

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	France
	Region	Nord Pas de Calais
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	1.5 million
	% of total population (3)	36.2 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	219.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	6 666.3
	% of total area (3)	53.7 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	0.8 million
	% of total territory (4)	65.9 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.1 million
	% of total area (2)	8.4 %
Total employment	People (2)	1.5 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (5)	59.5 %

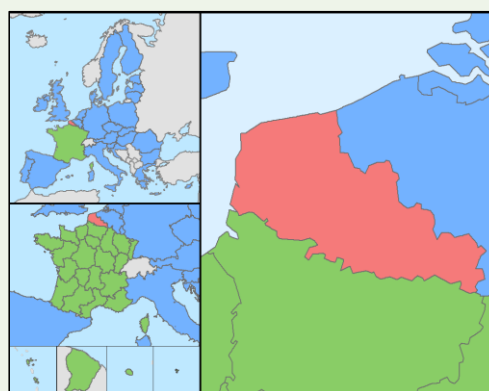
Data source: France – Nord Pas de Calais 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data; (5) rural areas data of 2012 and intermediate areas data of 2010.

EAFRD* support: EUR 119 831 871 <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 67 849 631	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 187 681 502
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	1.4 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	13 460
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	60.8
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (2)	2.2 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	105.1
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 5.1%.</i>	

Map: France - Nord Pas de Calais



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support the implementation of 24 cooperation projects that will focus on different themes such as agriculture or food and local strategies for forest development.
- To promote knowledge transfer the programme will provide training for 4 500 people working in the agricultural and food sectors.
- The RDP also aims to encourage the installation of young farmers with the goal of reaching 910 farms managed by farmers under 40 years old (or 7 % of all farms in 2010).
- The program will support modernization and development projects in 2 200 farms (16 % of the total number of farms in 2010) to improve their economic, social and environmental performance.
- The RDP will spend EUR 15 million to support 400 farms on quality systems as well as 160 farms and food industries.
- The programme will promote the development of more environmental friendly agricultural practices targeting about 100 000 ha (12 % of the total agricultural area) thus contributing to the preservation of biodiversity, water and soil.
- The programme will support the establishment of nine LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) whose Local Development Strategies (LDS) will benefit 1 million people in rural areas.

Examples of key challenges

- The region has developed food industries at national and European scale.
- Rural areas are declining as a result of the expansion of urban centers, however they have potential to host residents and recreational activities making them potential levers for local development.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Nord Pas de Calais (France)*, September 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-nord-pas-de-calais_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_NPC) are specific to the Nord Pas de Calais 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	2.8 %

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	4 500

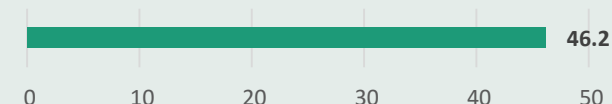
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	24 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

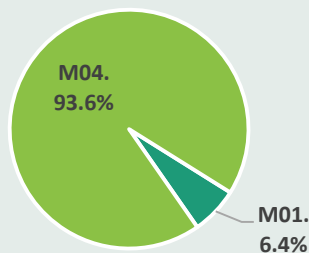
Focus Area 2A. Farm's performance, restructuring & modernization

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

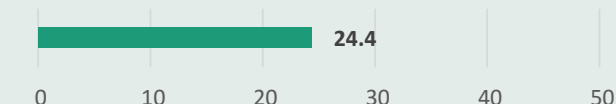
Measure	m EUR
M01	3.0
M04	43.2



Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	15.6 %

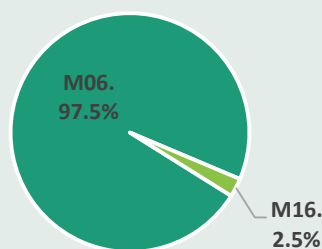
Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	23.8
M16	0.6



Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	6.8 %

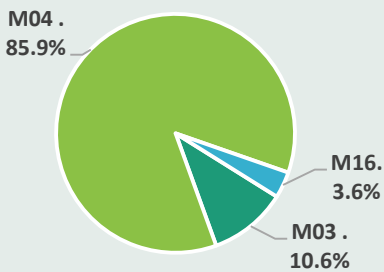
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M03	1.8
M04	14.9
M16	0.6

Target indicator

Value

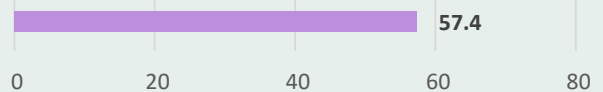
FR_NPC01 - M04-Number of supported agri-businesses (4.2)	30
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	3.0 %

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)

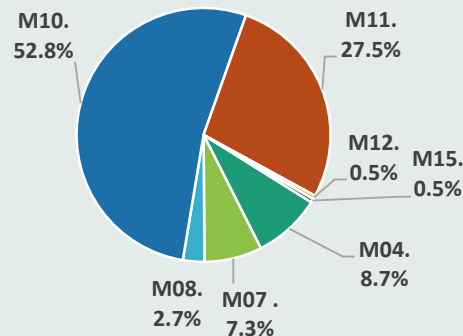


Target indicator

Value

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	0.6 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	3.6 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	5.1 %
T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management	0.6 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	3.4 %
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	0.6 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

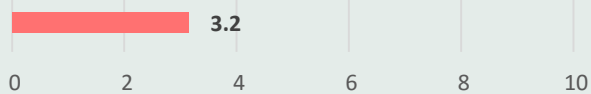


Measure	m EUR
M04	5.0
M07	4.2
M08	1.6
M10	30.3
M11	15.8
M12	0.3
M15	0.3

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

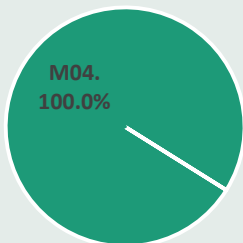
Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

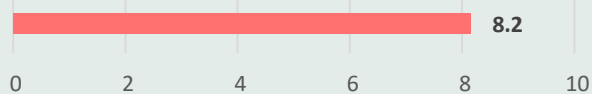
Measure	m EUR
M04	3.2



Target indicator	Value
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)	7.9 m

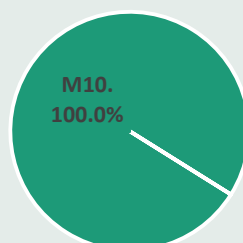
Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

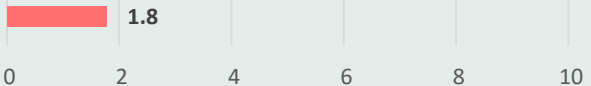
Measure	m EUR
M10	8.2



Target indicator	Value
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	1.7 %

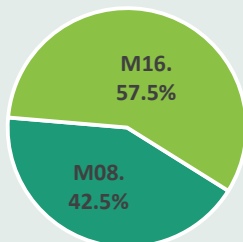
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	0.8
M16	1.0



Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	0.1 %

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

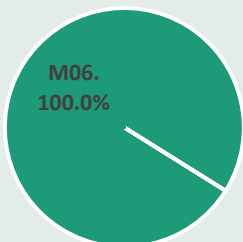
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	6.9



Target indicator

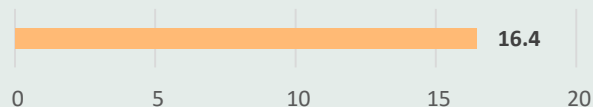
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

58

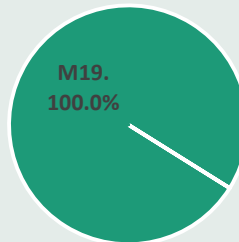
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	16.4



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

68.2

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

90

3. Planned expenditure per priority

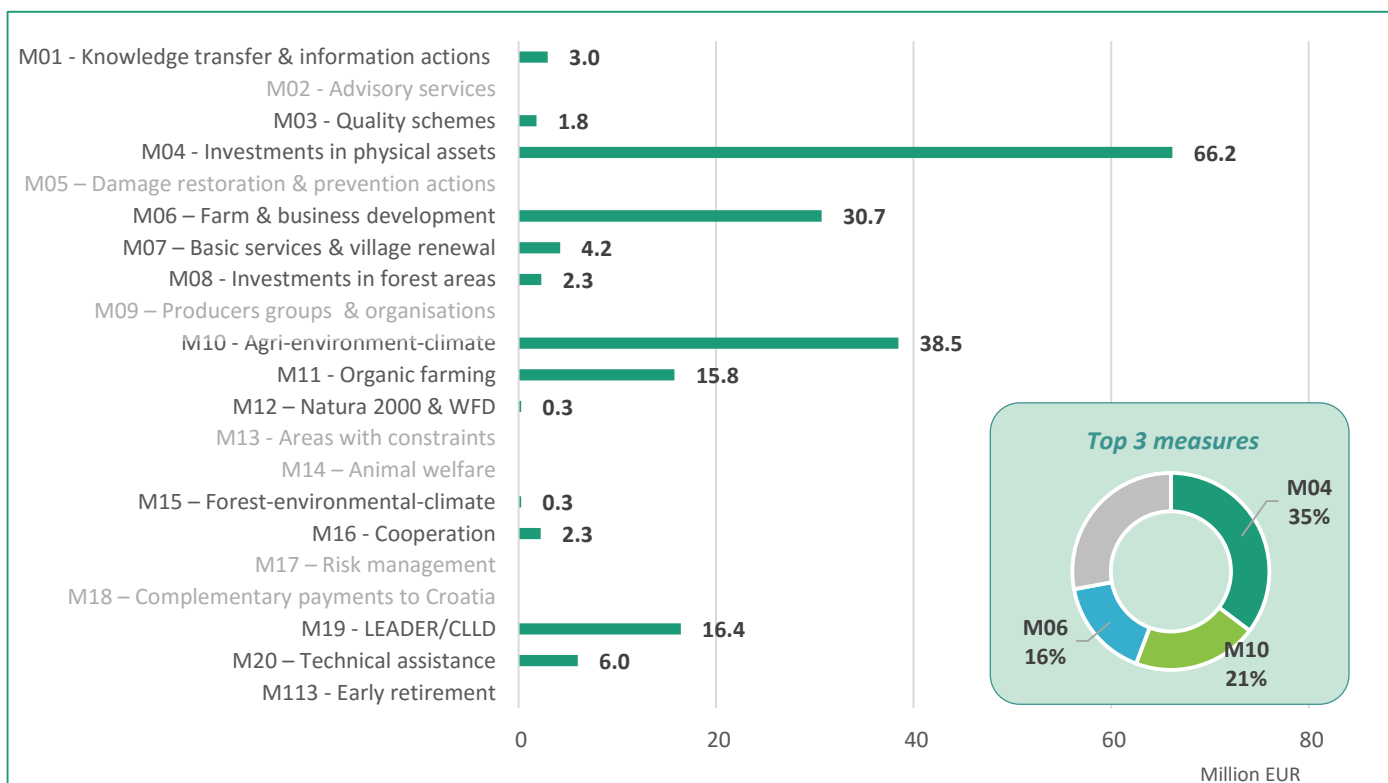
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	70.5	37.6 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	17.3	9.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	57.4	30.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	13.1	7.0 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	23.4	12.4 %

* 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				100%															100%	3.0
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	1.8
M04 - Investments in physical assets				65%		23%		8%			5%								100%	66.2
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					77%										23%				100%	30.7
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								100%											100%	4.2
M08 - Investments in forest areas								68%						32%					100%	2.3
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								79%					21%						100%	38.5
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	15.8
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	0.3
M13 - Areas with constraints																				
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	0.3
M16 - Cooperation					27%	27%								45%					100%	2.3
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	16.4

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	14/09/2015
French National Rural Network	Le Réseau Rural Français http://www.reseaurural.fr/
Managing authority	Région Basse-Normandie
Paying agency	ASP
Coordination body	ASP Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs des fonds agricoles
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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