

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Molise
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	0.3 million
	% of total population (5)	74.9 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	58.3
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	4 349.2
	% of total area (5)	98.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	197 520
	% of total territory (6)	44.5 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	133 800
	% of total area (2)	30.2 %
Total employment	People (3)	117 200
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	100.0 %

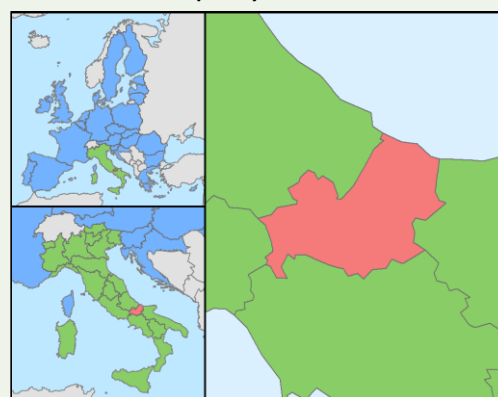
Data source: Italy - Molise 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2007 data; (3) 2010 data; (4) 2011 data; (5) 2012 data; (6) 2010, based on 2012 total territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 101 025 000 <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 109 443 750	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 210 468 750
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	3.8 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	6 568
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	7.5
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (4)	50.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000= 100	114.1
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 14.1 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Molise



Examples of expected achievements

- Almost 600 places will be made available in training courses and the programme will give farmers access to advisory services on topics related to the RDP priorities. The region is planning to launch 18 co-operation projects.
- The region will support 200 investment projects to restructure or modernise farms and over 120 young farmers will be granted business start-up aid.
- Around 300 investment projects will receive support to increase and stabilise the profitability of primary production and the modernisation of production processes and support for quality production.
- About 13 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity, 17 % under management contracts supporting water management and 13 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting soil management.
- Over 8 300 hectares will receive support to convert to organic farming and another 6 700 ha to maintain organic production.
- The actions proposed for climate change mitigation and adaptation will target around 12 000 hectares of agricultural land and forestry.
- More than 80 beneficiaries will receive support for investments in non-agricultural activities in rural areas, while basic services will be improved for almost half of the rural population. Local Development Strategies (LEADER), which covers 63 % of the rural population (161 000 inhabitants), will create 77 additional jobs and around 60 % of the rural population will have better access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) infrastructure.

Examples of key challenges

- The region's 6 600 farms produce cereals (30 %) as well as fruit and vegetable, olive-oil and wine. Organic farming is still relatively low, covering only 3 230 ha (1.6 % of UAA).
- An important challenge is unemployment among the youth, with an unemployment rate 31.7 %.
- The chief environmental challenges relate to soil erosion, water quality and biodiversity protection

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Italy - Molise*, July 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-molise_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	11.9 %

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	578

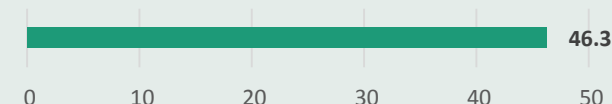
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	18 4

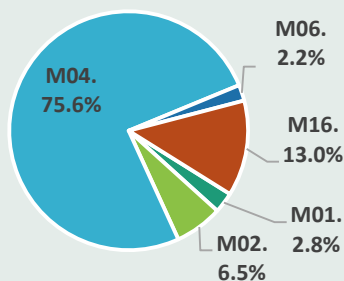
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



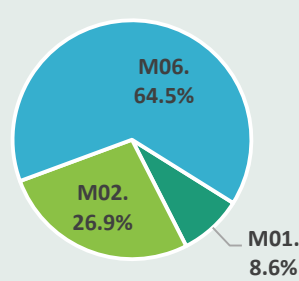
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.1 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

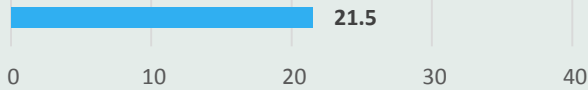


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	1.8 %

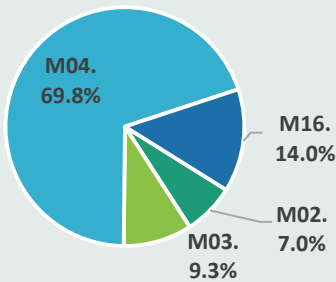
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M02	1.5
M03	2.0
M04	15.0
M16	3.0

Target indicator

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

Value

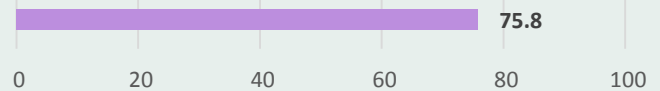
1.7 %

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

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

Value

7.5 %

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

Value

13.2 %

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

Value

12.7 %

T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management

Value

7.5 %

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

Value

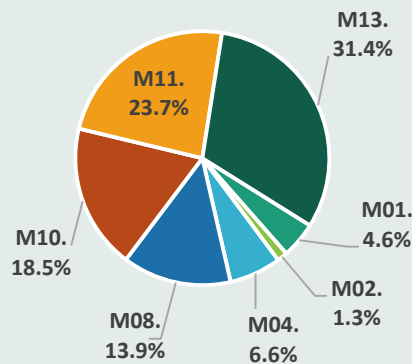
13.2 %

T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

Value

7.5 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

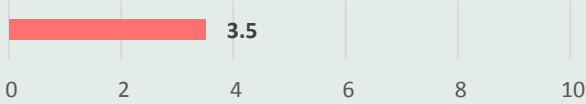


Measure	m EUR
M01	3.5
M02	1.0
M04	5.0
M08	10.5
M10	14.0
M11	18.0
M13	23.8

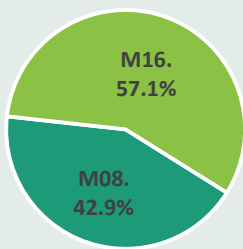
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M08	1.5
M16	2.0

Target indicator

Value

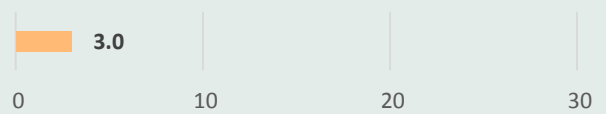
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

6.0 %

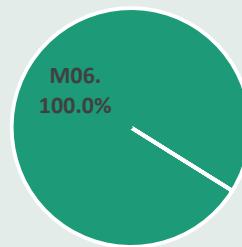
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M06	3.0

Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

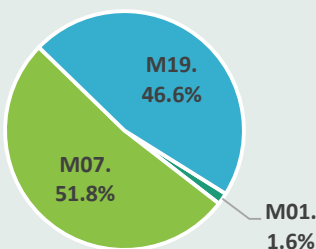
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.4
M07	13.0
M19	11.7

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

63.5 %

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

47.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

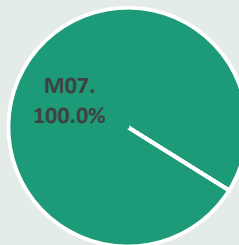
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	17.0

Target indicator

Value

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

59.2 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

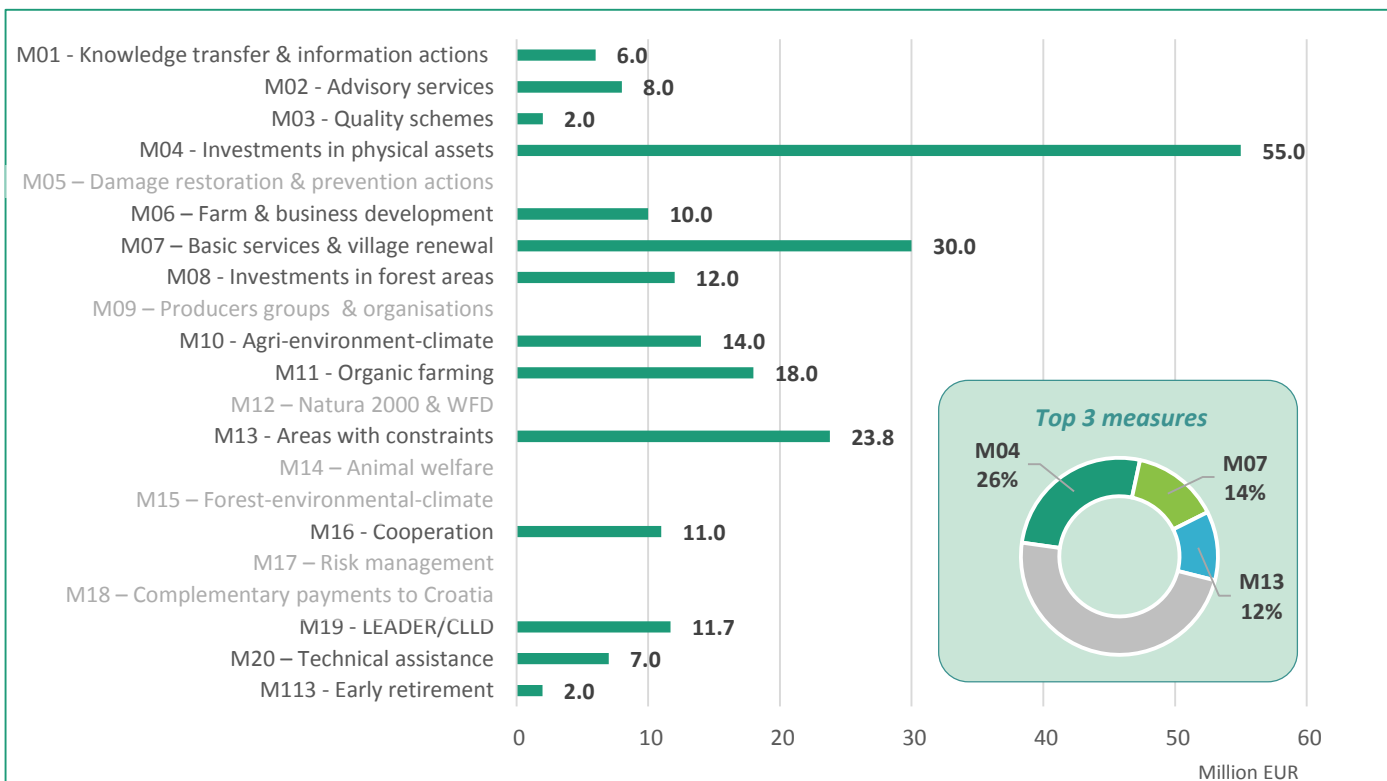
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	55.6	26.5 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	21.5	10.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	75.8	36.0 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	3.5	21.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	45.1	3.3 %

* 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				22%	13%			58%									7%		100%	6
M02 - Advisory services				37%	31%	19%		13%											100%	8
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	2
M04 - Investments in physical assets				64%		27%		9%											100%	55
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development				10%	60%										30%				100%	10
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																43%	57%	100%	30	
M08 - Investments in forest areas								87%						13%					100%	12
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	14
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	18
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	23.8
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				54%		27%								18%					100%	11
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	11.7

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	02/07/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
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Paying agency	Agenzia per le erogazione in agricoltura – AGEA
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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