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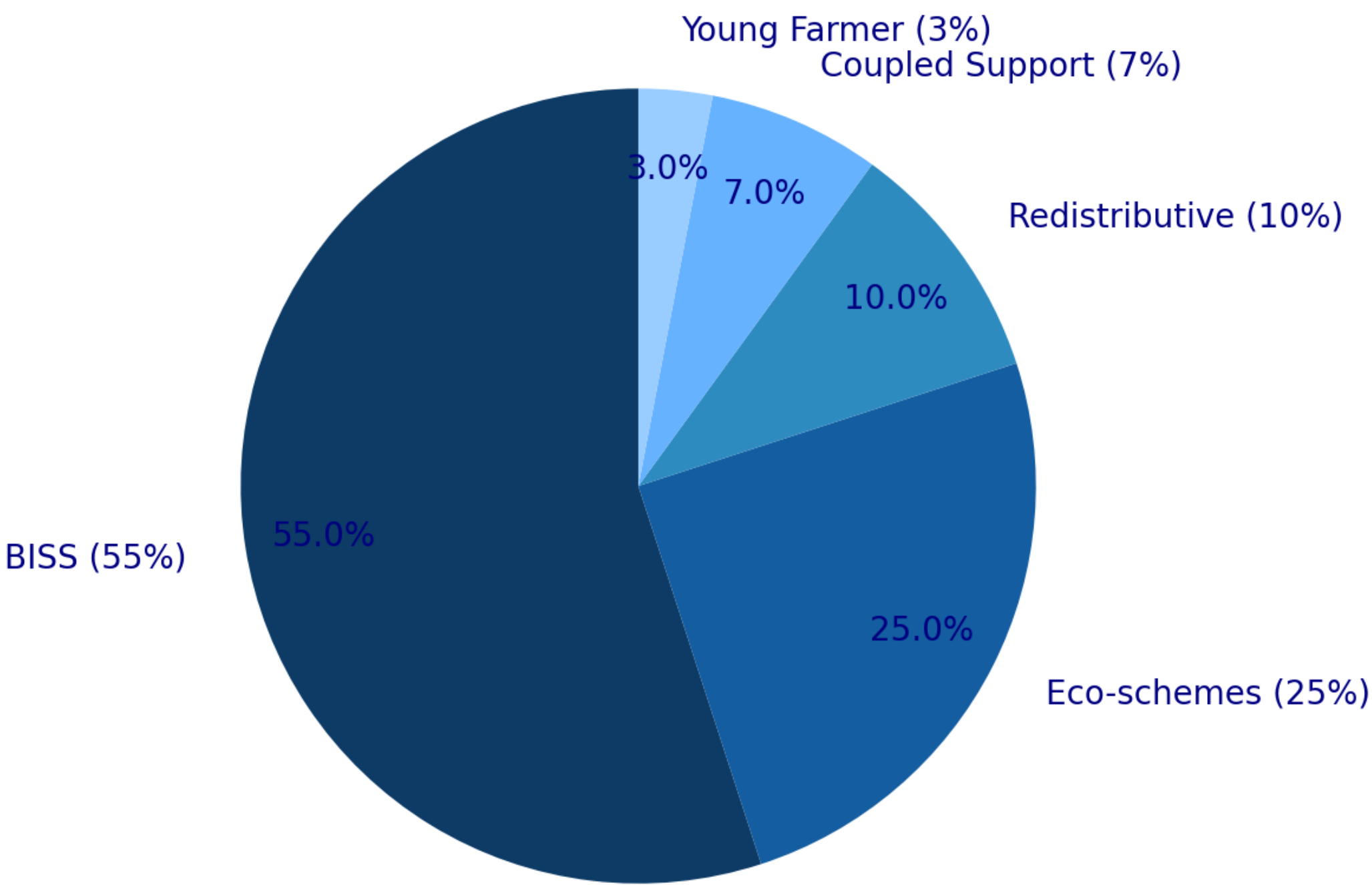
THE STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY 2021-2027 IN ROMANIA

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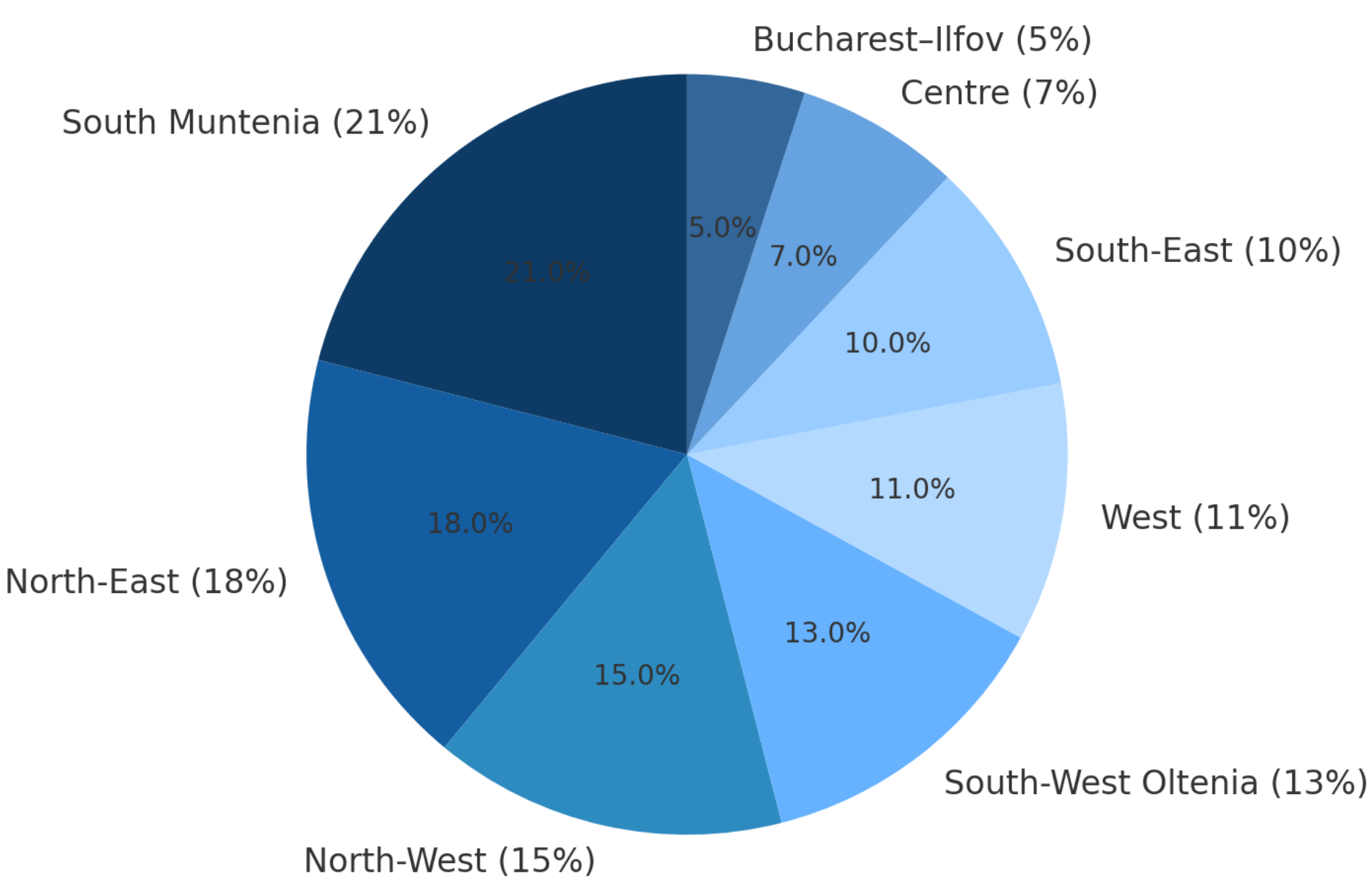
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Abstract: The paper analyzes the strategic and financial framework of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 2021-2027 in Romania, aiming to assess the coherence between the European objectives regarding sustainability, equity, and agricultural competitiveness, and the concrete mechanisms of national implementation. The study uses a documentary analysis based on Regulations (EU) 2021/2115 and 2021/2116, the National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2023-2027, and budgetary data provided by the European Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The results highlight that Romania benefits from a budget of over 20 billion euros, of which approximately 10 billion are allocated to direct payments under Pillar I, and 8 billion to rural development under Pillar II. Key interventions such as BISS, eco-schemes, coupled support, and redistributive payments are conditioned by compliance with eco-conditionality standards, directing support mainly towards small and medium-sized farms. The conclusions indicate that the new CAP architecture promotes the transition towards sustainable agricultural practices; however, the efficiency of implementation depends on the administrative capacity of farmers and the level of fund absorption..

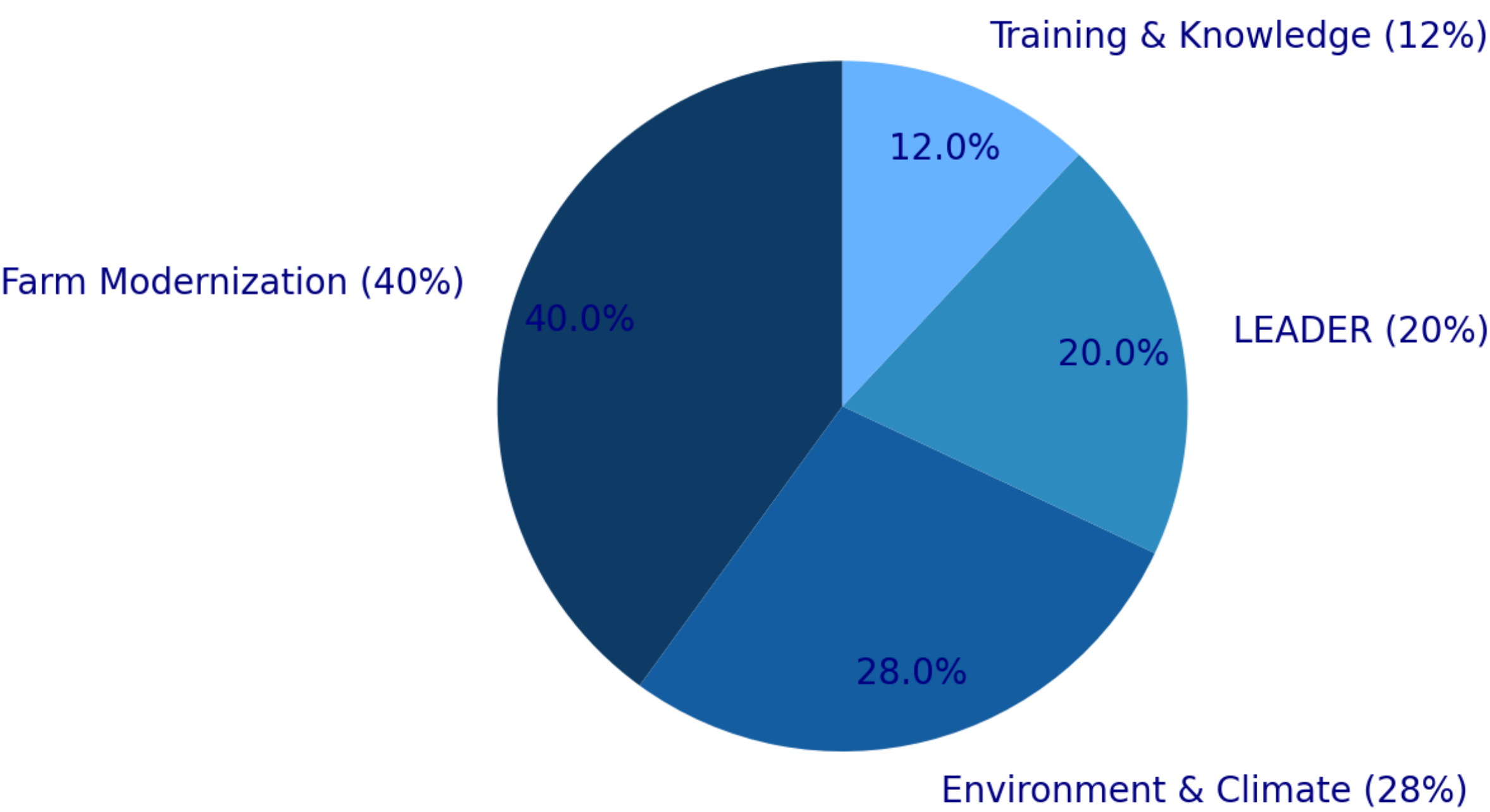
Pillar 1 distribution – CAP Romania 2023-2027



Regional allocation – CAP Romania 2023-2027



Pillar II distribution – CAP Romania 2023-2027



Environmental and climate-related indicators under the
CAP: Comparison 2014-2020 vs. 2023-2027

Indicator	2014-2020	2023-2027 (as of 2025)	Change
Share of CAP spending for environment	15%	30%	+15%
Eco-scheme coverage (UAA)	-	43%	+43%
Organic farmland	430,000 ha	570,000 ha	+33%
GHG emissions reduction	-	0.6 Mt CO ₂ eq/year	-
Natura 2000 area under support	12%	18%	+6%
Renewable energy investments	<300 farms	1,200 farms	+300%
Soil organic matter increase	-	+5%	-
Fertilizer use reduction	-	-10%	-