

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	France
	Region	Franche-Comté
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	1.2 million
	% of total population (3)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	72.8
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	16 202
	% of total area (3)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	0.7 million
	% of total territory (4)	41.2 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.8 million
	% of total area (2)	45.7 %
Total employment	People (2)	0.5 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

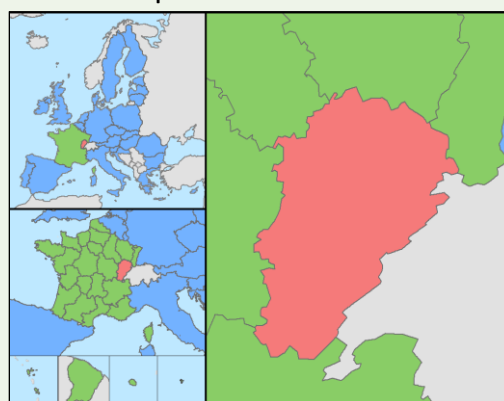
Data source: France - Franche-Comté 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 443 724 144 <small>0.5 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 164 133 309	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 607 857 453
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	2.9 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	9 810
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	68.0
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (2)	36.4 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	108.2
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 8.2 %.</i>	

Map: France - Franche-Comté



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP for Franche-Comté intends to support 1 200 farms (12 % of the total) in implementing modernization and development projects.
- The programme will support 1 600 young farmers' projects (16 % of holdings) throughout the programming period.
- It also aims to increase the added value of agricultural production by supporting 210 new organic farmers.
- Agri-environment-climate measures will cover about 6 % of the agricultural area, while changes in agricultural practices will be accompanied by about 170 non-productive investment projects linked to the achievement of agri-environmental objectives.
- The programme will finance 438 investment projects in order to foster the development of renewable energy, including biogas from waste and manure.
- Focus will be given on cooperation projects through the LEADER approach. 9 Local Development Strategies (LDS) will be supported by Local Action Groups (LAGs) covering 32 % of the rural population.

Examples of key challenges

- Almost all of the region's agricultural land is classified as area facing natural constraints (96 % of the UAA of which about 28 % are mountain areas and 68% other areas with natural constraints).
- Agriculture and food processing are key sectors for the region's economy. The weight of the primary sector in the economy of the region is more important than the national average in terms of gross value added and employment.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Franche-Comté*, September 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-franche-comte_fr.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 (FR_FRC) are specific to the Franche-Comté 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 specific 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	0.7 %

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	6 160

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)	5 0

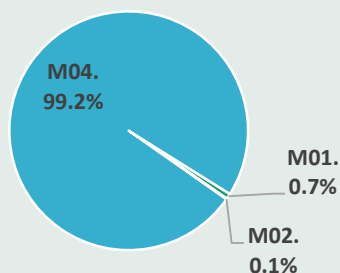
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



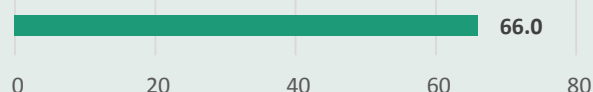
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



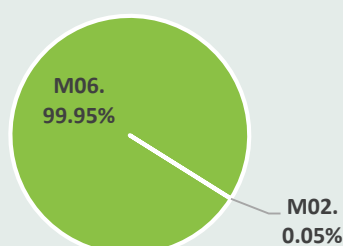
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	12.2 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



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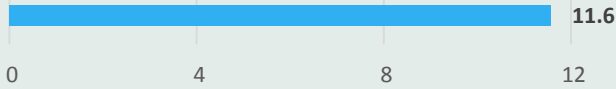


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	16.3 %

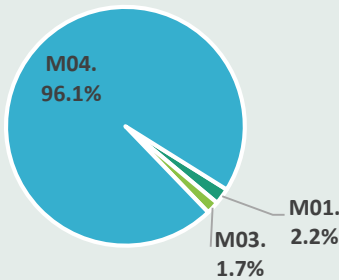
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M03	0.2
M04	11.1

Target indicator

Value

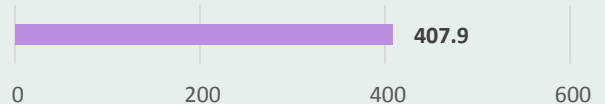
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups / organisations	2.1 %
TS1 - % of agro-food businesses receiving support for the processing and marketing of agricultural products	10.0 %

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

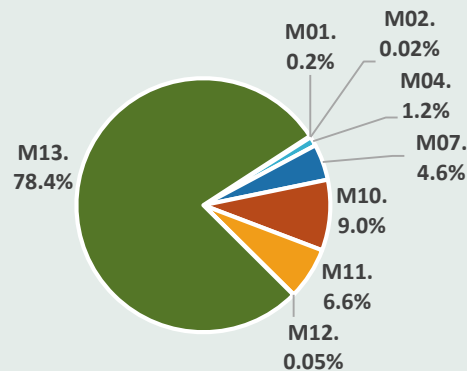


Target indicator

Value

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	0.1 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	10.0 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	8.1 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	5.8 %
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	0.1 %

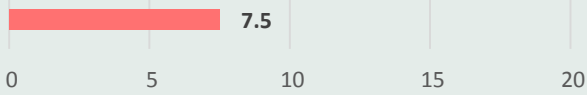
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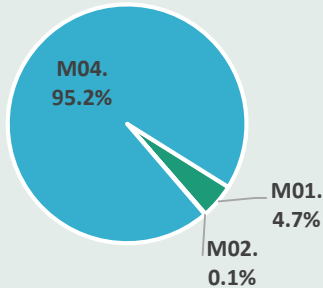
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

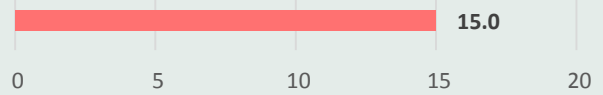


Target indicator

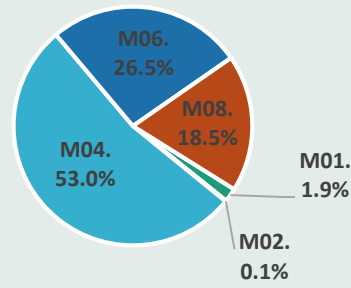
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR) Value: 23.8m

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

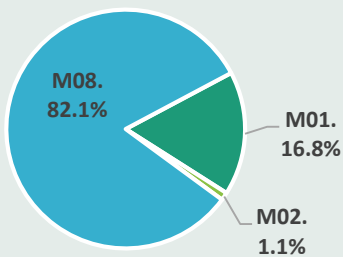
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) Value: 47.9m

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



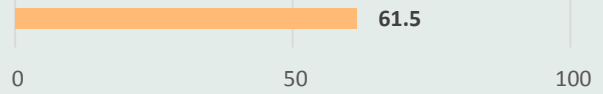
Target indicator

- Value: -

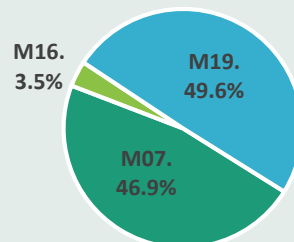
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies Value: 32.0 %

T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures Value: 30.0 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER) Value: 135

3. Planned expenditure per priority

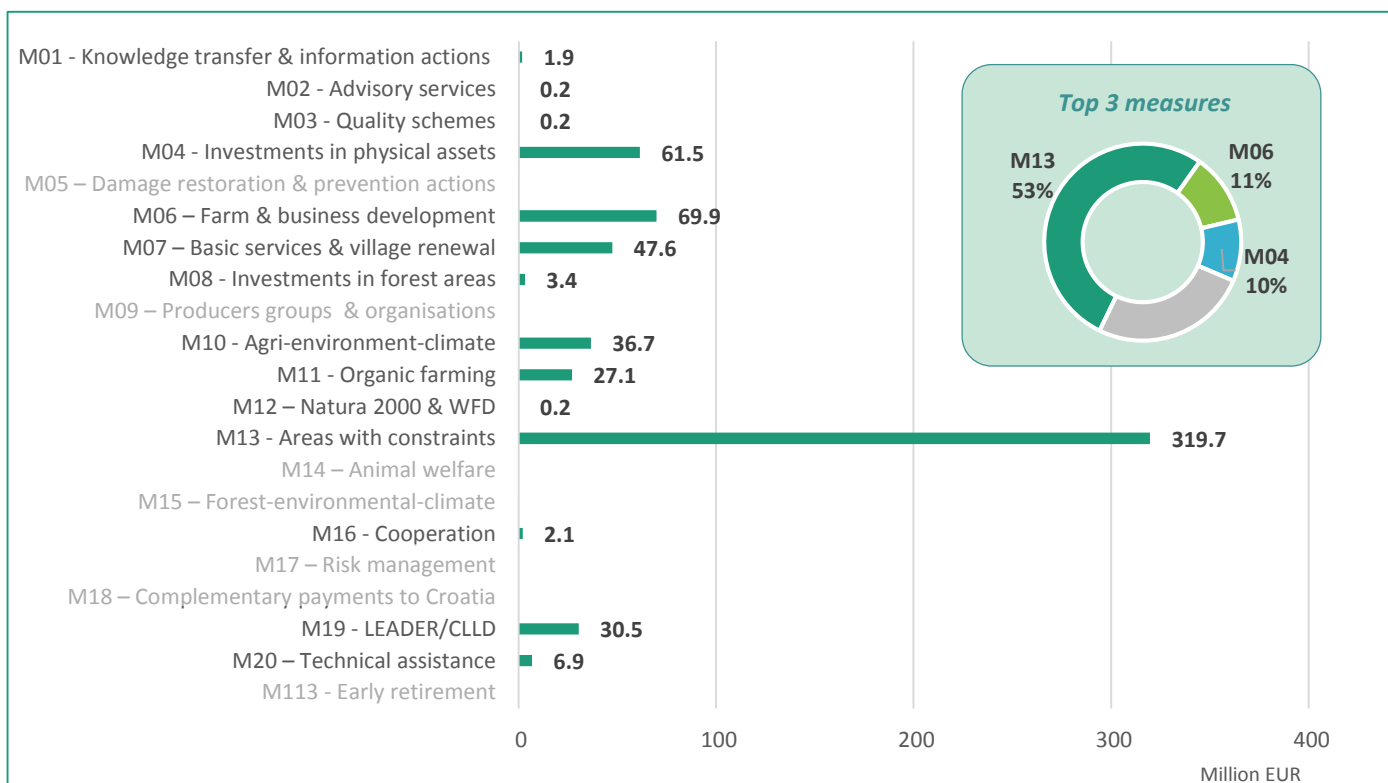
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	96.8	15.9 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	11.6	1.9 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	407.9	67.1 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	23.2	3.8 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	61.5	10.1 %

* 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				12%		13%		35%				19%	15%		7%				100%	1.9
M02 - Advisory services				20%	20%			40%				5%	11%		5%				100%	0.2
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	0.2
M04 - Investments in physical assets				50%		18%		8%				12%	13%						100%	61.5
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					94%								6%						100%	69.9
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								39%									61%		100%	47.6
M08 - Investments in forest areas													82%		18%				100%	3.4
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	36.7
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	27.1
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	0.2
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	319.7
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation																	100%		100%	2.1
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	30.5

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	17/09/2015
French National Rural Network	Le Réseau Rural Français http://www.reseaurural.fr/
Managing authority	Conseil régional de Franche-Comté
Paying agency	Agence de services et de Paiement
Coordination body	Agence de Services et de Paiement
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-france-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.europe-en-france.gouv.fr/L-Europe-s-engage/Accord-de-partenariat
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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