

1. Introduction

Focus Area (FA) 5E is designed to support actions that foster carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry.

One of the main ways in which the RDPs aim to achieve this goal is through investments in forest area development and improvements in the viability of forests. A number of RDPs complement this measure with others such as the Agri-environment-climate measure, Knowledge transfer, Cooperation and Advisory Services.

The target is to mobilise 4 billion EUR of public expenditure to support 2 % of the EU agricultural land in contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation.

Rural Development
Programmes addressing
Focus Area 5E

88 out of 112 RDPs¹

Examples of expected achievement (EU-28)²



4 mill hectares of EU agricultural and forest land contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation



2 % of EU agricultural and forest land contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation








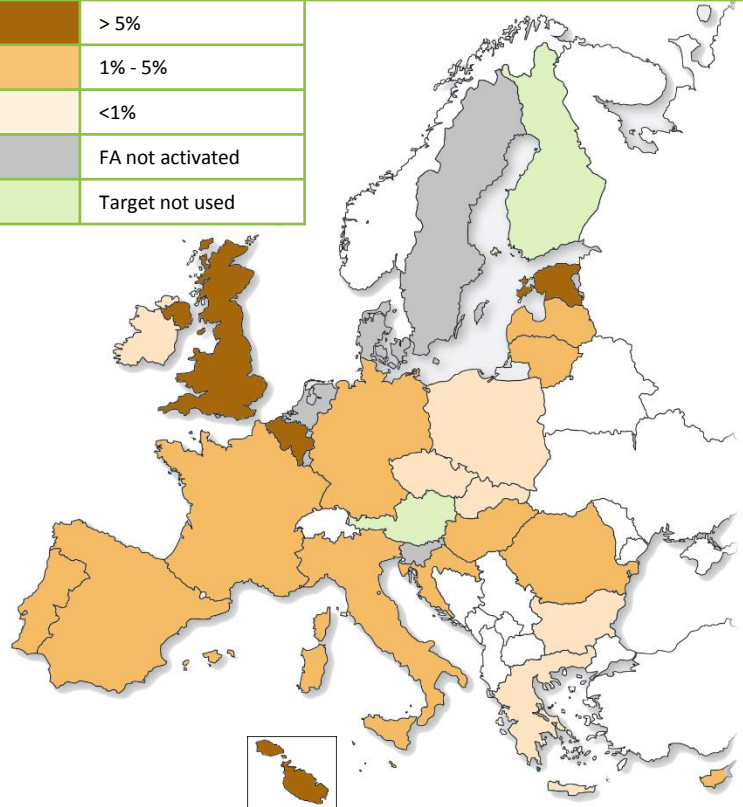
430 000 ha of area to be afforested



2.5 % of the planned total public expenditure is allocated to Focus Area 5E

Focus Area 5E TARGET – % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation^{1,2}

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|  | > 5% |
|  | 1% - 5% |
|  | <1% |
|  | FA not activated |
|  | Target not used |

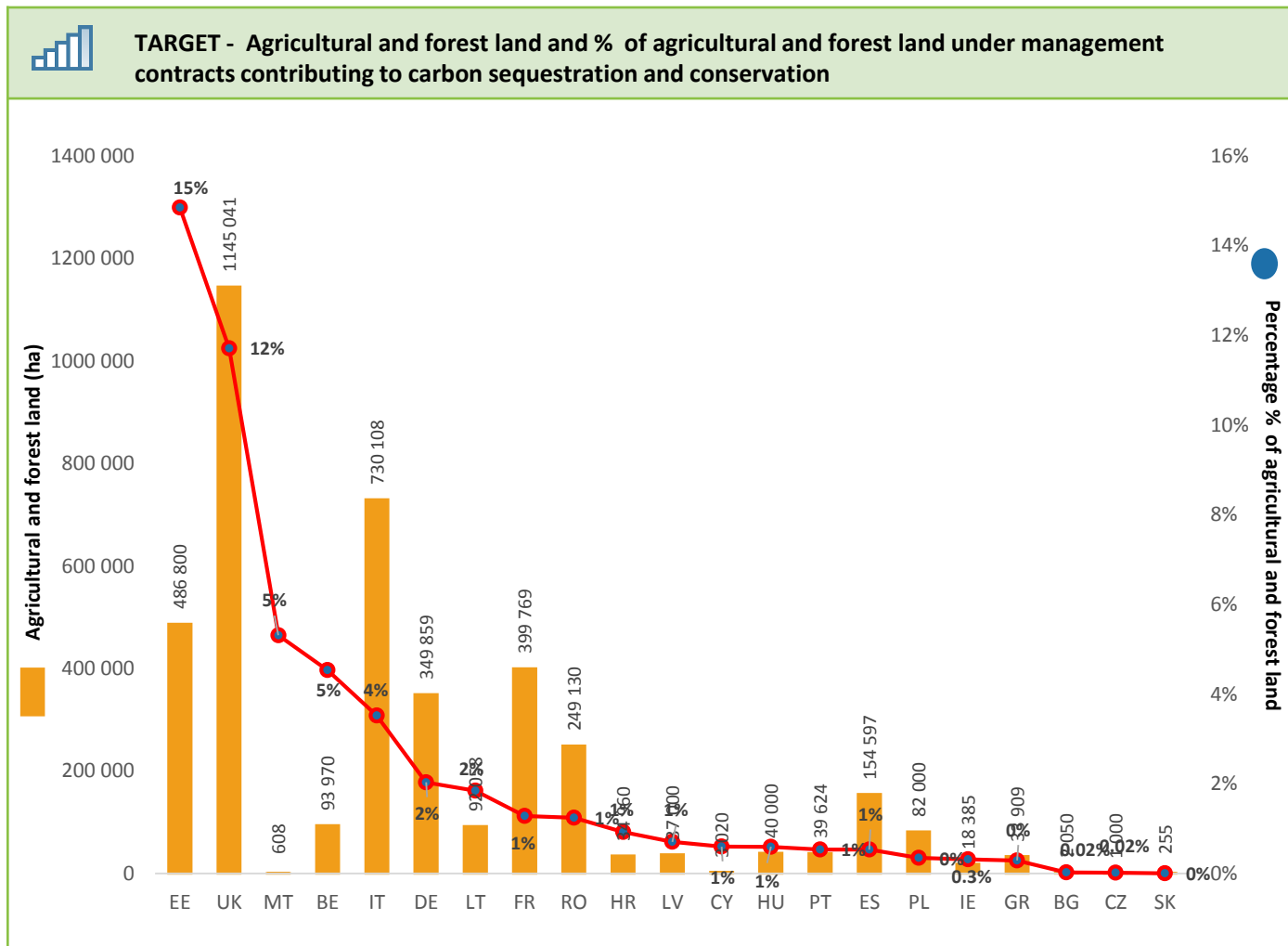


¹ RDPs that do not address FA 5E: BE (1 out of 2), DE (2 out of 13), DK, ES (3 out of 18), FI (1 out of 2), FR (9 out of 28), IT (2 out of 22), LU, NL, SE, SI, UK (1 out of 4).

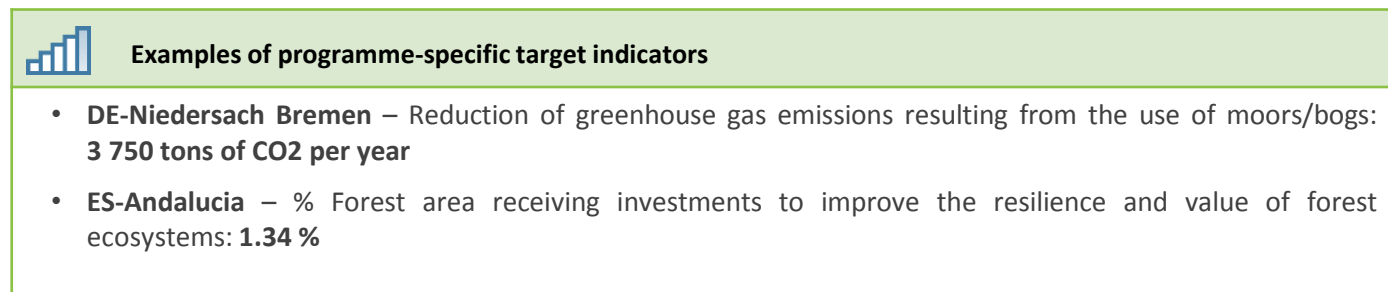
² Target values in percentage are calculated on the basis of the total agricultural and forestry land covered by the RDPs that activated Focus Area 5E.

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 agricultural and forestry land covered by the RDPs that activated Focus Area 5E.




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.

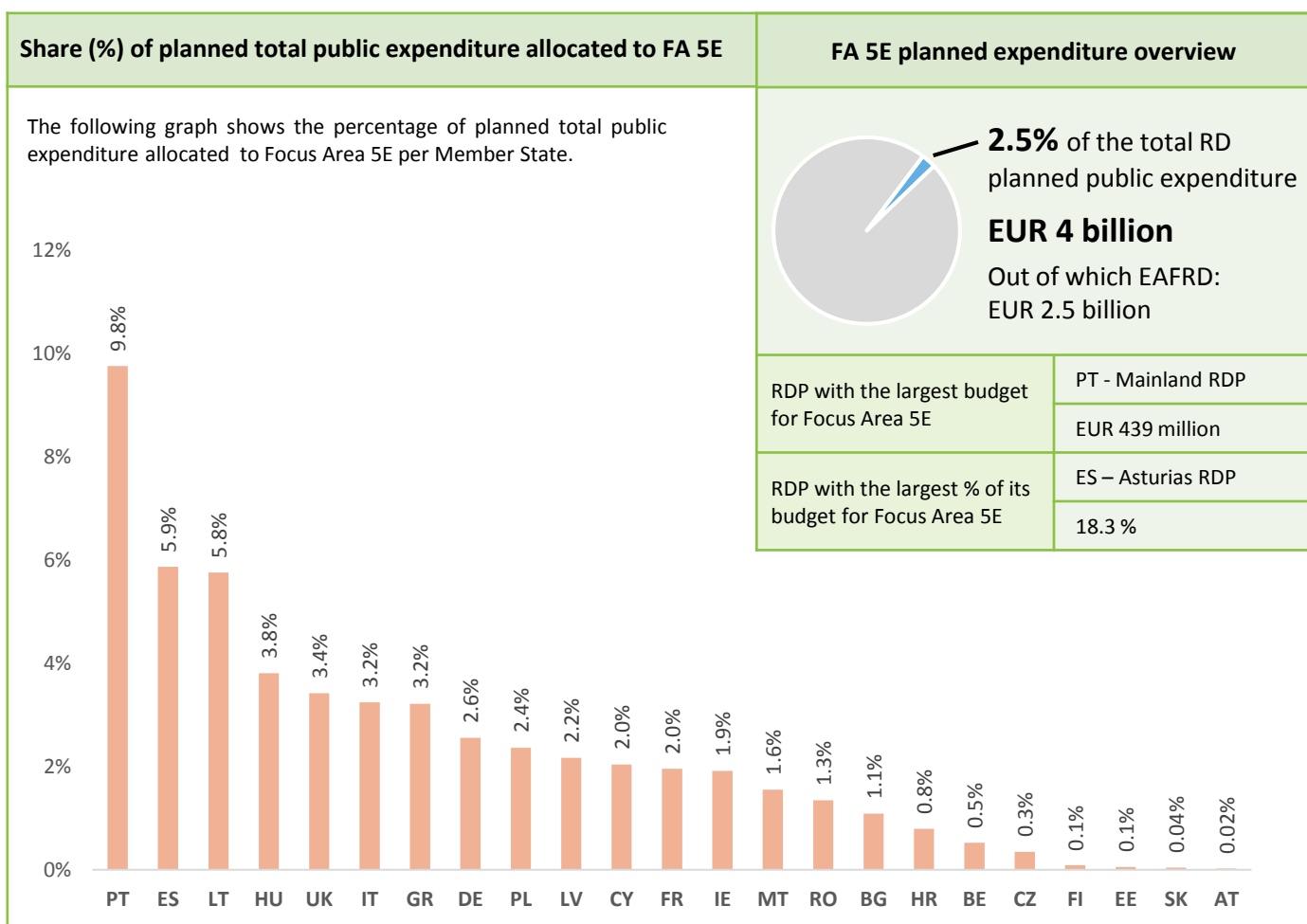


2. Expected achievements

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

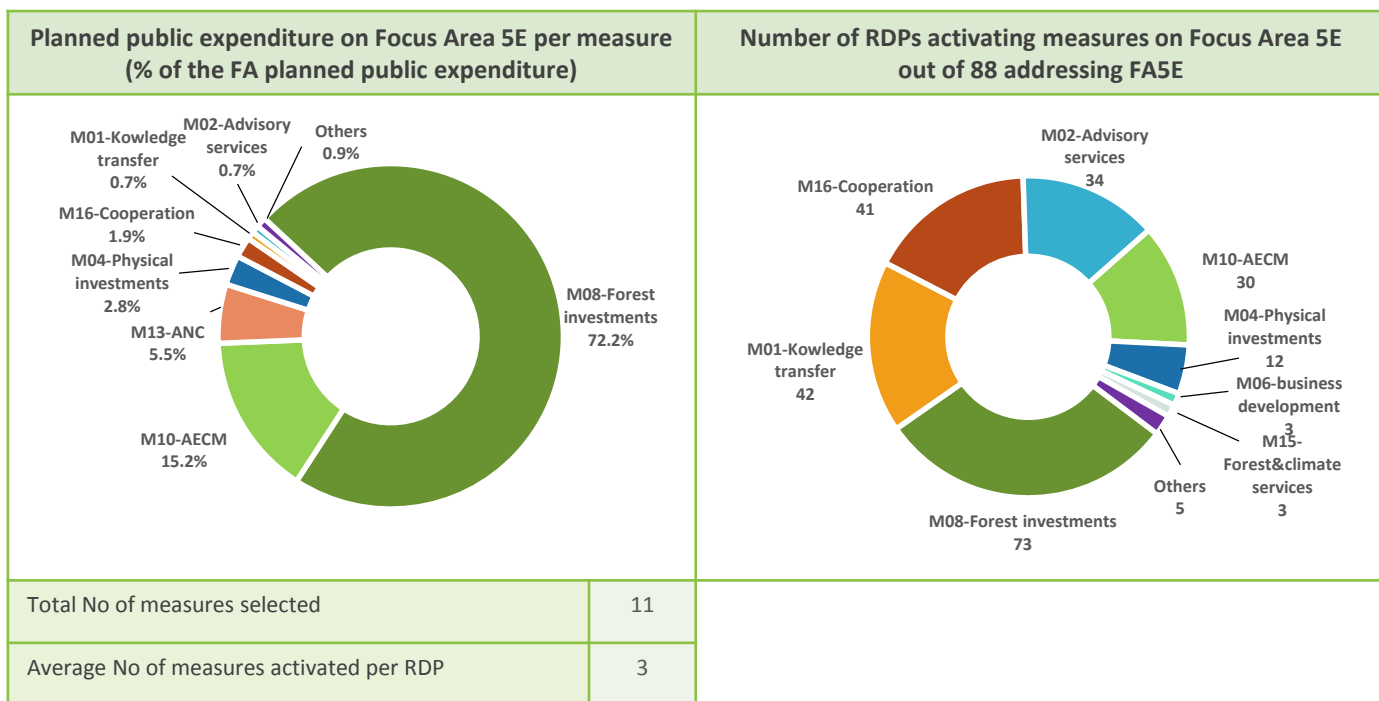
|  Main output indicators | EU Total |
|---|------------|
| No of beneficiaries trained | 33 905 |
| Area (ha) under agri-environment-climate for carbon sequestration | 621 466 |
| Area (ha) to be afforested | 428 782 ha |
| No of operations (investments improving resilience and value of forest ecosystems) | 19 575 |

3. Planned total public expenditure on Focus Area 5E



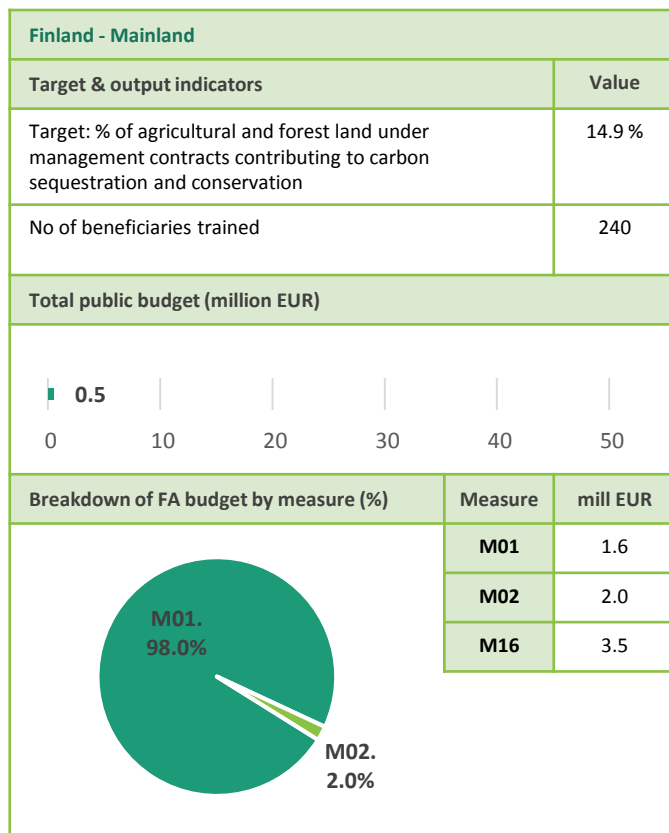
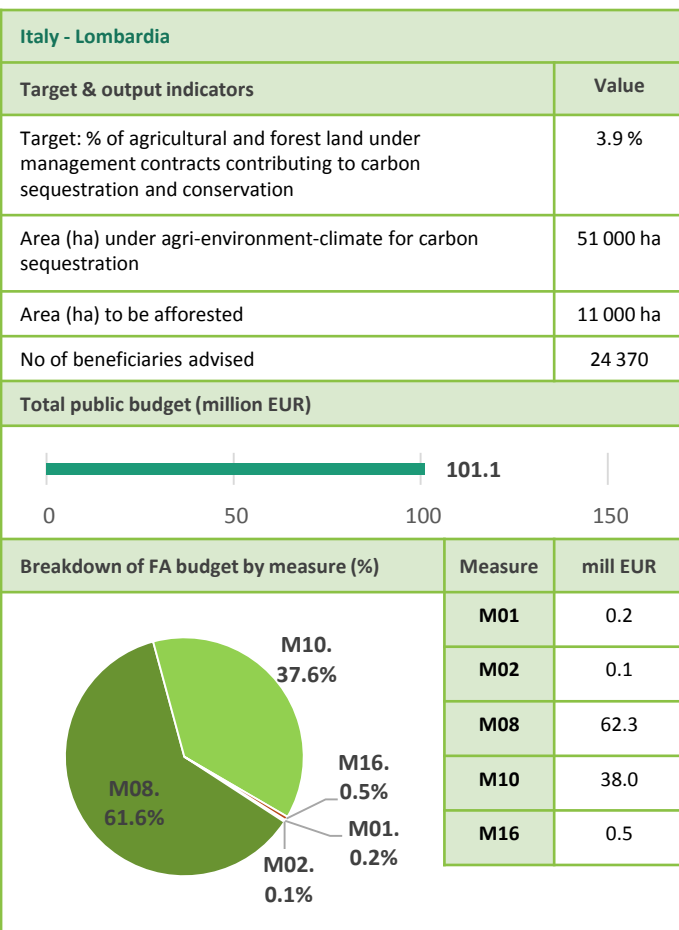
4. Intervention logic at EU level

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 5E, as well as an indication of the number of RDPs in which these measures are selected.



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 carbon sequestration and conservation.



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 | M04 - Investments in physical assets | M06 – Farm & business development | M08 - Investments in forest areas | M10-AECM | M11 – Organic Farming | M12 – Natura 2000 | M13 – ANC | M15 – Forest conservation | M16 - Cooperation | Total | Planned expenditure (million EUR) |
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| AT | 32% | 33% | | | | | | | | | 35% | 100 % | 2 |
| BE | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | 100 % | 8 |
| BG | 4% | 1% | | | 91% | | | | | | 4% | 100 % | 31 |
| CY | | | | | 75% | 25% | | | | | | 100 % | 5 |
| CZ | 0.2% | | | | 99.8% | | | | | | | 100 % | 10 |
| DE | 0.1% | 0.1% | 13% | | 10% | 76% | | | | | 2% | 100 % | 423 |
| DK | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EE | 98% | 2% | | | | | | | | | | 100 % | 0.5 |
| ES | 0.3% | 0.1% | | | 95% | 0.4% | 0.2% | | 2% | 1% | 0.5% | 100 % | 755 |
| FI | 23% | 28% | | | | | | | | | 49% | 100 % | 7 |
| FR | 1% | 1% | 7% | 3% | 72% | 14% | | | | | 3% | 100 % | 326 |
| GR | 2% | 1% | 18% | | 64% | 8% | | | | | 8% | 100 % | 184 |
| HR | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | 100 % | 17 |
| HU | 2% | 2% | | | 94% | | | | | | 1% | 100 % | 155 |
| IE | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | 100 % | 75 |
| IT | 1% | 2% | | | 77% | 14% | 0.3% | 1% | | 1% | 4% | 100 % | 660 |
| LT | | 0.1% | | | 85% | 15% | | | | | | 100 % | 105 |
| LU | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LV | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | 100 % | 31 |
| MT | | | | | 91% | 9% | | | | | | 100 % | 2 |
| NL | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PL | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | 100 % | 301 |
| PT | 0.3% | 1% | | | 52% | 1% | | | 45% | | 0.4% | 100 % | 450 |
| RO | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | 100 % | 125 |
| SE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SI | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SK | 49% | 5% | | | 47% | | | | | | | 100 % | 1 |
| UK | 0.2% | 1% | 1% | | 95% | 1% | | | | | 3% | 100 % | 256 |
| EU-28 (%) | 1% | 1% | 3% | 0.2% | 72% | 15% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 6% | 0.4% | 2% | 100 % | 3 929 |
| EU-28 (mil. EUR) | 28 | 27 | 110 | 9 | 2 838 | 596 | 3 | 9 | 217 | 16 | 75 | - | |

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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