

1. General information

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| Geographical Area | Country | Austria |
| | Region | / |
| Rural population (4) | Inhabitants (3) | 5.5 million |
| | % of total population (3) | 65.3 % |
| | Density - Inhab/km2 | 72.2 |
| Rural area (4) | Km2 (3) | 76 414 |
| | % of total area (3) | 91.1 % |
| Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i> | Ha (1) | 2.9 million |
| | % of total territory (1) | 34.3 % |
| Forest and other wooded land | Ha (1) | 4.0 million |
| | % of total area (1) | 48.4 % |
| Total employment | People (3) | 4.2 million |
| Rural employment (4) | % of total workforce (1) | 63.8 % |

Data source: Austria 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) 2010 data; (2) 2011 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 3 937 551 997

4.1 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28



**National
contribution:**
EUR 3 874 044 317

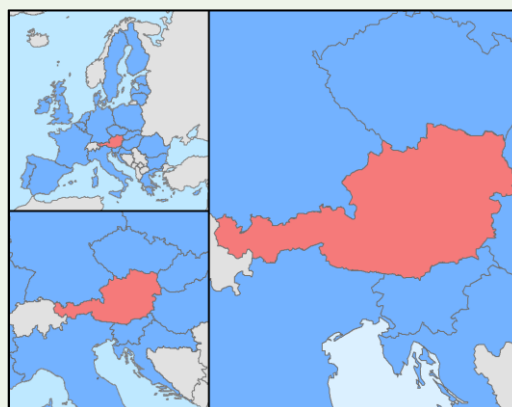


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 7 811 596 314

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

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| Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA) | % of total (3) | 1.4 % |
| No of agricultural holdings | No (1) | 150 170 |
| Average farm size | ha UAA/holding (1) | 19.2 |
| High Nature Value farming | % of total UAA (2) | 34.9 % |
| Farmland Birds Index (FBI) | Index 2000 = 100 | 88.8 |
| | <i>From 2000 to 2011 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 11.2 %.</i> | |

Map: Austria



Examples of expected achievements

- Transfer of knowledge will be provided through training of more than 600 000 participants, mainly farmers. The links between the agricultural production sectors and research will be reinforced through 645 cooperation projects.
- Innovation will aim at linking the highly prioritised environment and climate objectives with the competitiveness of the agri-food sector, businesses in rural areas, and balanced territorial development contributing to the creation of "green jobs".
- Farm investments of the pig and cattle sectors aim to restructure 20 000 farms (13 % of the total).
- Primary producers will be supported by better integrating them into the agri-food chain through quality schemes (around 45 000 farm holdings), adding value to agricultural products, promoting local markets, short supply chains and producer groups.
- Nearly 80 % of the agricultural area will be under contracts for agri-environment schemes, organic farming or as Areas of Natural Constraint, and that roughly 600 000 training places will be created to boost innovation and more sustainable agricultural practices.
- Priority will be given to investments focused on energy efficiency, emission reduction and renewable energy production on farms and in rural areas. Over 1 000 investment projects are foreseen for developing and improving the viability of forests.
- The Community Led Local Development (CLLD/Leader) approach will cover 75 % of the rural population and is expected to create 490 new jobs. Investments in the food processing sector, in business start-ups and in basic services will be a CLLD/Leader focus.

Examples of key challenges

- In Austria 80 % of the area is rural and the 66 % of the total population live in these areas. Rural depopulation however is an increasing problem and regions are more and more facing the negative effects of this development.
- Austrian agriculture is characterized by small-scale structures where farming is difficult and whose competitiveness is hard to improve.
- Around 90 % of farm holdings are located in mountain areas and areas facing natural or other specific constraints. To support farmers in continuing farming and thus guaranteeing their living conditions is therefore a challenge for Austria.
- Biodiversity is still declining and there are regions where emissions are too high and the groundwater quality goes beyond the thresholds.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Austria**, December 2014.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/at/factsheet_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 (AT) are specific to the Austrian 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 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 | 2.9 % |

Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

| Target indicator | Value |
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| T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 | 609 000 |

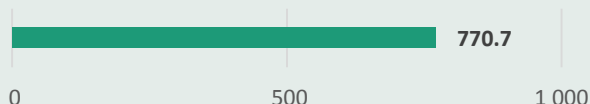
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

| 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) | 645 50 |

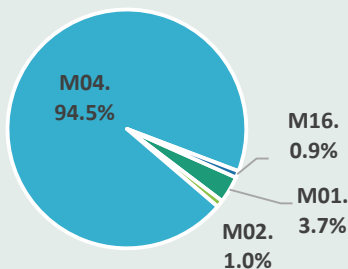
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



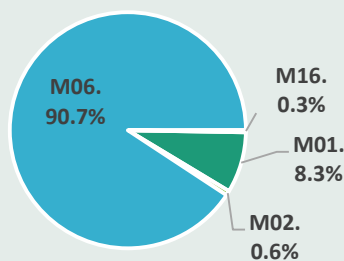
| Target indicator | Value |
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| T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation | 13.3 % |

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

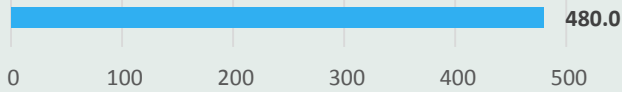


| Target indicator | Value |
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| T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers | 4.9 % |

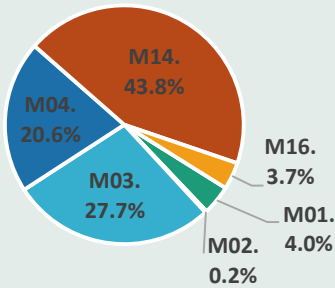
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

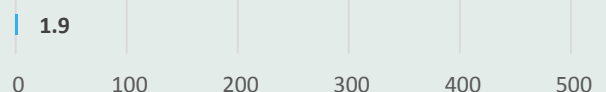
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

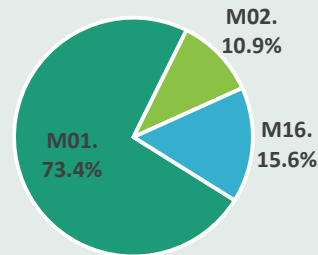
30.6 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

AT01 - Knowledge and information transfer

Value

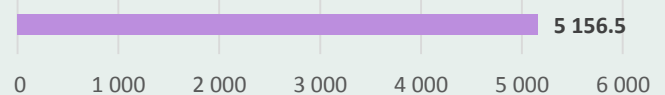
2 450

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

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity

Value

0.05 %

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

Value

83.2 %

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

Value

75.3 %

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

Value

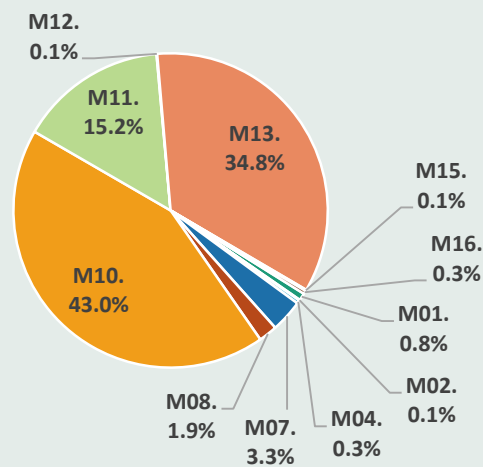
78.5 %

T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

Value

2.9 %

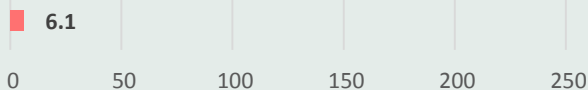
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



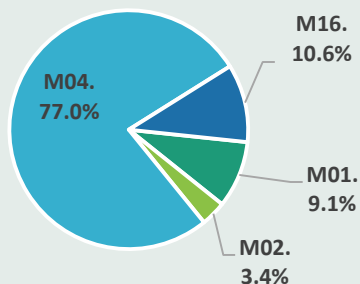
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

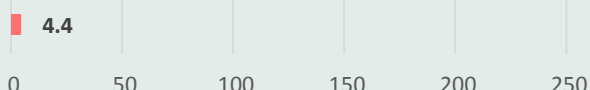
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system

Value

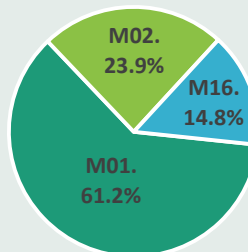
6.0 %

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

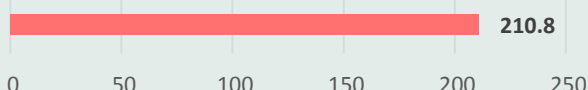
AT02 - Knowledge transfer and information measures (Article 14) (number of participants in training)

Value

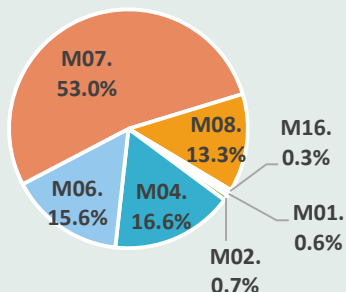
12 250

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

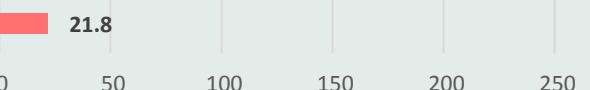
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

Value

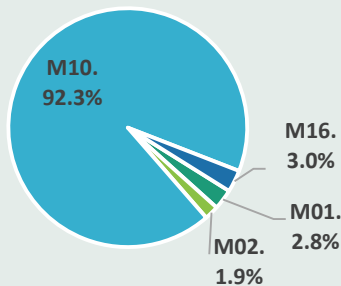
585.3 m

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions

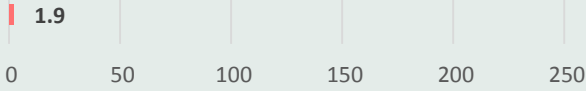
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3.4 %

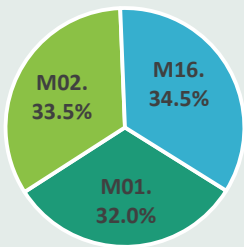
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01 | 0.6 |
| M02 | 0.6 |
| M16 | 0.7 |

Target indicator

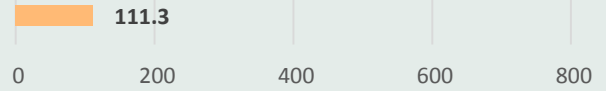
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| AT03 - Advisory, farm management and representation services | 4 470 |
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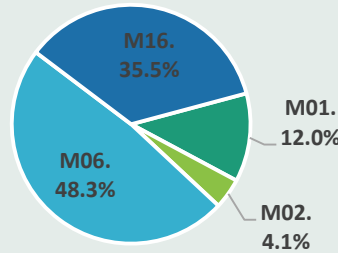
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01 | 13.3 |
| M02 | 4.6 |
| M06 | 53.8 |
| M16 | 39.6 |

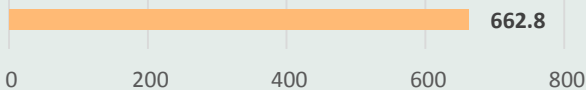
Target indicator

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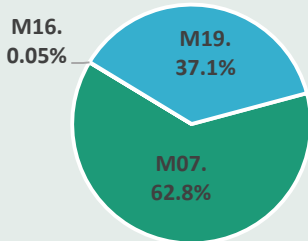
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| T20 - Jobs created in supported projects | 310 |
|------------------------------------------|-----|

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M07 | 416.2 |
| M16 | 0.3 |
| M19 | 246.2 |

Target indicator

Value

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies | 74.9 % |
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| T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures | 54.5 % |
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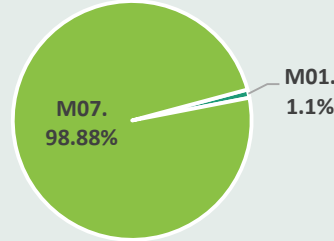
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| T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (Leader) | 490 |
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01 | 0.6 |
| M07 | 53.2 |

Target indicator

Value

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| T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (Information Communication Technology) | 41.8 % |
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3. Planned expenditure per priority

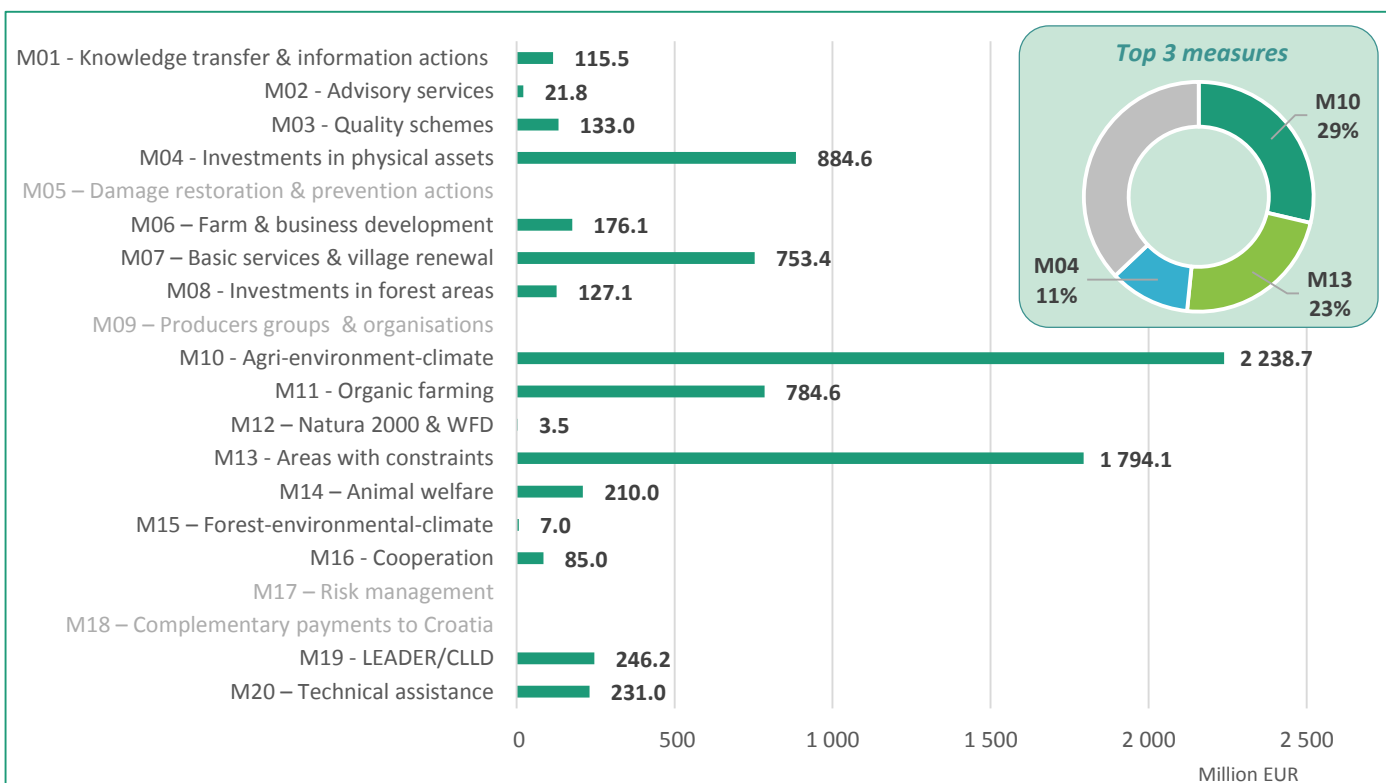
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

| Priority | Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR) | % of total public expenditure* | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation | P2 - Competitiveness | 869.4 | 11.1 % |
| | P3 - Food chain & risk management | 481.9 | 6.2 % |
| | P4 - Ecosystems management | 5 156.5 | 66.0 % |
| | P5 - Resource efficiency & climate | 245.0 | 3.1 % |
| | P6 - Social inclusion & local development | 827.9 | 10.6 % |

* 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 Member State.



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) |
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| | 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 | | | | 24% | 7% | 17% | 1% | 34% | | | 0.5% | 2% | 1% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 12% | | 0.5% | 100% | 115.5 |
| M02 - Advisory services | | | | 34% | 3% | 5% | 1% | 19% | | | 1% | 5% | 7% | 2% | 3% | 21% | | | 100% | 21.8 |
| M03 - Quality schemes | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 133 |
| M04 - Investments in physical assets | | | | 82% | | 11% | | 2% | | 1% | | 4% | | | | | | | 100% | 884.6 |
| M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M06 - Farm & business development | | | | | 51% | | | | | | | | | | | 31% | | | 100% | 176.1 |
| M07 - Basic services & village renewal | | | | | | | | 23% | | | | | 15% | | | | 55% | 7% | 100% | 753.4 |
| M08 - Investments in forest areas | | | | | | | | 78% | | | | | 22% | | | | | | 100% | 127.1 |
| M09 - Producers groups & organisations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M10 - Agri-environment-climate | | | | | | | | 99% | | | | | | 1% | | | | | 100% | 2238.7 |
| M11 - Organic farming | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 784.6 |
| M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 3.5 |
| M13 - Areas with constraints | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 1794.1 |
| M14 - Animal welfare | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 210.0 |
| M15 - Forest-environmental-climate | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 7.0 |
| M16 - Cooperation | | | | 8% | 0.4% | 21% | 0.4% | 20% | | | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 47% | 0.4% | | 100% | 85.0 |
| M17 - Risk management | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M19 - LEADER/CLLD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | | | 100% | 246.2 |

6. Additional info

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| Date of RDP approval | 12/12/2014 |
| Austrian National Rural Network | Netzwerk Land http://www.netzwerk-land.at/englisch |
| Managing authority | Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft, Abteilung II 2 - Koordination ländliche Entwicklung und Fischereifonds http://www.bmlfuw.gv.at/en.html |
| Paying agency | Agrarmarkt Austria http://www.ama.at/ |
| Coordination body | Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft, Abteilung Präs. 3: Budget |
| RDP country documents | http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/at_en.htm |
| National Partnership Agreement summary (ENG) | http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-austria-summary_en.pdf |
| Partnership Agreement | http://www.oerok.gv.at/fileadmin/Bilder/3.Reiter-Regionalpolitik/2.EU-Kohaesionspolitik_2014_/Nationale_Strategie_STRAT.AT2020/STRAT_AT_2020_genehmigte_Fassung_vom_Oktober_2014.pdf |
| 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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