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Scottish Rural Development Programme
(SRDP) 2007-13

RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS

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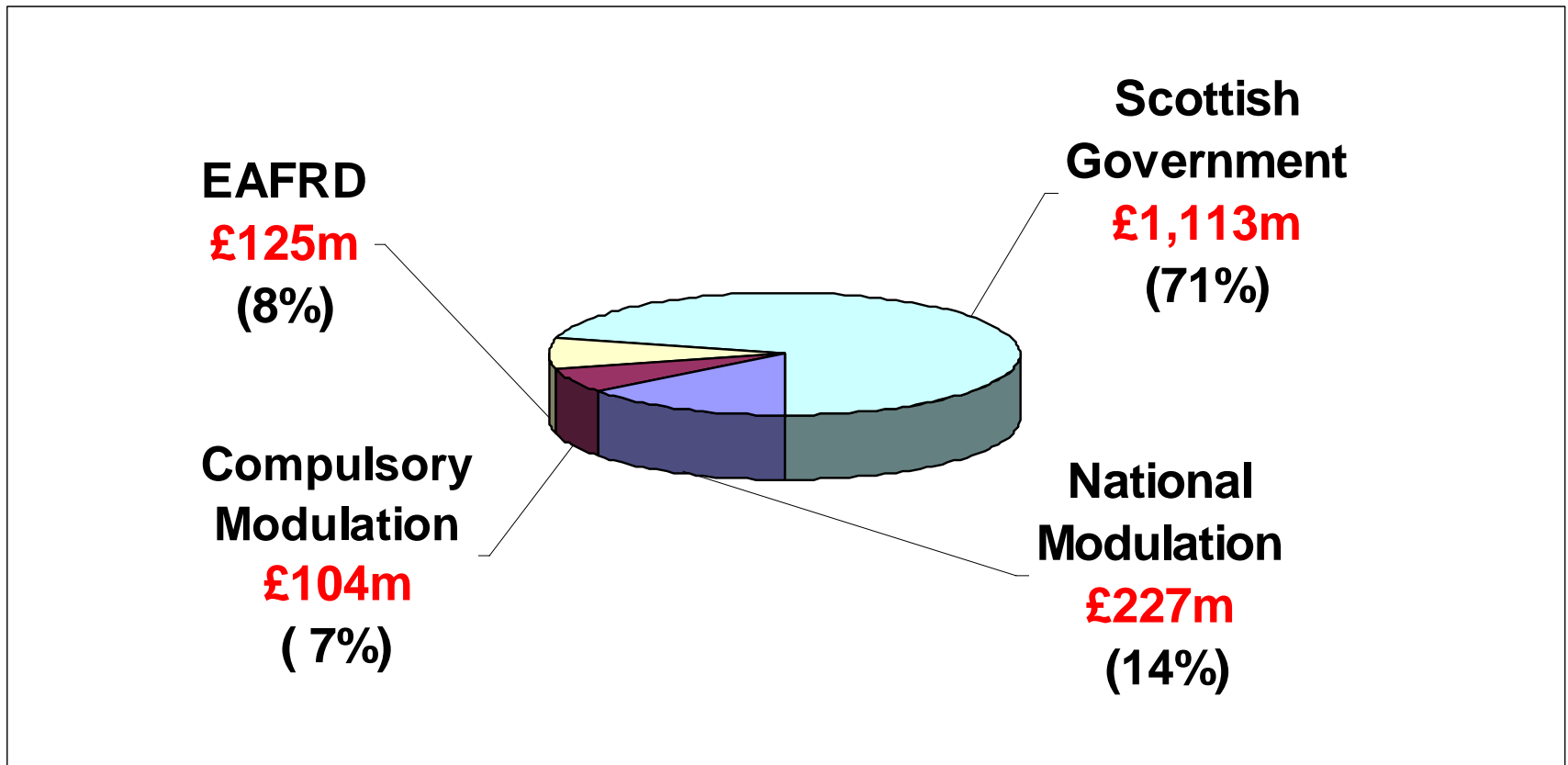
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What is the SRDP?

- Grant Scheme for Rural Businesses.
- Replaces “Legacy” schemes – RSS, OAS, ESA, Forestry, A/FBDS, CPS, etc.
- Wider range of potential beneficiaries.
- Integrated delivery – “SEARS”.
- Tailored to local circumstances - regional approach to delivery.
- Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities (RDC-RP).

SRDP Funding 2007-13

(£ 1.6 billion)

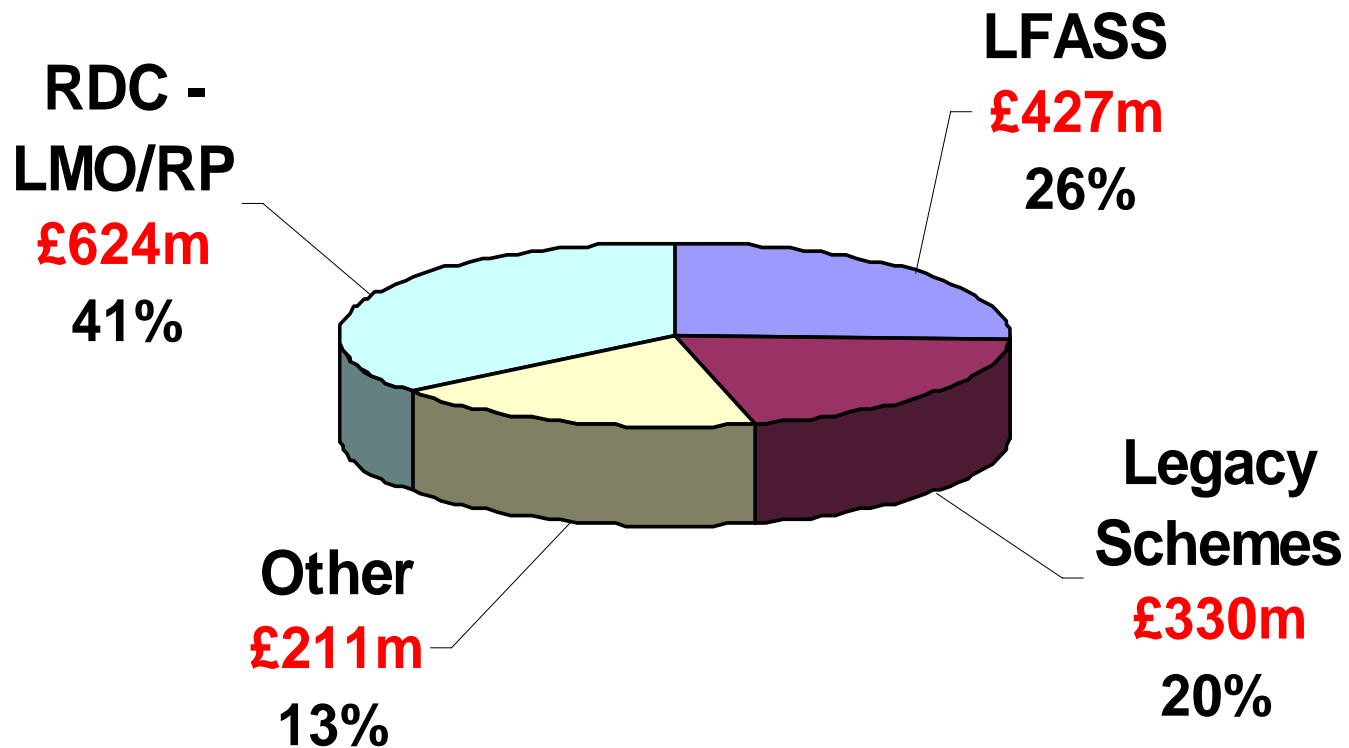


SRDP Funding Mechanisms

- LFASS
- Leader
- RDC – LMOs
- RDC – RPs
- Processing & Marketing
- Crofting Counties Grant Schemes
- Forestry Challenge Fund (WIAT & Forests for People)
- Training Scheme (stand-alone)

SRDP Funding (2007-13)

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SRDP Key Outcomes

- Business viability and competitiveness
- Environmental improvements
 - Water
 - Climate Change
 - Landscape and Biodiversity
- Thriving rural communities

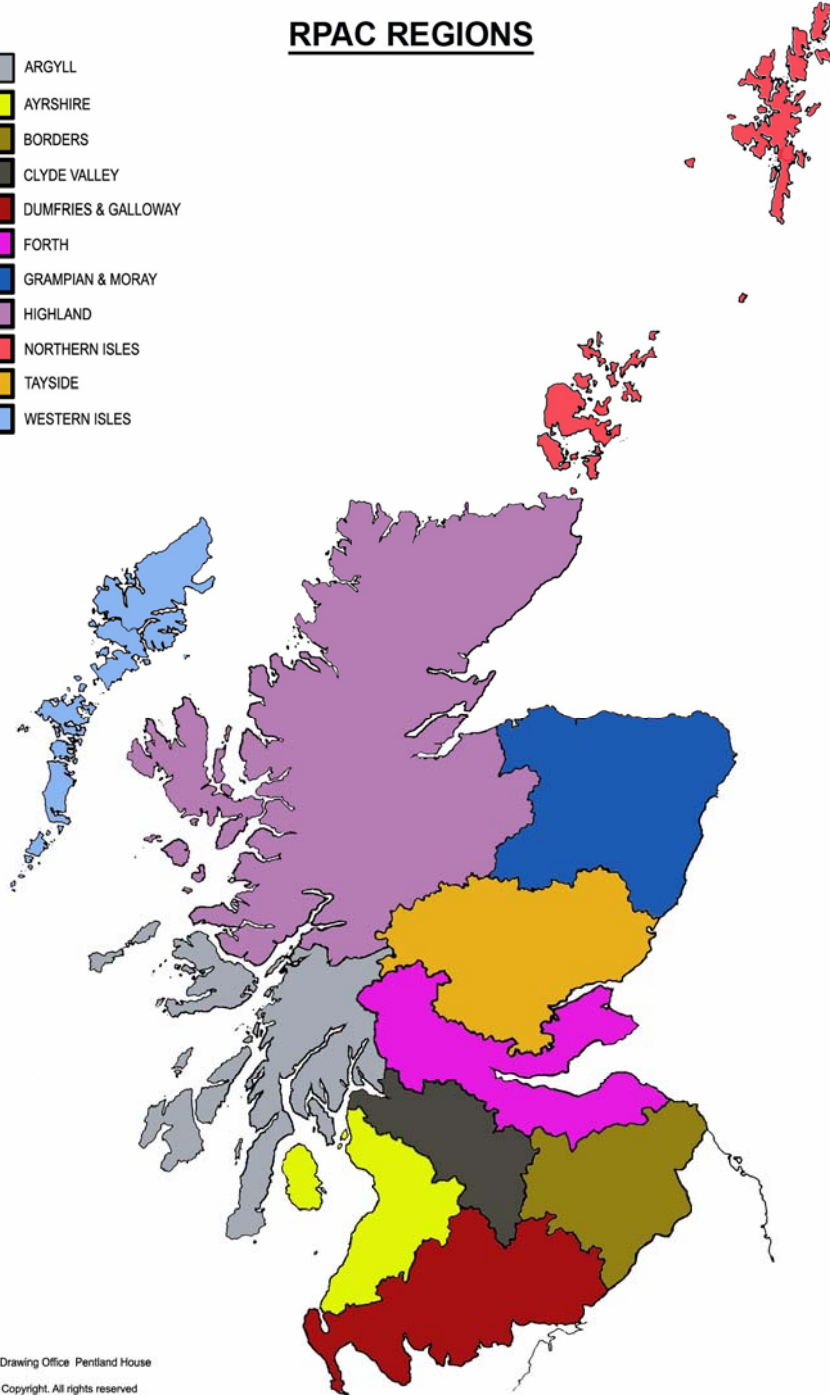
RDC – Rural Priorities

1. RPAC* areas
2. RPAC membership
3. Regional priorities, options.

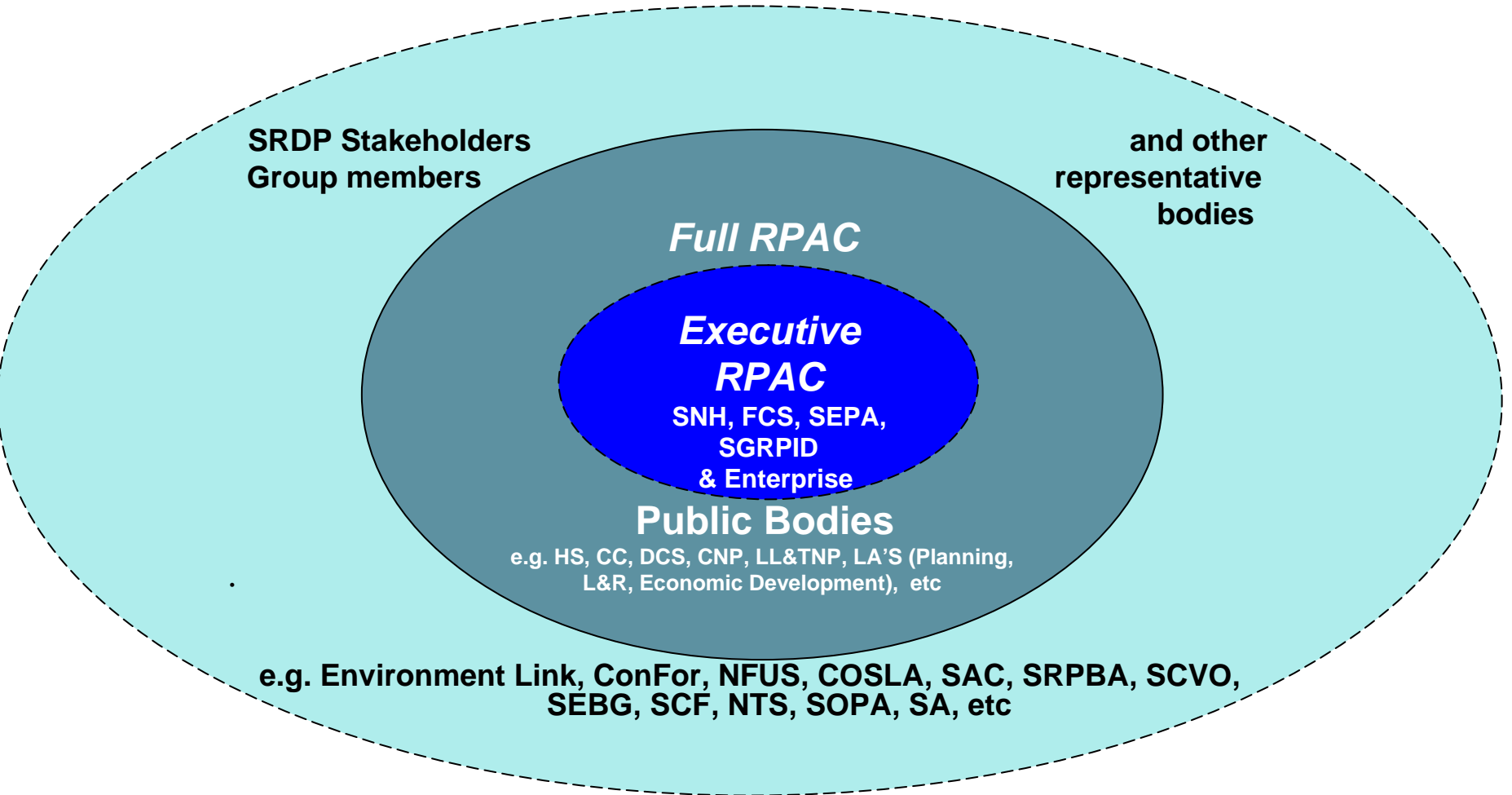
(*Regional Proposal Assessment Committee)

RPAC REGIONS

- ARGYLL
- AYRSHIRE
- BORDERS
- CLYDE VALLEY
- DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
- FORTH
- GRAMPIAN & MORAY
- HIGHLAND
- NORTHERN ISLES
- TAYSIDE
- WESTERN ISLES

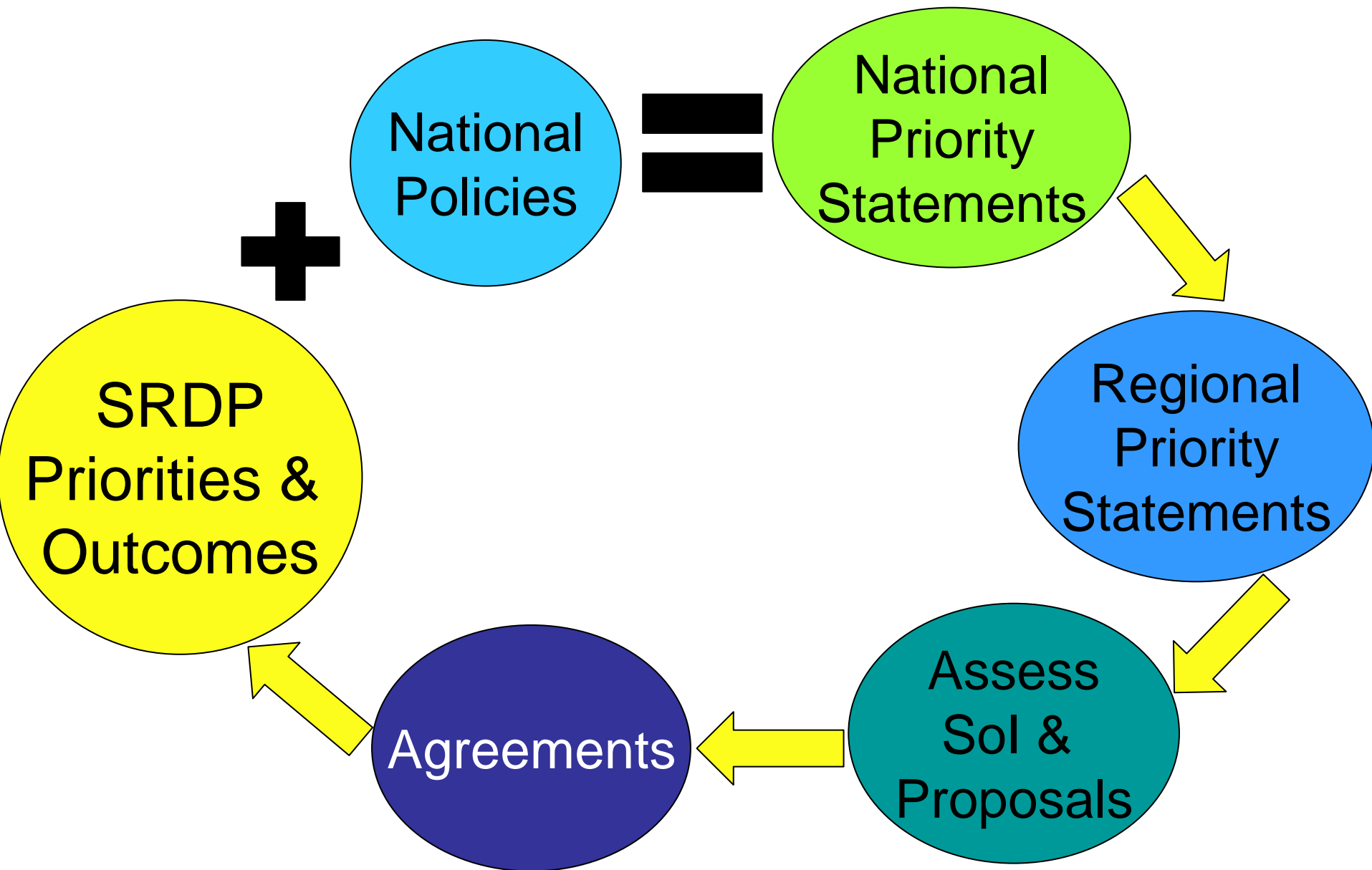


RPAC Membership




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- **Core RPAC** – SGRPID, FCS, SNH, SEPA, Scottish Enterprise Grampian.
- **Priority Setting RPAC** – Core RPAC + NFUS, SRPBA, ConFor, LINK, Moray Council, Aberdeenshire Council, HIE Moray, Cairngorms NPA.



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Rural Development

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Key Messages

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Introduction to SRDP

Scotland Rural Development Programme 2007 - 2013

The SRDP is currently with the European Commission for approval and we are continuing to work with the Commission to gain approval with the aim of opening the Programme in early 2008.

The Information provided on the SRDP website may be subject to change depending on any adjustments to the Programme that the European Commission may require as part of the approval process.

Details about the SRDP will be expanded and updated in due course.



Latest

Find out more about the SRDP - [come to one of our 21 Public Meetings](#) which will be held from mid December 2007 through to mid February 2008.

What is SRDP?

More details about the SRDP

Funding

Explanation of the SRDP funding

Challenge Funds

Forestry Commission Challenge Funds

Land Managers' Options

Information on Land Managers Options

LFASS

Information on the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme

Skills

Skills Development Scheme

Key Messages

List of SRDP key messages

CCAGS

Crofting Counties Agricultural Grant Scheme

Food

Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation

LEADER

Information on Local Community Grant Projects

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Application Process

Scope proposal against guidance, priorities, packages & options



Submit outline proposal as 'Statement of Intent'



Case Officer provides feedback including red/amber status



Work up & submit application with outcome plan(s) & specialist advice



If deemed competent & valid, scored by case officer & assessed by RPAC on contribution to regional priorities, value for money and management of risk

RDC-RP grant awarded to:

- Agri-environment agreements.
- Forestry establishment, management.
- Rural business restructuring, diversification.
- Pollution prevention.
- Management of designated sites.
- Organic conversion, maintenance.
- All in the form of management/ capital payments.

RDC-RP & Renewable Energy

- Options
 1. Renewable Energy Agriculture
 2. Renewable Energy Forestry
 3. Renewable Energy Non-land based
 4. Diversification outwith Agriculture
- Rates - 50% LFA, 40% NLFA.
- Ceilings - None.
- Budgets - subject to change, not published.
 - 1, 2 = £14m, 3 = £18m, 4 = £31m.
 - RDC-RP 2007-13 = £500m

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- **What is this about?**
- ***Use power*** - encourage agricultural businesses to install small scale renewable energy, **mainly (51%) own consumption**, to combat climate change and improve business viability.
- **What will this achieve?**
- Improved business efficiency.
- Reduction in carbon emissions.

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- Develop a local sustainable energy supply.
- **What you can do?**
- Install small scale renewable energy capacity, up to 250kw, such as biogas, biomass and micro-renewables.
- **Who can apply?**
- Agricultural businesses.
- **Eligibility Criteria**
- Agricultural business registered with SGRPID.

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- Micro renewable energy systems (up to 50kW or 45kW for heat).
- **What costs could be supported?**
- Purchase and installation of equipment.
- Construction, upgrading or development of infrastructure.
- Grant on actual costs, 2 quotes.

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- **What technologies are supported?**
- Small scale wind turbines.
- Hydro-electric turbines.
- Solar panels.
- Automated wood-fuel boilers.
- Heat pumps.
- Solar water heating.

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- Anaerobic digestion equipment, i.e. breakdown of slurry and other agricultural by-products in the production of energy.
- Specialist equipment for harvesting, pre-use processing (e.g. dryers, chippers, pelletisers), quality assurance (e.g. for checking moisture content, chip size, etc.) and handling.
- Supply chain equipment (specialist not usable elsewhere on farm).

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- **Rate of support?**
- For less favoured areas (LFA) 50% of eligible costs.
- For non-LFA 40% of eligible costs.
- 10% top-up for young farmers (16- 40, head of agricultural business).
- **Inspections/verification**
- All final claims must be accompanied by relevant invoices.

Option: Renewable Energy – Agriculture

- At least one inspection visit to the site will be undertaken prior to payment of final claim.
- **Technical Guidance**

www.scotland.gov.uk/srdp

www.greenbooklive.com

www.eca.gov.uk

www.chpqa.com/html/about.htm

www.uksmokecontrolareas.co.uk

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- **Introduction**
- ***Sell power*** - diversification to improve the viability of existing agricultural businesses.
- **What will this achieve**
- Encourage farmers and their families to set up or expand non-agricultural enterprises to supplement existing agricultural income.

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- **What you can do**
- Any non-agricultural enterprise where there is a demonstrable market for the proposed product or service and that you have the skills and resources to provide this on a commercial basis – i.e. energy.

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- **Who can apply**
- Farmers actively involved in an agricultural activity (and other immediate family members).
- **Eligibility criteria**
- A proven market for the proposals in your area that will improve household income.

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- **Projects eligible for funding will include:**
- new or upgraded buildings.
- new machinery or equipment – i.e. small scale wind turbines, hydro-electric turbines, solar panels, automated wood-fuel boilers, heat pumps, solar water heating, anaerobic digestion, etc.
- harvesting, QA, supply chain equipment.

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- the acquisition or development of IT.
- general costs related to professional fees.
- **Conditions**
- The provision of renewable energy is to remain as part of the land-based business (In other words is not to become a separate business).
- Limited to small scale renewable energy capacity up to 250 KW.

Option: Diversification Outwith Agriculture

- All the energy produced must be sold to the National Grid.
- No supply of energy to the farm business or the farm house (domestic housing).
- **Inspections/verification**
- You must complete the work as described in approval, including compliance with statutory consents.

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QUESTIONS?

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