

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Valle d'Aosta
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	0.1 million
	% of total population (4)	73.1 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	29.0
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	3 240.2
	% of total area (4)	99.3 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	0.06 million
	% of total territory (6)	17.0 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	0.1 million
	% of total area (3)	30.0 %
Total employment	People (4)	0.06 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	66.0 %

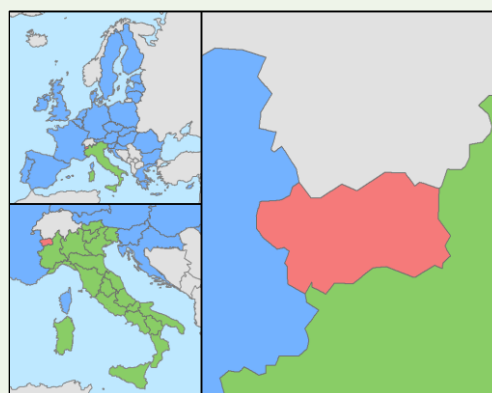
Data source: Italy - Valle d' Aosta 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 59 814 000 <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 78 901 213	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 138 715 213
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	1.2 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	3 570
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	15.7
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	97.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	115.0
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 15.0 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Valle d' Aosta



Examples of expected achievements

- Almost 500 places will be made available in training courses. Regarding innovation, 20 co-operation projects will be supported to strengthen the link between agriculture, food and forestry sectors and research.
- The RDP will support the start-up of 100 young farmers and investments and modernisation in more than 360 farms.
- The RDP is expected to support 20 new participations by farmers and groups of farmers to quality schemes.
- Nearly 90 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting better water management, improving soil management and supporting biodiversity.
- Almost 57 % of the allocated EAFRD amount will be used for area-based payments to farmers for using environment/climate-friendly land management practices, including organic farming, support to areas facing natural constraints and support to areas under Natura 2000 management.
- Local Development Strategies (LDS) will be implemented through a LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which will cover over 98 % of the rural population. Thanks to the operations programmed under this priority, 30 additional jobs will be created, and 10 % of rural population in rural areas will benefit from new or improved broadband services/infrastructures.

Examples of key challenges

- Valle d'Aosta covers an area of 3 263 km², of which 99.3 % is classified as rural areas with a number of complex development problems (mountains area).
- Valle d'Aosta's main challenges derive from its geographical situation. With the whole territory classified as mountainous, farming takes place under very difficult conditions, mainly in areas with natural constraints.
- Moreover, the competitiveness of agricultural holdings is affected by an ageing farmer population and the small size of farms.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Valle d' Aosta*, November 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-valle-d-aosta_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 (IT_VAL) are specific to the Valle d'Aosta 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	0.9 %

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...), of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	20 0

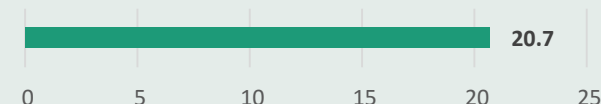
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	500

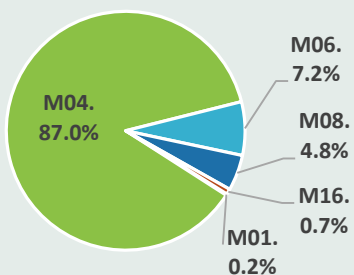
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



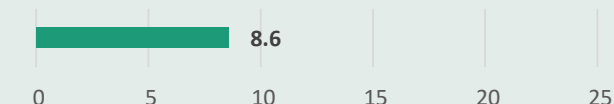
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



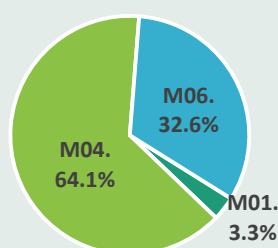
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	10.1 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

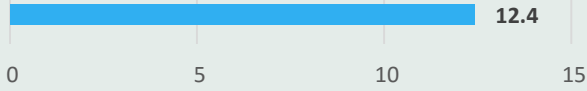


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	2.8 %

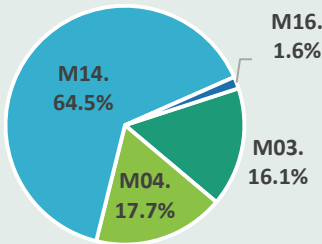
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M03	2.0
M04	2.2
M14	8.0
M16	0.2

Target indicator

Value

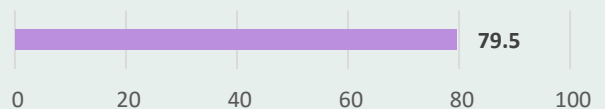
IT_VAL - % of total LU that receive an annual support for participating in animal welfare	35.0 %
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	0.6 %

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)

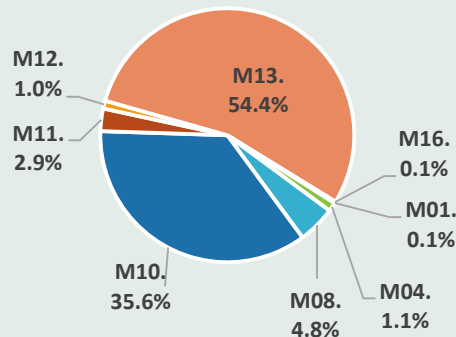


Target indicator

Value

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	1.0 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	91.6 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	90.1 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	89.4 %
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	0.1 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

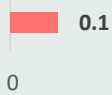


Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M04	0.9
M08	3.8
M10	28.3
M11	2.3
M12	0.8
M13	43.2
M16	0.1

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

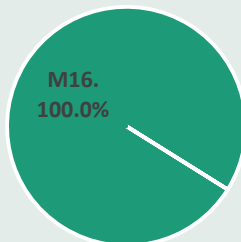
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M16	0.1



Target indicator

Value

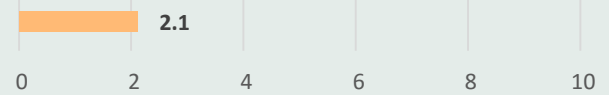
IT_VAL02 - Number of cooperation projects for the supply chain for the sustainable production of energy using biomass

2.0 %

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

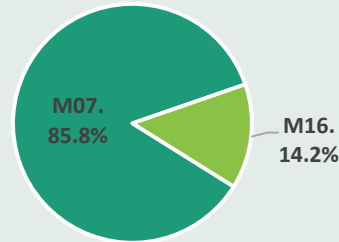
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	1.8
M16	0.3



Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

10

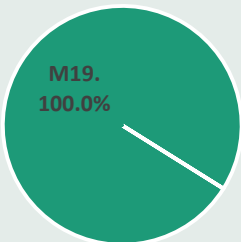
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	7.7



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

98.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

20

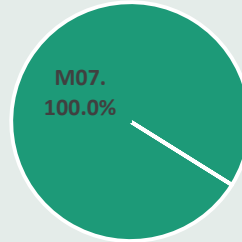
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	5.8



Target indicator

Value

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

10.6 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

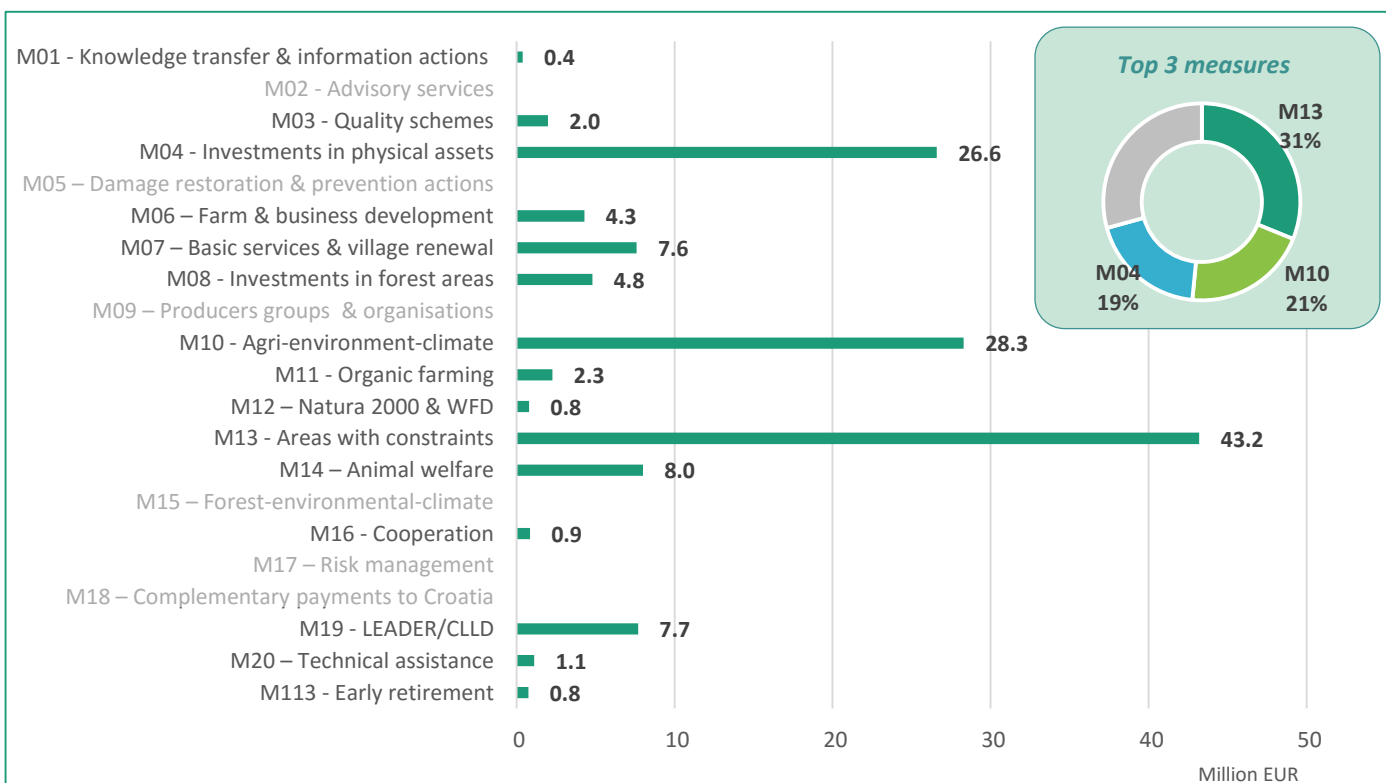
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	29.3	21.1 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	12.4	9.0 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	79.5	57.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	0.1	0.07 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	15.6	11.3 %

* 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				10%	70%			20%											100%	0.4
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	2.0
M04 - Investments in physical assets				68%	21%	8%		3%											100%	26.6
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development				35%	65%														100%	4.3
M07 - Basic services & village renewal															24%	76%			100%	7.6
M08 - Investments in forest areas				21%				79%											100%	4.8
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	28.3
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	2.3
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	0.8
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	43.2
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	8.0
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				18%		24%		12%					12%			35%			100%	0.9
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	7.7

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	11/11/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
Managing authority	Politiche regionali di sviluppo rurale
Paying agency	AGEA, Agenzia per le erogazioni in Agricoltura
Coordination body	AGEA COORDINAMENTO
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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