

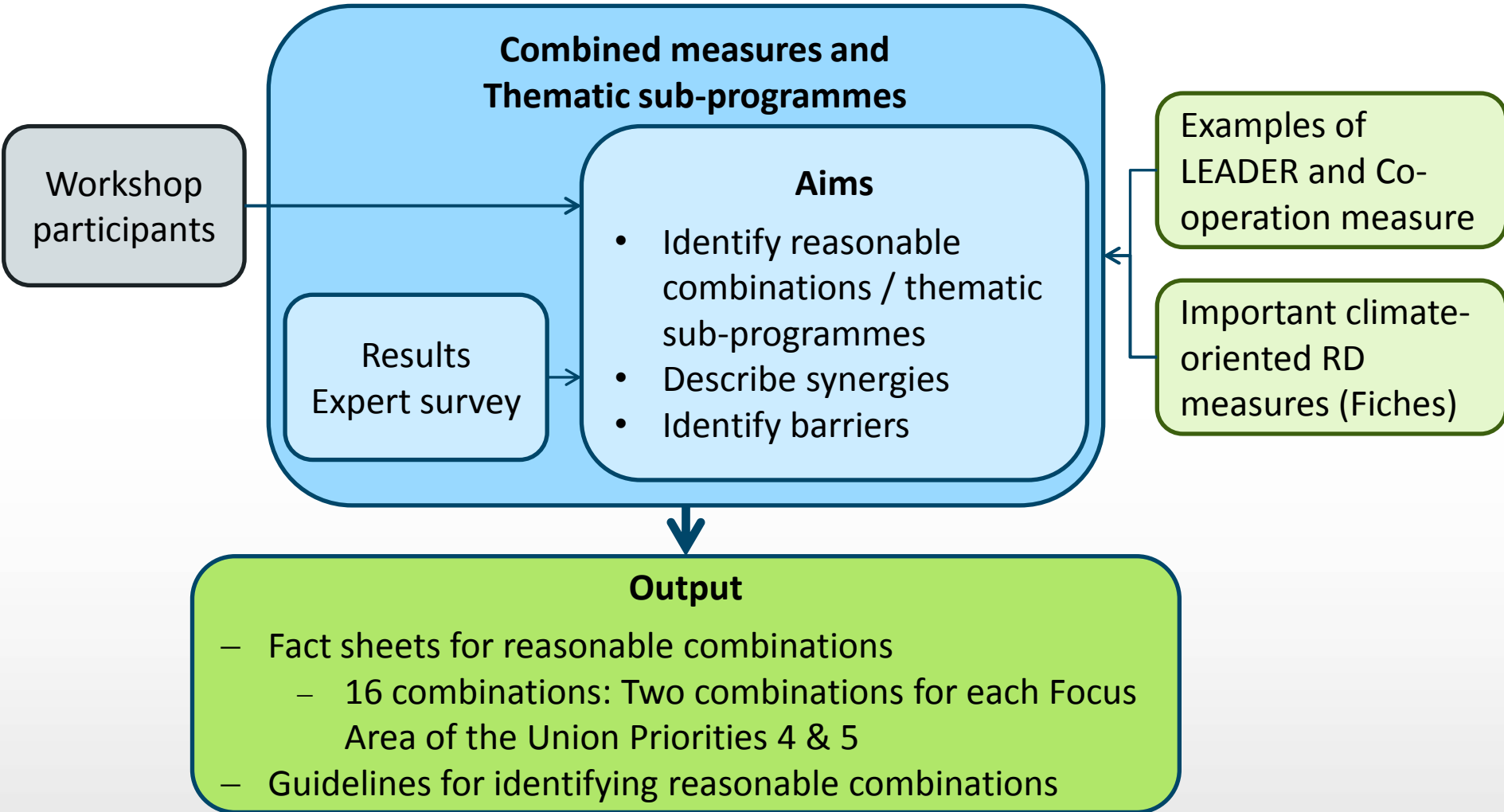
# COMBINED MEASURES AND THEMATIC SUB-PROGRAMMES

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# Objectives



# Combined Measures I

## Reasons for combination

*Source: EC (2013) Guidelines for strategic programming for the period 2014-2020. Working paper, Version 2 of 13/12/2013*

- to better address identified needs
- better targeting of support
- simplification for administration and beneficiary

## Programming requirements

- Implementation according to the rules for the individual measures
- co-financed expenditure attributed to the dominant measure
- based on sound intervention logic (ex ante evaluation, SWOT analysis/needs identification)
- Combination has to be justified (added value)

# Combined Measures II

## Possible combinations

- all complementary and compatible combinations of measures
- “measure” refers to the single articles of RD Regulation

## Special focus on combinations including

- LEADER
- Art. 35 Co-operation measure (collective action)
- Advice, training and knowledge transfer
- Art. 17 Investment in physical assets (Integrated projects)

# Thematic sub-programmes (TSP)

- Can also address climate change mitigation and adaptation
- separate SWOT analysis, needs/target identification and indicator plan
- 10% higher support rate for TSP related to climate change
- Management/implementation by intermediate bodies possible
- Examples:

| „Manure Chain“  | „Soil management for climate change“   |
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| Advice on manure handling (Art. 15)<br>+<br>Climate Proofing of planned investments<br>(under Art. 17)<br>+<br>Improved N-efficiency (Art. 28)<br>or<br>Precise N-application (Art. 17) | Erosion Control Plan (Art. 15 or 18)<br>+<br>No-tillage technologies (Art. 17)<br>+<br>micro/precision irrigation equipment (Art.<br>17)<br>+<br>Cover crops (Art. 28) |

# Expert Survey

- **Target group:** RD programme coordinators and experts
- **Objective:** Identify combinations of RD measures/operations which facilitate implementation and/or increase overall efficiency with focus on climate mitigation and adaptation measures
- **Constraints:** limited responses

# Expert Survey: initial results

- Few experiences with implementation of combined measures, although combination of measures is considered useful
- Implementation mostly separately without using obligatory measure combinations
- Few examples for planned measure combinations
- No climate related thematic sub-programmes have been reported
- Both instruments are associated with increased administrative burden and are expected to complicate programming

# Expert Survey: Existing/planned measure combinations

**Programme  
Period  
2007-2013**

Agri-environment Measure  
(214)  
+  
Advisory services and training  
(111)  
Non-productive investments  
(216 and 227)

Modernisation of livestock  
buildings  
+  
Energy performance plan  
(both under Art. 20, measure  
121 Mod. of agricultural  
holdings)

**Programme  
Period 2014  
-2020  
(planned)**

Land management Programme  
(Art. 28)  
+  
Farm Business improvement  
Scheme (Art. 17)

Combination of Business  
development groups (Art. 14)  
+  
EIP operational groups / Pilot  
Projects / Demonstration  
Projects



# Further examples for measure combinations

Climate Proofing of planned investments (under Art. 17)  
+  
Carbon Audit/Climate Check (e.g. under Art. 15)

Investment in regional irrigation infrastructure (e.g. under 17c)  
+  
Farm equipment for more efficient irrigation (under Art. 17a)

Investments for restoration of wetlands (natural heritage) (Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas)  
+  
Land consolidation (Art. 17c)  
+  
Extensification on organic soils (Art. 28)  
+  
Pilot Projects for Paludicultures (Art. 35)

# Group discussion: your feedback needed

- Discuss the opportunities and constraints for combination of measures and operations
- Discuss the relevance and barriers / opportunities for thematic sub-programmes (TSP)
- Presenting and discussing examples in relation to combined measures, collective action and thematic sub-programmes
- Obtain insights into what type of information would be most useful to RDP staff on combinations of measures and thematic sub-programmes
- Find examples for combining measures for Union Priorities 4 + 5

# Thank you for your attention

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