

### 1. Introduction


**Focus Area (FA) 1B** is designed to strengthen the links between agriculture, food production and forestry and research and innovation, including for the purpose of improved environmental management and performance.


Through this Focus Area, Member States support cooperation among their rural development stakeholders and research in order to boost innovation in rural sectors.

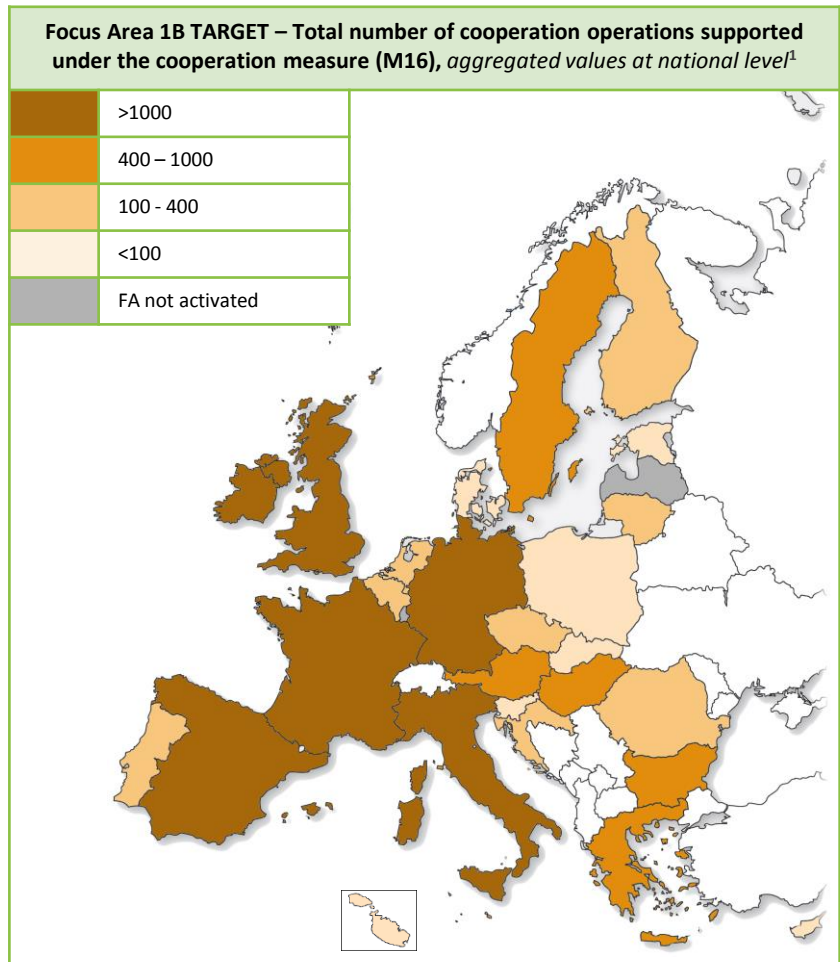
The target is to implement 15 235 cooperation operations under the cooperation measure (M16) of the RDPs.

<b>Rural Development Programmes addressing Focus Area 1B</b>	106 out of 112 RDPs <sup>1</sup>
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**Examples of expected achievement (EU-28)**

 **15 235 cooperation operations** supported under the cooperation measure (M16)

 **2.8 billion EUR (public and private) of planned expenditure** under Measure 16 – Cooperation



<sup>1</sup> RDPs that do not address FA 1B: DE-Saarland, ES-Cantabria, FI-Aland, FR-National Programme, LU, and LV.

**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)


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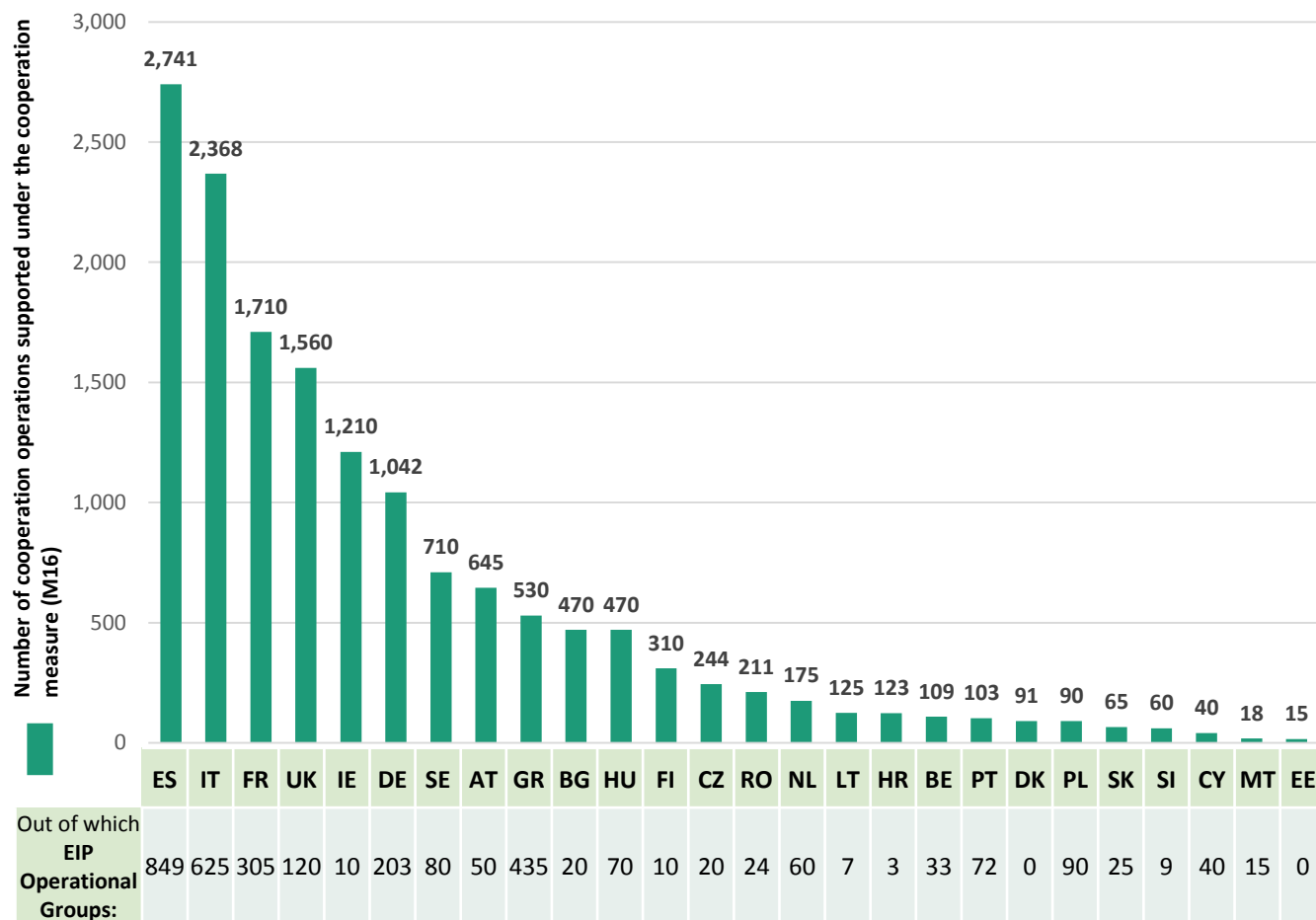
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## 2. Expected achievements

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 - Total number of cooperation operations supported under the cooperation measure (M16)**



## 3. Additional information

### 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](#)]

### RDP Summary

Developed by the ENRD, these summarise the relevant information of all the RDPs approved [[here](#)]

### Priority Summary

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