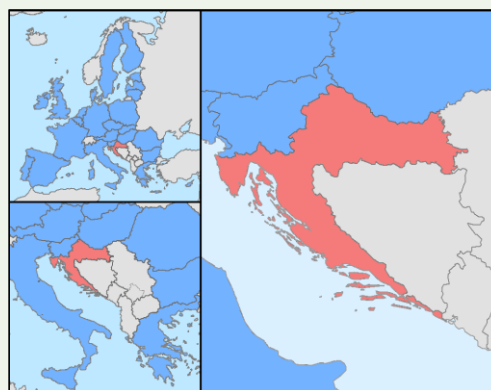


1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Croatia
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	3.6 million
	% of total population (3)	81.9 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	64.4
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	56 000
	% of total area (4)	98.9 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	1.3 million
	% of total territory (2)	23.3 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	2.5 million
	% of total area (2)	43.7 %
Total employment	People (3)	1.4 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	71.3 %

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	5.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	233 280
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	5.6
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA	n/a
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	n/a	n/a

Map: Croatia



Data source: Croatia 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 proportion of rural area.

EAFRD* support: EUR 2 026 222 500 <small>2.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 357 072 000	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 2 383 294 500
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Examples of expected achievements

- With RDP support around 42 000 people will be trained to increase the knowledge and skills of those employed in the agricultural and forestry sectors.
- There will be 109 cooperation projects while 33 Operational Groups will be established under the European Innovation Partnership.
- Nearly 2 000 holdings are expected to receive investment support so that they can become more modern and competitive.
- Start-up aid will be provided to 5 000 small farmers and 1 000 young farmers.
- Almost 1 500 farms will receive support for participating in quality schemes, local markets, short supply chains and producer organisations.
- RDP support will enable an increase in the organic area by 40 %.
- Investments which improve the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems will be supported through more than 4 500 projects covering 6 300 ha.
- Renewable energy production will be supported via almost 800 operations for investments.
- More than 2 000 non-agricultural jobs will be created through the diversification and development of small enterprises.
- 45 LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) will be selected to implement Local Development Strategies (LDS), covering 40 % of the rural population.

Examples of key challenges

- Average crop yields in Croatia are lower than in other EU countries due to outdated technologies and frequent droughts.
- As a result of climate change Croatia is increasingly exposed to extreme weather conditions causing droughts and floods while only around 1 % of agricultural land is irrigated.
- The abandonment and the intensification of farming in High Nature Value areas have a negative impact on biodiversity.
- The production of renewable energy is also quite low.
- Only 2.4 % of the total agricultural land is currently used for organic farming.
- There is poor availability of basic services for the local rural population.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Croatia*, May 2015.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/hr/factsheet_en.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 (HR) are specific to the Croatian 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 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	1.8 %

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)	109 3

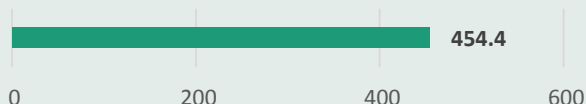
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	41 999

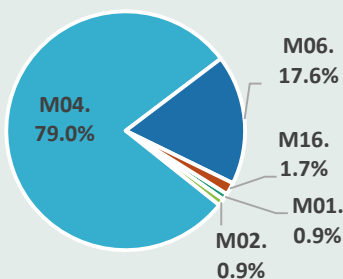
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



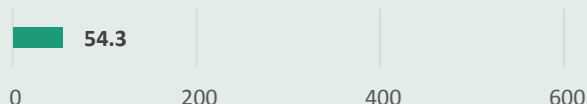
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



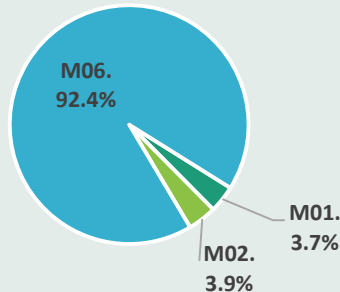
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	0.8 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

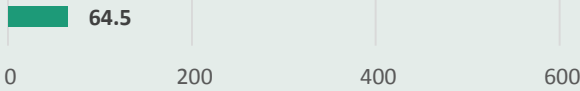


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.4 %

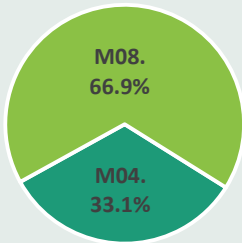
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

Focus Area 2C. Improvement of economic value of forestry and development of forest areas

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M04	21.3
M08	43.2

Target indicator

Value

HR01 - Total investment in modernisation of technologies, machines, tools and equipment (EUR)	86.4 m
HR02 - Total length of forestry infrastructure (re)constructed	430

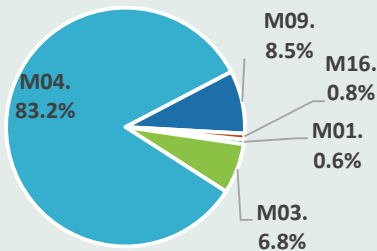
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M03	7
M04	86.7
M09	9
M16	0.8

Target indicator

Value

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

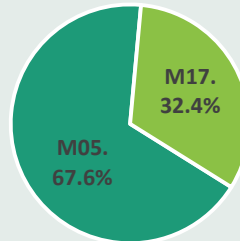
0.6 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M05	118.1
M17	56.7

Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

3.5 %

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	Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	
T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity		0.3 %		
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes		7.7 %		
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management		5.2 %		
T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management		0.3 %		
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion		5.2 %		
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion		0.3 %		
			M01	6.7
			M02	14.8
			M04	26.7
			M08	47.9
			M10	111.7
			M11	128.3
			M13	321.6

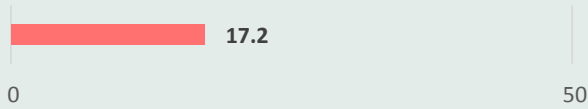
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management			Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions		
Total public budget (million EUR)			Total public budget (million EUR)		
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)		Measure	m EUR	Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	
		M04	94.1		
		M10	9.9		
Target indicator		Value		Target indicator	
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)		161 m		T17 - % of livestock units concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions	
				T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	
				0.9 %	

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

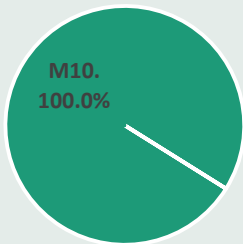
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M10	17.2



Target indicator

Value

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

0.9 %

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

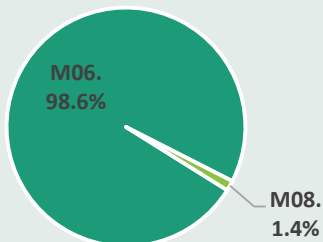
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	132.9
M08	1.9



Target indicator

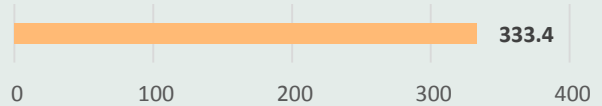
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

2 014

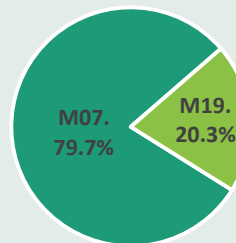
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	265.9
M19	67.5



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

39.6 %

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

29.8 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

180

3. Planned expenditure per priority

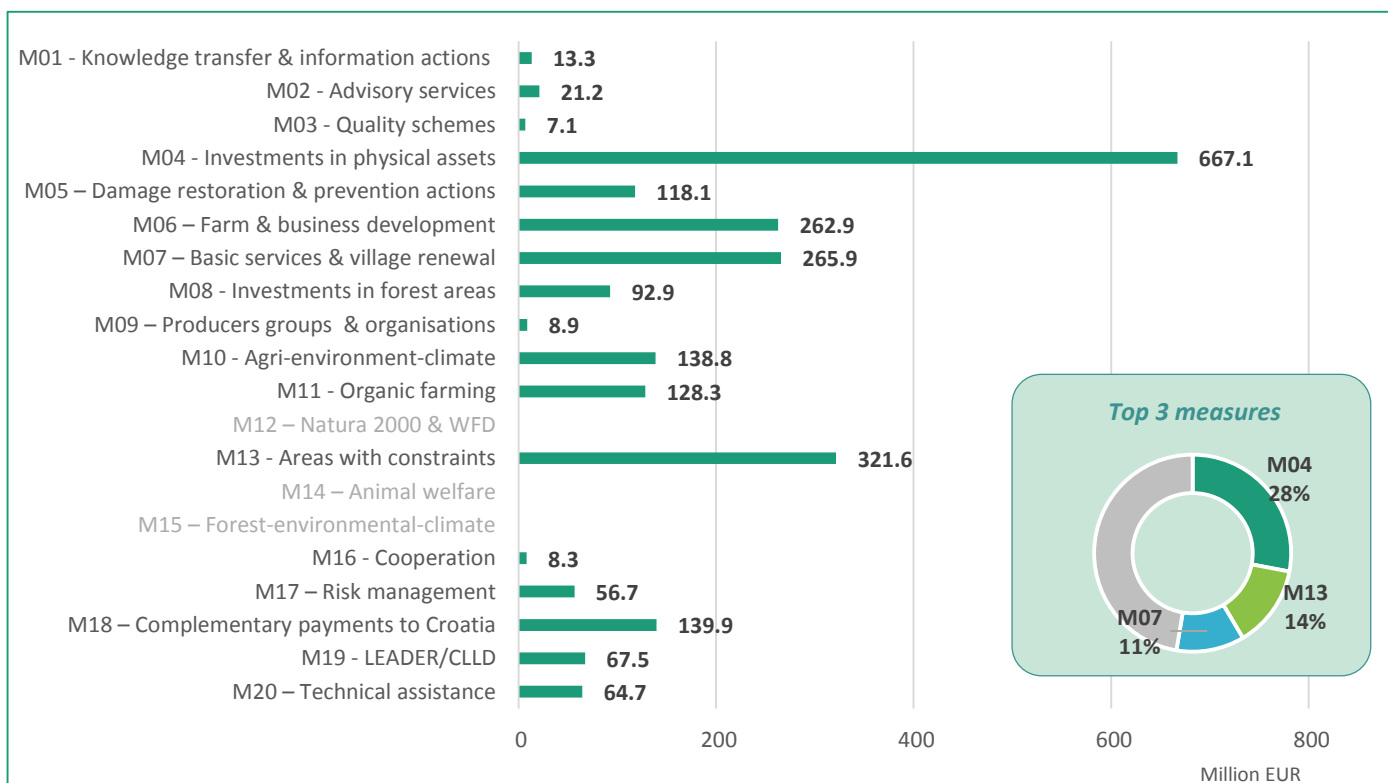
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	573.2	24.1 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	279.0	11.7 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	657.6	27.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	200.6	8.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	468.2	19.6 %

* 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 Member State.



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	2C+ - Forestry	3A - Agri-food chain integration & quality	3B - Risk prevention & management	4A - Biodiversity	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				30%	15%		5%		50%											100%	13.3
M02 - Advisory services				20%	10%				70%											100%	21.2
M03 - Quality schemes							100%													100%	7.1
M04 - Investments in physical assets				54%		3%	13%		4%				14%	12%						100%	667.1
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions								100%												100%	118.1
M06 - Farm & business development				30%	19%											51%				100%	262.9
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																	100%			100%	265.9
M08 - Investments in forest areas						46%			52%							2%				100%	92.9
M09 - Producers groups & organisations							100%													100%	8.9
M10 - Agri-environment-climate									80%					7%	12%					100%	138.8
M11 - Organic farming									100%											100%	128.3
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints									100%											100%	321.6
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation				90%			10%													100%	8.3
M17 - Risk management								100%												100%	56.7
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				100%	139.9
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%			100%	67.5

6. Additional info

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National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-croatia-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	https://razvoj.gov.hr/
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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