

## **STUDIES ON THE ACCESSION OF THE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, "SUPPORT FOR INVESTMENTS IN THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NON-AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES".**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*National Rural Development Programme (NRDP) is a complex program drawn up by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development following consultations with representatives of bodies, organizations and social partners active in this field and approved after several rounds of negotiations by the European Commission. Sub-measure MS 6.4 "Support for investment in the creation and development of non-agricultural activities" falls within the scope of Regulation No 1305/2013, as subsequently amended and supplemented, Article 19 of Measure 06 "Development of farms and enterprises" and contributes to the areas of intervention.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

European funds are those financial instruments created by the European Union, for Romania (and not only, Romania is not the only European state benefiting from these instruments), the private and / or public sector, in order to develop certain areas and support the member countries to reaching certain developmental standards, both economic and social or cultural.

Agritourism is generally practiced by small landowners / rural households as a secondary activity. Through this form of tourism, tourists are given the opportunity to return to the middle of nature, ensuring their physical and spiritual comfort, as well as access to authentic cuisine specific to each area.

Supporting tourism infrastructure and services is necessary for two reasons: one for creating and promoting competitive tourism in rural areas, and the other for setting up local networks for the promotion and provision of these services, with the active involvement of the rural population, especially women and young people.

Rural tourism, more than other types of tourism, is oriented towards self-preservation so that its development does not have a negative impact on the environment. That is why the support of actions under Sub-measure 6.4 - Investing in the creation and development of non-agricultural activities, focuses on the respect and promotion of the principles of sustainable development, in this context the extension of the specific supply area, the stimulation of the high tourist potential areas will be carefully monitored, while environmental protection measures will be complied with.

### **MATERIAL AND METHOD**

This study was carried out on projects submitted by private beneficiaries under Sub-measure 6.4 in all development regions of Romania and deepened in the Oltenia region - Dolj, Gorj, Mehedinți, Olt and Vâlcea counties during 2014-2015

The results were statistically processed, presented in tabular and / or graphical form. The projects with investments in the agrotourist pension development sector in Oltenia, selected for financing under the "NRDP 2014-2020", were analyzed.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Analyzing Table 1, it is concluded that the North West Region occupies the first place in terms of the numerical situation of selected projects at the country level, due

primarily to the significant tourist potential represented by archaeological remains, natural reserves, glacial and accumulation lakes, numerous caves, balneo-climatic resorts, favorable conditions for mountain tourism, recreation and rest. There are also several ethno-folkloric areas that allowed the development of agro-tourism in Maramures, Cluj and Bihor.

Also, Table 1 also shows that the South Region of Romania occupies the last place in terms of the numerical situation of the selected projects, although Prahova and Argeș counties have a high tourist potential.

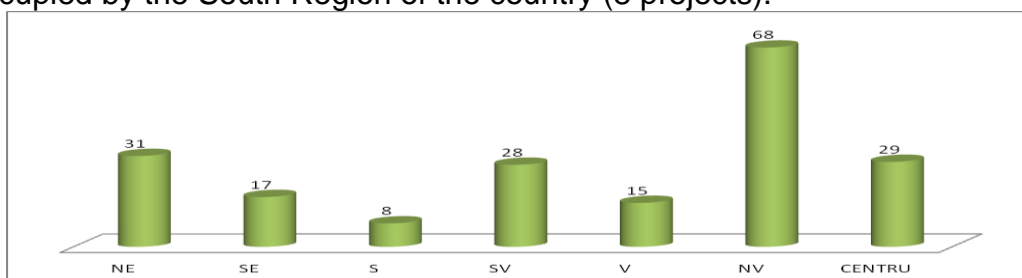
**Table 1**

**The numerical situation of selected projects at national level**

Nr. crt.	Year	Region							TOTAL
		NE	SE	S	SV	V	NV	C	
1	2015	7	4	1	5	0	14	4	35
2	2016	24	13	7	23	15	54	25	161
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>196</b>

NE- North-East, SE- South-East, S- South, SV- South-West, V- West, NV- North-West, C- Center

In Table 1 and Figure 1 it is also pointed out that 196 projects were selected at the national level, most of them in the North West Region (68 projects), followed by the North East Region (31 projects), the Center region (29 projects) The South West Region (28 projects), the South East Region (17 projects), the West Region (15 projects) and the last place occupied by the South Region of the country (8 projects).



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**Figure 1 The numerical situation of selected projects at national level**

**Table 2**

**The numerical situation of the selected projects in Oltenia**

Nr crt	Year	County					TOTAL
		Dolj	Gorj	Mehedinți	Olt	Vâlcea	
1	2015	0	4	1	0	0	5
2	2016	6	8	7	0	2	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>

Numerical situation of the projects selected in Oltenia, 28 projects were selected, most of them in Gorj County (12 projects), followed by Mehedinți County (8 projects), Dolj county (third place) 6 projects), then Vâlcea (6 projects), and the last place is occupied by Olt County (0 projects).

**Table 3**

**Eligible eligible status of selected projects in Oltenia (euro)**

Nr crt	Year	County					TOTAL
		Dolj	Gorj	Mehedinți	Olt	Vâlcea	
1	2015	0	870.028	217.507	0	0	1.087.535
2	2016	1.313.097	1.771.331	1.535.599	0	427.058	5.047.085
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.313.097</b>	<b>2.641.359</b>	<b>1.753.106</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>427.058</b>	<b>6.134.620</b>

Analyzing Table 3, it appears that the eligible value of the selected projects in Oltenia is the following: the highest value is for Gorj County (2,641,359 €), followed by Mehedinți (1,753,106 €), then by Dolj (1,313,097 €), Valcea (€ 427,058) and, lastly, Olt County (€ 0).

### CONCLUSIONS

As a component of national tourism as a whole, rural tourism is a sub-sector with particular development potential, thus representing an occupational alternative for the rural workforce, a way to diversify rural economic activities and a stabilizing factor for the population rural. Its development can help mitigate the imbalances between different areas, and it is also a source of income growth for the rural population.

At least one activity related to agriculture, animal husbandry, cultivation of different types of plants, orchards of fruit trees, etc. must be carried out within the agro-tourism pensions.

At national level, we found that 196 projects were selected under the Sub-measure 6.4 - "NRDP 2014-2020", 196 projects being selected, most of them in the North West region of the country (68 projects), followed by North East (31 projects) the Central Region (29 projects), the South East region of the country (28 projects), the South East region (17 projects), the West region (15 projects) and the last place occupied by the South region of the country (8 projects). The highest eligible value is found in the NW region of the country (€ 14,206,297), followed by the North East region of the country (€ 6,452,884), the Central region (€ 6,150,286), the SV region (6,134,620 €), the South East region of the country (€ 3,709,904), then the West region (€ 3,132,092) and the lowest eligible value is in the South region of the country (€ 1,728,228). The top of public values is in line with the eligible values, so the highest public value is also found in the North West region of the country (12,792,641 €) and the lowest public value is in the South region (1,555,399 €)

The total eligible value for the 196 projects selected at national level in the "NRDP 2014-2020" was 41,514,311 € and the total public value was 37,317,700 €.

From the information presented in this paper, it results that in Oltenia Region, the number of selected projects financed under Sub-measure 6.4 - "NRDP 2014-2020" was 28 projects, the first place being occupied by Gorj County (12 projects), followed by Mehedinți (8 projects), Dolj (6 projects), Vâlcea (2 projects) and Olt (0 projects). The eligible project value is directly proportional to the number of projects selected, so the highest value is found in Gorj County.

The total value for the 28 projects selected in the Oltenia Region - "NRDP 2014-2020", was 11,618,946 €, the eligible value was 6,134,620 € and the public value was 5,484,326 €.

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