

1. General information

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 Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)	Ha (2)	941 000
	% of total territory (2)	21.5 %
Forest and other 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**

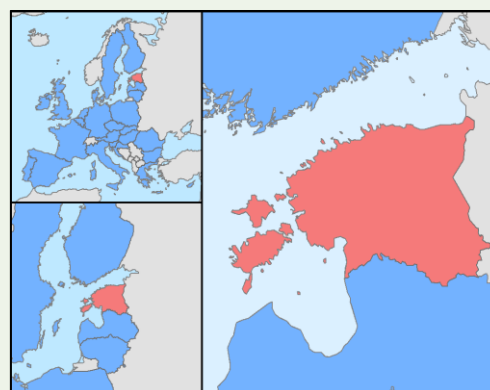


**Planned total public
expenditure:
EUR 986 930 951**

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution 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.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ee/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 (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 0

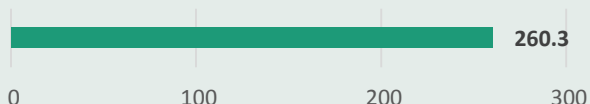
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

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

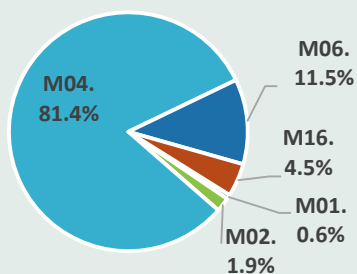
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



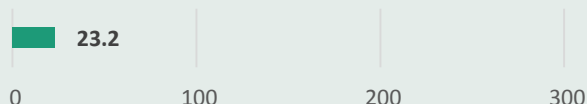
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



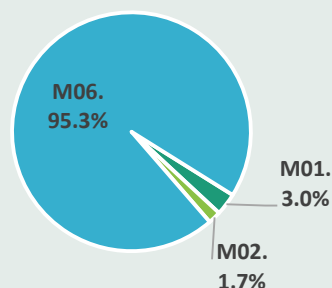
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	4.1 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



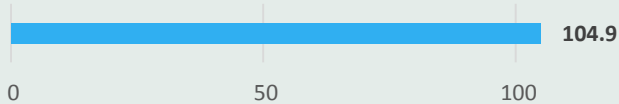
Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	2.8 %

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

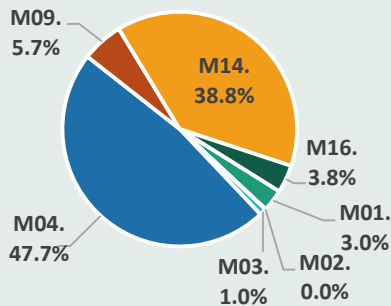
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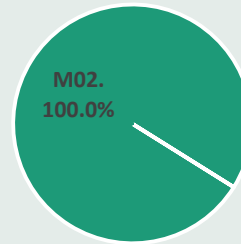
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Measure

m EUR

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Measure

m EUR

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

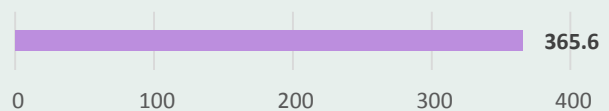
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P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

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 %

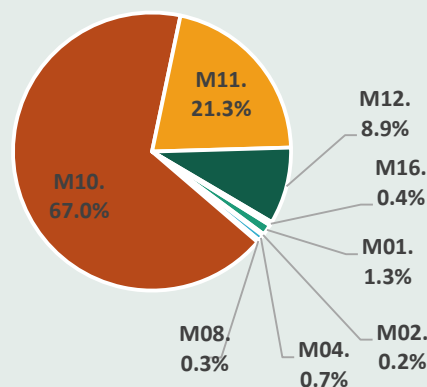
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

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 (%)



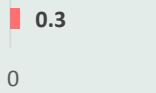
Measure

m EUR

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

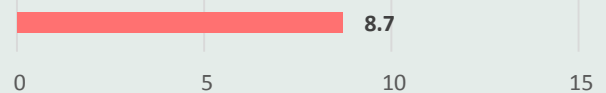
Value

EE02 - N° training participants

200

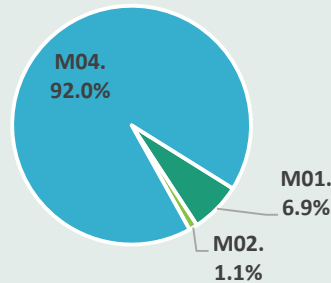
Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

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

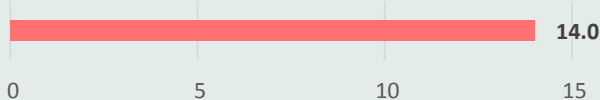
Value

T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)

20 m

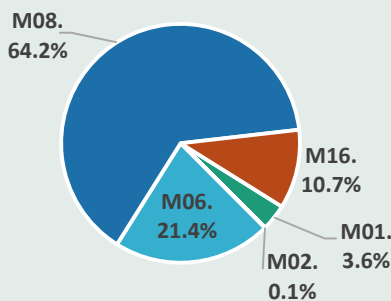
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

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

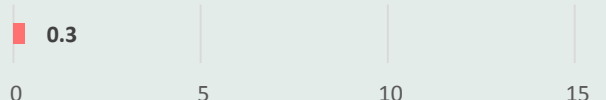
Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

21 m

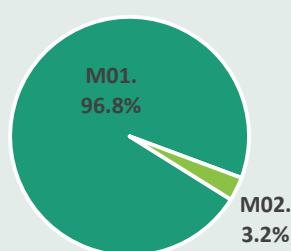
Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M02	0.01



Target indicator

Value

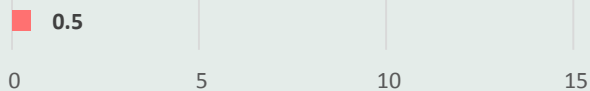
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions

49.6%

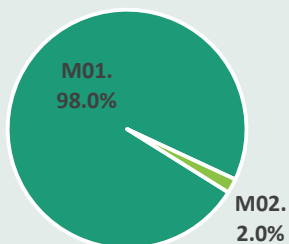
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

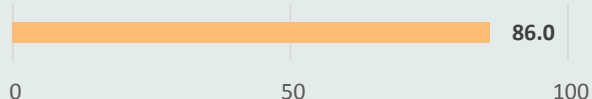
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

14.9 %

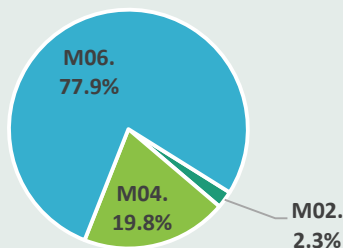
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

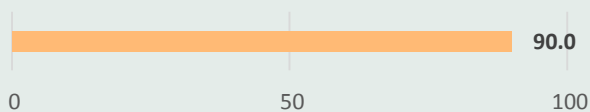
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

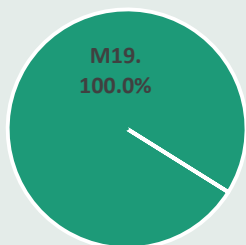
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

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

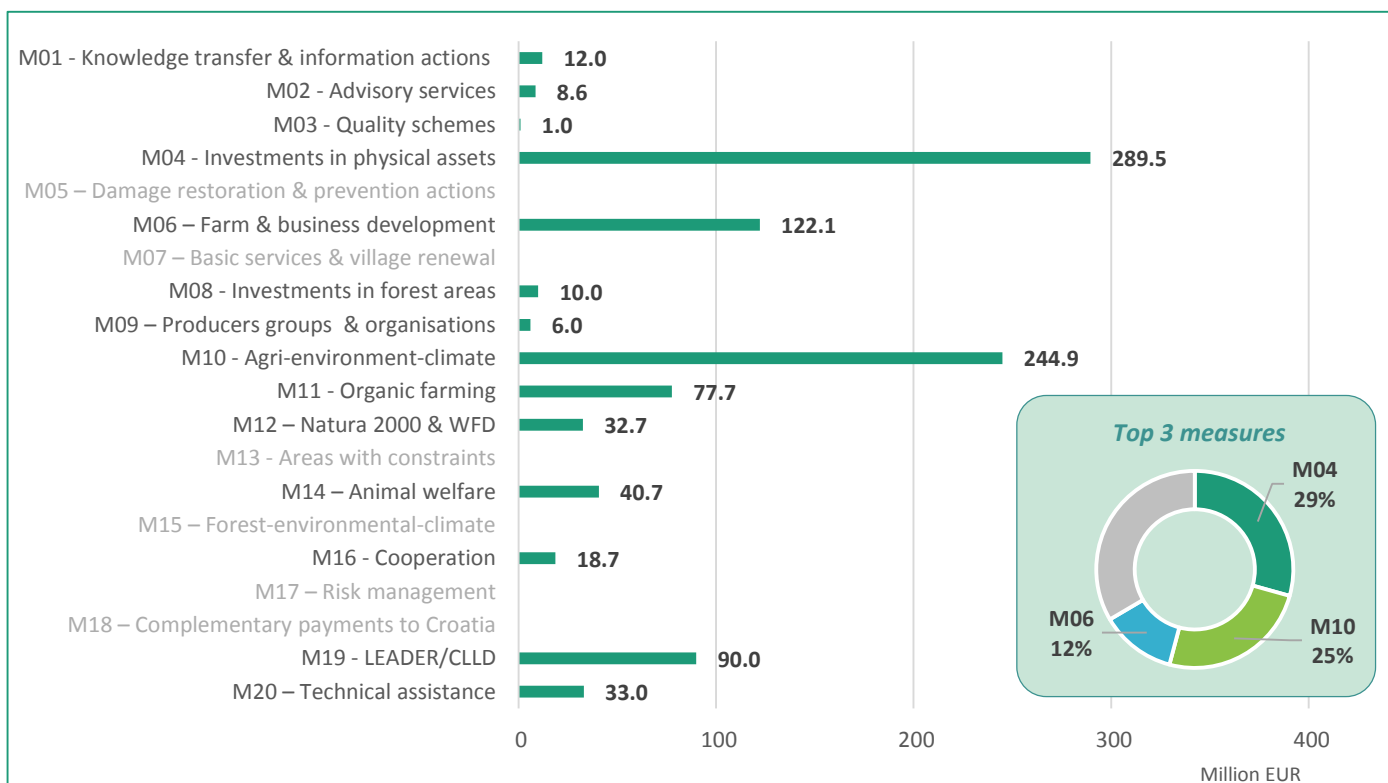
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Date of RDP approval	13/02/2015
Estonian National Rural Network	Maamajanduse Infokeskus http://www.maainfo.ee/index.php?page=9&
Managing authority	Põllumajandusministeerium
Paying agency	Põllumajanduse Registrite ja Informatsiooni Amet
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ee_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary (ENG)	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-estonia-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.struktuurifondid.ee/public/PA_EE_20062014_EN.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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