1. Introduction

**Focus Area (FA) 1A** is designed to foster innovation, cooperation, and the development of the knowledge base in rural areas. Through this focus area, Member States are able to provide to their stakeholders with a flexible package of soft measures related to advice, training, cooperation and knowledge transfer. The target is to dedicate 3.9 % of the total planned public expenditure to:

- Measure 1 – Knowledge transfer,
- Measure 2 – Advisory services, and
- Measure 16 – Cooperation.

### Examples of expected achievement (EU-28)

- **3.9 % of expenditure** under Measure 1 – Knowledge transfer, Measure 2 – Advisory services and Measure 16 – Cooperation in relation to the total expenditure for the RDPs
- **156.3 billion EUR (public and private)** of planned expenditure under Measure 1 – Knowledge transfer, Measure 2 – Advisory services and Measure 16 – Cooperation

### Rural Development Programmes addressing Focus Area 1A

109 out of 112 RDPs¹

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**Source of information:** All data presented in this summary comes from the European Commission-approved 2014-2020 Rural Development Programmes (118 RDPs in total). In this fiche, public expenditure means total public expenditure (= EAFRD + Member States matching funds + any national top-ups). Due to rounding, there may be small discrepancies between some figures presented. Data includes programme modifications until March 2016. Out of the 118 Rural Development Programmes only the 112 national and regional Programmes have been considered because National Frameworks and National Rural Network Programmes do not allocate budget on Measures. Please note that data and calculations provided do not include M20 (Technical Assistance), or M18 (Complementary payments to Croatia). Icons source: [www.flaticon.com](http://www.flaticon.com)

**Disclaimer:** This document aims to provide an accessible summary of the Rural Development Priority information covering all EU-28 RDPs. The information provided should not be considered a comprehensive account of the original RDP content.

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¹ RDPs that do not address FA 1A: DE-Saarland, FR-National Programme and LU.
2. Expected achievements

This section provides information on the common target indicator defined for the Focus Area. No examples of programme-specific target indicators are available because none were defined in the RDPs.

**TARGET – Percentage (%) of expenditure under Measure 1 – Knowledge transfer, Measure 2 – Advisory services and Measure 16 – Cooperation in relation to the total expenditure for the RDPs**

3. Additional information

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