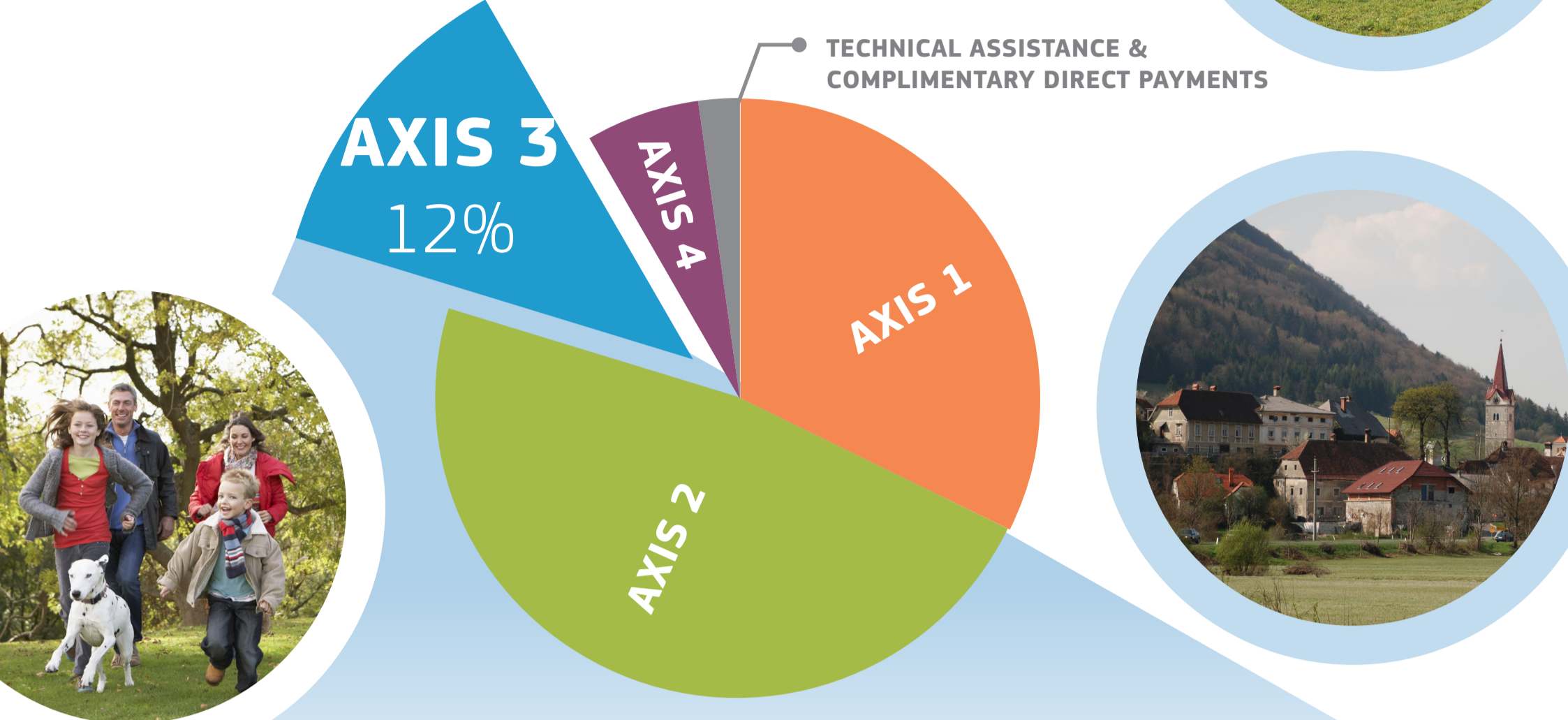


AXIS 3 – THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

EAFRD Axis 3 aimed to enhance the quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy, offering support for developing local infrastructure and human capital in rural areas, improving the conditions for growth and job creation in all sectors and the diversification of economic activities.



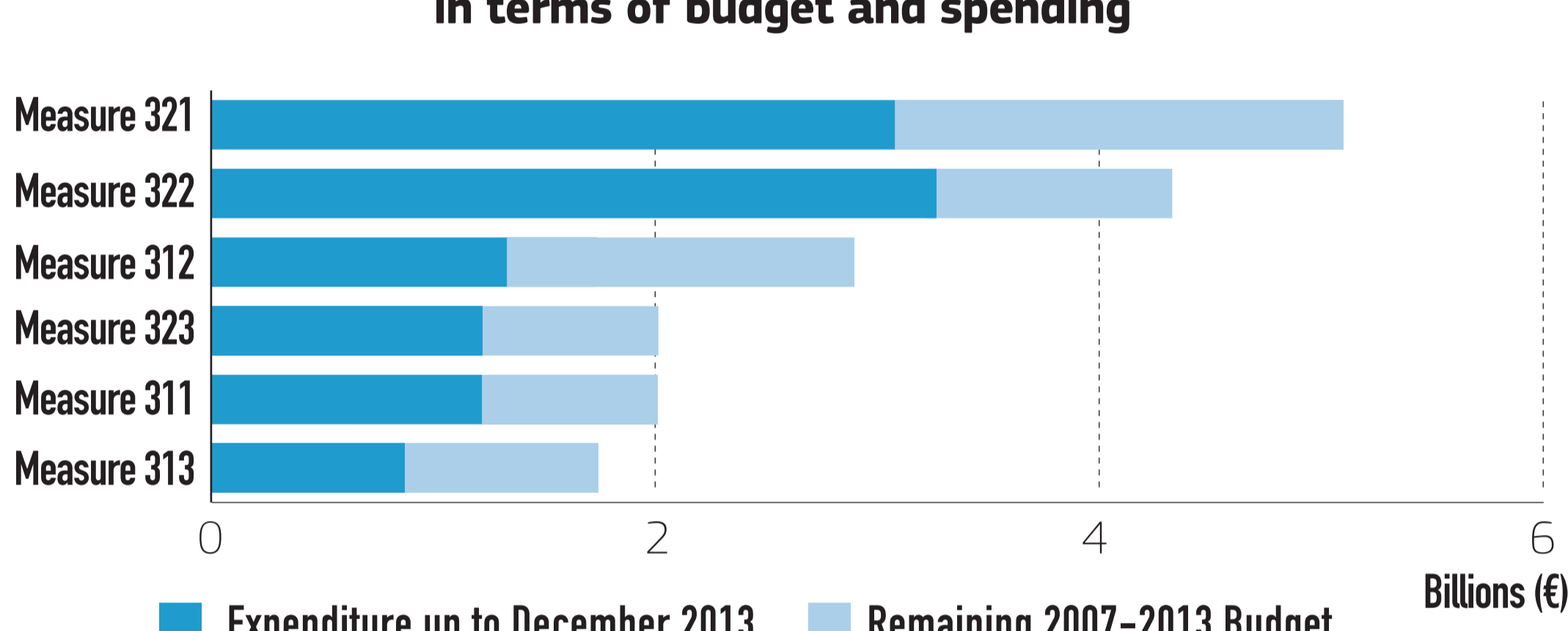
Allocation of 2007-2013 total public budget per Axis⁽¹⁾



Highest share of Axis 3 Budget on total RDP budget: Top 5 MS



Most important Axis 3 measures in terms of budget and spending



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS – EU 27⁽²⁾

Measure 321 Basic services for the economy and rural population

The measure provided financial support for establishing better and more basic services for the economy and the rural population in order to improve and maintain the living conditions and welfare, and increase the attractiveness of the rural areas.

Number of supported actions:

(including investments in energy, social, environmental and ICT infrastructures, training, childcare and mobility)

43,515



Measure 322 Village renewal and development

The measure supported village renewal and development activities with the aim to reverse the negative trends of economic decline and depopulation in the rural areas.

Number of villages where actions took place:

33,897

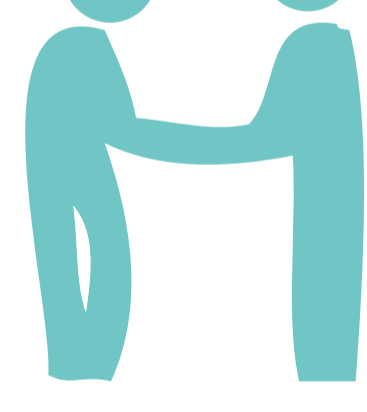


Measure 312 Support for business creation and development

The measure provided financial support for setting up and developing micro-businesses in the rural areas which aimed to promote entrepreneurship, develop the economic structure in the area and contribute to the creation of employment opportunities.

Number of micro-enterprises supported or created:

36,059



Measure 323 Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage

The measure provided financial support for conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage which aimed to enhance the quality of life and economic attractiveness of the rural areas.

Number of rural heritage actions supported:

61,679



Measure 311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities

The measure provided financial support to farmers who are interested to diversify in non-agricultural activities and by this way contributing to growth, employment and sustainable economic development in the rural areas.

Number of beneficiaries:

24,399



Measure 313 Encouragement of tourism activities

The measure financed activities that stimulate tourism development in rural areas.

Number of new tourism activities supported:

15,039



Data source:

(1) Financial data on programmed and declared total public expenditure up to December 2013 (DG AGRI)

(2) Output indicators data up to December 2012 (DG AGRI).

For more information on the latest monitoring indicators, please visit the "Rural Development Policy in Figures" section on www.enrd.eu