

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Belgium
	Region	Wallonia
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	2.2 million
	% of total population (4)	61.4 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	147.8
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	14 806
	% of total area (4)	87.9 %
Agricultural area Total Utilised Agricultural Area UAA)	Ha (4)	714 954
	% of total territory (4)	42.4 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (5)	555 000
	% of total area (5)	33 %
Total employment	People (2)	1.2 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	59.7 %

Data source: Belgium – Wallonia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, include intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 264 031 878

0.3 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28



**National
contribution:**
EUR 390 422 951

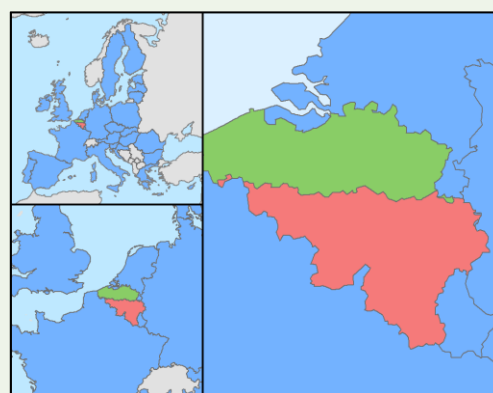


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 654 454 829

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	1.1 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (4)	13 306
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (4)	54.2
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	-
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	84.6
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 15.4%.</i>	

Map: Belgium - Wallonia



Examples of expected achievements

- Around 16 000 places in training courses will be provided in order to promote lifelong learning.
- Cooperation between researchers and producers will be promoted through support for 74 cooperation operations.
- Almost 40 % of the agricultural holdings will be supported for modernisation and restructuring.
- The support to generational renewal will be targeting 570 start-up projects for young farmers throughout the programming period.
- A number of 150 projects will receive support to improve the competitiveness of the producers by better integrating them into the agri-food chain.
- About 20 % of the agricultural land will be under contract to stimulate biodiversity, 16 % of the agricultural land to improve water management and 14 % of agricultural land to improve soil management.
- 80 000 ha will receive support for conversion or maintaining organic farming.
- Nearly 100 000 hectares of agricultural land will be under management contracts to contribute to the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from agriculture, and 93 000 ha of agricultural and forest land under management contracts to foster carbon sequestration or conservation of the soil.
- The development of rural areas through Leader (5 % of funding), will cover one third of the rural population through Local Development Strategies (LDSs), implemented by 18 Local Action Groups (LAGs); 75 jobs will also be created in the supported projects and 21 % of the rural population will benefit from improved services or facilities.

Examples of key challenges

- One of the major challenges faced by the region derived from the implementation of some agricultural practices linked to the intensification of agriculture which are harmful to the environment. They cause, in particular, increased nitrate levels in the water, high level of phosphorus in about 2/3 of Wallonian soil and the use of an important amount of phytosanitary products.
- Another key challenge is the continuous decline in biodiversity in Wallonia due to harmful agricultural practices.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Wallonia*, July 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/be/factsheet-wallonia_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 (BE_WL) are specific to the Belgium – Wallonia 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	2.7 %

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	16 000

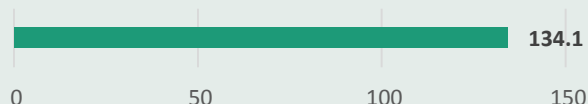
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	74 0

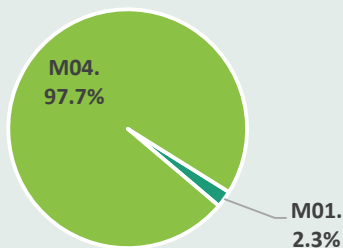
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



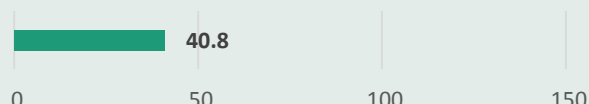
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



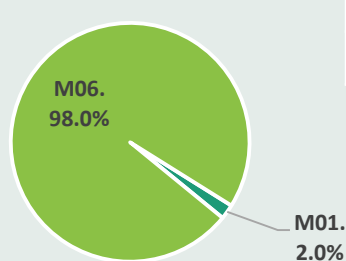
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	37.6 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

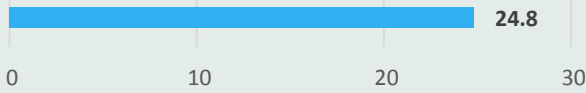


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	4.3 %

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

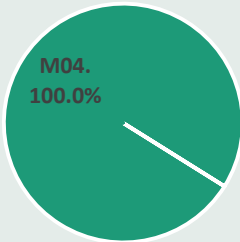
Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	24.8



Target indicator

Value

BE_WL - Total Investments (public and private) (EUR)

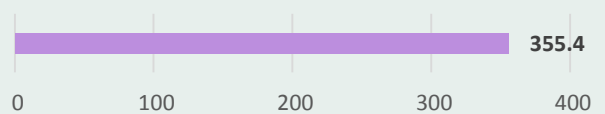
105 m

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

Value

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

5.4 %

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

19.0 %

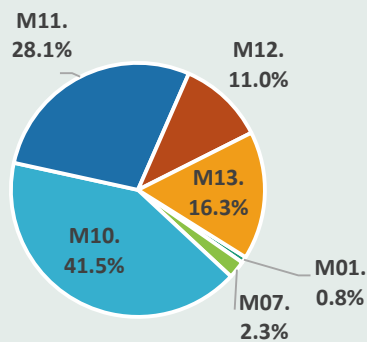
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

15.6 %

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

13.6 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure

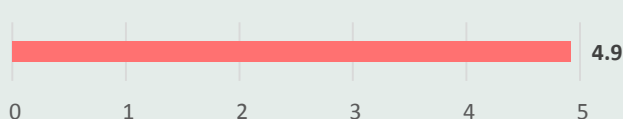
m EUR

M01	2.8
M07	8.0
M10	147.5
M11	100.0
M12	39.1
M13	58.0

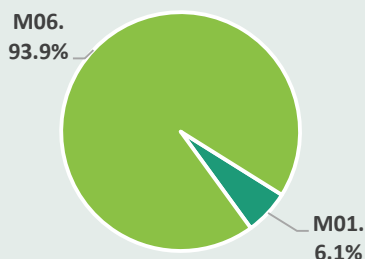
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & wastes management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

Value

28 m

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

Target indicator

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

Value

14.0 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Target indicator

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

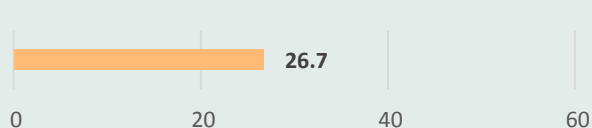
Value

7.3 %

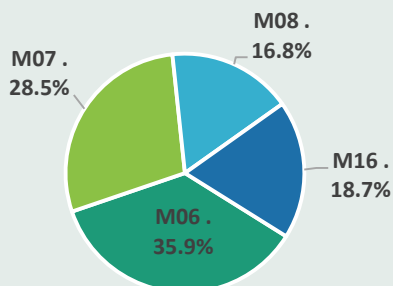
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

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

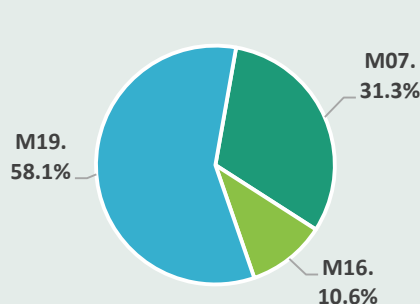
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T21 - % of rural population covered by LDSs

Value

31.6 %

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

Value

21.0 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

Value

75

3. Planned expenditure per priority

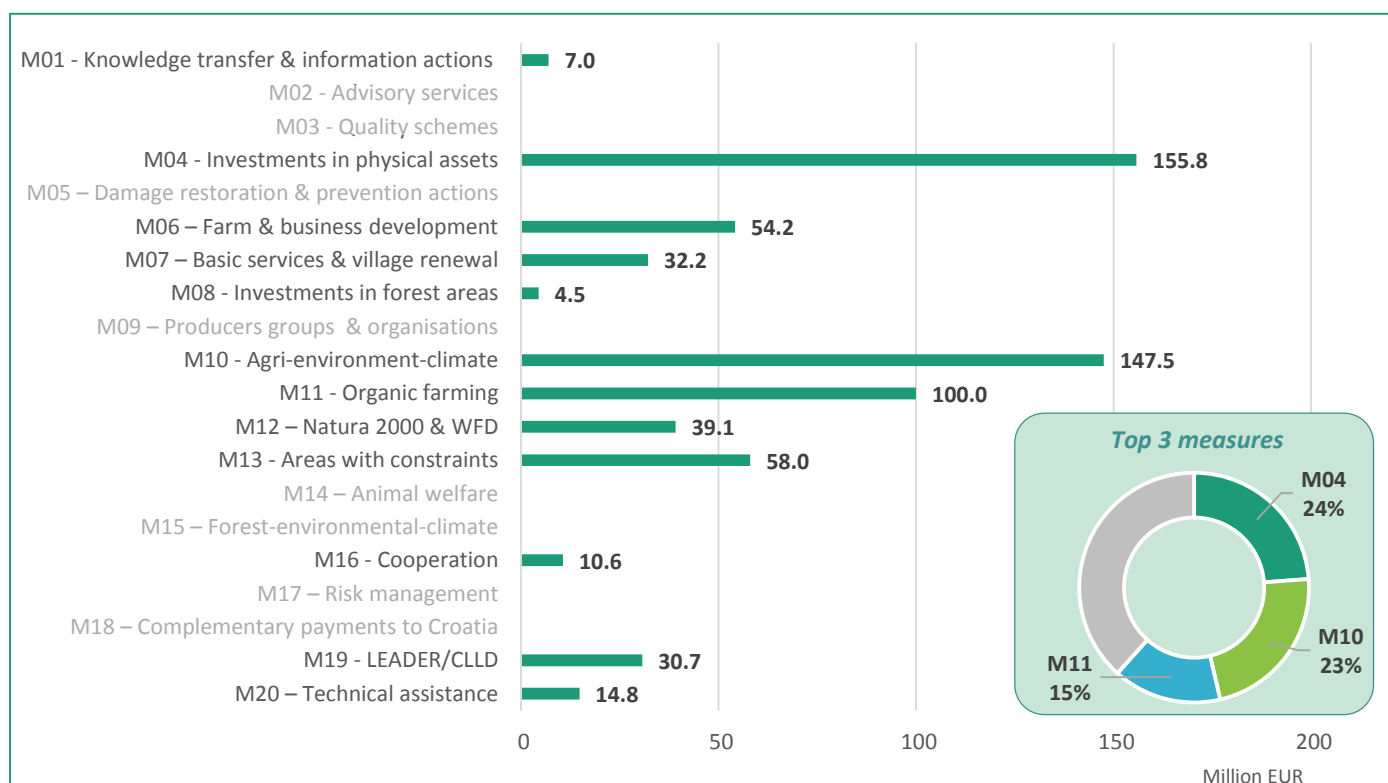
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	174.9	26.7 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	24.8	3.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	355.4	54.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	4.9	0.8 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	79.6	12.2 %

* 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 Rural Development Programme 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 crosscutting 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 & wastes 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				44%	12%			40%					4%						100%	7.0
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				84%		16%													100%	155.8
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					74%								8%			18%			100%	54.2
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								25%								24%	51%		100%	32.2
M08 - Investments in forest areas															100%				100%	4.5
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	147.5
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	100.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	39.1
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	58.0
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation															47%	53%			100%	10.6
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	30.7

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	20/07/2015
Wallonia National Rural Network	Le Réseau wallon de Développement rural http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/
Managing authority	Gouvernement wallon
Paying agency	Département des aides - DGO3
Coordination body	Direction des programmes européens - DGO3
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/be_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-belgium-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/be_en.htm
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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