

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Lombardia
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	6.2 million
	% of total population (4)	63.6 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	392.5
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	15 869
	% of total area (4)	66.5 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	986 830
	% of total territory (5)	41.4 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (4)	621 400
	% of total area (4)	26.1 %
Total employment	People (2)	4.6 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	26.0 %

Data source: Italy – Lombardia 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) 2010, based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 499 177 000
*0.52 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28*



**National
contribution:**
EUR 658 469 104

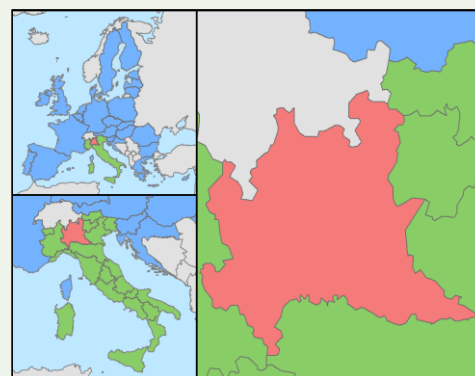


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 1 157 646 104

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	1.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	54 330
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	18.2
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	46.4 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	45.6
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 54.4 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Lombardia



Examples of expected achievements

- Around 4 700 farmers will benefit from training and information activities to improve their management skills from a technical, economic and environmental point of view, allowing them to introduce innovation in their activities. In addition, 75 cooperation projects, 25 of which under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP), will strengthen the links between research and the agriculture, food and forestry sectors.
- About 2 100 farmers will receive support for investments in farm restructuring/modernisation. In addition, the RDP will support the start-up of 1 270 young farmers.
- Investments in physical assets will be supported for 1 115 beneficiaries to strengthen the food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products. 370 farmers will be supported to enter into quality systems.
- Around 113 500 ha of agricultural land will be under agri-environment-climate contracts supporting the conservation of biodiversity, soil and water quality. In particular, 10 000 ha of farmland will receive support to either convert or maintain organic farming. In addition, farmers will be supported to maintain agricultural activities on 109 850 ha in mountain areas.
- The RDP will pursue carbon conservation and sequestration by supporting specific agri-environment-climate practices on 62 000 ha of agricultural land as well as through the afforestation of 11 000 ha. 6 000 ha of agricultural land will also be under agri-environment-climate contracts aimed at reduction emissions of greenhouse gas and ammonia deriving from agriculture.
- A number of 10 LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) will be formed to support social and economic development in rural areas, covering 1 million people. 1.2 million people will also benefit from investments in new or improved broadband infrastructures.

Examples of key challenges

- Intensive agriculture and animal husbandry have a significant impact on the regional natural resources and air quality. Agriculture and animal husbandry sectors are responsible for 98 % of the ammonia emissions.
- The Farmland Bird Index has decreased by 54 % in the last 12 years. High Nature Value farming is also below the national average. 18 % of water bodies have a bad quality status also due to nitrate pollution from agriculture.
- A forth of the regional territory is concerned by a high level of hydrogeological risk.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Italy - Lombardia**, July 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-lombardia_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 RDP1	5.9 %

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...),	75
of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	25

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	4 730

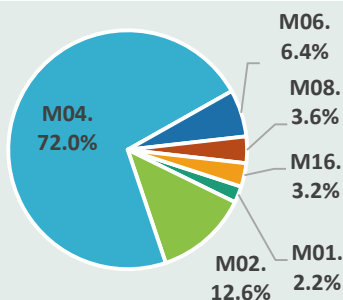
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



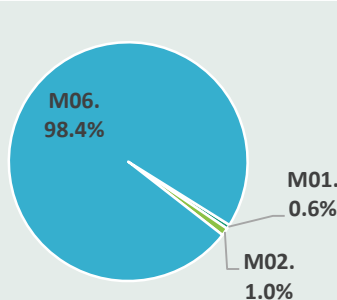
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.9 %

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	2.3 %

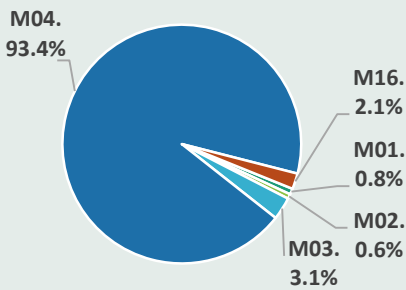
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	1.5
M02	1.2
M03	5.8
M04	175.0
M16	4.0

Target indicator

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

Value

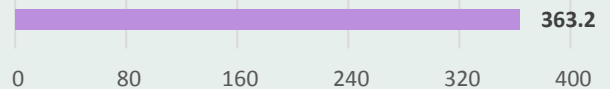
0.7 %

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

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

Value

5.4 %

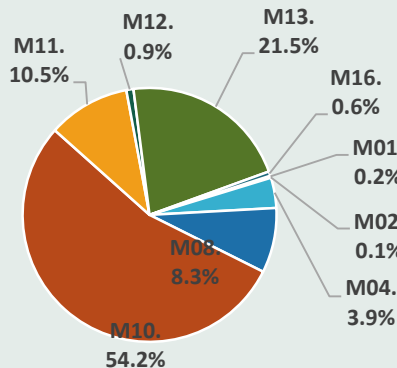
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

3.0 %

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

3.2 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

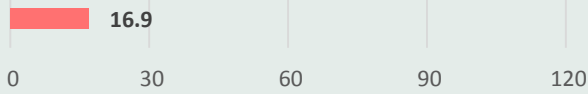


Measure	m EUR
M01	0.6
M02	0.4
M04	14.0
M08	30.0
M10	197.0
M11	38.0
M12	3.3
M13	78.0
M16	2.0

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

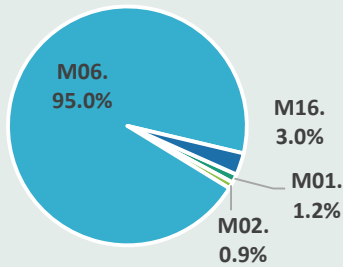
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

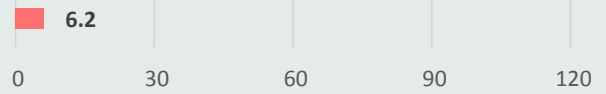
Measure	m EUR
M01	0.2
M02	0.2
M06	16.0
M16	0.5



Target indicator	Value
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)	45.7 m

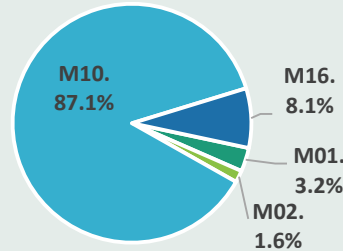
Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

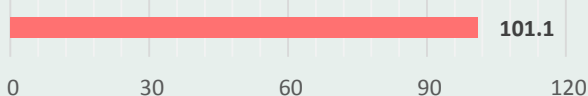
Measure	m EUR
M01	0.2
M02	0.1
M10	5.4
M16	0.5



Target indicator	Value
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	0.6 %

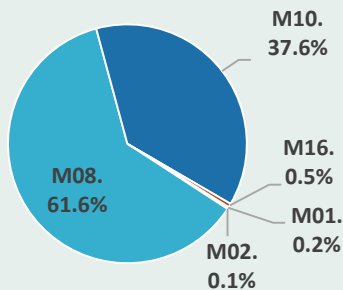
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.2
M02	0.1
M08	62.3
M10	38.0
M16	0.5

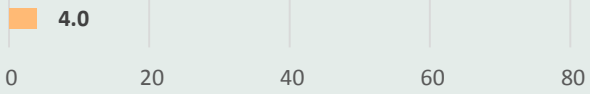


Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	3.9 %

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

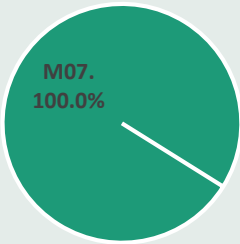
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

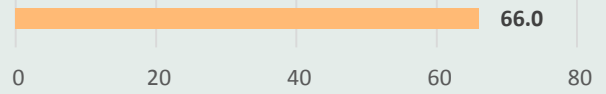
Measure	m EUR
M07	4.0



Target indicator	Value
T20 - Jobs created in supported projects	10

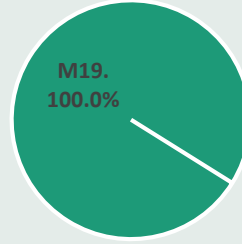
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

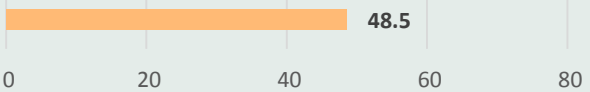
Measure	m EUR
M19	66.0



Target indicator	Value
T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	16.1 %
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	16.1 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	140

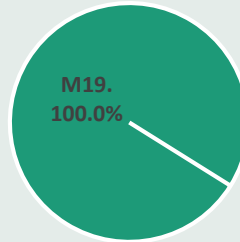
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	48.5



Target indicator	Value
T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (ICT)	19.3 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

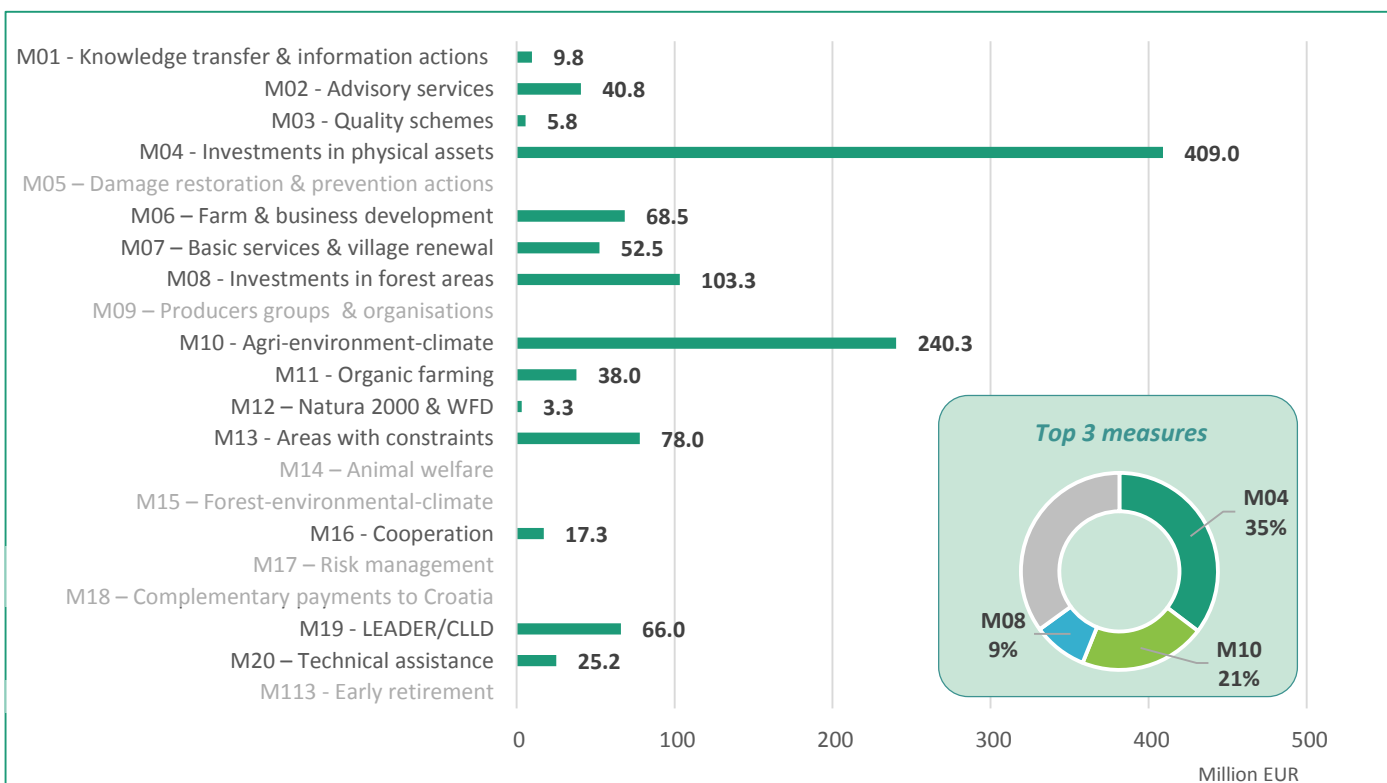
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	339.2	29.3 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	187.5	16.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	363.2	31.4 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	124.1	10.7 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	118.5	10.2 %

* 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				70%	2%	15%		6%					2%	2%	2%				100%	9.8
M02 - Advisory services				94%	1%	3%		1%					0.4%	0.2%	0.2%				100%	40.8
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	5.7
M04 - Investments in physical assets				54%		43%		3%											100%	409.0
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development				29%	48%							23%							100%	68.5
M07 - Basic services & village renewal															8%		92%	100%	52.5	
M08 - Investments in forest areas				11%				29%							60%				100%	103.3
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								82%						2%	16%				100%	240.3
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	38.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	3.3
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	78.0
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				57%		23%		12%					3%	3%	3%				100%	17.3
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	66.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	15/07/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
Managing authority	Direzione Generale Agricoltura – Unità Organizzativa Programmazione, Sviluppo Rurale e Semplificazione Amministrativa
Paying agency	Direzione Centrale Programmazione integrata e finanza - Organismo Pagatore Regionale
Coordination body	MIPAAF-Direzione generale dello sviluppo rurale
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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