

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Finland
	Region	Mainland
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	3.8 million
	% of total population (3)	71.1 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	11.7
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	327 420
	% of total area (3)	97.2 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	2.3 million
	% of total territory (2)	6.7 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	23.1 million
	% of total area (2)	76.1 %
Total employment	People (2)	2.5 million
Rural employment	% of total workforce (2)	37.9 %

Data source: FI-Mainland 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 2 359 699 338
2.5 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



National contribution:
EUR 5 905 632 419

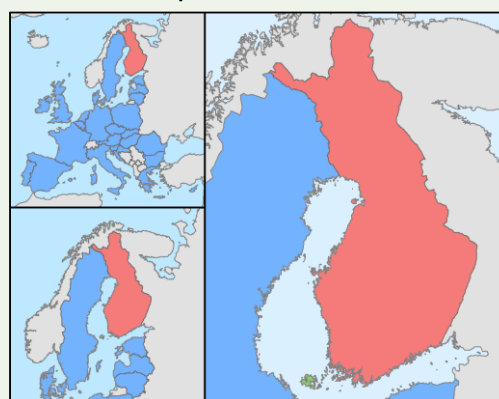


Planned total public expenditure:
EUR 8 265 331 757

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	2.9 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	58 607
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	35.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (2)	7.9 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	107.6
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 7.6 %.</i>	

Map: Finland - Mainland



Examples of expected achievements

- RDP support will aim to reduce the harmful environmental impacts of agricultural activities on the soil, surface and ground water and air by promoting the use of environmentally-friendly practices and taking care of growing conditions. More than 81 % of agricultural land is expected to come under management contracts to improve water management.
- Service innovations and a new kind of enterprise promotion in sparsely populated areas are needed, as well as more local, neighborhood-oriented activity and participation. The net population benefiting from the improved services is targeted to be 1.8 million.
- Measures are foreseen to support the diversification of agriculture-related businesses. The aim is to influence producers' capacity to respond to consumer demand for organic and local food, to improve the availability of their products and to increase the degree of processing.
- Towards enhancing sustainability and raising awareness of environmental issues as well as energy and resource efficiency, the RDP is seeking to increase the share of renewable energy and more efficient use of manure.
- Support will aim to develop and raise agricultural productivity and competitiveness by improving the structure of agricultural production and seeking to improve the age structure of farmers.

Examples of key challenges

- The main challenges for agricultural activities in Finland relate to the low profitability of the agricultural sector due to cold climate and poor soil, i.e. the natural constraints.
- The negative impact of agricultural activities on the environment include eutrophication of the water bodies, deterioration of natural habitats and reduction of species.
- About 42 % (nearly 118 000) of all enterprises operating in Finland are located in rural areas. In 2010 about 93 % of enterprises were defined as "micro sized", employing not more than 9 persons.
- Finnish agriculture is still based mainly on the family-farming type of agriculture. The number of farms is relatively high and the farm size relatively small.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Mainland Finland*, December 2014.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fi/factsheet-mainland_en.pdf

2. RDP focus areas: planned expenditure, measures and 2023 targets

This section illustrates each rural development priority (P) with a focus on: the indicative budget per Focus Area (FA) and its breakdown by selected measure; and the relation between the indicative planned total public expenditure and the expected 2023 targets set by the Managing Authority for each focus area.

P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation: Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry, and rural areas

Priority 1 is considered a cross-cutting priority: the budget under Priorities 2 - 6 contributes to the achievement of Priority 1 targets.

Focus Area 1A. Innovation & cooperation

Target indicator	Value
T1 - % of expenditure under Articles 14, 15 and 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in relation to the total expenditure for the RDP	3.3 %

Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	20 000

Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

Target indicator	Value
T2 - Total number of cooperation operations supported under the cooperation measure (Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013) (groups, networks/clusters, pilot projects...), of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	310 10

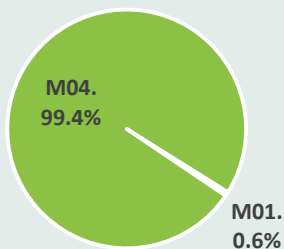
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

Focus Area 2A. Farm's performance, restructuring & modernization

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



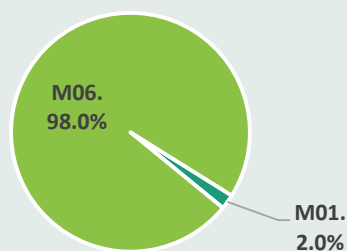
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	11.9 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

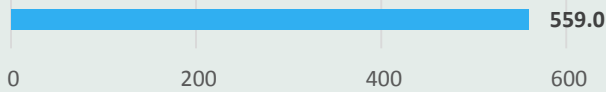


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	4.6 %

P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

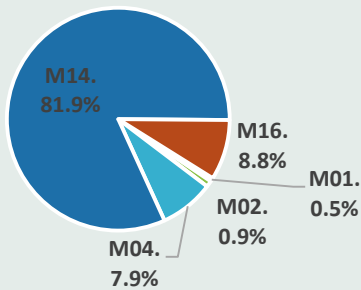
Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

Value

T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

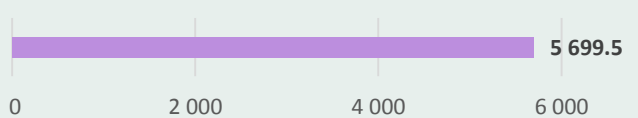
8.5 %

P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

Focus Areas

Total public budget (million EUR)

- 4A. Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement
- 4B. Water management
- 4C. Soil erosion & soil management



Target indicator

Value

T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes

15.6 %

T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

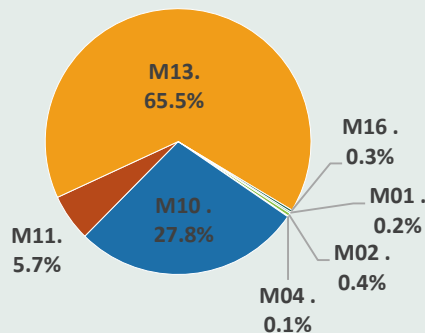
81.8 %

T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

44.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

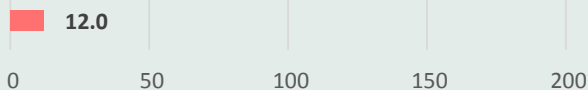
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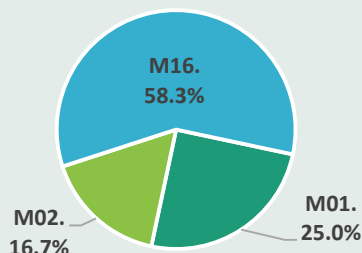
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



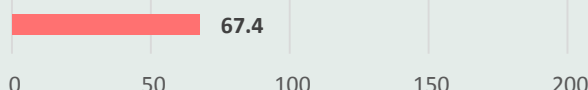
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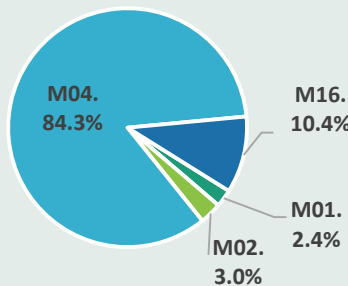
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Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



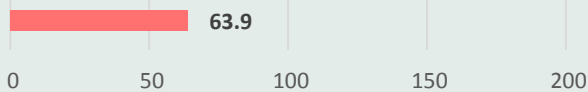
Target indicator

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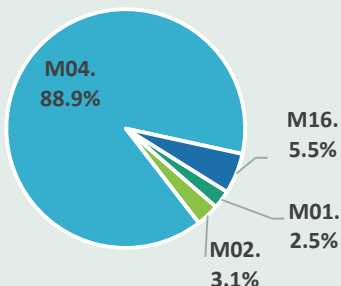
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) 117.9 m

Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



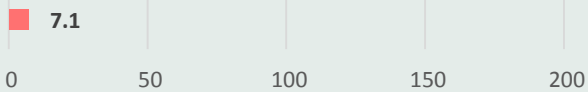
Target indicator

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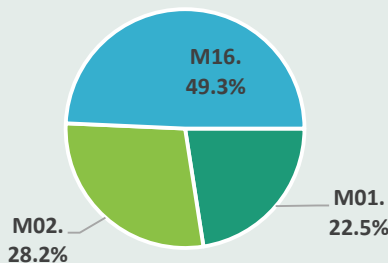
T17 - % of LU concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions 10.8 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

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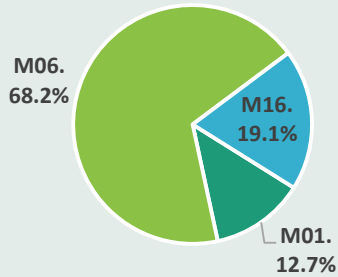
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

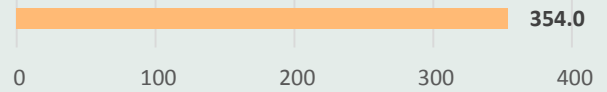
T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

Value

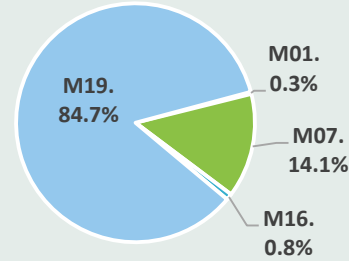
4 000

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

Value

47.1 %

T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures

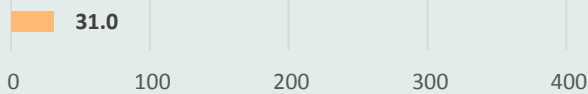
47.1 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

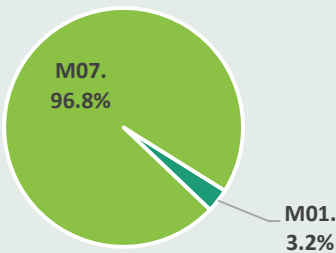
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (ICT)

Value

49.7 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

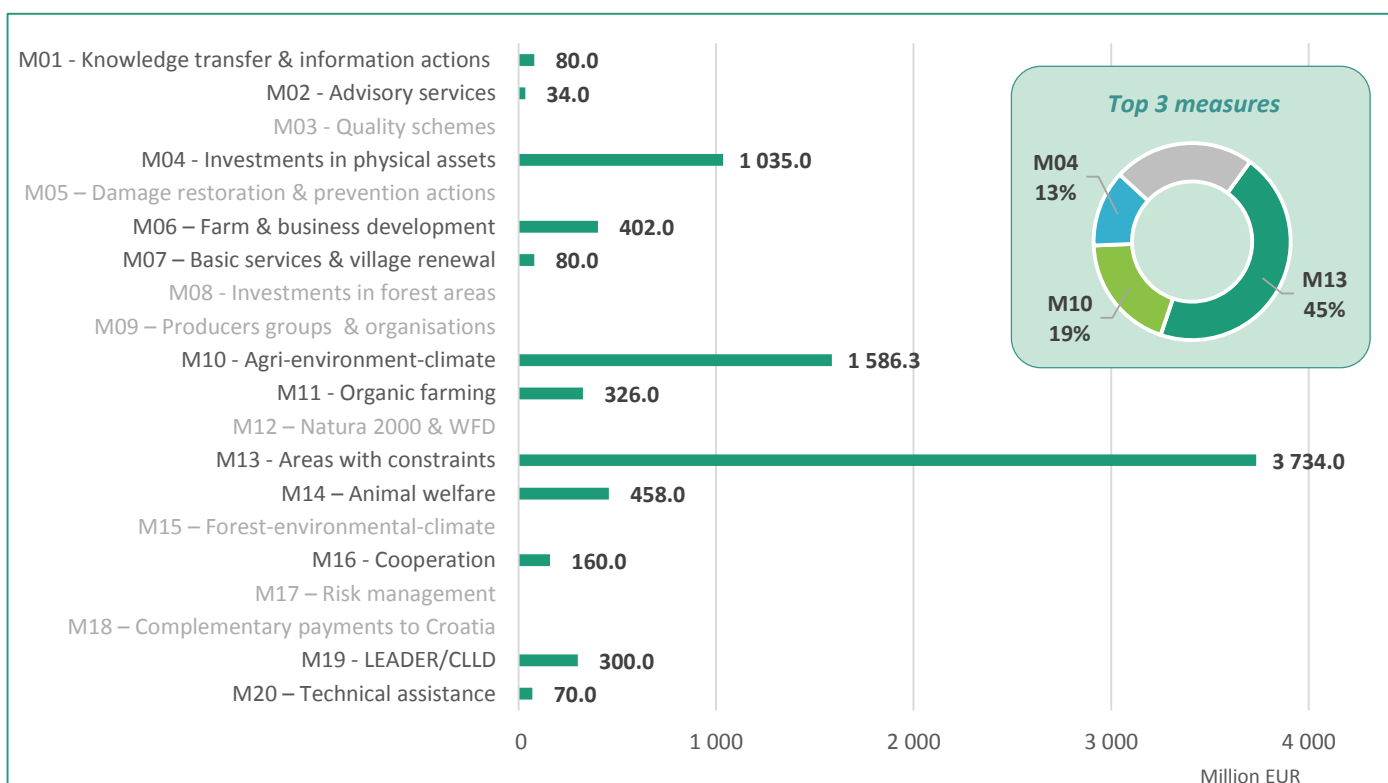
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed across other focus areas.

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	1 024.4	12.4 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	559.0	6.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	5 699.5	69.0 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	150.4	1.8 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	762.0	9.2 %

* Figures do not add up to 100 % because the budget for technical assistance is not included. The budget for technical assistance is available in Section 4.

4. Planned expenditure per measure (million EUR)

The following chart shows the indicative planned total public expenditure per measure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution). The measures illustrated in the chart are the complete list of measures selected within the RDP. Measures in color light gray were not selected by the region.



5. Choice of measures by priority and focus areas

The following chart shows which priorities and focus areas are selected in the RDP and the combination of measures used to address them. For each measure the budget breakdown per focus area is given. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed across other focus areas. Expenditure under Priority 4 is programmed for the priority as a whole, not for individual focus areas.

Priority	P1 Knowledge transfer & innovation			P2 Competitiveness		P3 Food chain & risk management		P4 Ecosystems management			P5 Resource efficiency & climate					P6 Social inclusion & local development			Total	Planned expenditure (million EUR)
	1A - Innovation & cooperation	1B - Links with research & innovation	1C - Lifelong learning & vocational training	2A - Farm's performance, restructuring & modernisation	2B - Entry of skilled/younger farmers	3A - Agri-food chain integration & quality	3B - Risk prevention & management	4A - Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement	4B - Water management	4C - Soil erosion & soil management	5A - Water use efficiency	5B - Energy use efficiency	5C - Renewable sources & waste management	5D - Greenhouse gas & ammonia emissions	5E - Carbon conservation & sequestration	6A - Diversification & job creation	6B - Local development	6C - ICT - Information & communication technologies		
M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions				6%	4%	4%		14%				4%	2%	2%	2%	60%	1%	1%	100%	80.0
M02 - Advisory services						15%		62%				6%	6%	6%	6%				100%	34.0
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				84%		4%		1%					5%	5%					100%	1 035
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					36%										64%				100%	402.0
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																62%	37%		100%	80.0
M08 - Investments in forest areas																				
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	1 586
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	326.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	3 734
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	458.0
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				31%				9%				4%	4%	2%	2%	45%	2%		100%	160.0
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	300.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	12/12/2014
Finland National Rural Network	Maaseudun kehittämissohjelman verkkopalvelu http://www.rural.fi/en/index.html
Managing authority	Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö
Paying agency	Maaseutuvirasto
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fi_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary (ENG)	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-finland-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.rakennerahastot.fi/rakennerahastot-suomessa#.VVG73ZPF-0t
Rural Development Regulation 2014-2020	Regulation (EU) N° 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) [PDF en]

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