

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Germany
	Region	Hesse
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	2.8 million
	% of total population (4)	45.3 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	175.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	15 688
	% of total area (4)	74.3 %
Agricultural area Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)	Ha (5)	771 893
	% of total territory (5)	36.6 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (6)	895 000
	% of total area (6)	42.4 %
Total employment	People (5)	3.2 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	40.9 %

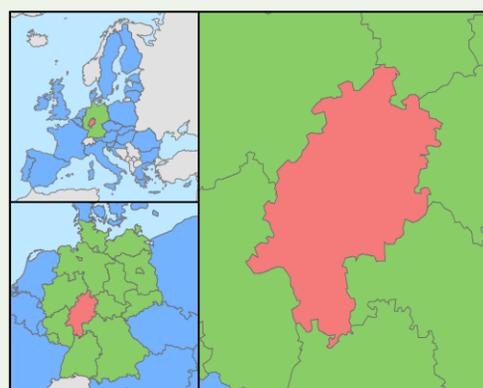
Data source: Germany-Hesse 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2014 data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 318 864 991 <small>0.3 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 328 310 435	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 647 175 426
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (5)	0.4 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (5)	16 987
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (5)	45.4
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	11.8 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	75.7
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 24.3%.</i>	

Map: Germany - Hesse



Examples of expected achievements

- More than 5 % of farms will receive funding for investments – focused on innovative potential, young farmers, organic farming, animal welfare and resource efficiency as well as on land consolidation and agricultural access roads. This will be complemented by support for the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability, as well as for farm diversification.
- Support for farm investments will make an indirect contribution to resource efficiency and climate by requiring investment projects to increase resource and water efficiency. There will also be contributions from cooperative projects to boost sustainability through the European Innovation Partnership and to mitigate climate change.
- Farmers will receive support for investments in processing and marketing, with a special focus on products emanating from approved quality schemes. They will also be funded to co-operate with others to develop short supply chains and local markets.
- Around 6 % of farmland and nearly 8 % of forest land will be placed under funded contracts to improve soil management and cut erosion. Support for eco-friendly land management will also help maintain habitats and improve water management. Funding for environmental investments and for co-operative projects will tackle climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- The LEADER approach, implemented by expected 24 Local Action Groups (LAGs) will cover the 91 % of the rural population. There will also be support for other local development projects, village renewal and infrastructure. Nearly 300 jobs are expected to be created and nearly 30 % of the rural population will benefit from new or improved broadband infrastructure thanks to fresh investment.

Examples of key challenges

- Hessen, socio-economically speaking, is divided into two halves where the north is less prosperous than the south and suffers from the consequences of outmigration and other demographic change. Some villages are deserted and infrastructure is underfunded.
- Hessen's food and feed sector is relatively weak - dominated by part-time holdings and displaying a lower turnover per worker than the federal average.
- Environmental challenges are soil erosion, nitrate pollution in surface and ground waters and pressure on biodiversity.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for the German Land Hessen**, February 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de/factsheet-hesse_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.

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	0.8 %

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)	20 10

P2 – Competitiveness:

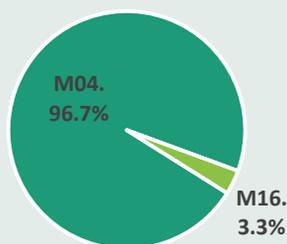
Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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	5.4 %

P3 – Food chain & risk management:

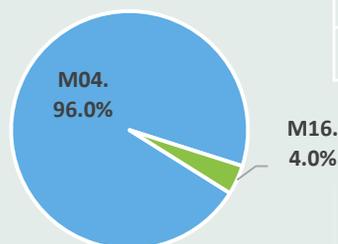
Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)

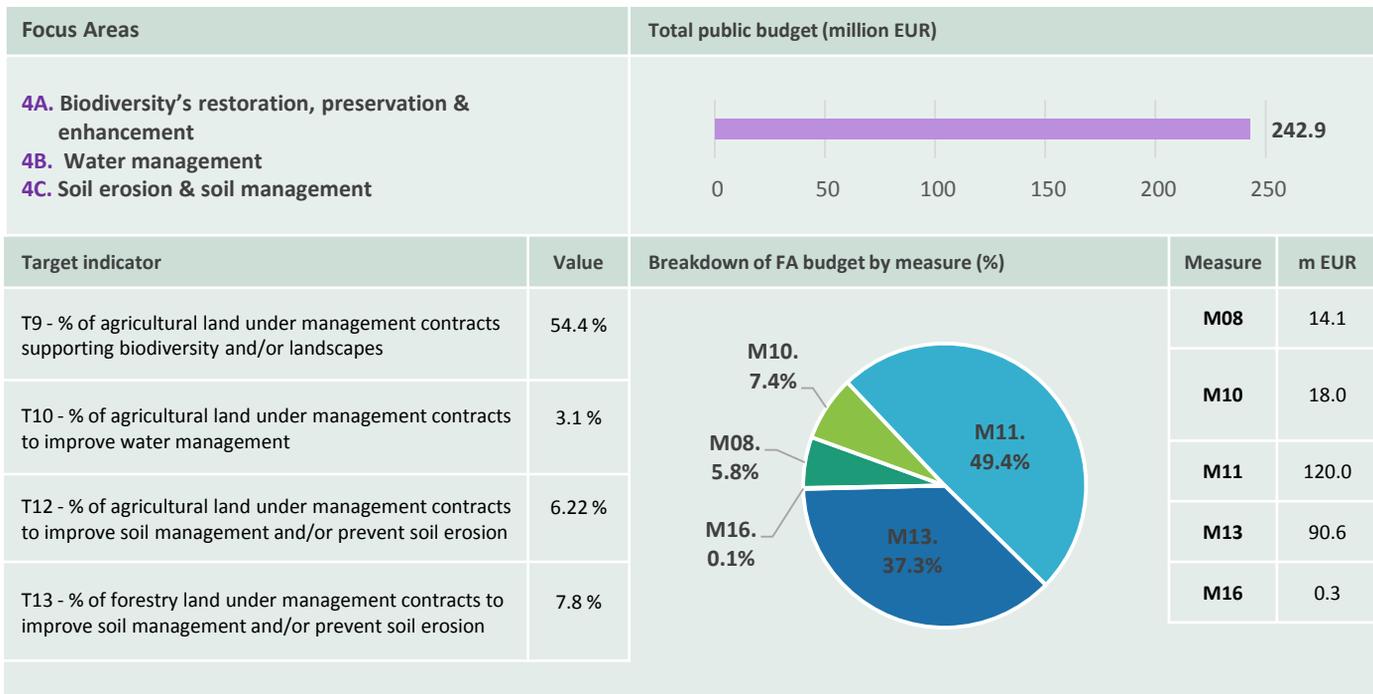


Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

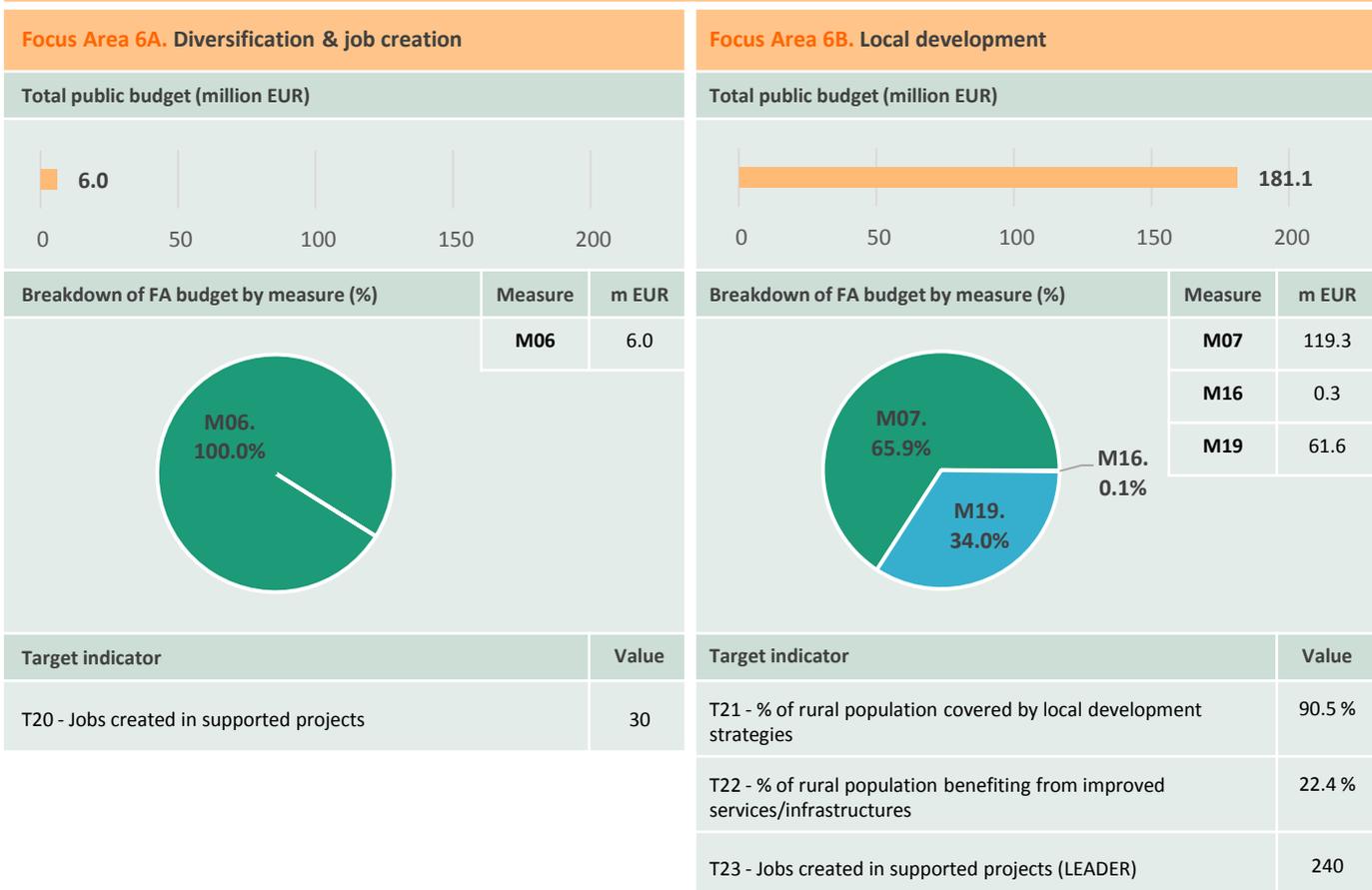


Target indicator	Value
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	0.03 %

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



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



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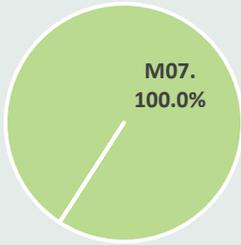
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
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Target indicator

Value

T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (Information Communication Technologies)	28.7 %
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3. Planned expenditure per priority

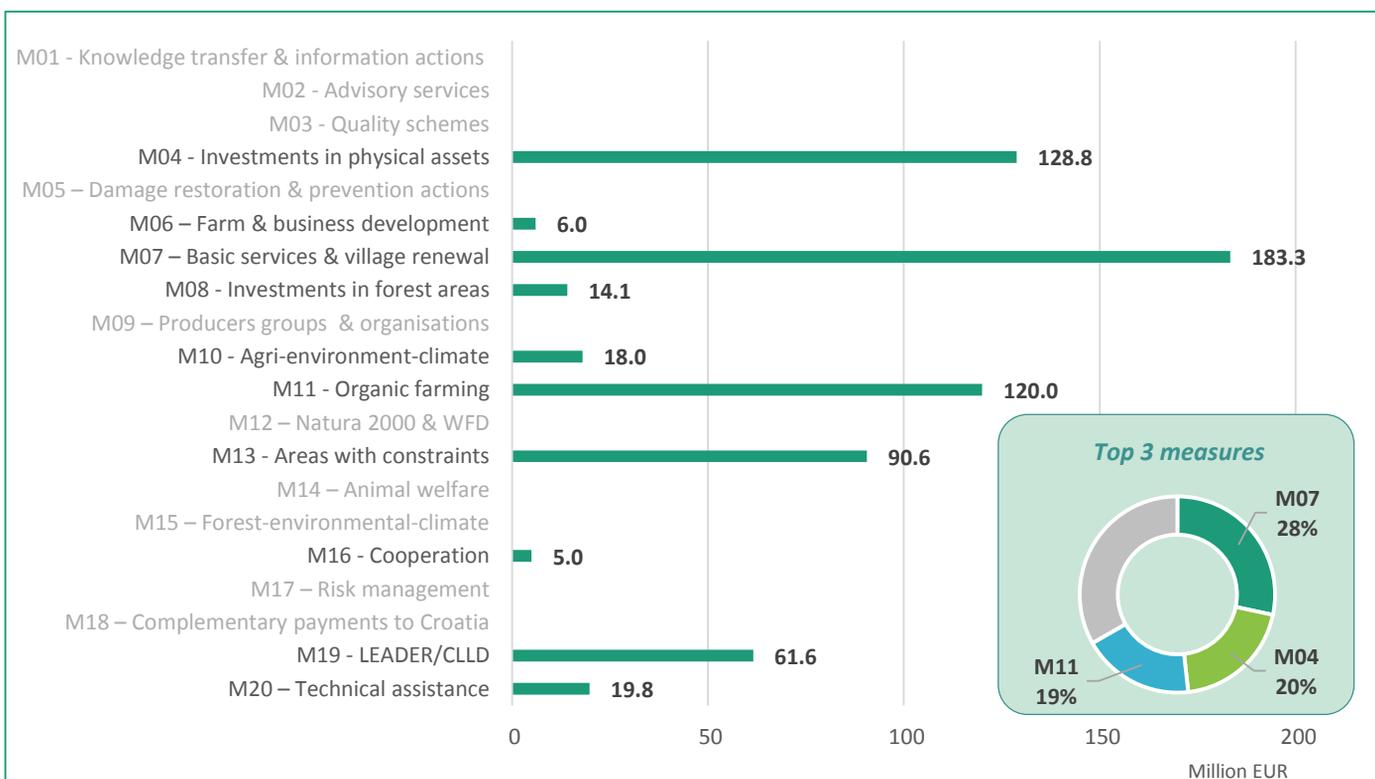
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	120.8	18.7 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	12.5	1.9 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	242.9	37.5 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate		
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	251.1	38.8 %

* 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 Länder.



6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	13/02/2015
German National Rural Network	Netzwerk Ländliche Räume http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/
Managing authority	Hessisches Ministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz Abteilung VII - Landwirtschaft Referat VII 6
Paying agency	Wirtschafts- und Infrastrukturbank Hessen Abteilung Landwirtschaftsförderung Zahlstelle „EGFL/ELER“
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary (ENG)	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-germany-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de_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]

Source of information: All data and the figures presented in this summary come from the European Commission approved version of the Germany - Hesse 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme. The examples of expected achievements and key challenges on page 1 were retrieved from: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for the German Land Hessen*, February 2015.

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