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support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural
development (EAFRD)
- Consolidated draft regulation (Corrigendum)

On page 4, Recital 5 of the document 13349/1/13 REV 1 should read as follows (changes highlighted in grey) :

(5) To ensure the sustainable development of rural areas, it is necessary to focus on a limited number of core priorities relating to knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas, the competitiveness of all types of agriculture and farm viability, food chain organisation, **including the processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare** and risk management in agriculture, restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems **related to** ~~dependant on~~ agriculture and forestry, resource efficiency and the shift towards a low carbon economy in the agricultural, food and forestry sectors, and promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and the economic development of rural areas. In doing so account must be taken of the diversity of situations that affect rural areas with different characteristics or different categories of potential beneficiaries and the cross-cutting

objectives of innovation, environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Mitigation action should relate to both limiting emissions in agriculture and forestry from key activities such as livestock production, fertilizer use and to preserving the carbon sinks and enhancing carbon sequestration with regard to land use, land use change and the forestry sector. The Union priority for rural development relating to knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas should apply horizontally in relation to the other Union priorities for rural development.

On page 6, Recital 8 should read as follows (changes highlighted in grey):

(8) In order to ensure the immediate start and efficient implementation of rural development programmes, support from the EAFRD should be based on the existence of sound administrative framework conditions. Member States should therefore assess **the applicability and fulfilment of** ~~compliance with~~ certain ex ante conditionalities. Each Member State should prepare either a national rural development programme for its entire territory **or a set of regional programmes or both a national programme** and a set of regional programmes. Each programme should identify a strategy for meeting targets in relation to the Union priorities for rural development and a selection of measures. Programming should comply with Union priorities for rural development, **whilst at the same time** ~~e-being adapted~~ **adapting** to national contexts and **complementing** the other Union policies, in particular the agricultural market policy, cohesion policy and the common fisheries policy. Member States which opt for a set of regional **programmes** should be able to also prepare a national framework, without a separate budgetary allocation, in order to facilitate co-ordination among the regions in addressing nation-wide challenges.

On page 7, Recital 12 should read as follows (changes highlighted in grey):

(12) It is necessary to establish certain rules for programming and revising rural development programmes. A ~~lighter~~ **simplified** procedure should be provided for revisions not affecting the strategy of the programmes or the respective Union financial contributions.

On page 28, Recital 51 should be re-inserted (the text has not been amended):

(51) Rural development programmes should provide for innovative actions promoting a resource-efficient, productive and low-emission agricultural sector, with the support of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability. The EIP should aim to promote a faster and wider transposition of innovative solutions into practice. The EIP should create added value by enhancing the uptake and effectiveness of innovation-related instruments and enhancing synergies between them. The EIP should fill gaps by better linking research and practical farming.

On page 122, Article 46(3)(d) should read as follows (changes highlighted in grey):

d) (...)

Furthermore, by way of derogation, the condition of sub-paragraph d(i) shall not apply to investments in the establishment of a new irrigation installation supplied with water from an existing reservoir approved by the competent authorities before 31 October 2013 if the following conditions are met:

- **the reservoir in question is identified in the relevant river basin management plan and is subject to the control requirements set out in article 11(3)(e) of Directive 2000/60/EC;**
- **on 31 October 2013, there was in force either a maximum limit on total abstractions from the reservoir or a minimum required level of flow in water bodies affected by the reservoir;**
- **that maximum limit or minimum required level of flow complies with the conditions set out in article 4 of Directive 2000/60/EC; and**
- **the investment in question does not result in abstractions beyond the maximum limit in force on 31 October 2013 or result in a reduction of the level of flow in affected water bodies below the minimum required level in force on 31 October 2013.**