

Financial Engineering under Lithuanian RDP 2007-2013. Loan Fund

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Legal Base

- Article 71(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005.
- Articles 50-52 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1974/2006.

The essence:

- *by implementing Rural Development Programme (RDP), European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) may co-finance measures of financial engineering (venture capital funds, guarantee funds and loan funds).*
- Approved modification of Lithuanian RDP on 18-09-2009 (official submission on 15-04-2009)

Preconditions for the Establishment of Loan Fund

- Reduction in loan accessibility for applicants of agriculture and food sector.
- Danger for take-up of RDP funds.

Purpose of Loan Fund

- To increase loan accessibility
- To improve economical situation of applicants
- To up-take RDP funds more rapidly and effectively
- To increase flow of support (including small producers)

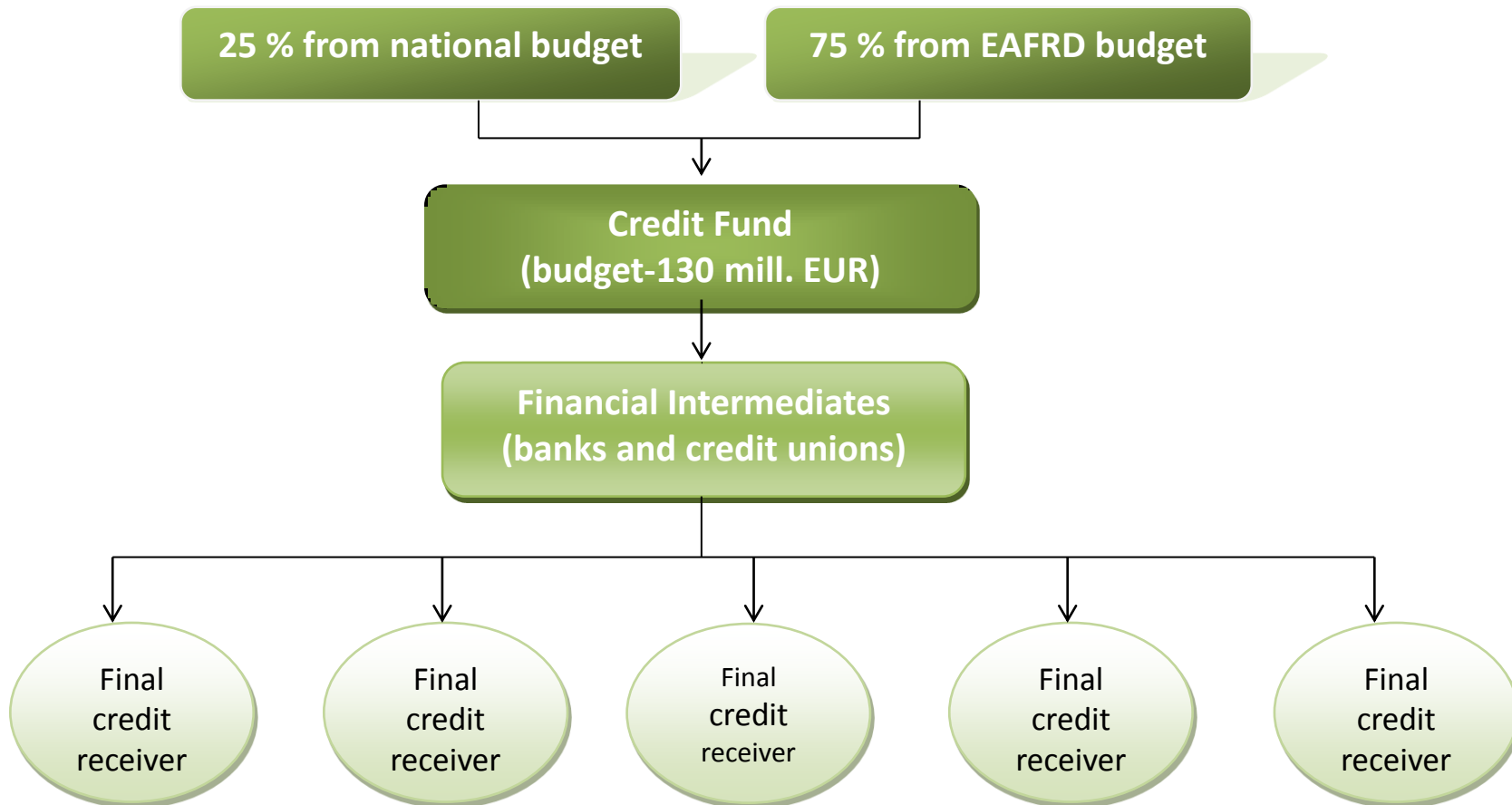
Establishment of Loan Fund (1)

- The Loan Fund is established a separate block of finance within financial institution “Rural Credit Guarantee Fund” (RCGF)
- Ministry of Agriculture nominated RCGF as the manager of Loan Fund
- RCFG submitted business plan to the National Paying Agency (NPA)
- Trilateral funding agreement was signed (between Ministry of Agriculture, NPA, RCGF)

Establishment of Loan Fund (2)

- RCGF performs the selection and supervision of Financial intermediates
- Loan Fund will be operating at least until December 31th, 2015 (it can be liquidated earlier under the necessity)

Operating Scheme



Transfers to Loan Fund

- Resources to the Loan Fund shall be transferred in several installments (based on the effectiveness of activity)

Measures of Loan Fund

- Loans are provided through to 2 RDP measures:
 - “Modernization of Agricultural Holdings”,
 - “Processing of Agricultural Products and Increasing of Added Value”
- The same eligibility criteria and requirements provided for these RDP measures are applied for all applicants.
- Loans can be provided for applicants without any economical difficulties only.

Duration and Volume of Loans

- The amount of loan according the measure “Modernization of Agricultural Holdings” – from 3 thousand EUR to 300 thousand EUR. Duration – up to 7 years.
- The amount of loan according the measure “Processing of Agricultural Products and Increasing of Added Value” – up to 4 million EUR (in case of promotion of cooperation in milk sector – up to 10 million EUR). Duration – up to 7 years, in case of promotion of cooperation in milk sector – up to 10 years.

Interest Rates for Final Loan Receivers

For loans in LTL

6 months VILIBOR
minus **4 percentage
points**, yet not less
than 2 percent and
not more than 7
percent interest rate
plus bank's margin

Loan market's rates ~ 7%
In this instance ~ 4,5%

For loans in EUR

6 months EURIBOR
minus **1 percentage
point**, yet not less
than 1 percent and
not more than 3
percent interest rate
plus bank's margin

Loan market's rates ~ 5%
In this instance ~ 3,5%

Interest Rates

for Financial Intermediates

For not lent out allocation

For credits in LTL:
6 months VILIBOR **plus**
0,1 percentage points, yet
not less than 2 percent
interest rate

For credits in EUR:
6 months EURIBOR **plus**
0,1 percentage point, yet
not less than 1 percent
interest rate

For lent out allocation

For credits in LTL:
6 months VILIBOR **minus** **4**
percentage points, yet not
less than 2 percent and not
more than 7 percent interest
rate

For credits in EUR:
6 months EURIBOR **minus**
1 percentage point, yet not
less than 1 percent and not
more than 3 percent
interest rate

Opportunities of Applicants and Loan Risk

- Applications for investment support or loan only
- Applications for both investment support and loan. In the latter case, the Gross Grant Equivalent is calculated that is deducted from the investment support.
- Banks can receive 70% guarantee from RCGF.
- Banks take the responsibility for loans provided.

Limitation

- Loans can be provided for investment projects only. There is no possibility to provide loans for increase of working capital.

Reuse of returned resources

Regulation says:

- *Resources returned [...] shall be reused [...] for the benefit of individual undertaking.*



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Loan Fund Indicators (01-09-2010)

- 43,2 million EUR are lent to Financial intermediates;
- 259 loan contracts signed (20,7 mill EUR);
- ~ 2 million EUR already returned to Loan Fund.



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