

### 1. General information

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|--|---------------------------|---------------|
| Geographical Area  | Country                   | Estonia       |
|  | Region                    | /             |
| Rural population (1)   | Inhabitants (3)           | 781.9 million |
|  | % of total population (3) | 60.4 %        |
|  | Density - Inhab/km2 (3)   | 19.9          |
| Rural area (1)   | Km2 (3)                   | 39 372        |
|  | % of total area (3)       | 90.1 %        |
| Agricultural area<br><i>Total Utilised<br/>Agricultural Area (UAA)</i> | Ha (2)                    | 941 000       |
|  | % of total territory (2)  | 21.5 %        |
| Forest and other<br>wooded land  | Ha (2)                    | 2.3 million   |
|  | % of total area (2)       | 53.8 %        |
| Total employment   | People (3)                | 602 000       |
| Rural employment   | % of total workforce (3)  | 43.2 %        |

Data source: Estonia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).

Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data.

**EAFRD\* support:**  
**EUR 823 341 558**

0.9 % of Total EAFRD  
support for EU-28



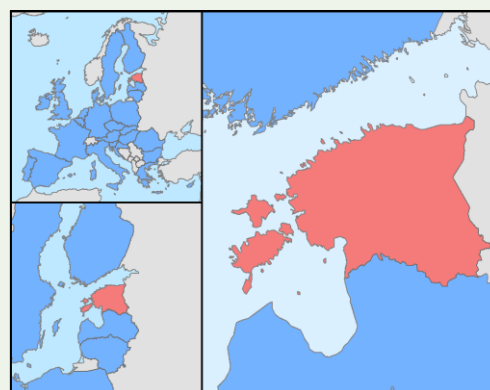
**National  
contribution:**  
**EUR 163 589 393**

**Planned total public  
expenditure:**  
**EUR 986 930 951**

\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

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|---|--|--------|
| Primary sector contribution<br>to Gross Value Added (GVA) | % of total (3)   | 3.7 %  |
| No of agricultural holdings                               | No (2)   | 19 610 |
| Average farm size   | ha UAA/holding (2)   | 48.0   |
| High Nature Value farming                                 | % of total UAA (n/a)   | 4.8 %  |
| Farmland Birds Index (FBI)                                | Index 2000 = 100   | 105.5  |
|   | <i>From 2000 to 2006 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 5.5 %.</i> |        |

Map: Estonia



#### Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP has allocated 3.9 % of funds for measures related to training, advice and cooperation and it will support 15 co-operation projects and train 4 000 people.
- It is expected that over 4 % of farms will receive investment support in the coming years and nearly 3 % of farms will receive support for the setting up of young farmers.
- The programme will encourage short supply chains and it will strengthen cooperation between those dealing with producing, processing, and marketing food. It is expected that nearly 2 % of farms will be better integrated within the food chain.
- Support will be provided for the maintenance of semi-natural habitats covering 2.6 % of farmland; for organic farming covering around 14 % of farmland; for maintenance of semi-natural habitats covering 2.6 % of agricultural land.
- Estonia will continue its successful implementation of the Leader-approach with 99 % of the rural population covered by Local Development Strategies (LDS) to be carried out by 26 Local Action Groups (LAGs).

#### Examples of key challenges

- Around 20 % of farms are traditional family farms, providing full-time work for one or two people. More than two-thirds of the farms are so small that there is no full-time work.
- Around 25 % of farms do not produce any products – they simply maintain the land in good agricultural and environmental condition.
- Drainage systems have been installed on more than half the agricultural land. Without drainage, the soil would be waterlogged and farming would be impossible. It is necessary to keep the drainage systems in good condition.
- Central Estonia has been designated as a Nitrate Vulnerable Area. The state of the agri-environment is good, but intensification and concentration of farming can lead to environmental pollution, the loss of biodiversity and the spread of animal and plant diseases.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Estonia*, February 2015.

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## 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 (EE) are specific to the Estonian 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 | 3.9 % |

#### 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) | 15<br>0 |

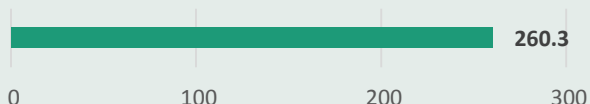
#### Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

| Target indicator   | Value |
|--|-------|
| T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 | 4 000 |

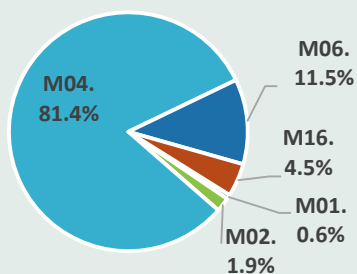
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



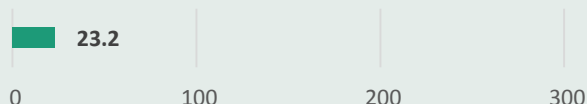
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



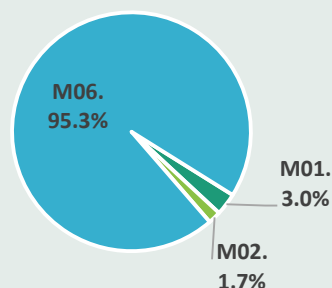
| Target indicator   | Value |
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| T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation | 4.1 % |

#### Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



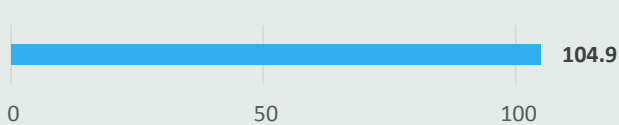
| Target indicator   | Value |
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| T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers | 2.8 % |

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

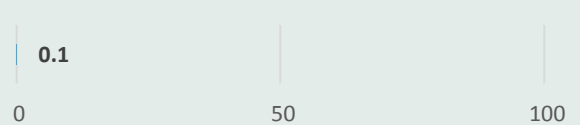
#### Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

#### Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)

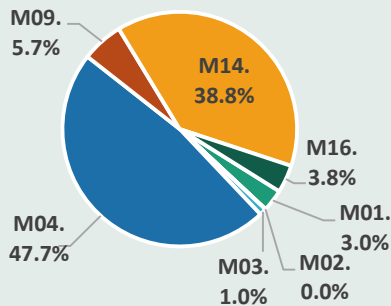


Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

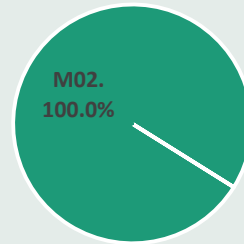
Measure m EUR



|     |      |
|-----|------|
| M01 | 3.2  |
| M02 | 0.05 |
| M03 | 1.0  |
| M04 | 50.0 |
| M09 | 6.0  |
| M14 | 40.7 |
| M16 | 4.0  |

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| M02 | 0.1 |
|-----|-----|

Target indicator

Value

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

1.8 %

Target indicator

Value

EE01 - N° training participants

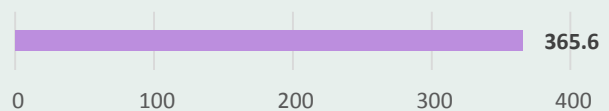
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### P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

Focus Areas

Total public budget (million EUR)

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



Target indicator

Value

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

2.5 %

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

70.3 %

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

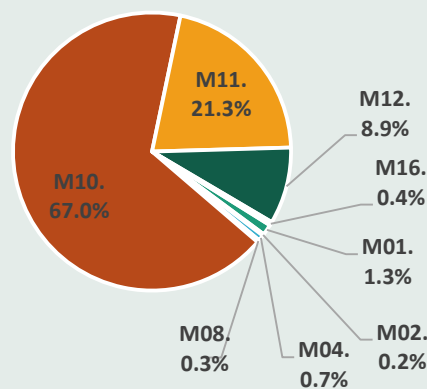
63.9 %

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

71.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR

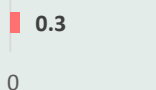


|     |       |
|-----|-------|
| M01 | 4.6   |
| M02 | 0.7   |
| M04 | 2.5   |
| M08 | 1.0   |
| M10 | 244.9 |
| M11 | 77.7  |
| M12 | 33.7  |
| M16 | 1.5   |

**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 |
|---------|-------|
| M02     | 0.3   |



Target indicator

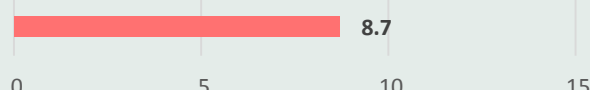
Value

EE02 - N° training participants

200

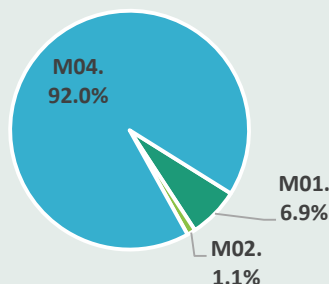
**Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01     | 0.6   |
| M02     | 0.1   |
| M04     | 8.0   |



Target indicator

Value

T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)

20 m

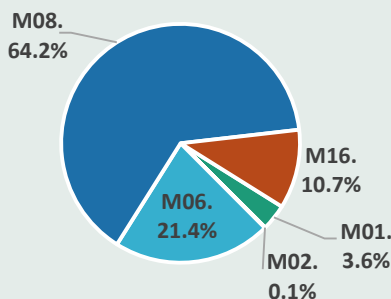
**Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01     | 0.5   |
| M02     | 0.01  |
| M06     | 3.0   |
| M08     | 9.0   |
| M16     | 1.5   |



Target indicator

Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

21 m

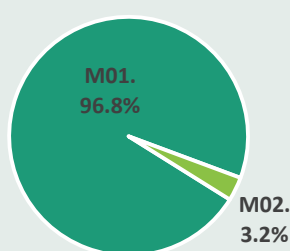
**Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M01     | 0.3   |
| M02     | 0.01  |



Target indicator

Value

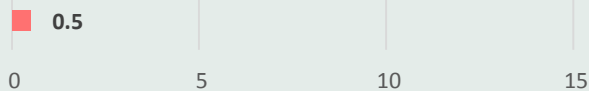
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions

49.6 %

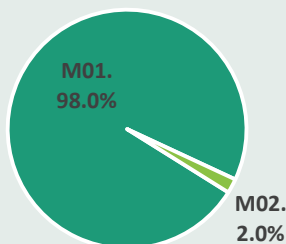
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors**

**Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

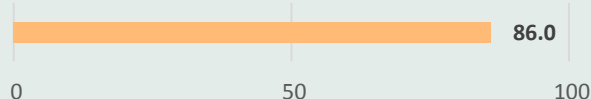
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

14.9 %

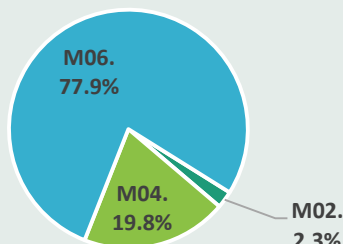
**P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas**

**Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

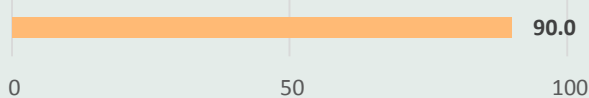
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

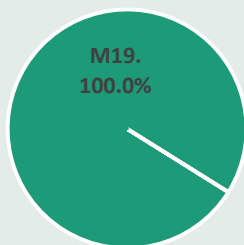
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**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

60.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (Leader)

280

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

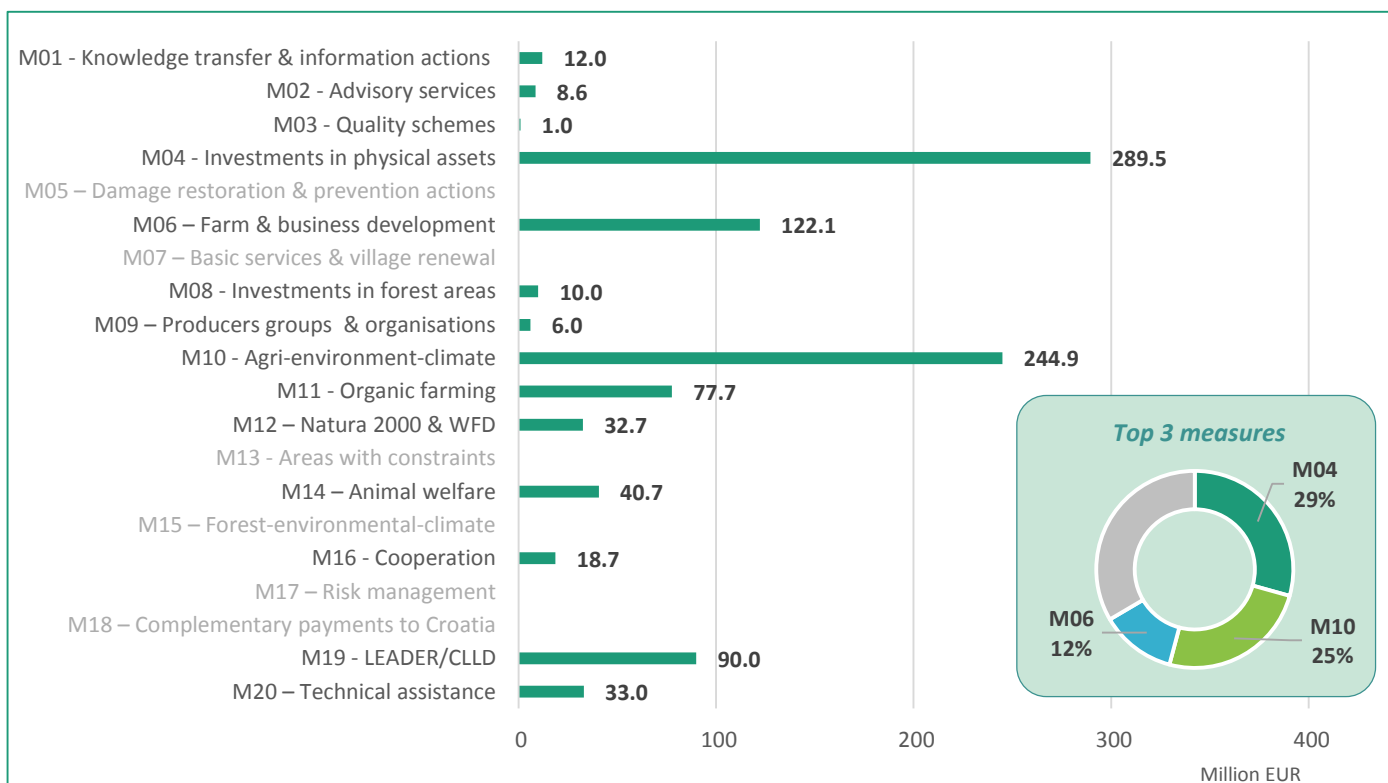
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

| Priority                             | Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR) | % of total public expenditure* |        |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------|
| P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation | P2 - Competitiveness                                | 283.5                          | 28.7 % |
|                                      | P3 - Food chain & risk management                   | 105.0                          | 10.6 % |
|                                      | P4 - Ecosystems management                          | 365.6                          | 37.0 % |
|                                      | P5 - Resource efficiency & climate                  | 23.8                           | 2.4 %  |
|                                      | P6 - Social inclusion & local development           | 176.0                          | 17.8 % |

\* 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 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) |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
|  | 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 |                                    |                                       |  | 13%  | 6%                                    | 27%  |                                   | 38%   |                       |                                     |                                  | 5%                         | 4%  | 3%                                      | 4%                                       |   |                        |   | 100%  | 12.0                              |
| M02 - Advisory services                        |                                    |                                       |  | 58%  | 5%                                    | 1%   | 1%                                | 8%  |                       |                                     | 3%                               | 1%                         | 0.1%                                      | 0.1%                                    | 0.1%                                     | 23%                                     |                        |   | 100%  | 8.6                               |
| M03 - Quality schemes                          |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       | 100%                                       |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 1.0                               |
| M04 - Investments in physical assets           |                                    |                                       |  | 73%  |                                       | 17%  |                                   | 1%  |                       |                                     |                                  | 3%                         |   |   |  | 6%                                      |                        |   | 100%  | 289.5                             |
| M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions   |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M06 - Farm & business development              |                                    |                                       |  | 25%  | 18%                                   |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  | 55%                                     |                        |   | 100%  | 122.1                             |
| M07 - Basic services & village renewal         |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M08 - Investments in forest areas              |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   | 10%   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            | 90%                                       |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 10.0                              |
| M09 - Producers groups & organisations         |                                    |                                       |  | 100%   |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 6.0                               |
| M10 - Agri-environment-climate                 |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   | 100%  |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 244.9                             |
| M11 - Organic farming                          |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   | 100%  |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 77.7                              |
| M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD                        |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   | 100%  |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 32.7                              |
| M13 - Areas with constraints                   |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M14 - Animal welfare                           |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       | 100%                                       |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 40.7                              |
| M15 - Forest-environmental-climate             |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M16 - Cooperation                              |                                    |                                       |  | 63%  |                                       | 21%  |                                   | 8%  |                       |                                     |                                  |                            | 8%  |   |  |   |                        |   | 100%  | 18.7                              |
| M17 - Risk management                          |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia        |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  |   |                        |   |       |                                   |
| M19 - LEADER/CLLD                              |                                    |                                       |  |  |                                       |  |                                   |   |                       |                                     |                                  |                            |   |   |  | 100%                                    |                        |   | 100%  | 90.0                              |

## 6. Additional info

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| <b>Date of RDP approval</b>                         | 13/02/2015  |
| <b>Estonian National Rural Network</b>              | Maamajanduse Infokeskus<br><a href="http://www.maainfo.ee/index.php?page=9&amp;">http://www.maainfo.ee/index.php?page=9&amp;</a>  |
| <b>Managing authority</b>                           | Põllumajandusministeerium   |
| <b>Paying agency</b>                                | Põllumajanduse Registrate ja Informatsiooni Amet  |
| <b>RDP country documents</b>                        | <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ee_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ee_en.htm</a>                 |
| <b>National Partnership Agreement summary (ENG)</b> | <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-estonia-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-estonia-summary_en.pdf</a>               |
| <b>Partnership Agreement</b>                        | <a href="http://www.struktuurifondid.ee/public/PA_EE_20062014_EN.pdf">http://www.struktuurifondid.ee/public/PA_EE_20062014_EN.pdf</a>   |
| <b>Rural Development Regulation 2014-2020</b>       | 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 <a href="#">en</a> ] |

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