ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EAFRD RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BIHOR COUNTY

ANALIZA IMPLEMENTĂRII PROIECTELOR DE DEZVOLTARE RURALĂ PRIN FEADR ÎN JUDEȚUL BIHOR

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Abstract: *Romania has created the institutional conditions required to implement properly the National Rural Development Programme (NRDP) for 2007-2013, once joining the European Union.*
The activity of the Office County Payments for Rural Development and Fisheries (OCPRDF) Bihor imply the number of projects submitted by public and private beneficiaries, by the way of implementation, the efficiency with which cases are handled procurement and not least of settlement of claims payment records and shorten the repayment of expenses incurred by beneficiaries.
In this paper the authors analyze the situation of the projects funded by NRDP from the Agriculture Fund and Rural Development (EAFRD) in Bihor county. Are presents aspects of the situation of the projects submitted, eligible, selected, contracted and partially paid and completed by measures implemented until December 31, 2011.

Key words: *implementation, projects, rural development, county, measures*

INTRODUCTION

In Romania the main institutions involved in implementing the NRDP 2007-2013 and that managing the European Fund for Agriculture and Rural Development - EFARD on the county level are:

- *MAFRD* – General Directorate for Rural Development, which functions as Management Authority for NRDP and ensures corresponding management for the community funds, establishing the priorities and the concrete action measures;

- *PARDF* - Payments Agency for Rural Development and Fisheries as body payment for all measures of the NRDP, except those for disadvantaged areas;

- *APIA* - Agency of Payment and Intervention in Agriculture, also a body payment for disadvantaged areas.

In Romania at the regional level there are 8 Regional Centers for Rural Development and Fisheries (*RCRDF)* and 42 Office County Payments for Rural Development and Fisheries (OCPRDF).

The County Office of Payments for Rural Development and Fishing Bihor receives and records the financing applications for the projects made by public or private beneficiaries and all administrative structures of Bihor County, including 91 communes, 430 villages and 10 towns, four of which are municipalities.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The authors have conducted research at the Office County Payments for Rural Development and Fisheries (OCPRDF) Bihor, which is in direct subordination to the Regional Center for Rural Development and Fisheries 5 west and covers all the issues of implementation of EFARD program at the level of Bihor county.

The collected data has been centralized, analyzed and interpreted so that we were able to obtain relevant conclusions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

EFARD program started in Bihor county with the launch of the first measures: Measure – 121 „ *The establishment of young farmers*", Measure 123 „ *Increase value added to agricultural and forestry products*" şi Measure 322 „ *Renovation and development villages, improving the economy and basic services of the rural population and increasing the value of the rural heritage*", namely by auction in March 2008.

Measures, which were submitted projects inside of the *EFARD* program, from March 2008 till now to are:

1. Measure 112„ *The establishment of young farmers*"; Measure 121 „ *Modernization of agricultural holdings*"; **2. Measure 123** „ *Increase value added to agricultural and forestry products* " and The state aid schemes XS13, XS28 si N578; **3. Measure 125** „ *Improving and developing infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and*

forestry"; **4. Measure 141** „ *The subsistence farms support*"; **5. Measure 221** „ *First reafforestation of agricultural land*"; **6. Measure 312** „ *Support for the creation and development of micro enterprise*"; **7. Measure 313** „ *Encouraging the tourist activities*"; **8. Measure 322** „ *Renovation and development villages, improving the economy and basic services of the rural population and increasing the value of the rural heritage*"; **9. Measure 431** „ *Operation of Local Action Groups, acquiring skills and animating the territory, sub-measure 431.1 Building public-private partnerships*".

Analyzing the total number of projects submitted and handled inside of the EAFRD program, in *Bihor* county, their situation until January 2012, is as follows:

- **submitted projects** = 3484
- **selected projects** = 2280
- selected eligible value = 1.260.922.916 lei
- public contribution value = 890.276.507 lei
- **contracted projects** = 1495
- contracted value = 777.198.700 lei
- **fully completed projects** = 257
- amount paid = 225.075.399 lei
- degree of absorption = 29%.

We conclude that at the Bihor County level were submitted by January 2012 a total of 3,484 projects of which only 257 were completed to this date.



Fig. 1. Total number of projects launched by NRDP in Bihor county

The situation of the projects submitted, on the main measures launched by the National Rural Development Program in Bihor county, until January 2012 is as follows:

- **Measure 112 „ *The establishment of young farmers" :***

- **submitted projects** = 816
- **selected projects** = 459
- selected eligible value = 43.014.609 lei
- public contribution value = 43.014.609 lei
- **contracted projects** = 343
- contracted value = 31.989.887 lei
- **completed projects** = 61
- amount paid = 21.331.109 lei
- degree of absorption = 67.

- **Measure 121 „ *Modernization of agricultural holdings":***

- **submitted projects** = 233
- **selected projects** = 105
- selected eligible value = 289.188.094 lei
- public contribution value = 160.185.440 lei
- **contracted projects** = 97
- contracted value = 142.074.587 lei
- **completed projects** = 66
- amount paid = 58.886.912 lei
- degree of absorption = 41%.

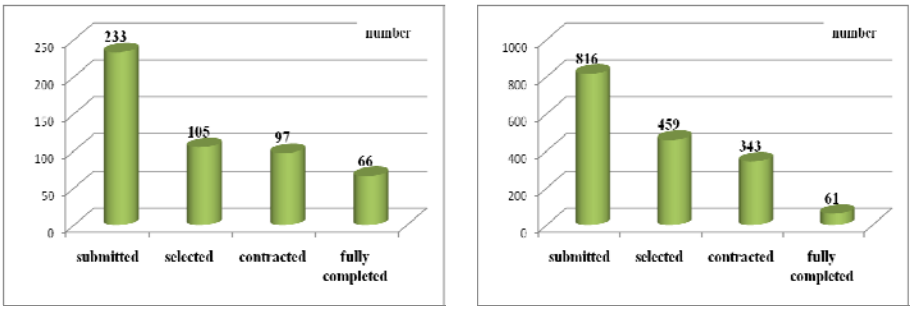


Fig. 2. The number of projects related to Measure 112 and 121

- **Measure 123** „ ***Increase value added to agricultural and forestry products":***

- **submitted projects** = 71
- **selected projects** = 48
- selected eligible value = 326.426.548 lei
- public contribution value = 163.127.919 lei
- **contracted projects** = 43
- contracted value = 138.115.112 lei
- **completed projects** = 13
- amount paid = 25.573.597 lei
- degree of absorption = 19 %.

- **Measure 141** „***The subsistence farms support***”:

- submitted projects = 1540
- selected projects = 1352
- selected eligible value = 41.593.056 lei
- public contribution value = 41.593.056 lei
- contracted projects = 704
- contracted value = 21.203.284 lei
- completed projects = 0
- amount paid = 5.465.018 lei
- degree of absorption = 26 %.

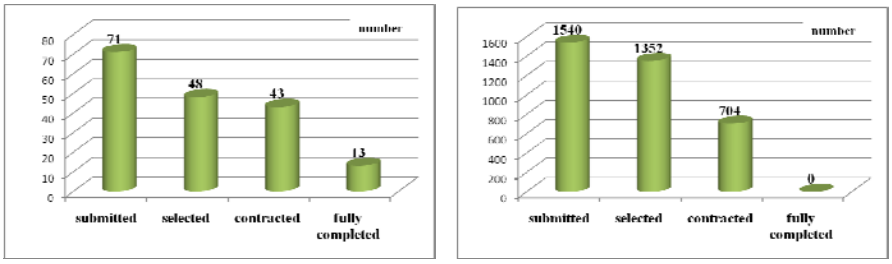


Fig. 4. The number of projects related to Measure 123 and 141

- **Measure 312 “*Support for the creation and development of micro enterprise*”:**

- submitted projects = 625
- selected projects = 233
- selected eligible value = 169.175.376 lei
- public contribution value = 117.694.044 lei
- contracted projects = 225
- contracted value = 114.610.075 lei
- completed projects = 113
- amount paid = 59.557.316 lei
- degree of absorption = 52 %.

- **Measure 313 „** ***Encouraging tourist activities”:***

- submitted projects = 60
- selected projects = 48
- selected eligible value = 60.966.175 lei
- public contribution value = 34.199.865 lei
- contracted projects = 46
- contracted value = 32.800.534 lei
- completed projects = 1
- amount paid = 2.095.873 lei
- degree of absorption = 6%.

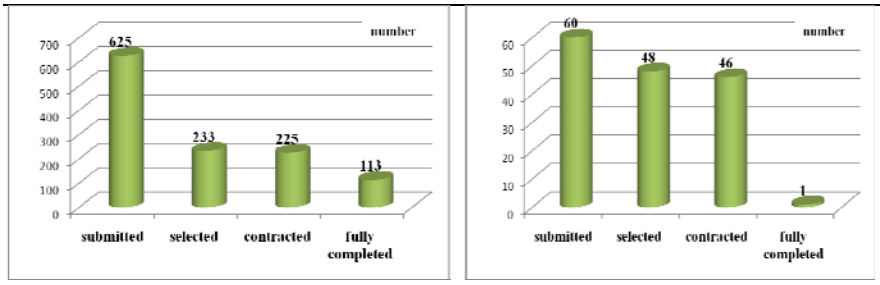


Fig. 6. The number of projects related to Measure 312 and 313

- **Measure 322** ***"Renovation and development villages, improving the economy and basic services of the rural population and increasing the value of the rural heritage":***

- **submitted projects** = 82
- **selected projects** = 26
- selected eligible value = 296.020.623 lei
- public contribution value = 296.020.623 lei
- **contracted projects** = 26
- contracted value = 296.020.623 lei
- **completed projects** = 1
- amount paid = 51.807.486 lei
- degree of absorption = 18%.

- **Measure 431** ***„Operation of Local Action Groups, acquiring skills and animating the territory, sub-measure 431.1 Building public-private partnerships":***

- **submitted projects** = 2
- **selected projects** = 2
- selected eligible value = 482.082 lei
- public contribution value = 384.598 lei
- **contracted projects** = 2
- contracted value = 384.598 lei
- **completed projects** = 2
- amount paid = 378.088 lei
- degree of absorption = 98%.

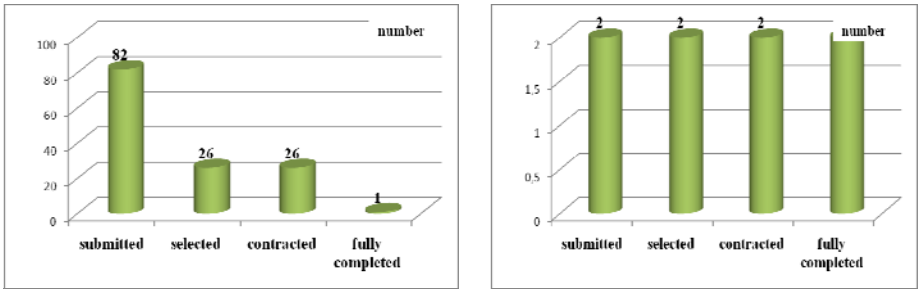


Fig. 8. The number of projects related to Measure 322 and 431

The degree of absorbtion expressed by the value of total payments made from the total contracted value of projects in Bihor county, until January 2012 is 29% (table 1).

Table 1.

The stage of absorption EAFRD funds, in Bihor county

Nr. crt.	Measure	Contracted value	Amount paid	Degree of absorption
1	112	31.989.887	21.331.109	67%
2	121	142.074.587	58.866.912	41%
3	123	138.115.112	25.573.597	19%
4	141	21.203.284	5.465.018	26%
5	312	114.610.075	59.557.316	52%
6	313	32.800.534	2.095.873	6%
7	322	296.020.623	51.807.486	18%
8	431	384598	378.088	98%
9	**Total**	**777.198.700**	**225.075.399**	**29%**

Source: Own processing according to data from OCPRDF Bihor;

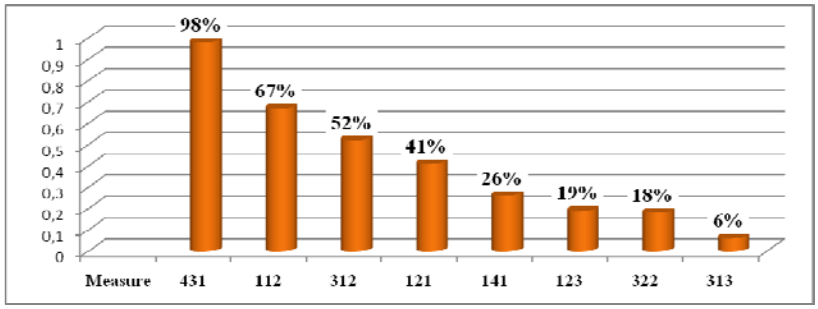


Fig 10. The degree of absorbtion of the projects in Bihor county, by measures

Payments to projects financed by the EAFRD continue as contracts with public or private recipients in accordance with the schedule of staging the files submitted by them. Thereafter the role of OCPRDF Bihor is reflected by ex-post checks and monitoring of beneficiaries for a period of five years from the last installment payment.

CONCLUSIONS

- The largest number of projects has been stored on the ***Measure 141*** 1540 projects respectively, of which only 704 were contracted, but untill this date none has yet been completed. Also a large number of projects were submitted on the ***Measure 112*** consisting of 816 projects, from which only 343 contracted projects and just 61 completed projects.
- A small number of projects has been stored on the ***Measure 125*** consisting of 55 projects with only 9 contracted and none yet completed and also on the ***Measure 313*** and ***Measure 322***, which were contracted 46 of 60 and 26 of the 82 projects submitted. On the ***Measure 431****, sub-measure 431.1* two projects were submitted, which were contracted and completed.
- We conclude that on the OCPRDF Bihor level even if a large number of projects were submitted – 3484 projects, from which only 1495 were contracted and a smaller amount - 257 projects were financed and completed on all PNDR measures, enroled in the 2007- January 2012 period.
- The funds allocated to Romania for Agriculture and Rural Development are 10.097 billion euros, 43.417 billion lei respectively. Among them were contracted 41.2% (17.896 billion lei) and paid 33.2% (14.426 billion lei). In terms of Bihor County, the contracted projects of the total amount allocated for our country is 1.80% (777,198 million lei) and those actually paid only 0.52% (225,075 million lei).

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