

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL AREA IN ROMANIA AND IN THE OTHER EU MEMBER STATES

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ABSTRACT

For the achievement of the objectives of rural development (contained in CAP), EU Member States have the priority axis (the general objectives of rural development) and the measures (the operational objectives) which are financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

According a special attention to the rural area development is necessary for the solving of the structural problems and for the balanced development of this area, respectively for the achievement of the economic and social cohesion.

The rural area in Romania has a great potential from an economical and a social point of view due to the dimension, the diversity, the human and the natural resources.

In Romania, the development of the rural area is connected to: improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector, improving the environment and the countryside through land management, improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of economic activity and implementing of local development strategies.

We analyze the priorities of the rural area development for Romania and for the others EU member states, through a comparative analysis of the allocated funds and of the expenditure of the funds, appropriate for the objectives contained in the rural development programs. Also, we are analyzing the accomplishment of the objectives of rural area development and of the measures (operational objectives) at 30 September 2010, which are contained in the National Rural Development Program in Romania 2007 – 2013period (NRDP).

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