

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Spain
	Region	Castilla y León
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (6)	2.5 million
	% of total population (6)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (6)	26.7
Rural area (1)	Km2 (6)	94 226
	% of total area (6)	100.0 %
Agricultural area Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)	Ha (4)	5.4 million
	% of total territory (7)	56.9 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	3.7 million
	% of total area (2)	39.2 %
Total employment	People (5)	1 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (5)	100.0 %

Data source: Spain – Castilla y León 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2005 data; (3) 2008 data; (4) 2009 data; (5) 2011 data; (6) 2013 data; (7) 2009, based on 2013 total region area data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 969 189 286
1.0 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



National contribution:
EUR 853 671 091

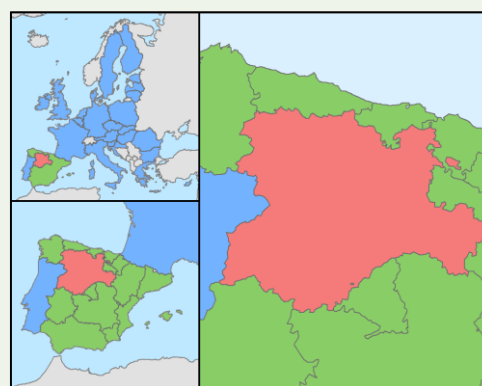


Planned total public expenditure:
EUR 1 822 860 377

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (5)	6.3 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (4)	98 250
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (4)	54.6
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (6)	31.6 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	84.2
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 15.8 %.</i>	

Map: Spain – Castilla y León



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support training activities for 12 278 participants and the 'cooperation' measure will finance 78 innovative projects.
- Farm investments supported by the RDP will aim at modernising and restructuring around 5 % of all farms in the region, while 3.7 % of farms will receive support for young farmers (3 600) to launch their businesses. Advisory services will be promoted and 12 500 participants in all sectors are expected to be using them.
- Nearly 8 % of the farms (7 640 farms) will receive support to invest in processing and marketing of agricultural products.
- The RDP will dedicate funds for agri-environment-climate operations and for organic farming. A large part will be channelled towards investments aiming at improving the viability of the forests on nearly 36 060 hectares. Nearly 23 % of agricultural land will be under contracts for biodiversity, water management and soil management. For organic farming, support will be given to convert 20 000 hectares to organic farming and to maintain it on 15 000 hectares.
- The RDP will address investments related to water efficiency so that almost 10 % of the region's irrigated area will switch to more efficient irrigation systems.
- The focus of Local Development Strategies will cover more than 40 % of the rural population in Castilla y León, aiming at improving their living conditions and creating 1 000 new jobs as well as new business opportunities.

Examples of key challenges

- The main challenges facing the region are the low intake of young farmers into the primary sector and the need to retain young people in rural areas by offering innovative and dynamic jobs opportunities, as well as by offering the indispensable training/advisory framework needed.
- Women are considered a key asset to help retain population and both the agriculture and food industries seem relevant triggers to promote their economic and social development.
- Other challenges exist in the risk of abandonment of farmland.
- The region faces problems of vulnerability to climate change (risk of flood, drought, and fire) and water scarcity.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Castilla y León*, August 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es_en.htm

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	1.7 %

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	12 278

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)	78 8

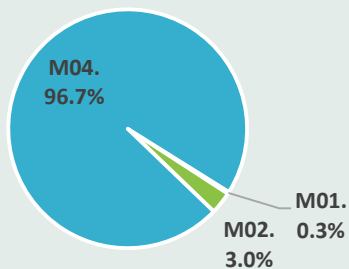
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



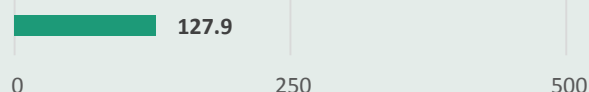
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



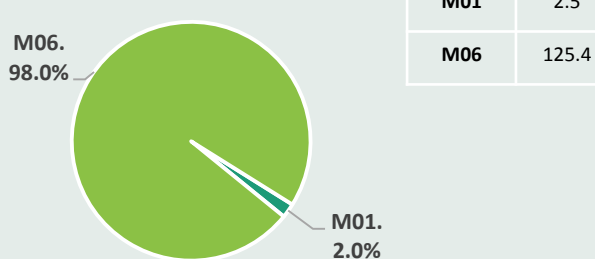
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	5.1 %

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	3.7 %

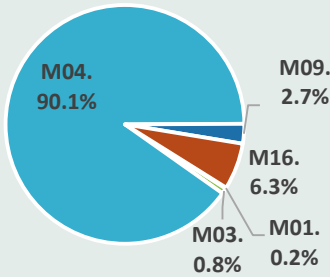
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

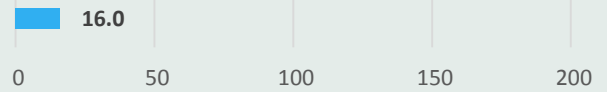
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

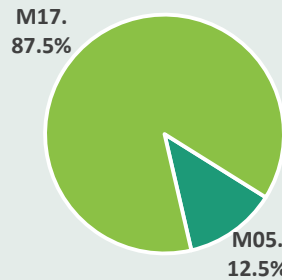
7.8 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

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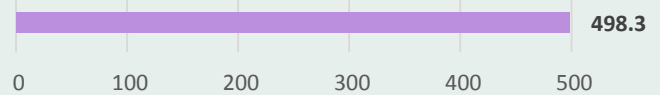
1.0 %

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

1.0 %

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

Value

22.6 %

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

Value

22.6 %

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

Value

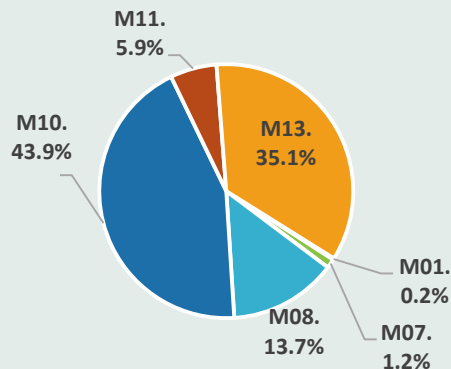
22.6 %

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

Value

1.0 %

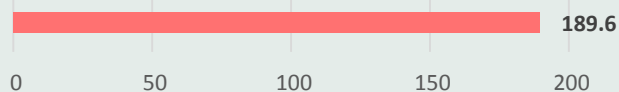
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



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

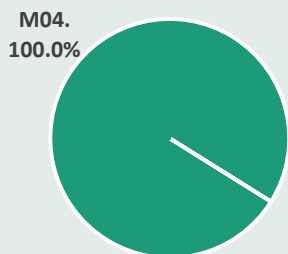
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	189.6



Target indicator

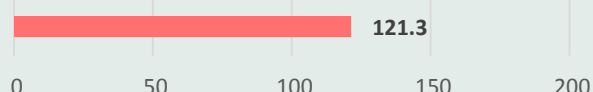
Value

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

9.8 %

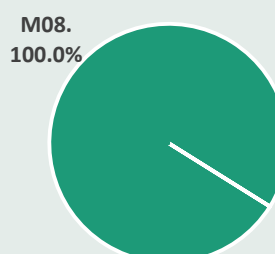
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	121.3



Target indicator

Value

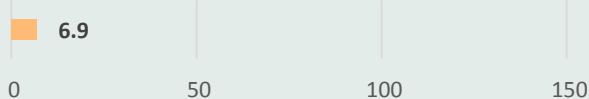
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

0.2 %

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

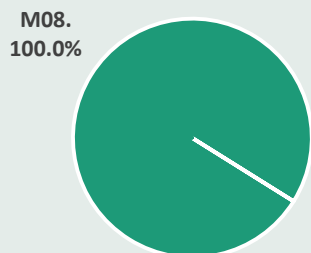
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	6.9



Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

100

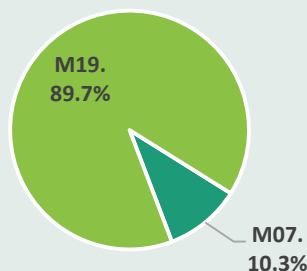
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	15
M19	130.0



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

40.4 %

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

1.0 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

1 000

3. Planned expenditure per priority

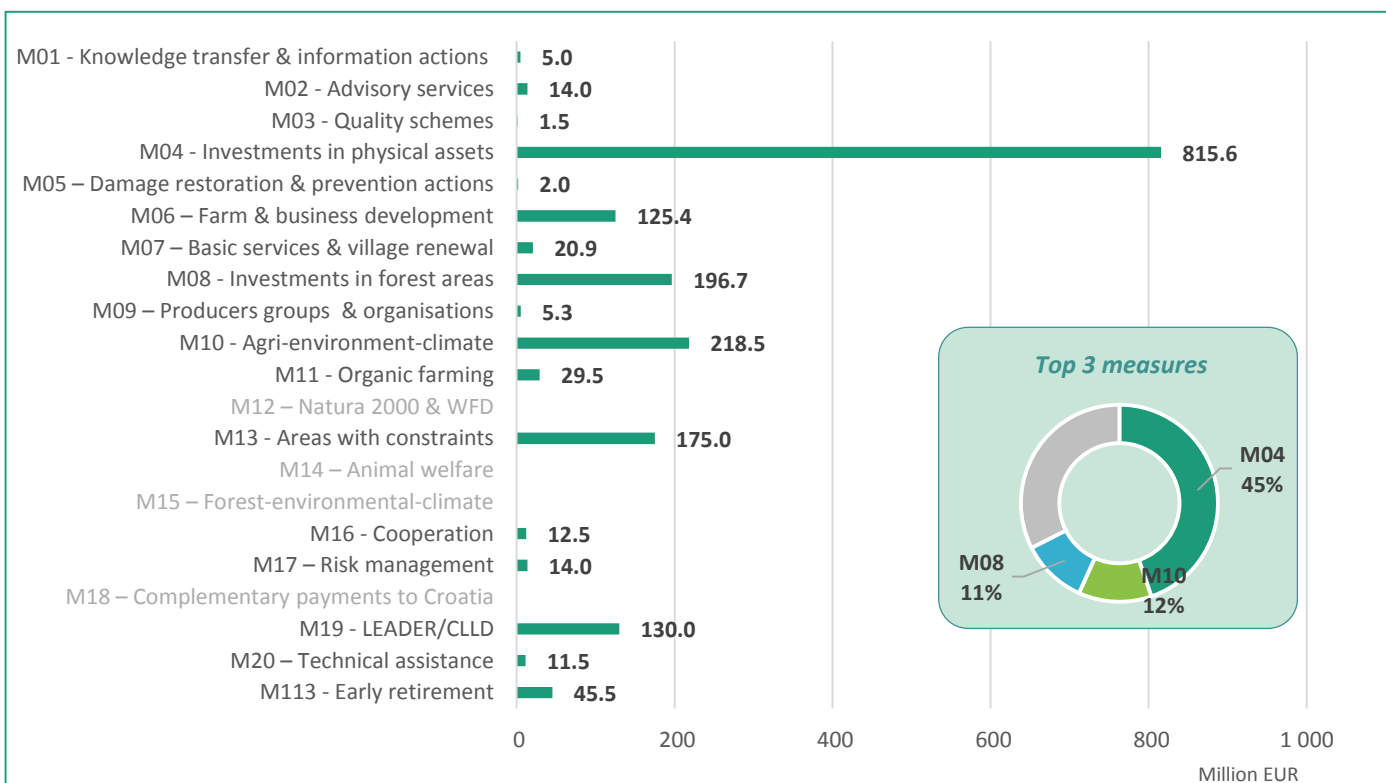
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	590.2	32.4 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	214.6	11.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	498.3	27.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	310.9	17.1 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	151.9	8.3 %

* 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				25%	51%	6%		19%												100%	5.0
M02 - Advisory services				100%																100%	14.0
M03 - Quality schemes						100%														100%	1.5
M04 - Investments in physical assets				55%		22%					23%									100%	815.6
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%													100%	2.0
M06 - Farm & business development					100%															100%	125.4
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								28%									72%			100%	20.8
M08 - Investments in forest areas								35%							62%	4%				100%	196.7
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%														100%	5.3
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%												100%	218.5
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	29.5
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	175.0
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation								100%												100%	12.5
M17 - Risk management							100%													100%	14.0
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%			100%	130.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	25/08/2015
Spanish National Rural Network	Red Rural Nacional http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/
Managing authority	Secretaría General de la Consejería de Agricultura y Ganadería
Paying agency	Consejería de Agricultura y Ganadería
Coordination body	Dirección General de Desarrollo Rural y Política Forestal. Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
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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