



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
COURT OF AUDIT

AUDIT REPORT

Monitoring effectiveness of projects that received European funds for rural development

Performance audit

Audit period: 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2018





Rural Development Measures are part of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

€ 1,171.7M (realised)

EU budget

€ 913.1M

national budget

€ 258.6M

Slovenian Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2007-2013 (by 2015)

€ 1,107.2M (available resources)

EU budget

€ 837.8M

national budget

€ 269.4M

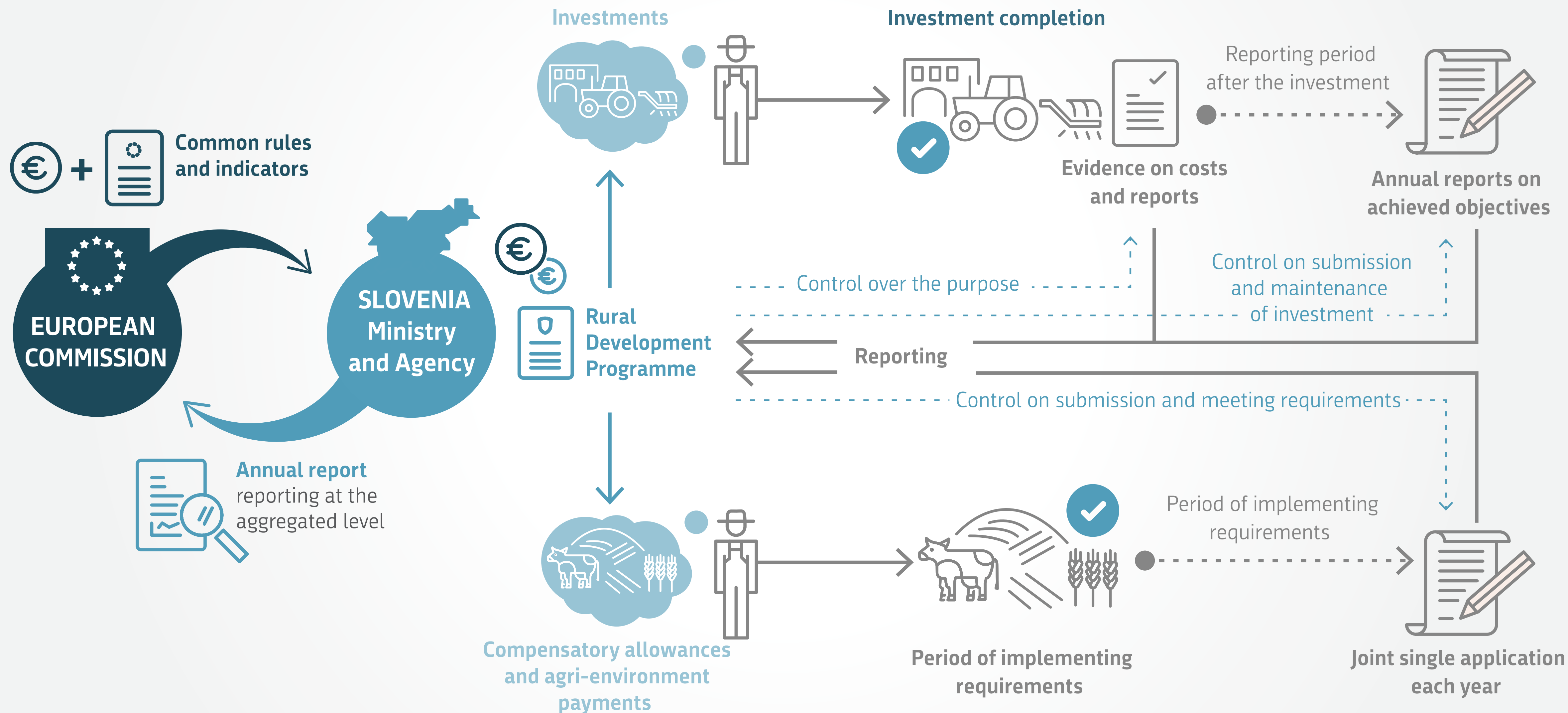
Slovenian Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014-2020 (by 2023)

The tasks of the **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food** and **Agency for Agricultural Markets and Rural Development** are to implement and monitor the programmes.

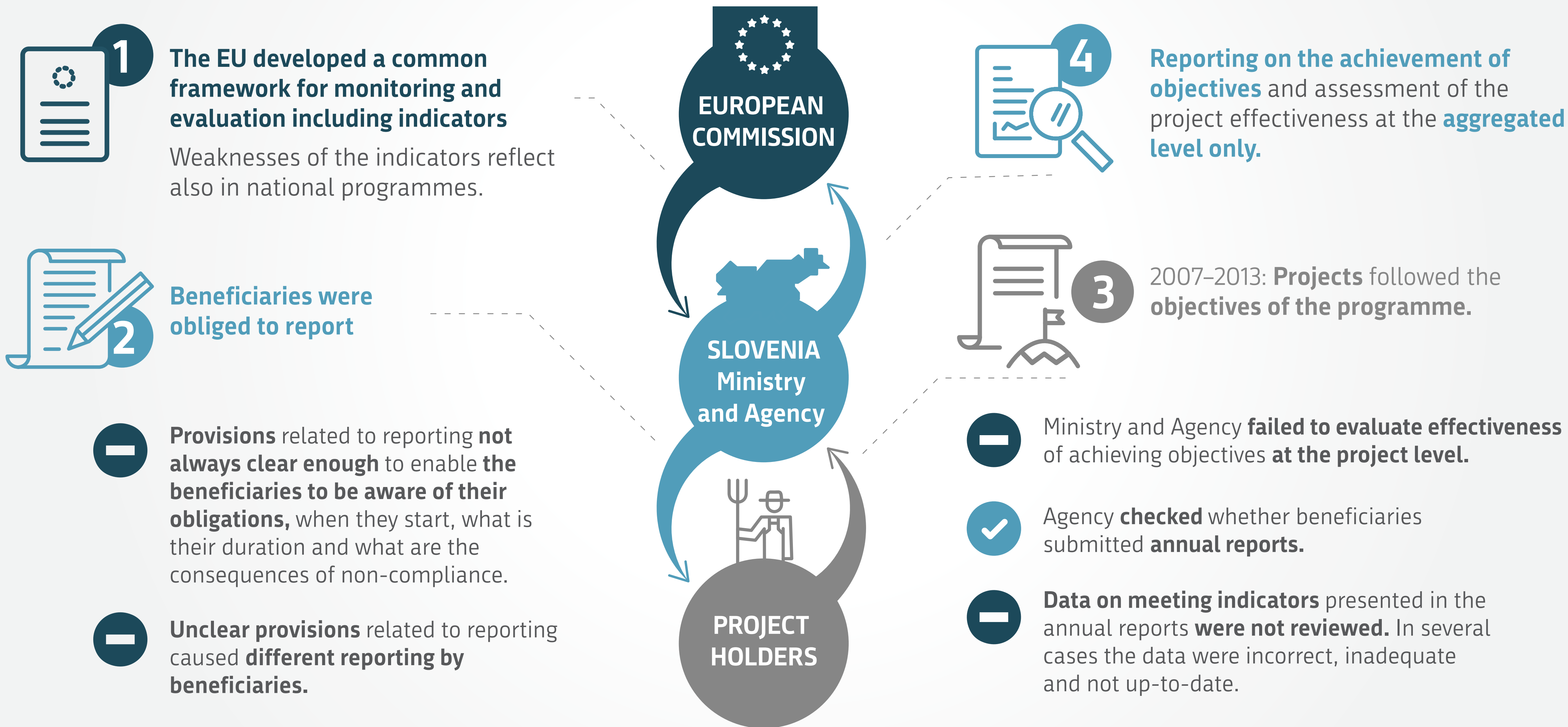
AUDIT REVIEWED
whether monitoring effectiveness of the rural development projects was efficient



Rural Development Programme Implementation







Monitoring Rural Development Programme

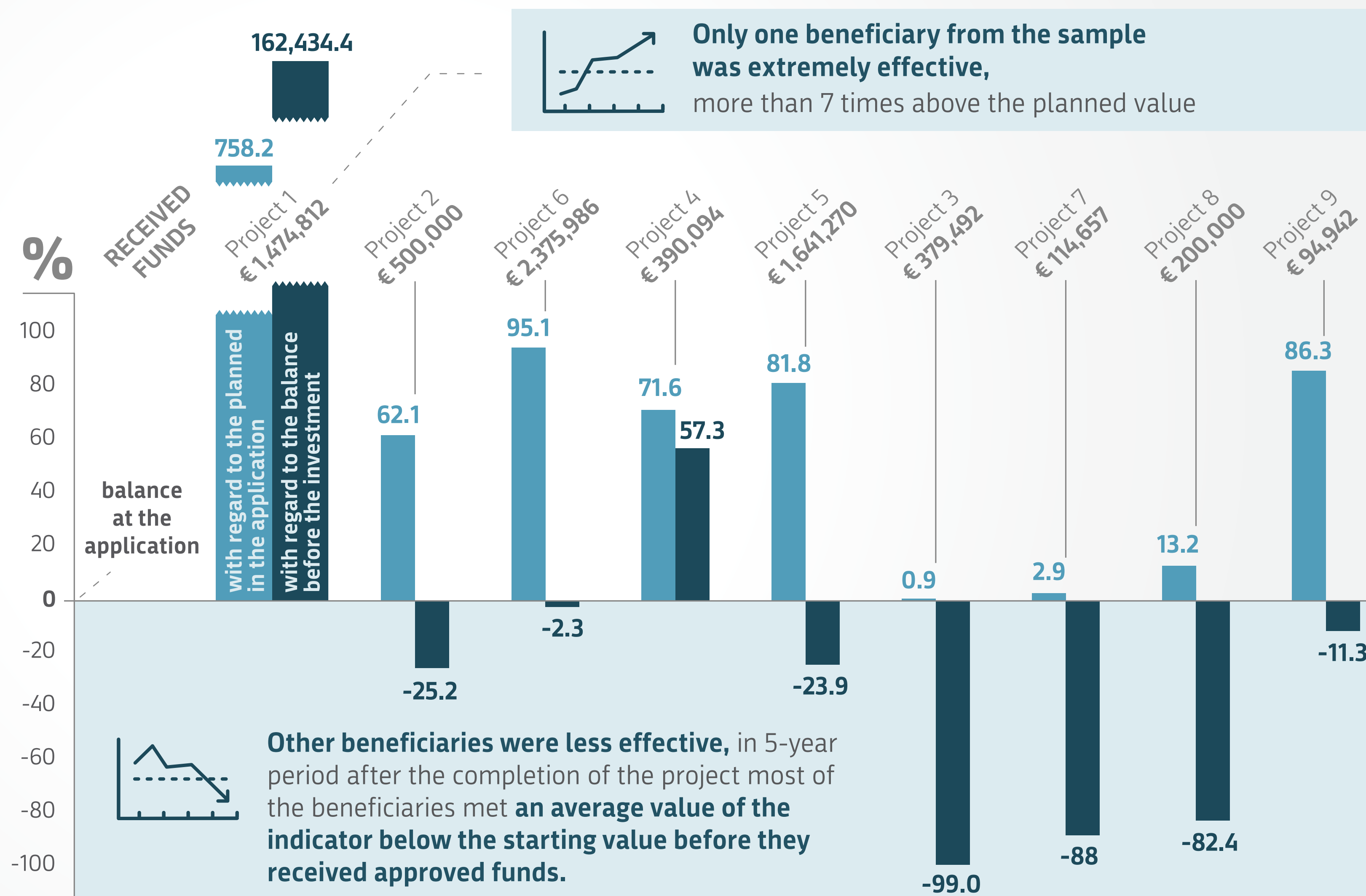


Effectiveness of projects in the period of 5 years after the completion

The Court of Audit on the basis of the selected completed projects from the period 2007-2013 estimated that:

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MOST beneficiaries failed to meet all planned targets of the indicators.
- 
ONE FIFTH of beneficiaries met even lower targets of the indicators compared to the balance when the application was submitted.
- 
ONE QUARTER of beneficiaries met or exceeded planned targets of the indicators.
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 Ministry and Agency failed to review whether beneficiaries met the objectives set in the application, they only checked if they submitted annual reports.

An example of meeting one indicator from the period 2007-2013: Whether the beneficiaries met planned gross added value?



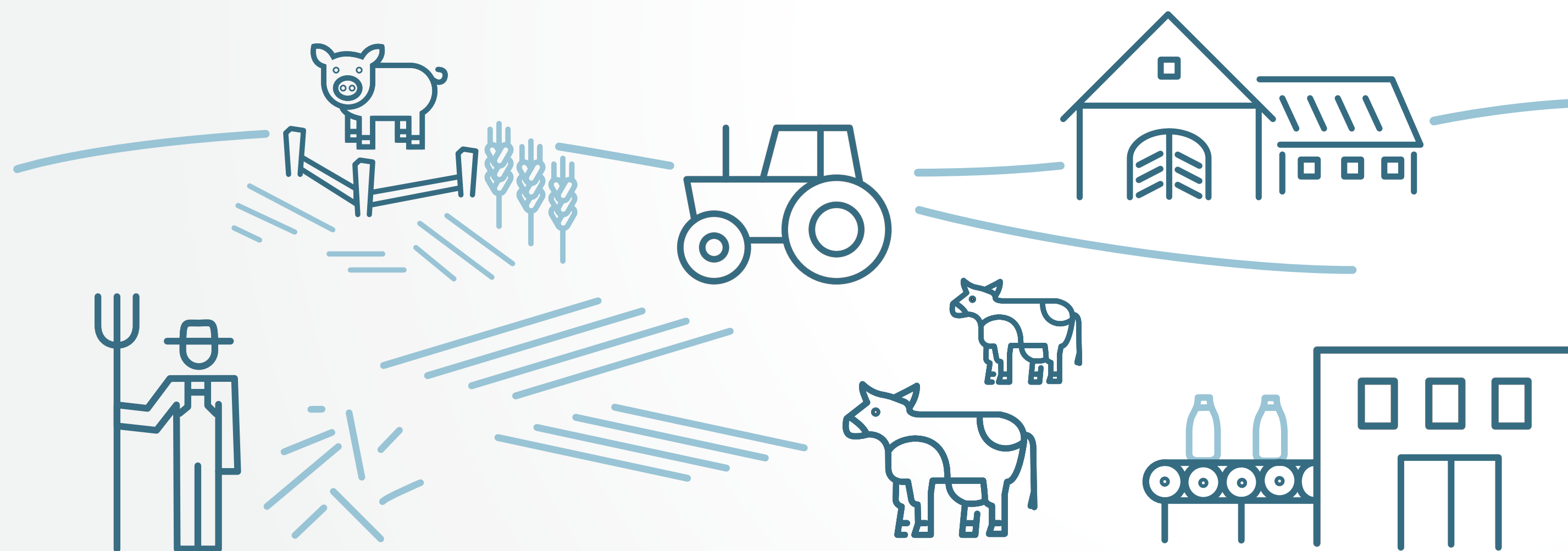
OPINION OF THE COURT OF AUDIT



Monitoring effectiveness of projects that received European funds for rural development was **partially efficient**.



Ministry and Agency adopted some measures for the period 2014-2020 for **more precise reporting and providing data of higher quality**.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court of Audit issued **several recommendations**, the most important one: Ministry or Agency should, if possible, **review effectiveness of meeting the objectives at the project level** and thereby obtain more complete **information on actual effects of the allocated funds** at the beneficiaries level.