

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA FOR THE
PERIOD 2014-2020**

SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AREAS

Mapping of sports facilities

**Meeting 3: Insights into financing of
sport facilities**

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP)

- Funds from the Rural Development Programme (RDP) is an important source of investment funding
- Rural development is the 'second pillar' of the common agricultural policy (CAP)

What is the link between CAP and sports infrastructure?

- The CAP helps to foster resilience in rural communities which are facing number of challenges:
 - ageing demographics
 - under-developed infrastructure
 - lack of services and job opportunities

and investments in sports infrastructure could contribute to better quality of life in rural areas

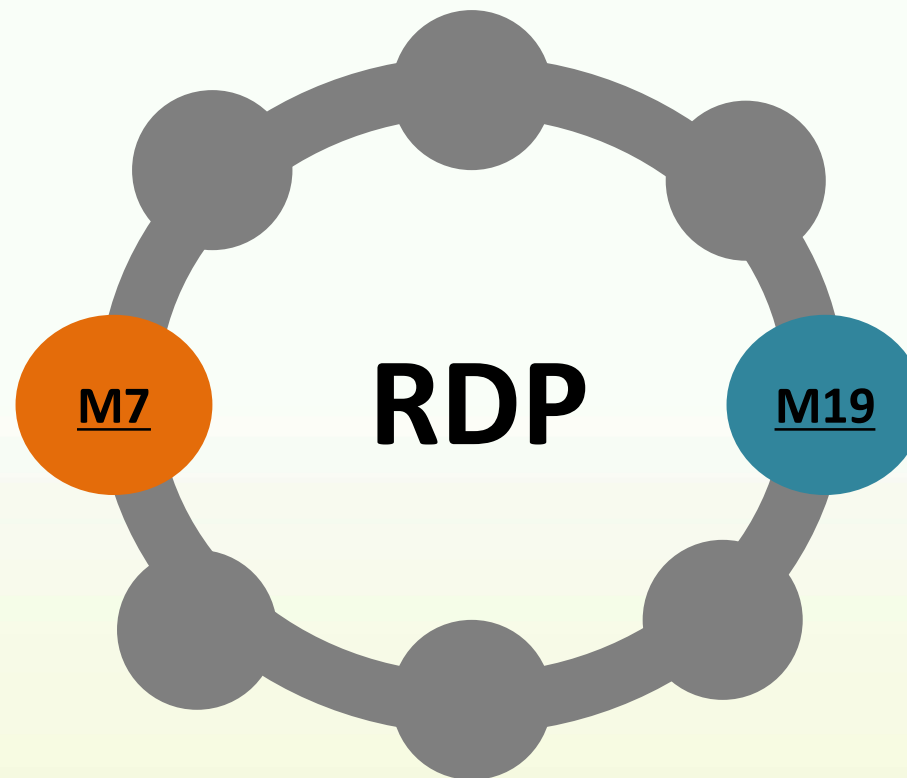


RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP)

- Definition of Rural Area in Croatian RDP 2014.-2020.:
The rural area at programme level is defined as the whole territory of Croatia with the exclusion of the administrative centres of four cities (Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek).
It covers **99,24 % of total territory!**
- Total amount of Croatian RDP 2014-2020 (including period 2021 -2022) is EUR 3.285 billion



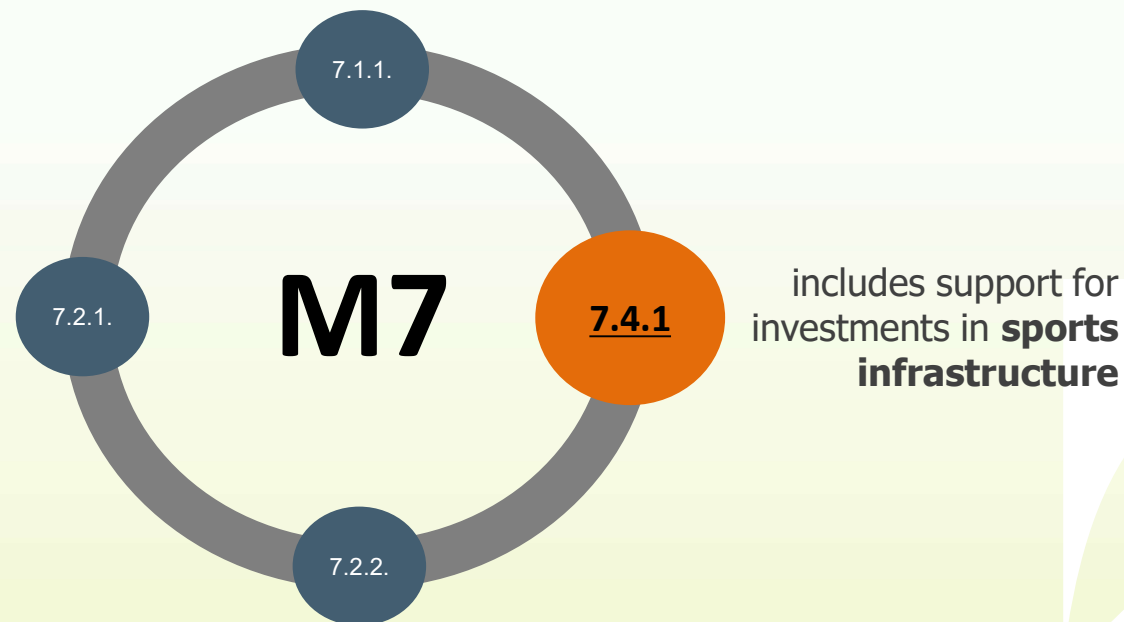
RDP MEASURES FOR SPORT FACILITIES



MEASURE 7

BASIC SERVICES AND VILLAGE RENEWAL IN RURAL AREAS

- improve living conditions in rural communities, contributing towards the attractiveness of the villages and their development potential for other activities thus boosting growth and socio - economic sustainability



7.4.1. TYPE OF OPERATION

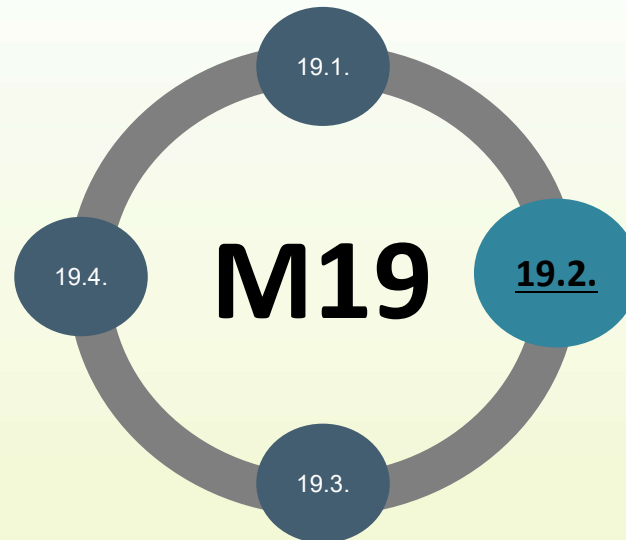
- **SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE** is eligible (among other public infrastructure)
 - in settlements **up to 5.000 residents**
 - intensity of the support amounts to **100 % of total project expenditures**
 - minimum value of support per project is EUR 15.000; **maximum value of support per project is EUR 1.000.000** (small infrastructure)
- more than 98% settlements in Croatia is up to 5.000 residents
- the infrastructure is built and equipped for the needs of the local population, it has no cross-border impact and financed projects do not refer to economic activity. Therefore, the **grant of aid within this type of operation is not state aid.**



MEASURE 19

SUPPORT FOR LEADER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CLLD)

- LEADER is a 'bottom up' approach
- Local action groups (LAGs) prepare their own local development strategies (LDS)
- by including the local population in drafting the LDS conditions are created for the implementation of sustainable development policy in rural areas



includes support for investments in **sports infrastructure** and **children's playgrounds**



SUBMEASURE 19.2. SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATIONS UNDER THE CLLD STRATEGY

- same conditions as for the TO 7.4.1.
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IMPLEMENTATION



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Most common projects of sports infrastructure within the RDP:

- reconstruction of sports halls
- construction of football fields and other playgrounds
- construction/reconstruction of sport-recreation centres
- construction/reconstruction of locker rooms
- construction/reconstruction of sports stands
- equipping sports infrastructure



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IMPLEMENTATION SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN NUMBERS (RDP)



IMPLEMENTATION - RISKS

The main identified risks in the implementation of the measure are related to:

- the correct application of public procurement rules
- the problems related to property ownerships and other legal issues
- pre-financing of operations by the beneficiary
- appropriate application of selection criteria due to high demands for financing
- consistency of operations to be implemented with the relevant local strategic/development documents



POSSIBILITIES OF FINANCING SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE SP CAP FOR 2023 – 2027 FINANCIAL PERIOD

77.06 Intervention LEADER (CLLD)

- total allocation EUR 102.923.223,75
- **5,7%** of EAFRD (non IACS)
- 54 LAGs + 4 potentially new LAGs
- in the new LDS, needs and interventions will be defined based on the peculiarities and characteristics of the LAG area, which enables the entire spectrum of potential "small scale" projects, **including investments of construction/reconstruction of sports infrastructure**



OTHER POSSIBILITIES OF FINANCING SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NEW FINANCIAL PERIOD

- **Integrated territorial Programme (ITP) 2021. – 2027.**
 - revitalization of Brownfields through Sports Facilities
 - investments in multifunctional infrastructure (including sports infrastructure)
 - investments in the improvement of social facilities on the islands (including sports infrastructure of open or closed type)
- **Competitiveness and Cohesion Programme (CCP) 2021. – 2027.**
 - investments in renovation, reconstruction and conversion as well as construction of tourist and sports infrastructure with the aim of encouraging economic growth and creating quality jobs
- **Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) 2021. – 2026.**
 - investment C1.6. R1-I1 Regional diversification and specialization of Croatian tourism through investments - public investments in tourist infrastructure and sports and recreation centres and zones of active tourism



Thank You



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