

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Spain
	Region	Basque Country
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	176 700
	% of total population (4)	8.3 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	35.2
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	5 000
	% of total area (4)	69.4 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (4)	205 900
	% of total territory (4)	28.5 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	397 000
	% of total area (3)	55.0 %
Total employment	People (2)	993 200
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	7.7 %

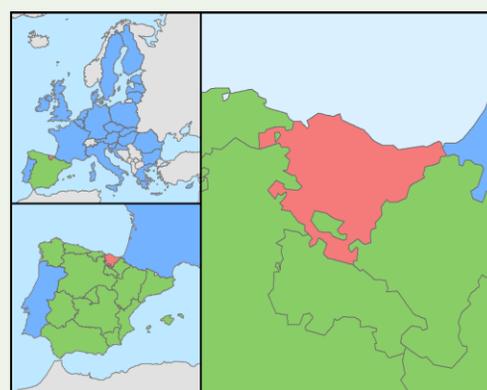
Data source: Spain – País Vasco 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data.

EAFRD support: EUR 87 100 000 <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 204 855 743	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 291 955 743
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	0.7 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	16 550
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	11.5
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (n/a)	47.8 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	60.5
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 39.5 %.</i>	

Map: Spain – País Vasco



Examples of expected achievements

- País Vasco's RDP will support knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas mainly through measures supporting training as more than 22 000 participants will be trained. There will also be support for 130 cooperation projects in the framework of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.
- In terms of competitiveness of the agri-sector and sustainable forestry, some 19 % of farms will receive funding for investments focused on restructuring and modernisation.
- Nearly 3 % of farms will receive support for young farmers to set up their businesses.
- More than 14 % of farms (around 2 350 farms) will receive funding to participate in quality schemes, local markets and short supply chain distribution.
- Around 40 % of the EAFRD budget will be used for area-based payments to farmers for using environment/climate friendly management practices, including organic farming and nearly 13 % of farmland will come under management contracts to improve biodiversity.
- More than one third of farmland and forest land will be under contracts contributing to fostering carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry.
- Nearly 53 % of the rural population will be affected by Local Development Strategies (LDS) funded under the LEADER approach creating around 530 new jobs.

Examples of key challenges

- A key challenge for rural areas in País Vasco is the ageing of the population which, coupled with young people leaving for urban areas, may lead to land abandonment in the region.
- Other weaknesses include the fact that the farm sector is dominated by farms with no employees, and the low qualification levels in rural areas.
- In addition País Vasco is a very mountainous region that makes mechanisation of agriculture and forestry processes difficult.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme País Vasco*, May 2015.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/factsheet-pais-vasco_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_PV) are specific to the Basque country 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	5.5 %

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...),	130
of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	40

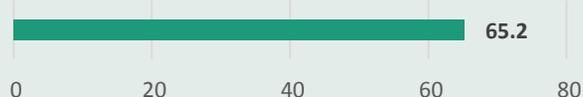
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	22 055

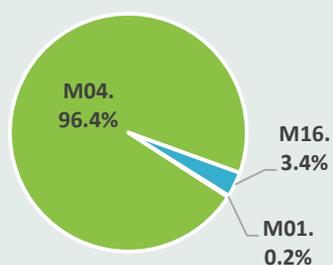
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



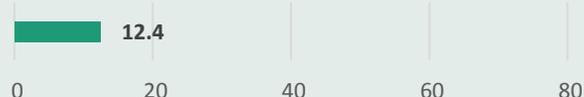
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



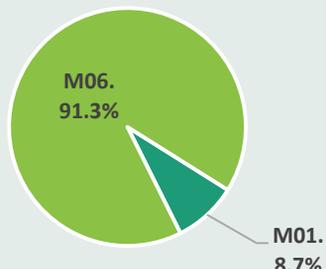
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	18.8 %

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	2.8 %

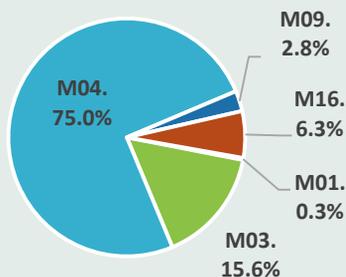
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

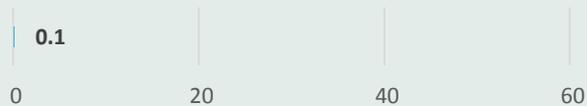
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

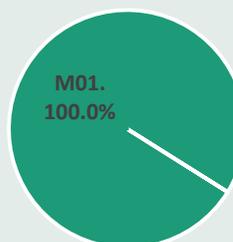
14.2 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

ES_PV01 - Total number of beneficiaries of trainings related to farm risk management

Value

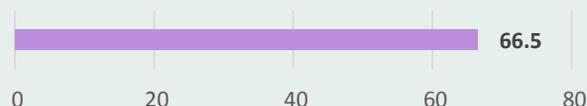
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P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

Focus Areas

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Target indicator

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

Value

1.1 %

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

Value

13 %

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

Value

0.4 %

T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management

Value

0.9 %

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

Value

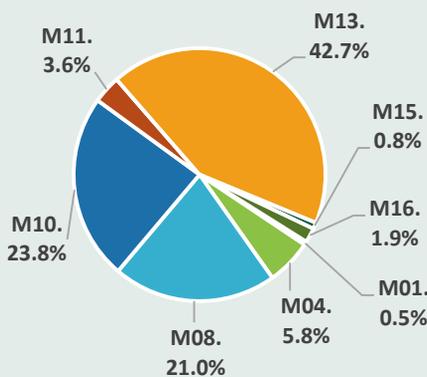
0.4 %

T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

Value

0.9 %

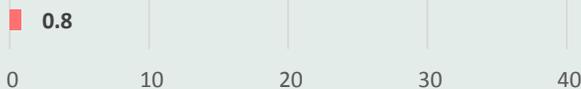
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P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

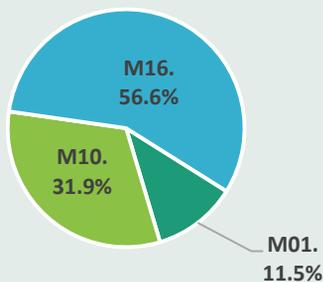
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M10	0.3
M16	0.5



Target indicator

Value

T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system 0.9%

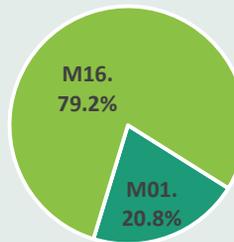
Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M16	0.5



Target indicator

Value

ES_PV02 - Total number of beneficiaries of trainings related to energy efficiency 1 423

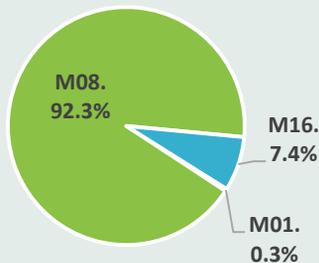
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M08	26.9
M16	2.2



Target indicator

Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) 56.3 m

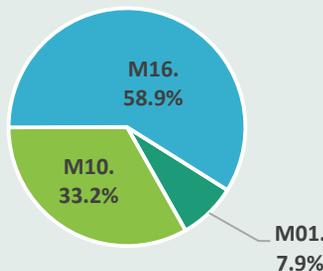
Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M10	0.3
M16	0.5



Target indicator

Value

T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions 0.05 %

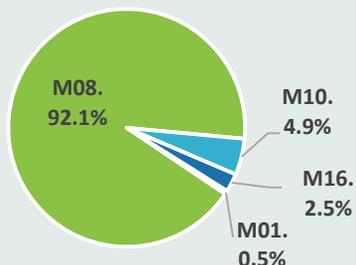
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M08	16.8
M10	0.9
M16	0.5

Target indicator

Value

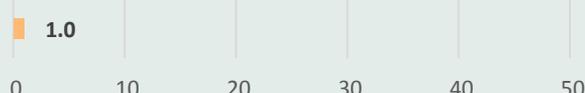
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

0.6 %

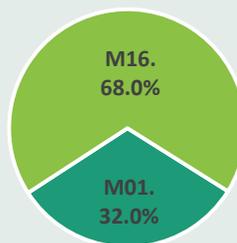
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M16	0.7

Target indicator

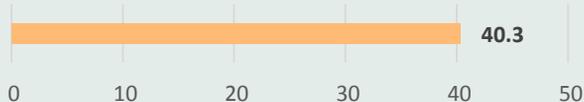
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

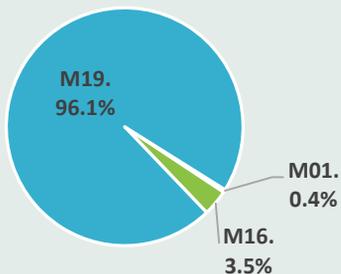
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.2
M16	1.4
M19	38.7

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

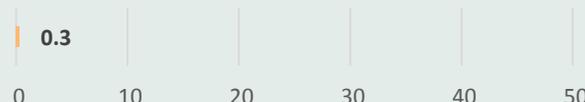
52.6 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

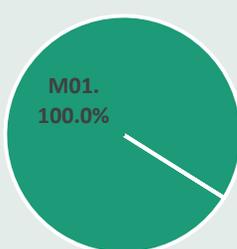
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3

Target indicator

Value

ES_PV03 - Total number of beneficiaries of trainings related to information technology and communication in rural areas

2 846

3. Planned expenditure per priority

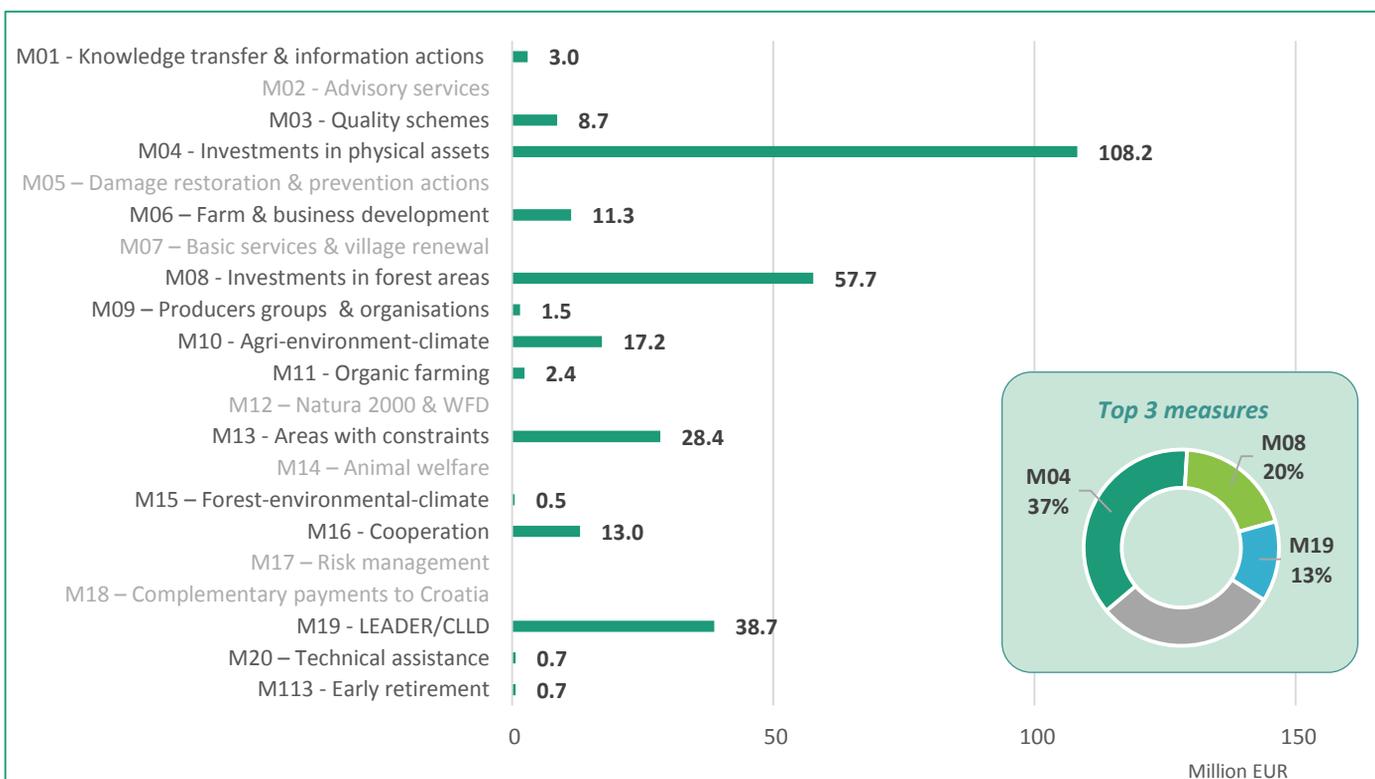
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	77.6	26.6 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	55.4	19.0 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	66.5	22.8 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	49.5	17.0 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	41.6	14.2 %

* 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 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				5%	36%	5%	3%	10%			3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	10%	5%	10%	100%	3.0
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	8.7
M04 - Investments in physical assets				58%		38%		4%											100%	108.2
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					100%														100%	11.3
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																				
M08 - Investments in forest areas								24%					47%		29%				100%	57.7
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%													100%	1.5
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								92%			1%			1%	5%				100%	17.2
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	2.4
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	28.4
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	0.5
M16 - Cooperation				17%		27%		9%			3%	3%	17%	3%	3%	5%	11%		100%	13
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	38.7

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Spanish National Rural Network	Red Rural Nacional http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/
Managing authority	Dirección de Desarrollo Rural y Litoral y Políticas Europeas del Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Competitividad
Paying agency	Dirección de Agricultura y Ganadería del Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Competitividad
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/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/press-summary-26-05-2015_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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