

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Emilia-Romagna
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	2.9 million
	% of total population (4)	64.3 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	127.7
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	22 446
	% of total area (4)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	1.1 million
	% of total territory (6)	47.4 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	0.6 million
	% of total area (3)	27.0 %
Total employment	People (2)	2.1 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

Data source: Italy – Emilia-Romagna 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).

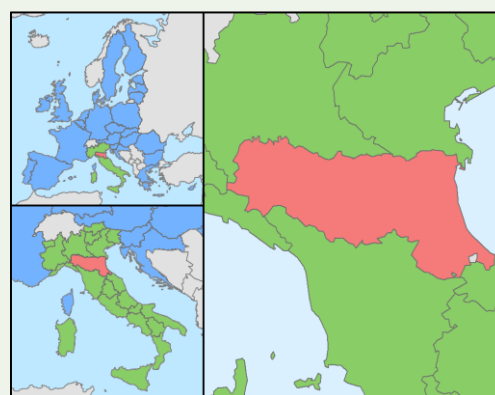
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data..

EAFRD* support: EUR 512 990 000 <small>0.5 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 676 689 962	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 1 189 679 962
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	2.2 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	73 470
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	14.5
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	42.1 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	74.3
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 25.7 %.</i>	

Map: Italy – Emilia-Romagna



Examples of expected achievements

- Over 19 000 places in training courses will be made available by the RDP. Also more than 360 cooperation projects will be launched of which 116 will be operational groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- The region will support 870 investment projects for the restructuring or modernization of farms and over 1 500 young farmers will be granted business start-up aid.
- The programme will support around 1 500 integrated investment projects in order to increase the profitability of primary producers, modernise the production processes and support quality production in the supply chain.
- Nearly 21 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity, 16 % under contracts supporting water management and 15 % under management contracts supporting soil management. Over 7 000 ha will receive support to convert to organic farming and another 67 500 ha to maintain organic production.
- Farmers will receive support to turn to a more efficient irrigation system, covering more than 3700 ha. Around 6.5 % of all farm and forest land will come under management contracts for the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and ammonia emissions.
- Around 110 additional jobs will be created through Local Development Strategies covering 17 % of the region's rural population.

Examples of key challenges

- Emilia – Romagna is categorised as a "more developed" region. More than 42 % of the total Italian turnover from quality agricultural products (PDO and PGI) is generated in the region.
- Youth unemployment is at 26.4 % and female participation to the work force is approximately 10 % lower than figures for male population, with a gap of almost 15 % in rural areas.
- Organic farming covers just 3.3 % of the farmland which is below the 5% Italian average. The main environmental issues relate to the externalities of intensive farming in the plain areas and of animal husbandry as 75 % of all farming in the region is high and medium intensity. Chief environmental challenges are the high concentration of nitrates and phosphorus in freshwater and groundwater and soil erosion.

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

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-emilia-romagna_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.

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	7.9 %

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	19 245

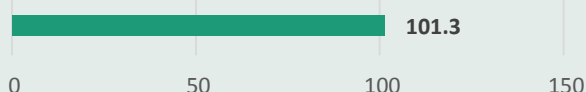
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	363 116

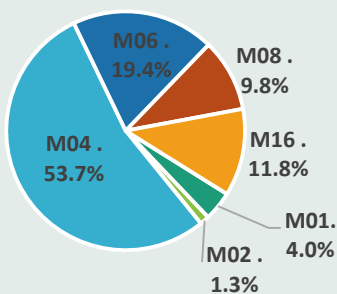
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



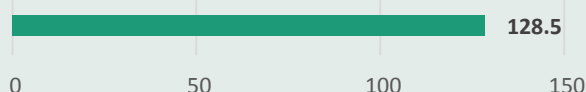
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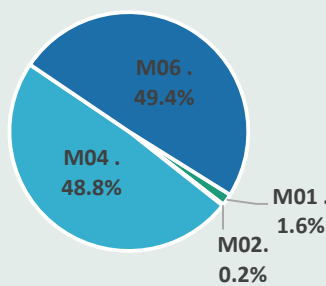
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	1.2 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

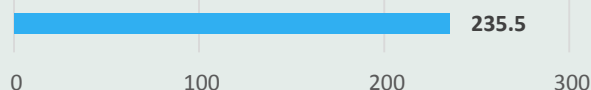


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	2.2 %

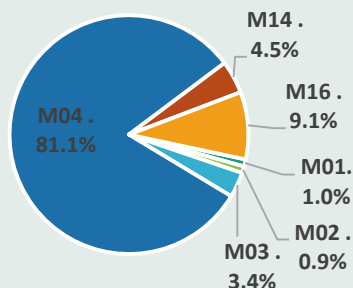
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

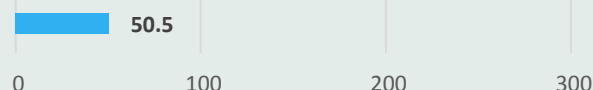
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

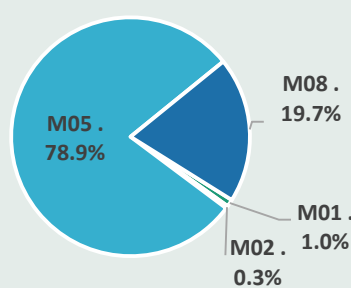
0.8 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

Value

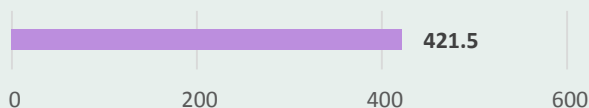
2.3 %

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

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity

Value

0.2%

T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes

Value

21.1%

T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

Value

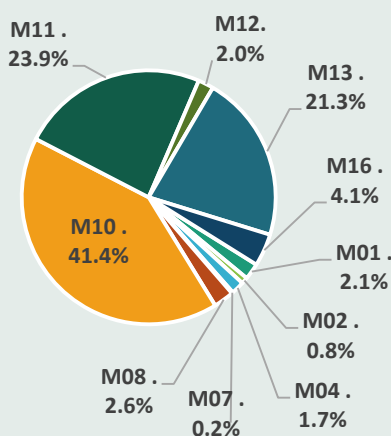
16.4%

T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

Value

15.7%

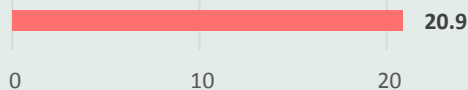
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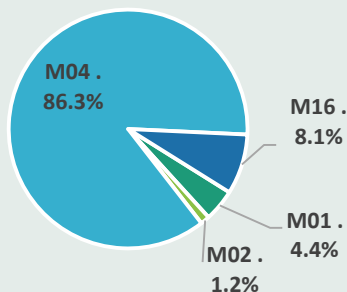
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.9
M02	0.3
M04	18.0
M16	1.7

Target indicator

Value

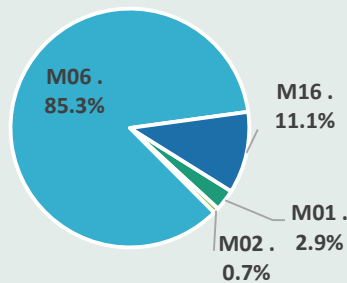
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system	1.5 %
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Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M02	0.2
M06	19.9
M16	2.6

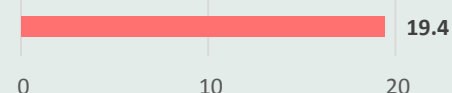
Target indicator

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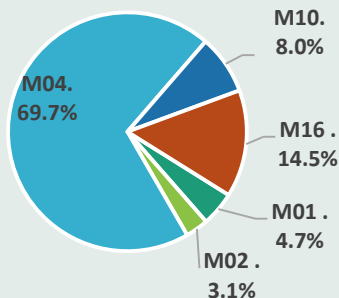
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)	42.8 m
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Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.9
M02	0.6
M04	13.6
M10	1.6
M16	2.8

Target indicator

Value

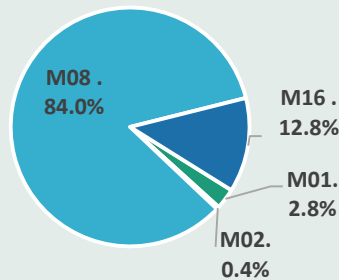
T17 - % of livestock units concerned by investments in livestock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions	1.1 %
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	7.5 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M02	0.09
M08	20.3
M16	3.1

Target indicator

Value

T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	6.5 %
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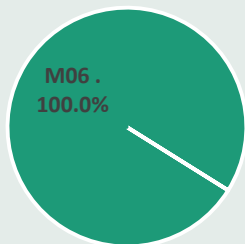
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

M06 1.7

Target indicator

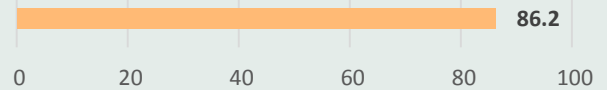
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

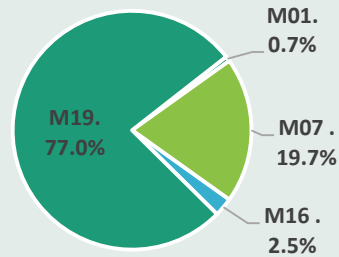
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

M01 0.6
M07 17.0
M16 2.2
M19 66.4

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % rural pop in LDS

17.4 %

T22 - % rural pop with improved services / infrastructures

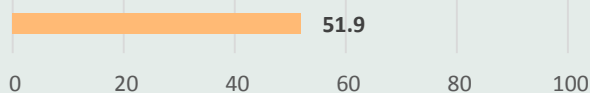
6.3 %

T23 - N° jobs created (LEADER)

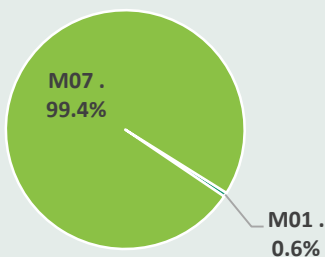
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

M01 0.3

M07 51.6

Target indicator

Value

T24 - % rural population with improved services / infrastructures (ICT)

5.4 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

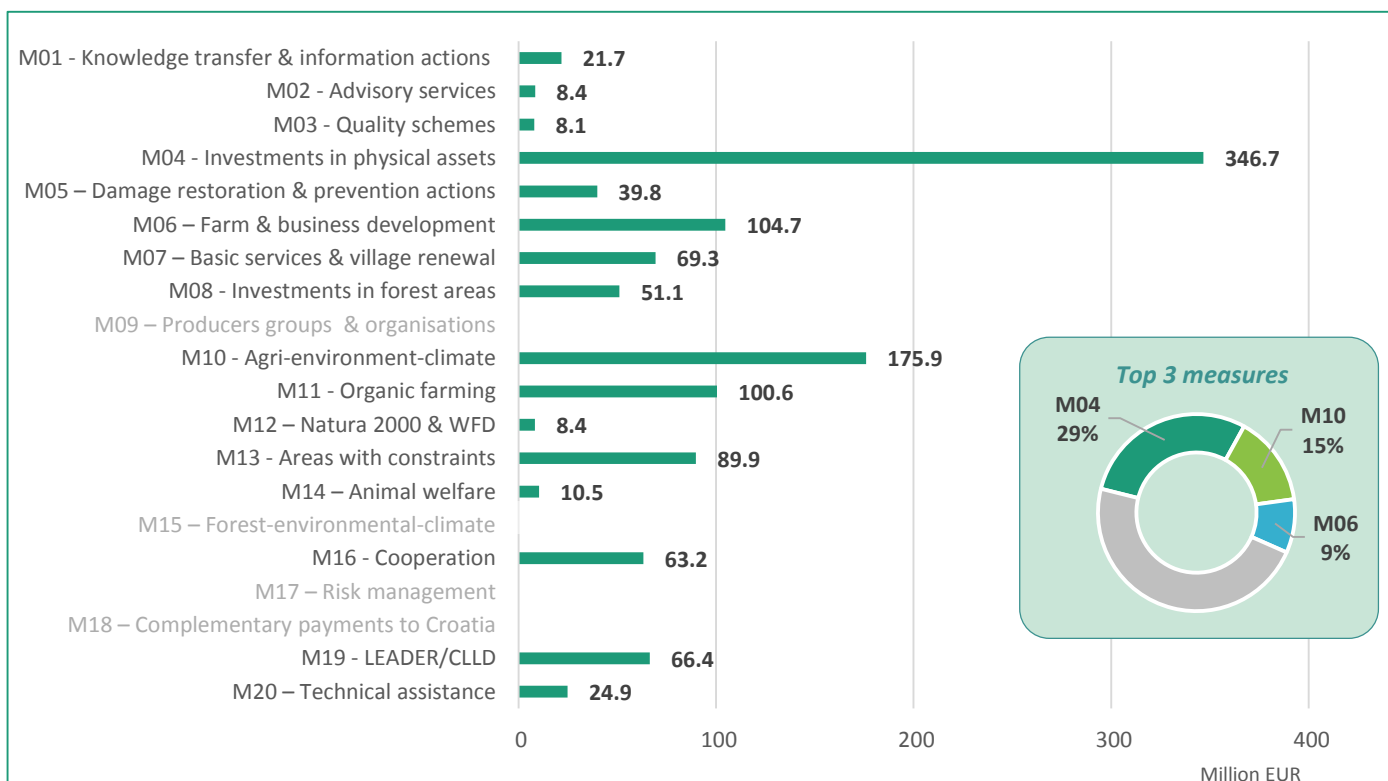
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	229.8	19.3 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	285.9	24.0 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	421.5	35.4 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	87.8	7.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	139.8	11.8 %

* 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				19%	9%	10%	2%	41%			4%		3%	4%	3%		3%	1%	100%	21.8
M02 - Advisory services				15%	3%	26%	2%	41%			3%		2%	7%	1%				100%	8.4
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	8.1
M04 - Investments in physical assets				16%	18%	55%		2%			5%			4%					100%	346.7
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	39.8
M06 - Farm & business development				19%	61%								19%			2%			100%	104.8
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								1%									25%	75%	100%	69.3
M08 - Investments in forest areas				20%			20%	21%							40%				100%	51.1
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								99%						1%					100%	175.9
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	100.6
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	8.4
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	89.9
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	10.5
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				19%		34%		28%			3%		4%	5%	5%		3%		100%	63.2
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	66.4

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
Managing authority	Direzione Generale Agricoltura, Economia ittica ed Attività faunisticovenatorie
Paying agency	Agenzia Regionale per le Erogazioni in Agricoltura (AGREA)
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-italy-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dps.gov.it/it/AccordoPartenariato
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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