Poland's Rural Development Plan

Country profile:

Strengths
- Abundant land, varied agricultural production, increasing farm size, good conditions for organic farms/niche products;
- Clean soils, good environment, biodiversity, tourism potential;
- Balanced settlement pattern, big labour force

Weaknesses
- Low profitability of farming, low investment, little capital on farms, slow increase in farm size;
- Insufficient water resources;
- Poor technical infrastructure, high unemployment, poor education, low mobility, weak services

Chosen strategy corresponding to the profile:
The implementation of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 is based on the multifunctionality of agriculture and rural areas. The Programme will strengthen the economic competitiveness of agricultural holdings and of the agri-food sector, contribute to land management and environmental protection, and enhance the quality of life and diversify the rural economy.

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* EAFRD: European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
** TA: Technical assistance for the implementation of the programmes.
AIMS:
The aims of the Rural Development plan of Poland are:

**Axis 1**
Main priorities:
- Improving human potential
- Improvement of vocational preparation
- Improvement of quality and efficiency of agricultural and forestry production
- Improvement of cooperation and concentration of supply chain and processing
- Preparing to implement cross-compliance
- Improvement of infrastructure in rural areas

**Axis 2**
Main priorities:
- Protection of biodiversity
- Environmental protection, including soil and water protection
- Increase in forest cover

**Axis 3**
Main priorities:
- Improvement of living standards
- Facilitating access to services
- Improvement of infrastructure in rural areas
- Support for entrepreneurship and the creation of jobs outside agriculture
- Implementation of local strategies

**Axis 4 (Leader)**
Main priorities:
- Creation of local partnerships, activation of communities
- Implementation of local strategies

See also: [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rurdev/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rurdev/index_en.htm)