

SEMINAR

the Future of the Agricultural and Food Policy: the Regions propose

session 4:

What future for agricultural support in less-favoured areas?



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Puglia's numbers



	Apulia	Italy
population	4.068.167	58.462.375
Population density (ab/kmq)	210	194
Surface (ha)	1.935.790	



Apulian food productions

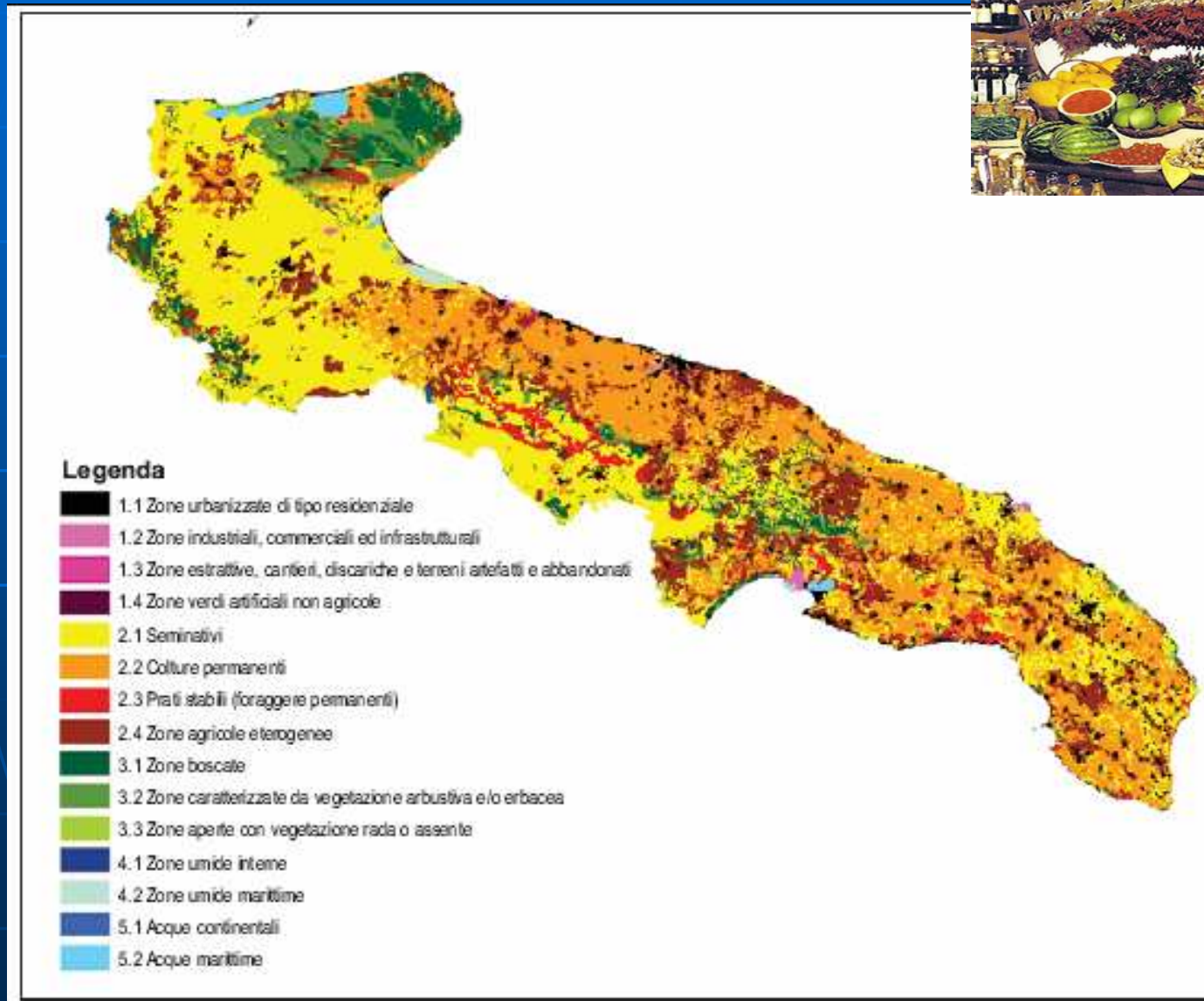




Agricultural and livestock production

	N°	%	ha	%
cereals	30.906	8,92	331.366	26,65
horticulture	6.735	1,94	35.929	2,89
Viticulture	34.399	9,93	78.172	6,29
fruits	11.623	3,35	16.346	1,31
olive	188.657	54,45	319.332	25,69
cow	1.889	0,55	42.853	3,45
sheep	236	0,07	5.057	0,41

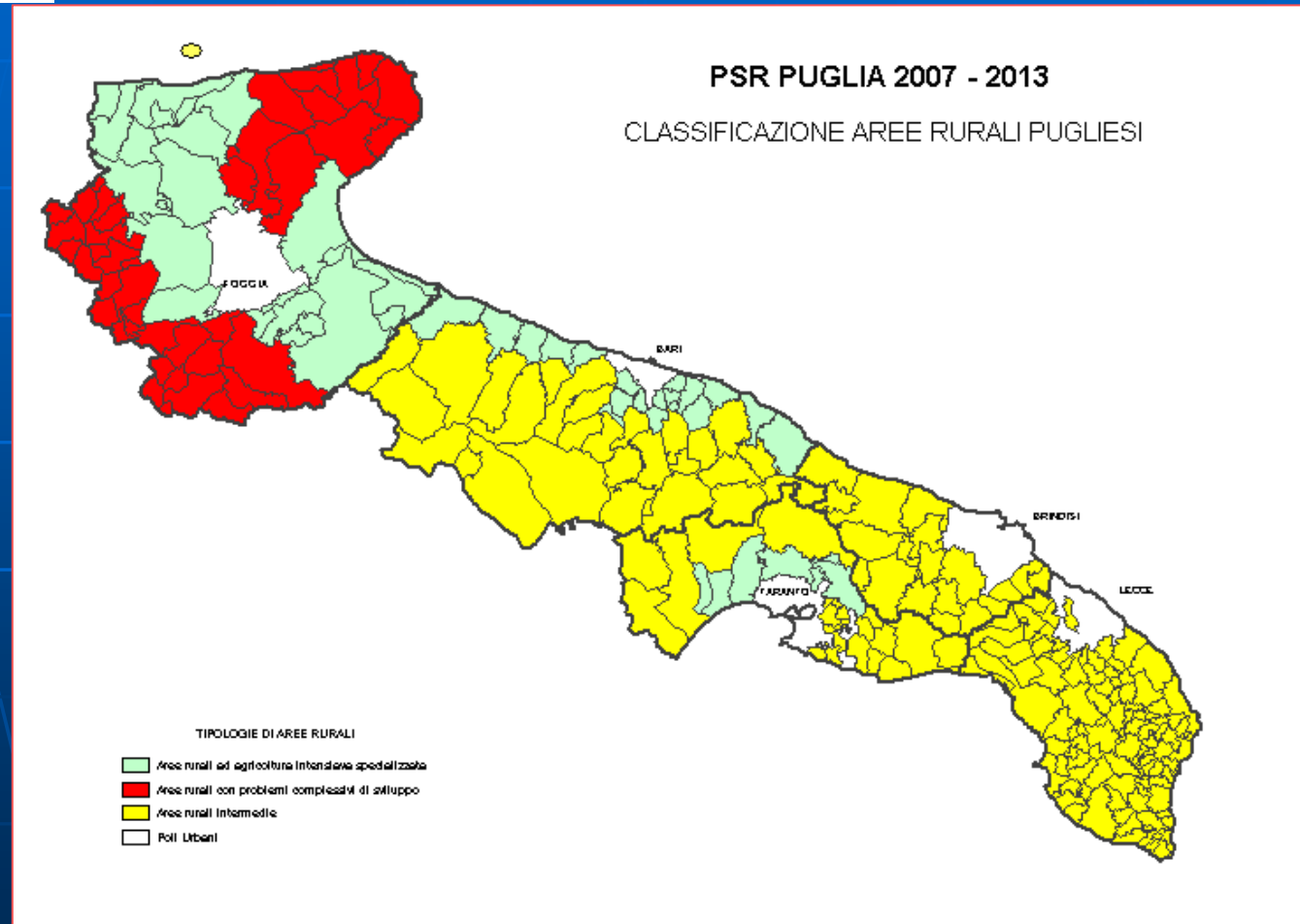
Land use





Puglia's rural areas

Reg. CE n. 1698/05





Less-favoured zones in Puglia

Directive (EEC) n. 268/75



Indicator	%
UAA in non less-favoured areas	62,8
UAA in less-favoured mountains areas	8,0
UAA in other less-favoured areas	29,2





In Puglia the less-favoured agrarian zones are characterized by strong limits in the use of agrarian lands, adverse climatic conditions, the presence of hydro-geological instability, the absence of social services and economic infrastructures, poor possibilities of alternative activities.

Therefore,
there is a demographic regression





Agriculture and similar activities (diversification) represent for these zones a possible answer to the family farmers and to need for environmental safeguarding and could potentially be the catalyst for the diffusion of other services of a social and cultural nature, which could stem the phenomena of abandonment





Puglia's Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

Support :

The labelled qualification of agrarian production (Axis1- 41%)

Safeguard the biodiversity, organic agriculture and forestry (Axis2 -35,7%)

Multi-functional activities and rural development (Axis 3 -2,7% and Axis 4 -18,84%)

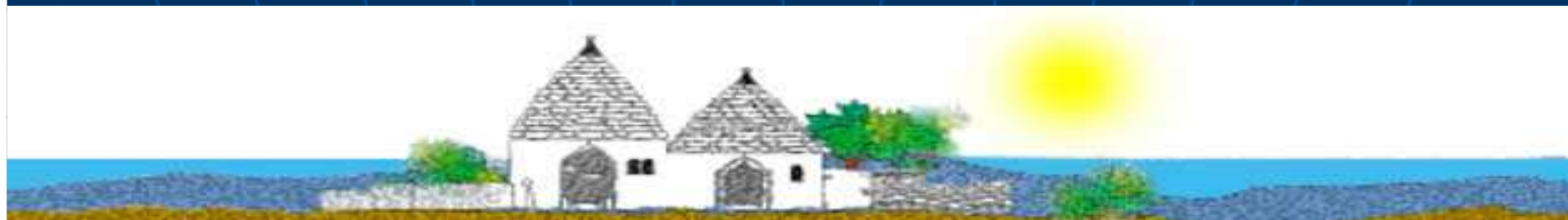




Puglia's Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

Financial resources

- 851,32 meuro of Community resources
- 1,480 meuro total public resources (EAFRD 57,50%)
- Axis 1 598 meuro
- Axis 2 519 meuro
- Axis 3 40 meuro
- Axis 4 279 meuro





RDP 2007-2013 give's to the Puglia,s less-favoured agrarian zones a great quantity of financial resouces to the landscape protection, the use and protection of natural resources, organic agriculture (**Axis 2**), improvement of the attraction of rural areas trough better social and economical servicies, with LEADER approach (**Axis 3 and 4**)





The added value expected by the **Leader** approach (**Axis 4**) is the improvement of local governance, in order to mobilize the potential indigenous development of rural areas, based on partnerships and on the abilities of local communities of transferring the territorial needs in development programs





After the previous editions, Leader I (2 LAGs) , Leader II (17 LAGs), Leader + (9 LAGs), the degree of know-how and maturity achieved became evident, as did the possibilities of introducing in 2007-2013 program the “Fulfillment of the Leader approach” in the rural areas.





LAGs have a great role in connecting public, private and civil organizations (ONGs) which operate in a less-favoured areas

They sustain non-agriculture entrepreneurial activities and the development of structures and infrastructures to improve the quality of life, above all for the kind population more vulnerable to socio-economic difficulties





The Local Action Groups (**Axis 4**) can use all the measures of **Axis 3** to do:

- improvement of the territorial activities for farm and population
- promotion of tourist activities in the farms (agroturism, teaching farms, taste roads)
- development and improvement of services for the population and the farms
- to create new job opportunities for women and young people
- to improve the ability of managing and starting local developments programs
- to use and protection of natural resouces





Definitively, in Puglia Region the Leader initiative develops innovative approaches in agriculture, forestry and the local economy, helping the diversification of the economic activity and strengthening the socio economic sector of less-favoured areas





Thank you !

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