It can be seen that out of 21 projects submitted in accordance measures, 20 were eligible. Measure 121 had most of the eligible total of 11 projects and received the most money. Total funds for eligible projects was 1.13781 million euro of which were contracted for 898 093 euro and 763 402 were paid.

In Table 2 indicates the measures financed by AXA 3: Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy: Measure 312 (Support for the creation and development of micro-enterprises), 313 (bolstering tourism), Measure 322 (Renovation. satelor. Enhancement development of basic services for rural economy and population and upgrading of rural heritage).

All projects submitted for application to the 3 and eligible measures were being number 45. Most were able Cash Money euro 322,1.108.833 but most contracts 26. The total number of eligible spent 1,957,036 euros, representing the amount of eligible public contracts, of which 1,210,534 euros were contracted and were paid 776 447 euro.

In Table 3 presents Measure 421, financed by AXA4: Leader and one of the three investment measures of this axis. Table 3 can be seen all the 3 axes of Gaul South Olt. The public value of the 3 AXE eligible projects being 3,449,429 euros of which 2,008,414 euros were contracted and were paid 1539.849 euro. It can see that AXIS 3 had the highest value of eligible projects 1,957,036 euros and the highest value of contracted amounts 1,210,534 euros, while AXA 1 had the highest amount of 536.386 euro payment.

## CONCLUSIONS

This study was conducted reflecting the situation of the projects submitted, contracted and submitted payment in the Local Action Group Giurgita and working point in Barca commune, Dolj County. Public value of eligible projects obtained on the 3 AXE was 3,449,429 euros of which 2,147,467 euros were contracted and were paid 858 415 euro.

At Axis 1: Improving competitiveness of agriculture and forestry can be seen that out of 21 projects submitted in accordance measures, 20 were eligible. Measure 121 had the most projects eligible total of 11 and received the most money. Total funds for eligible projects was 1.13781 million euro of which were contracted for 898 093 euro and 536 386 euro were paid. The interval in which sessions were held project began on 21.03.2013 was concluded on 22.1.2015. Axis 3: Quality of life in rural areas and diversify the rural economy, eligible projects were in number 26, the public value of projects eligible for 1,108,883 euros, of which 887 809 euro were contracted and were paid 142 364 euro. Axis 4: Leader, eligible projects have in number 5, the public value of eligible projects being 260.488 euros, of which 38 840 euro were contracted and were paid 0 lei. It was a total of 6 projects compliant of which only five eligible.

In conclusion all projects under implementation at the 3 and eligible measures were being number 45. The most money cashed were far 322,1.108.833 euro, and most contracts eligible: 26. In total they've spent 1,957,036 euros representing public value of eligible contracts, which were contracted for 1,210,534 euros and were paid 322 029 euro. The range that have earned the most money was 29.04.2013- 22.10.2-13 and certain 485 680 euros and the most eligible projects 12.

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