

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Spain
	Region	Asturias
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	1.1 million
	% of total population (5)	100 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	99.3
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	10 604
	% of total area (5)	100 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	0.4 million
	% of total territory (3)	34.2 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (5)	0.8 million
	% of total area (5)	72.6 %
Total employment	People (4)	0.4 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (x)	100 %

Data source: Spain – Principado de Asturias 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2008 data; (3) 2009 data; (4) 2010 data; (5) 2012 data; (6) 2009 based on 2012 total region territory.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 325 000 000
0.3 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



National contribution:
EUR 236 029 875

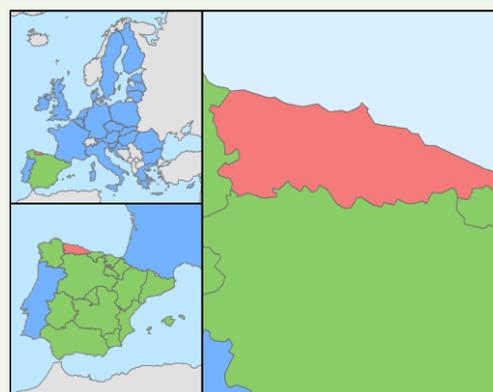


Planned total public expenditure:
EUR 561 029 875

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (4)	1.8 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	23 910
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	15.2
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	91.5 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2008= 100	84.2
	<i>From 2000 to 2010 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 15.8 %.</i>	

Map: SPAIN – Principado de Asturias



Examples of expected achievements

- This priority “Knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas” will be addressed mainly through measures supporting training: more than 7 500 participants will be trained. There will also be support for 33 cooperation projects in the framework of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.
- Around 9 % of farms will receive funding for investments focused on restructuring and modernisation. Nearly 2 % of farms will receive support for young farmers to set up their businesses.
- The RDP will support 150 farms to participate in quality schemes, local markets and short supply chain distribution.
- The RDP will support the conversion or maintenance of organic farming on 40 000 hectares. Nearly 38 % of farmland will come under management contract to improve biodiversity, water management and soil erosion.
- Around 3 500 ha will be afforested and 1 200 ha will get support for the establishment and maintenance of agro-forestry systems.
- The programme will fund Local Development Strategies (LDS) drawn up and implemented by Local Action Groups (LAGs) under the LEADER approach. Nearly 27 % of the rural population will be affected by these local initiatives which will also create around 150 new jobs.

Examples of key challenges

- Among the deficiencies of the region are included the unemployment rate (10.5 % in 2012), the ageing and masculinization of the rural population associated with young people leaving for urban areas, which may lead to land abandonment.
- Another relevant challenge is that the farm sector is dominated by small livestock farms (49.7 % of farms have less than 5 ha) with no or low qualified employees, as well as the fact that Principado de Asturias is a very mountainous region which makes mechanisation of agriculture and forestry difficult.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Principado de Asturias*, August 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/factsheet-asturias_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 (ES_AST) are specific to the Principado de Asturias 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	5.2 %

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	7 500

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)	33 8

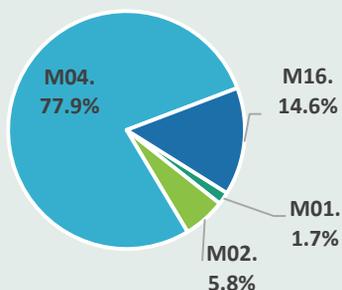
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



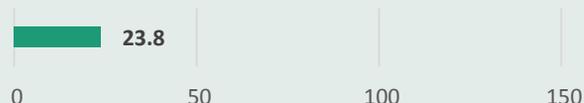
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	8.8 %

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	1.9 %

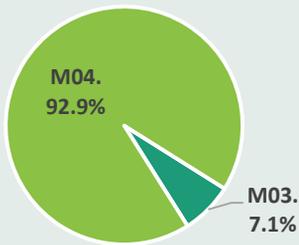
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M03	4.7
M04	61.6

Target indicator

Value

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

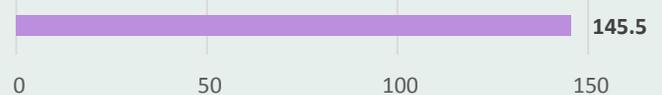
0.6 %

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

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

37.2%

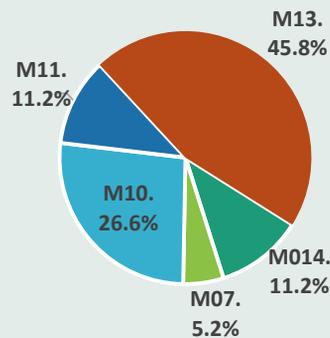
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

37.2%

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

37.2%

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

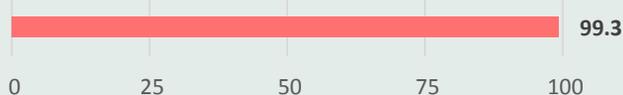


Measure	m EUR
M04	16.3
M07	7.6
M10	38.7
M11	16.3
M13	66.7

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

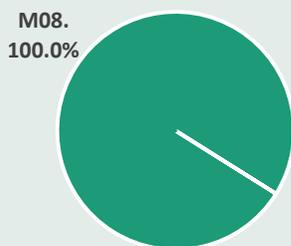
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	99.3



Target indicator

Value

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

0.5 %

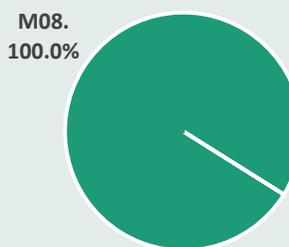
Focus Area 5F. Improve forestry exploitation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	6.7



Target indicator

Value

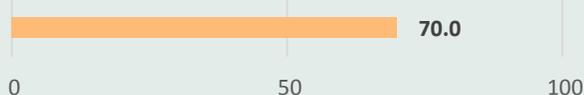
ES_AST01 - Area affected by fire prevention operations

25 000

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

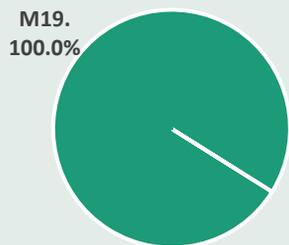
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	70



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

26.1 %

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

26.1 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

150

3. Planned expenditure per priority

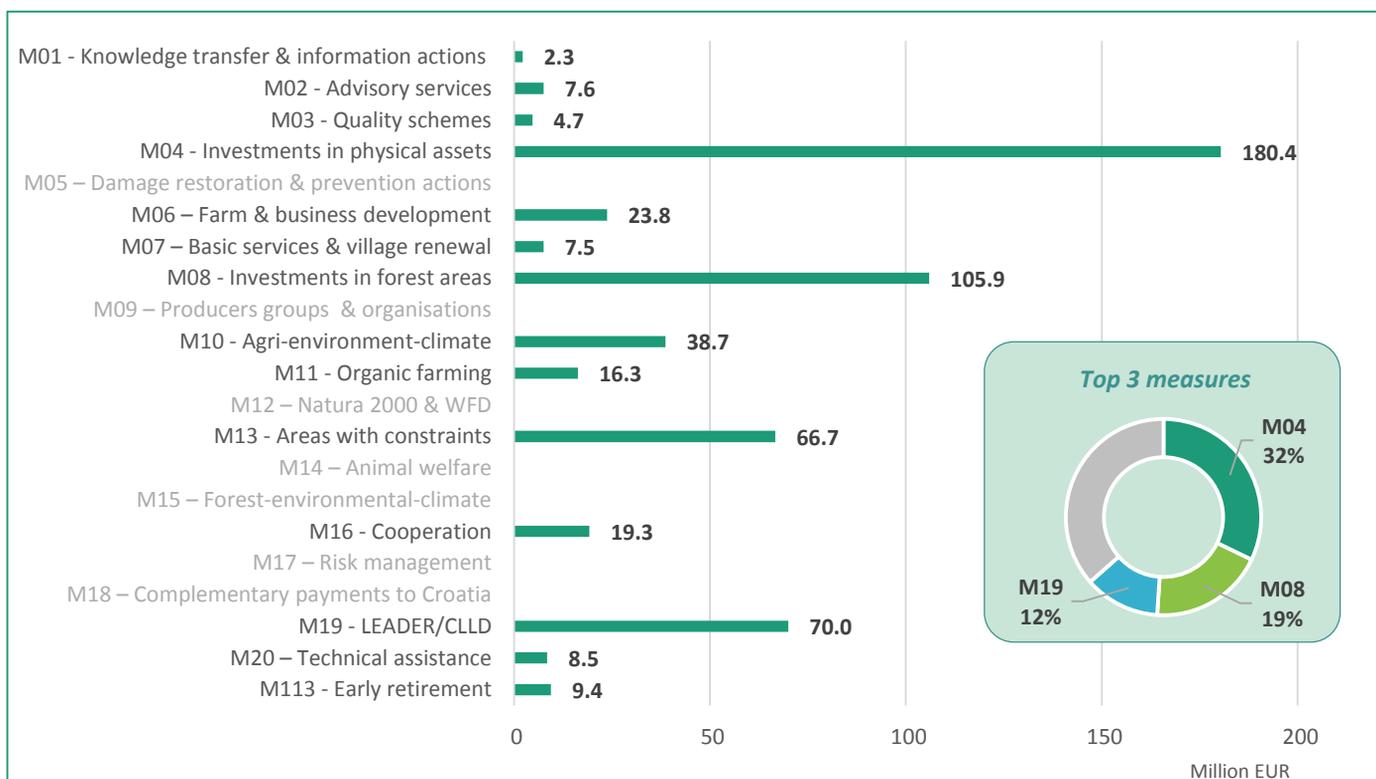
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	155.3	27.7 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	66.3	11.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	145.5	25.9 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	105.9	18.9 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	70.0	12.5 %

* 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 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	5F - Improve forestry performance	6A - Diversification & job creation	6B - Local development			6C - ICT - Information & communication technologies
M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions				100%																100%	2.3
M02 - Advisory services				100%																100%	7.6
M03 - Quality schemes						100%														100%	4.7
M04 - Investments in physical assets				57%		34%		9%												100%	180.4
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development					100%															100%	23.8
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								100%												100%	7.5
M08 - Investments in forest areas														94%	6%					100%	105.9
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																					
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%												100%	38.7
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	16.3
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	66.7
M14 - Animal Welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation				100%																100%	19.3
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																		100%		100%	70.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	03/08/2015
Spanish National Rural Network	Red Rural Nacional http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/
Managing authority	Dirección General de Desarrollo Rural y Agroalimentación
Paying agency	Secretaría General Técnica de la Consejería de Agroganadería y Recursos Autóctonos
Coordination body	Dirección General de Desarrollo Rural y Política Forestal
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-spain-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dgfc.sggp.meh.es/sitios/dgfc/es-ES/ipr/fcp1420/p/pa/Paginas/inicio.aspx
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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