

1. Introduction

Focus Area (FA) 2A is designed to restore and enhance the competitiveness of farms confronted with major challenges such as low and fluctuating prices, and concentration.

Through this focus area, Member States are able to provide farmers with a flexible package of hard investment measures backed up by advice, training, cooperation and knowledge transfer.

The aims are to:

- help farms overcome major structural problems;
- invest in farm equipment and technology which improves their economic viability;
- add value by investing in processing, marketing and product development.

The target is to mobilise 47.2 billion EUR of public and private investment to support 335,000 farms.

Rural Development Programmes addressing Focus Area 2A

110 out of 112 RDPs¹

Examples of expected achievement (EU-28)²



335 000 agricultural holdings supported for restructuring and modernisation



2.8 % of EU agricultural holdings supported for restructuring and modernisation



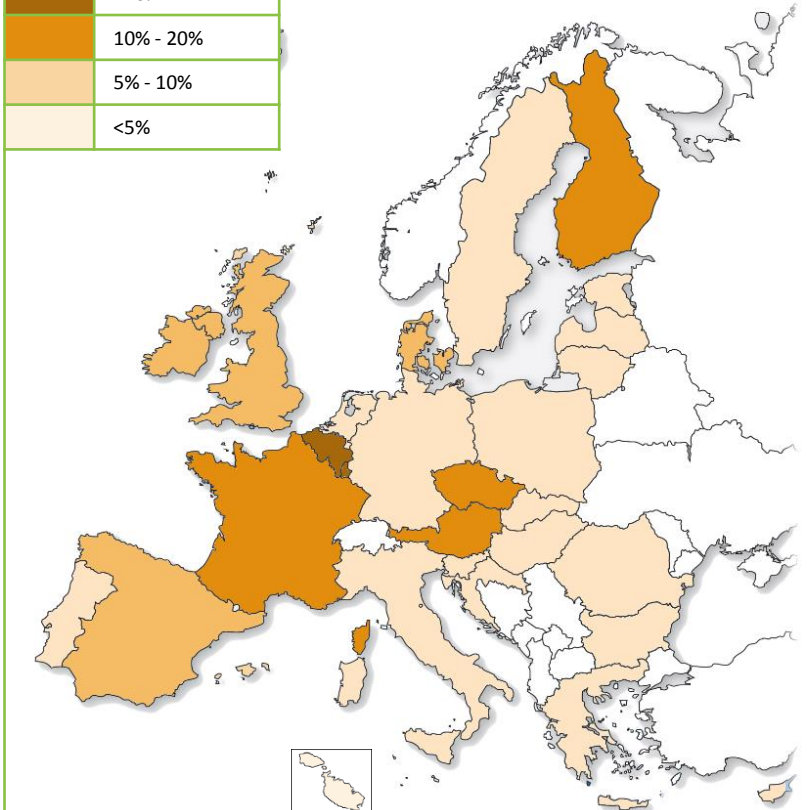
47.2 billion EUR (public and private) of investment realised for enhancing the competitiveness of farming businesses



16 % of the planned total public expenditure is allocated to Focus Area 2A

Focus Area 2A TARGET – Percentage (%) of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation per Member State^{1, 2}

>20%
10% - 20%
5% - 10%
<5%



¹ RDPs that do not address FA 2A: FR-National Programme and IT-National Programme.

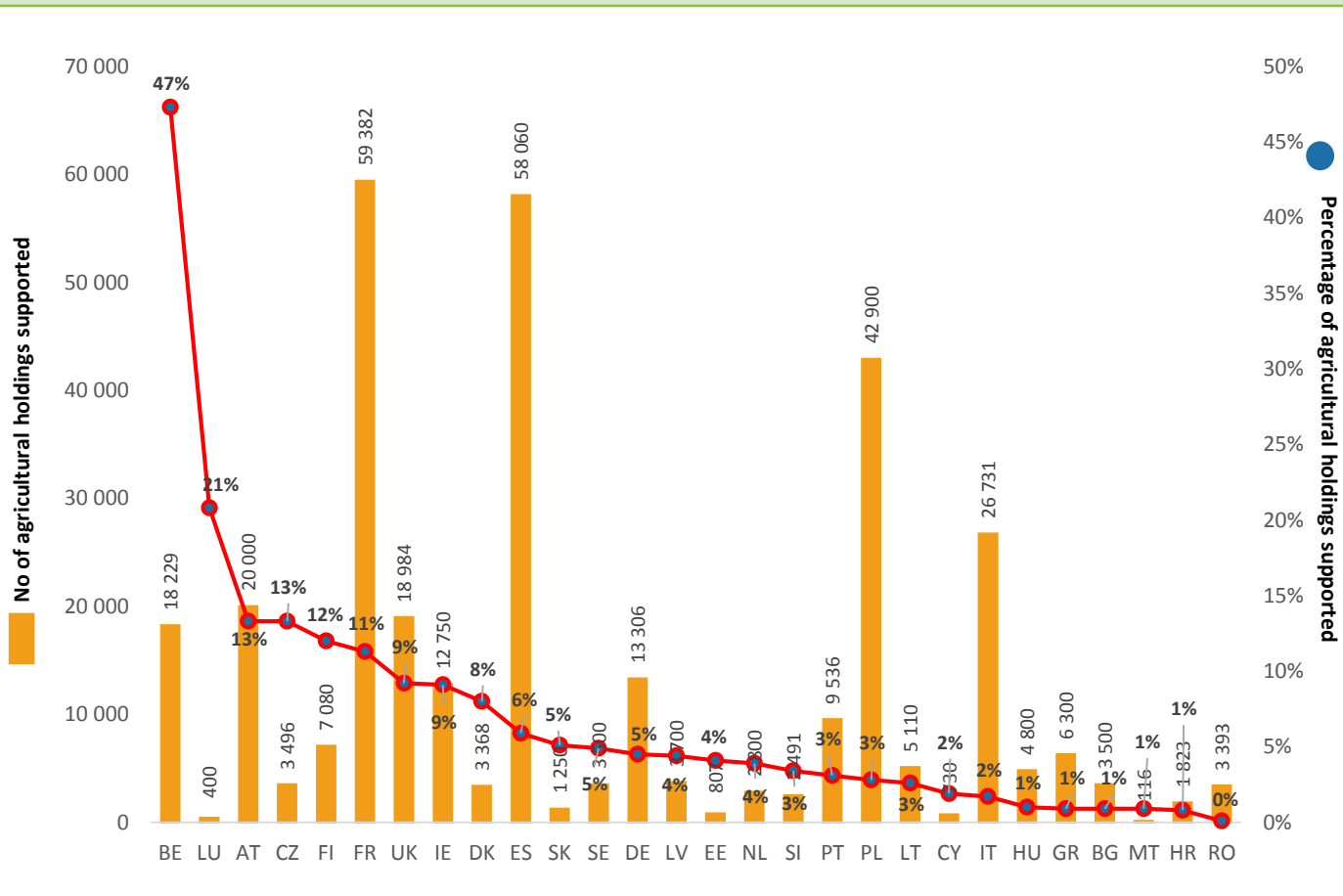
² Target values in percentage are calculated on the basis of the total number of agricultural holdings covered by the RDPs that activated Focus Area 2A.

2. Expected achievements

This section provides information on the common target indicator defined for the Focus Area and examples of programme-specific target indicators defined by some RDPs to complement the common targets indicators. Target values in percentage are calculated on the basis of the total number of agricultural holdings covered by the RDPs that activated Focus Area 2A.



TARGET - Percentage and No of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investment in restructuring or modernisation



In addition to the common targets set at EU level, Member States may set programme specific targets which reflect their particular circumstances. Some examples of these indicators are provided below.



Examples of programme-specific target indicators

- **Denmark** - Number of jobs created by the green transition (excluding Leader): **550 jobs**
- **Murcia, Spain** - Area affected by irrigation improvements: **200 ha**
- **Rhineland-Palatine, Germany** - Percentage (%) of agricultural land currently structurally developed particularly through land readjustment procedures: **7.8 %**
- **Romania** – Percentage (%) of small holdings with RDP support²: **4.1%**

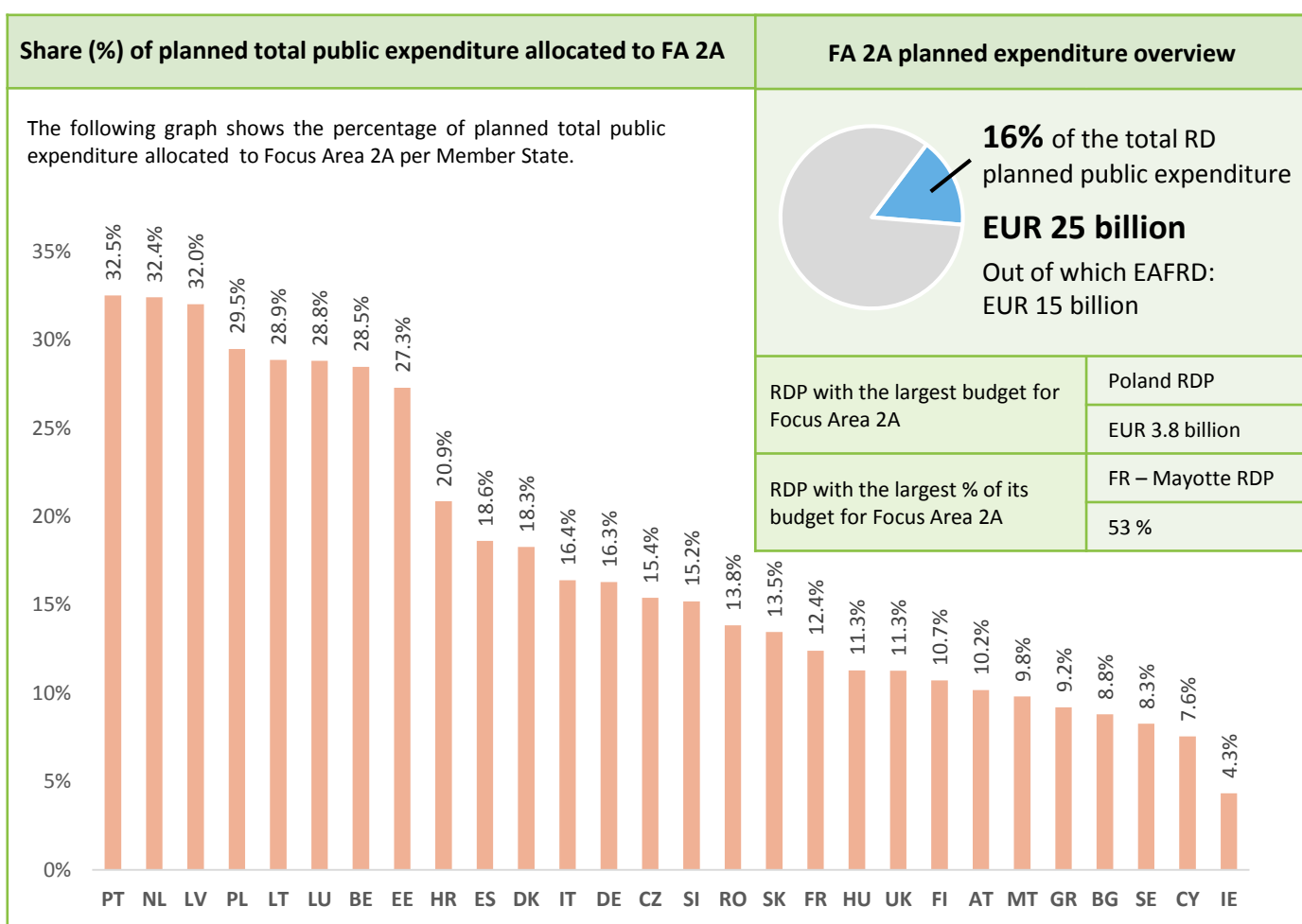
² In Romania there are 60 997 small farms (between EUR 8 000 and 11 999 Standard Output).

2. Expected achievements

This section provides information on the output indicator. Data provided is aggregated at EU level for those RDPs setting the indicator.

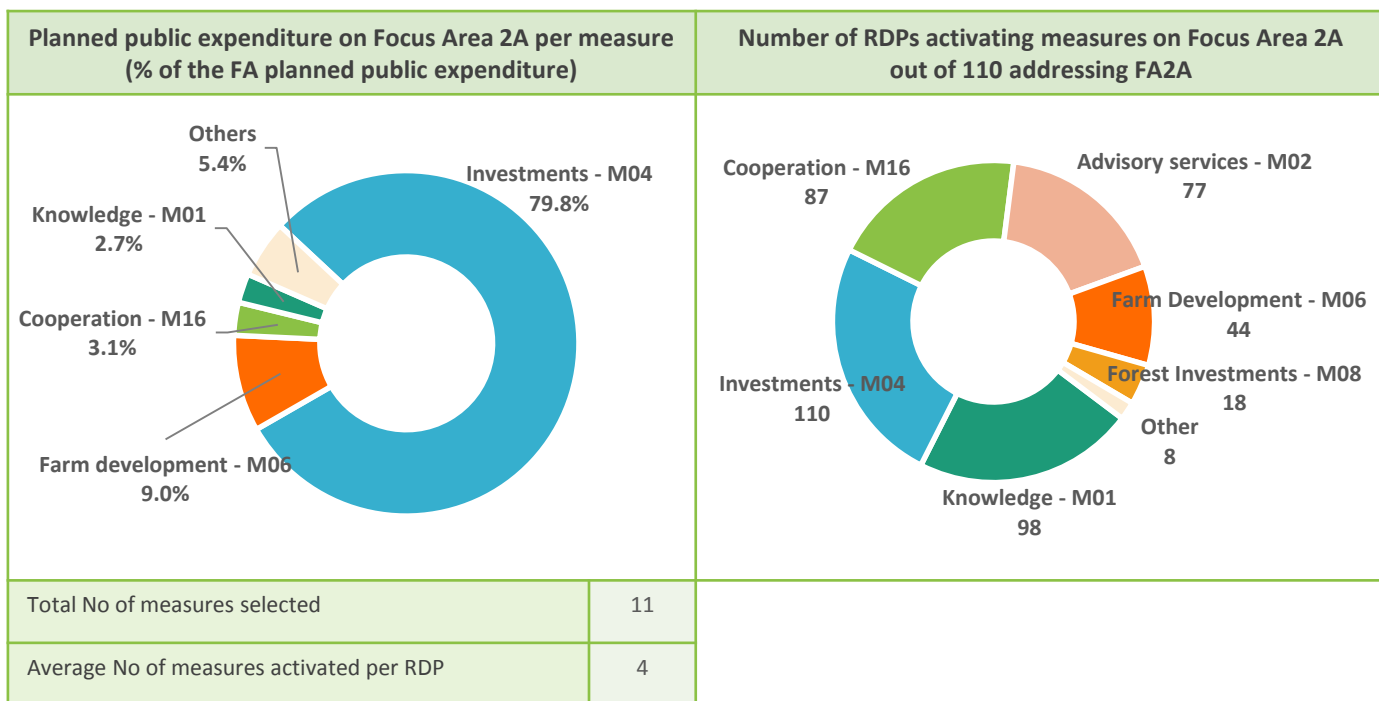
Main output indicators	EU Total
No of beneficiaries trained in issues related to the Focus Area	1 826 939
No of beneficiaries advised in issues related to the Focus Area	427 795
No of holdings supported for investment in agricultural holdings	335 242
No of holdings supported for new participation in quality schemes	1 700
No of beneficiaries (holdings) receiving start up aid for the development of small farms	114 533

3. Planned total public expenditure on Focus Area 2A



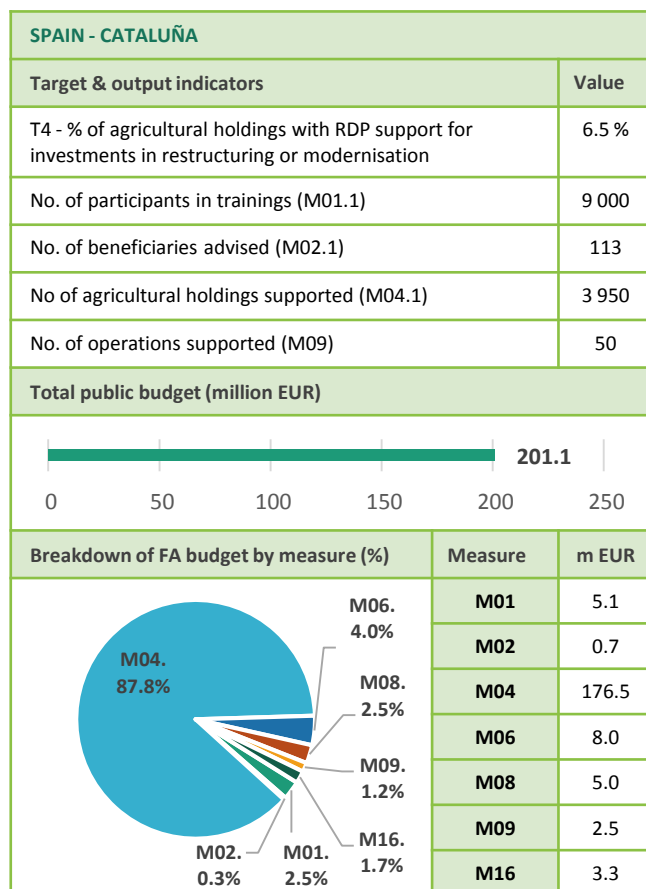
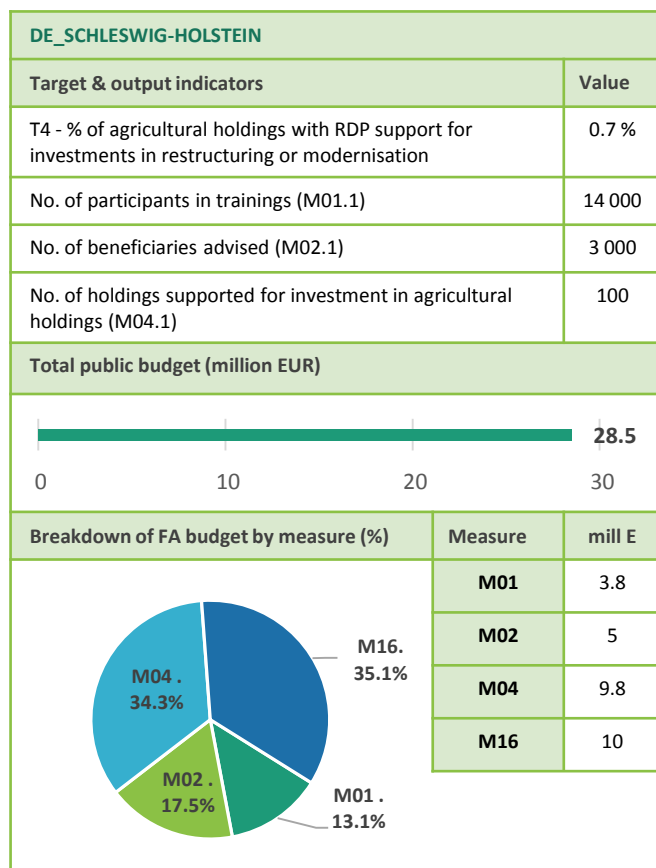
4. Intervention logic at EU level

In 2014-2020, measures within Rural Development Programmes can contribute to several Priorities and Focus Areas in a flexible manner. The following charts provide an indication of the most commonly used measures to address Focus Area 2A, as well as an indication of the number of RDPs in which these measures are selected. For a complete overview of the Measures activated under Focus Area 2A see section 6.



5. Example of RDPs' intervention logic

This section provides two examples of the intervention logic followed by RDPs which illustrate alternative approaches to addressing the objective of improving farm competitiveness.



6. Measure mix per Member State


The following table shows the weight that each Member State has given to the various measures available in order to achieve the targets set for this Focus Area. Highlighted cells indicate the highest budget share allocation per MS. The last row presents the EU-28 planned total public expenditure for each measure (million EUR).

= Highest budget share allocation per MS

	M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions	M02 - Advisory services	M03 – Quality schemes	M04 - Investments in physical assets	M05 – Damage/res-toration /prevention actions	M06 – Farm & business development	M07 – Basic services & village renewal	M08 - Investments in forest areas	M09 – Producers groups & organisations	M13 - Areas with constraints	M14 – Animal welfare	M16 - Cooperation	Total	Planned expenditure (million EUR)
AT	3.7%	1%		94.5%								1%	100 %	771
BE	4.0%			95.6%		0.3%						0.2%	100 %	450
BG	2.0%	5.8%		65.1%		24.1%						3.1%	100 %	253
CY	5.8%			89.9%								4.3%	100 %	17
CZ	0.2%	0.1%		92.4%								7.3%	100 %	466
DE	1.6%	2.3%		91.0%		1.2%						3.9%	100 %	2 699
DK	10.3%			70.2%	0.002%							19.5%	100 %	157
EE	1%	1.9%		81.4%		11.5%						4.5%	100 %	260
ES	3.0%	5.5%		85.3%		1.3%		0.2%	0.1%		1%	3.7%	100 %	2 394
FI	1%	0.01%		99.4%									100 %	884
FR	5.2%	2.8%		85.2%	0.002%	1.7%	0.3%	0.2%				4.6%	100 %	2 073
GR	4.5%	1.7%		84.9%		5.7%						3.2%	100 %	527
HR	1%	1%		79.0%		17.6%						1.7%	100 %	454
HU	3.4%	5.4%		80.5%		9.8%						1%	100 %	460
IE	14.8%	0.3%		83.9%								1.0%	100 %	169
IT	1.4%	2.8%		75.4%		12.6%		3.5%				4.2%	100 %	3 337
LT	1.8%	0.3%		91.9%		3.2%						2.7%	100 %	525
LU				100.0%									100 %	105
LV	5.7%	1%		86.1%		7.5%							100 %	462
MT		1.6%		66.8%		31.5%							100 %	12
NL	6.8%		5.8%	73.0%								14.4%	100 %	433
PL	1%	2.0%		67.6%		28.7%						1%	100 %	3 757
PT	1.3%	0.5%		74.4%				6.2%		16.3%		1.4%	100 %	1 501
RO	1%	1.7%		68.7%		28.6%							100 %	1 283
SE	5.3%	3.5%		80.6%								10.7%	100 %	342
SI	1.2%			93.4%								5.4%	100 %	162
SK	2.0%	1%		88.1%		1.8%						7.4%	100 %	272
UK	13.1%	2.5%		49.1%		0.3%		0.1%		32.6%		2.4%	100 %	845
EU-28 (%)	2.7%	2.2%	0.1%	79.9%	0.004%	9.0%	0.02%	0.9%	0.01%	2.1%	0.1%	3.1%	100 %	25 150
EU-28 (mil. EUR)	687	559	30	20 057	0.04	2 273	6	217	3	520	22	766	-	

7. Additional information

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 ]

RDP Summaries

Developed by the ENRD, these summarise the relevant information of all the RDPs approved [\[here\]](#)

Priority Summary

Developed by the ENRD, these summarise the relevant information of all Priorities [\[here\]](#)

Source of information: All data presented in this summary comes from the European Commission-approved 2014-2020 Rural Development Programmes (118 RDPs in total). In this fiche, public expenditure means total public expenditure (= EAFRD + Member States matching funds + any national top-ups). Due to rounding, there may be small discrepancies between some figures presented. Data includes programme modifications until March 2016. Out of the 118 Rural Development Programmes only the 112 national and regional Programmes have been considered because National Frameworks and National Rural Network Programmes do not allocate budget on Measures. Please note that data and calculations provided do not include M20 (Technical Assistance), or M18 (Complementary payments to Croatia). Icons source: www.flaticon.com

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