

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Puglia
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	3.5 million
	% of total population (5)	85.1 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	176.4
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	19 541
	% of total area (5)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	1.3 million
	% of total territory (6)	65.8 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.2 million
	% of total area (2)	7.5 %
Total employment	People (5)	1.2 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	100.0 %

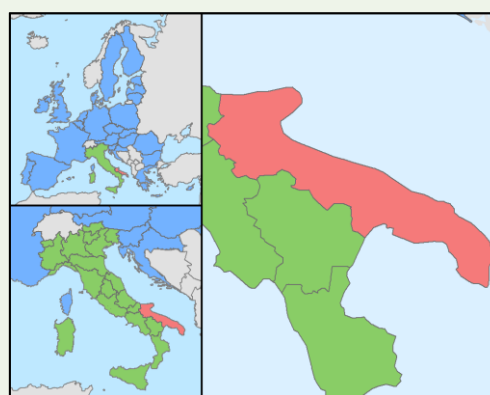
Data source: Italy – Puglia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2005 data; (3) 2010 data; (4) 2011 data; (5) 2012 data; (6) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 990 918 000 <small>1.0 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 646 962 992	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 1 637 880 992
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (4)	3.6 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	271 750
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	4.7
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (4)	44.9 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	97.7
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 2.3 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Puglia



Examples of expected achievements

- Almost 8 700 places will be made available in training courses and 118 projects will be supported to strengthen the link between agriculture, food and forestry sectors and research and the programme will implement the European Innovation Partnership.
- The programme will support the establishment of 2 000 young farmers.
- Puglia aims at supporting around 1 700 agricultural holdings for the participation of farmers in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, as well as investments in the processing and marketing of agricultural products (5 % agro-food holdings).
- About 35 % of the allocated EAFRD amount will be dedicated to area-based payments to farmers for using environment/climate-friendly land management practices, including organic farming.
- Almost 12 % of agricultural land will be under contracts to improve water management. The problem of water erosion will be tackled by placing almost 14 % of the agricultural land under management contracts combating soil erosion. 4.8 % of agricultural land and 2.2% of forestry land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity.
- The RDP will also pursue a higher efficiency of water use with 13 % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system.

Examples of key challenges

- Puglia is a southern region classified as "less developed", and the overall employment rate is 45 % (below the national average), whereas the unemployment rate is 15.7 % overall but rising to 41.5 % for young people (above the national average).
- The small size of the farms and resulting land fragmentation have been identified as a major challenge for the Region's agriculture along with the problem of generational renewal.
- A major challenge faced by the Puglia is represented by the pursuit of a higher degree of efficiency either through increasing farm size or through aggregation processes.
- The Region faces a series of environmental problems such as desertification, droughts, decrease in biodiversity, soil erosion, extensive water use in agriculture, a dramatic reduction of the number of local species.
- As for renewable energies, only 10 % of regional energy production comes from such sources.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Puglia*, November 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-puglia_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. The target indicators identified with the country code (IT_PUG) are specific to the Puglia Programme.

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 specific 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	7.5 %

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)	118 8

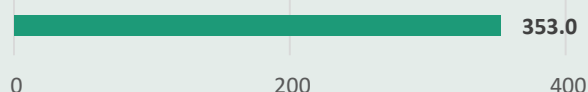
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	8 667

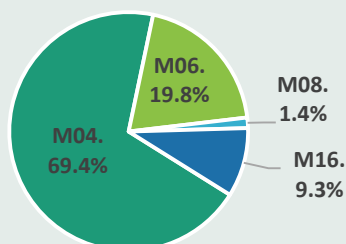
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



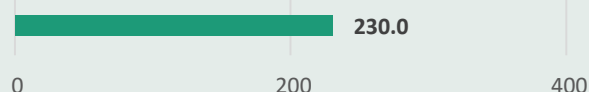
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



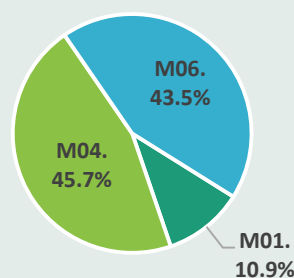
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	0.8 %

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	0.7 %

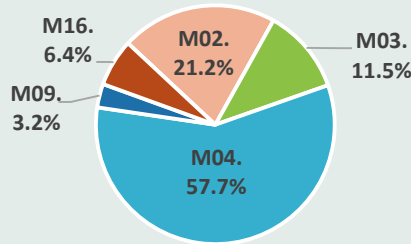
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



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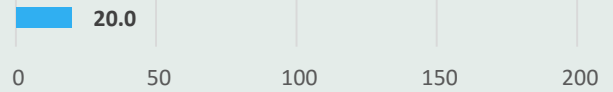


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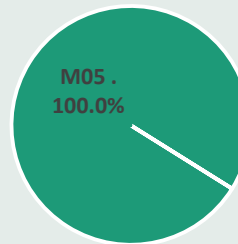
Target indicator	Value
IT_PUG01 - % of agribusiness supported under M4.2	5.0 %
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	0.6 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

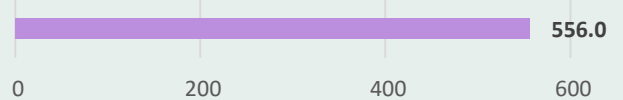
Target indicator	Value
IT_PUG02 - % of farms supported under M5.1	0.8 %
T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes	0.7 %

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

Focus Areas

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

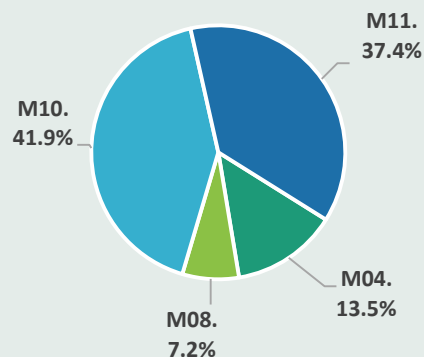
Total public budget (million EUR)



Target indicator

Target indicator	Value
T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	2.2 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	4.8 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	11.7 %
T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management	2.2 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	14.0 %
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	2.2 %

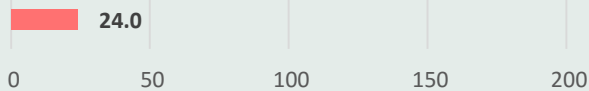
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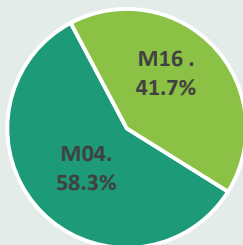
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M04	14.0
M16	10.0

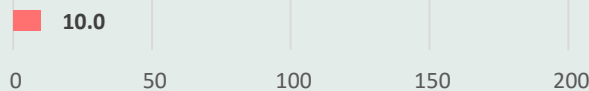
Target indicator

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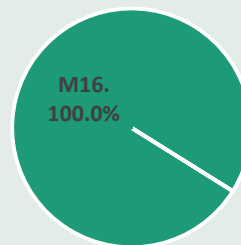
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system 13.0 %

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M16	10.0

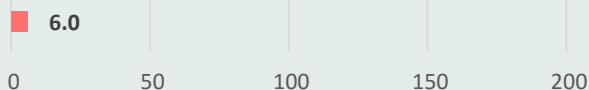
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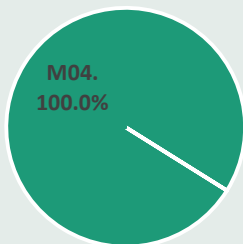
IT_PUG03 - Number of projects realised (M 16.6) 20

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M04	6.0

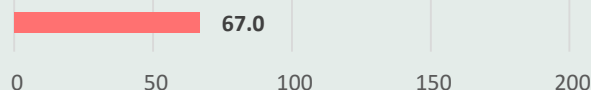
Target indicator

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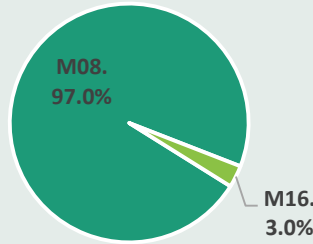
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) 6 m

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M08	65.0
M16	2.0

Target indicator

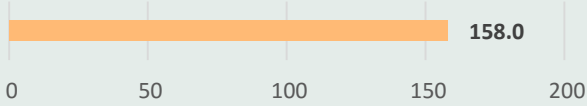
Value

T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation 8.5 %

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

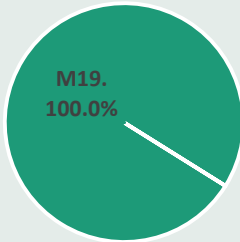
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	158.0



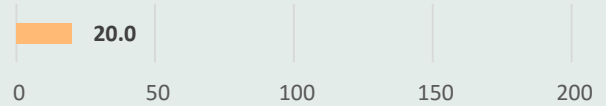
Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	94.3 %
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	17.4 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	400

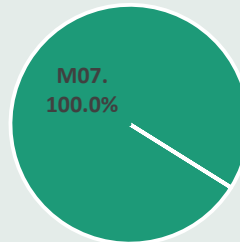
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	20.0



Target indicator

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T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (ICT)	14.5
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3. Planned expenditure per priority

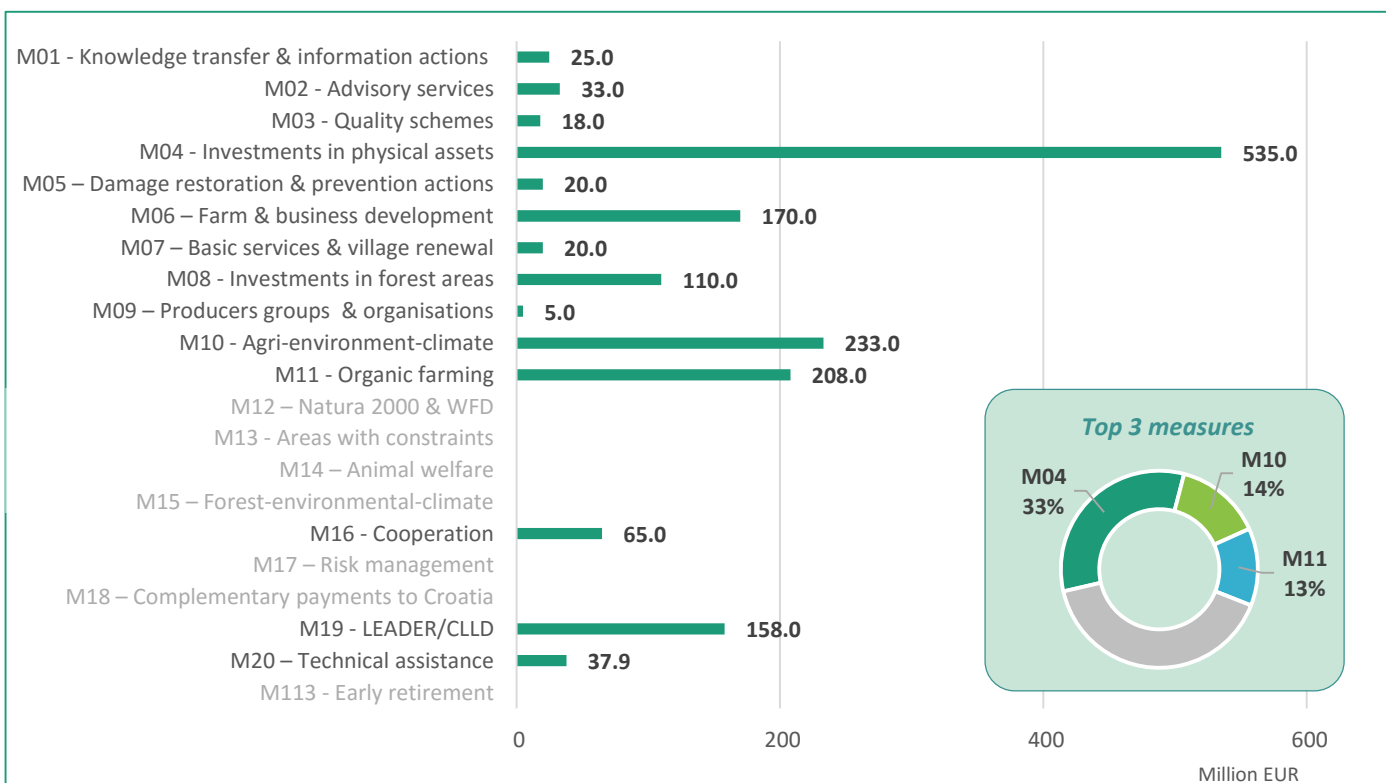
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	583.0	35.6 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	176.0	10.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	556.0	34.0 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	107.0	6.5 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	178.0	10.9 %

* 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				100%															100%	25.0
M02 - Advisory services						100%													100%	33.0
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	18.0
M04 - Investments in physical assets				46%	20%	17%		14%		2%		1%							100%	535.0
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	20.0
M06 - Farm & business development				41%	59%														100%	170.0
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																	20.0		100%	20.0
M08 - Investments in forest areas				5%				36%						59%					100%	110.0
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%													100%	5.0
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	233.0
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	208.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints																				
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				51%		15%				15%	15%			3%					100%	65.0
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	158.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	24/11/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
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Paying agency	AGEA – Agenzia per le Erogazioni in Agricoltura
Coordination body	/
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-italy-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dps.gov.it/it/AccordoPartenariato
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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