



# ***Successful* mainstreaming of climate action into post-2013 Rural Development Policy**

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# How to ensure successful climate mainstreaming into rural development?



Figure: Step approach of mainstreaming climate actions into rural development

# 1. Climate mainstreaming in EX-ANTE evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- *Define the role of climate in the intervention logic/targets*
- Identifying climate needs and hotspots
- Assessing regional mitigation and adaptation potential
- Scaling up "from field to programme": Assessing possible climate impacts of the entire RDP
- Assessing cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit, practicality of various mitigation and adaptation options and their effects on other objectives e.g. productivity
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## 2. Climate mainstreaming at strategic level

- Choose climate related ***priorities and targets*** in view of *the needs and hotspots*
- Possible contribution of *EAFRD* to the 20 % climate expenditure target in the EU budget (2014-2020)
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## 3. Programming

- Screen measures/operations, innovate on measure design
- Rank and select measures and types of operations contributing to the specific climate related hotspots, priorities and targets.
- Avoid re-labeling of measures by just adding "climate"
- Which bundles of measures to address specific climate-related needs/priorities?
- Any sub-programmes related to climate issues e.g. adaptation, green growth?
- Role of LEADER in promoting climate objectives?
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## 4. Implementation

- Selection of projects on the basis of climate criteria
- Ensure "sound" implementation (prevent "administrative errors")
- Training, Education and Advice to ensure practicality
- Ensure additionality ..
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## 5. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Annual Monitoring tables as a part of the **annual implementation report (AIR) in year N for N-1** include committed climate related expenditure and realised climate related expenditure/outputs
- Outputs/results/impacts related to climate objectives has to be demonstrated by using the appropriate indicators (under discussion of the RDC)
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*Thank you for your participation in the OSCAR workshop and interest!*

## Further information on:

Commissioner for climate action, Connie Hedegaard:

- [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/hedegaard/](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/hedegaard/)

EU Climate Action:

- <http://ec.europa.eu/clima/>

On forests, agriculture and climate:

- <http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/forests/>