

### 1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Malta
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	0.3 million
	% of total population (3)	64.4 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (7)	1 088
Rural area (1)	Km2 (6)	247.1
	% of total area (6)	78.2 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	11 450
	% of total territory (8)	36.2 %
Total employment	People (5)	0.2 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (5)	5.7 %

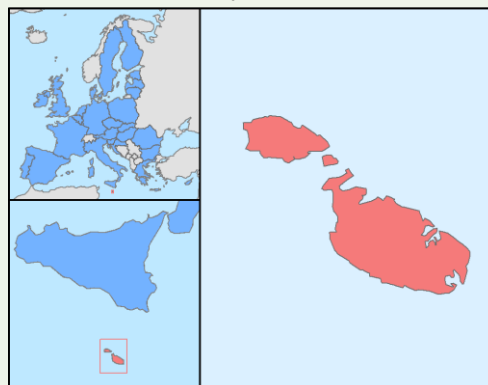
Data source: Malta 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2011 data based on 2014 rural areas; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2014 data; (7) 2011, calculation based on 2014 total region territory data; (8) 2010, calculation based on 2014 total region territory data.

<b>EAFRD* support:</b> <b>EUR 97 326 898</b> <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	<b>National contribution:</b> <b>EUR 32 442 300</b>	=	<b>Planned total public expenditure:</b> <b>EUR 129 769 198</b>
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\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (5)	1.5 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	12 530
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	0.9
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	81.9
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 18.1 %.</i>	

Map: Malta



#### Examples of expected achievements

- Almost 7 200 places will be made available in training courses. 18 projects will be supported to strengthen the link between agriculture, food and forestry sectors and research and the programme will implement the European Innovation Partnership.
- The RDP will support the start-up of 60 young farmers as well as investments and modernisation in more than 116 farms, with a specific emphasis on innovation as a means to increase competitiveness.
- The programme is expected to support 1 200 farms to participate in quality schemes. Furthermore, 1 500 agricultural holdings are expected to participate in the newly introduced risk management scheme.
- About 3 % of agricultural land will be under contracts to improve water management. The problem of water erosion will be tackled by placing 3 % of the agricultural land under management contracts combating soil erosion. Moreover 6 % of agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity. 40 % of the allocated EAFRD amount will be used actions to restore, preserve and enhance ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry (Priority 4). 58 hectares of farmland will receive support to either convert or maintain organic farming.
- Malta aims to target 16 % of Livestock Units through investments in livestock management in order to reduce greenhouse gas and ammonia emissions from agriculture. The RDP will also pursue carbon conservation and sequestration on 5.3 % of the agricultural land.
- The whole rural population of Malta will be covered by Local Development Strategies (LDS), which will be developed by 3 LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs).

#### Examples of key challenges

- Water supply and diffusing water pollution from agriculture are critical issues for Malta, both currently and for the future, particularly in the context of anticipated climate change and demographic pressures and challenges. The state of Malta's water resources is among the most stressed in the world.
- Another critical point concerns Malta's heavy reliance on imported fuel for its energy needs.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Malta*, November 2015  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/mt/factsheet-malta\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/mt/factsheet-malta_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 (MT) are specific to the Malta 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	19.8 %

#### 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	7 200

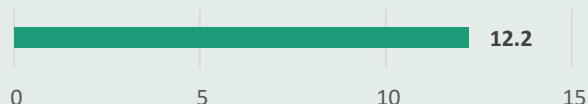
#### Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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 15

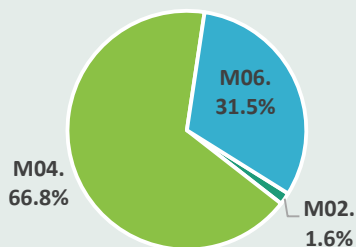
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



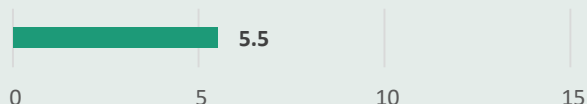
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



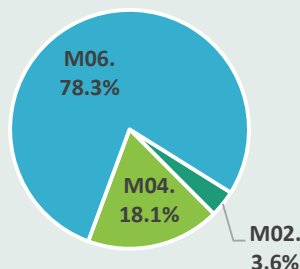
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	0.9 %

#### Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

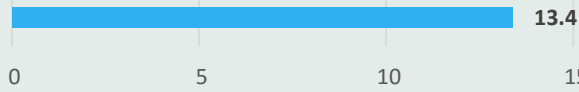


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.5 %

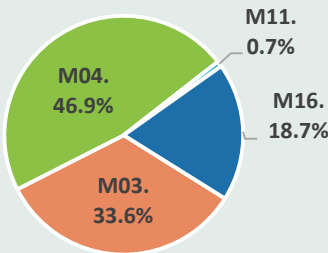
### P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M03	4.5
M04	6.3
M11	0.1
M16	2.5

Target indicator

Value

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

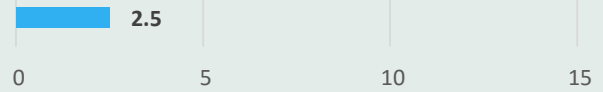
9.6 %

MT01 - No of operations supported under M4.2 contributing to FA3A (M4.2)

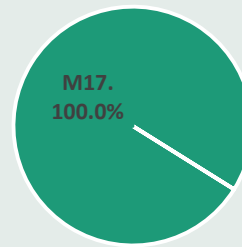
50.0

#### Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M17	2.5

Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

12.0 %

### 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

6.1 %

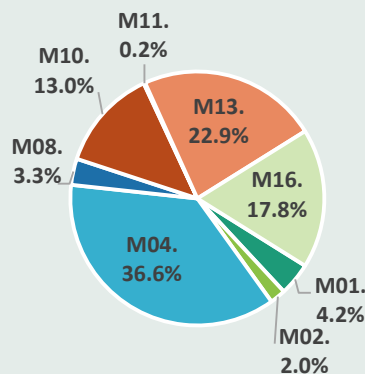
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

3.0 %

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

3.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



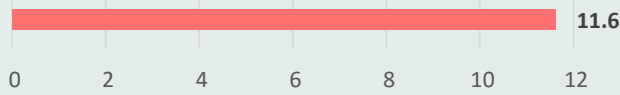
Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M01	2.2
M02	1.1
M04	19.2
M08	1.8
M10	6.8
M11	0.1
M13	12.0
M16	9.3

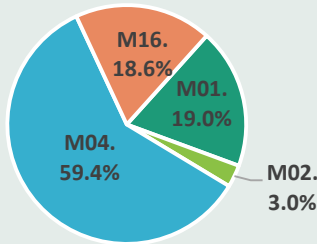
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate:** Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

**Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	2.2
M02	0.3
M04	6.9
M16	2.2

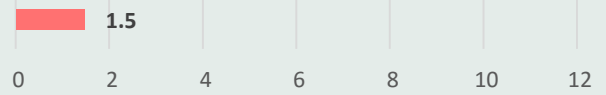
Target indicator

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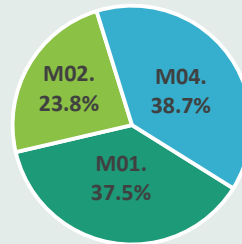
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system 2.0 %

**Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.6
M02	0.4
M04	0.6

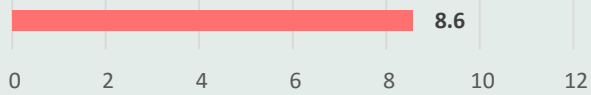
Target indicator

Value

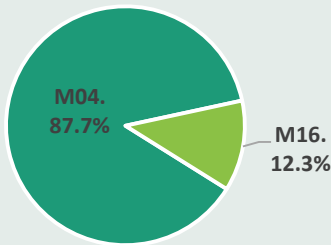
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR) 1.1 m

**Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M04	7.5
M16	1.1

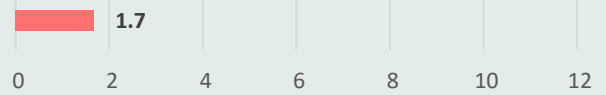
Target indicator

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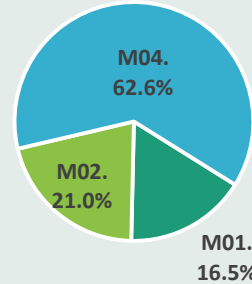
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) 9.8 m

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M02	0.4
M04	1.0

Target indicator

Value

T17 - % of Livestock Units (LU) concerned by investments in livestock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions 16.1 %

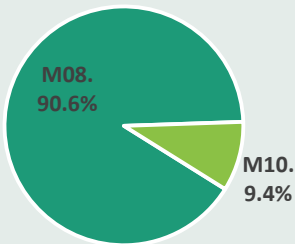
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors**

**Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

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

5.3 %

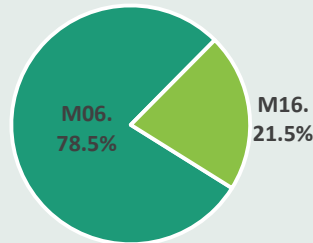
**P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas**

**Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

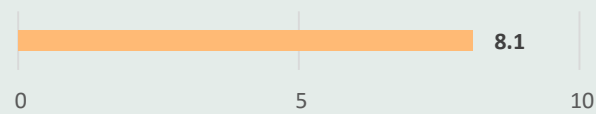
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

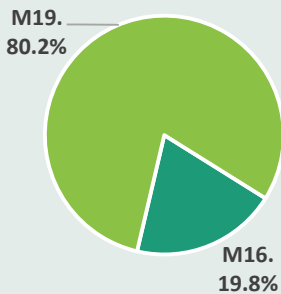
77.0

**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

100.0 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

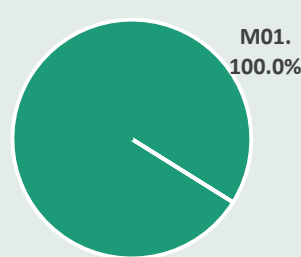
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**Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

MT02 - % of total public expenditure (M1.1 to M1.3) allocated for ICT actions/interventions

20.0 %

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

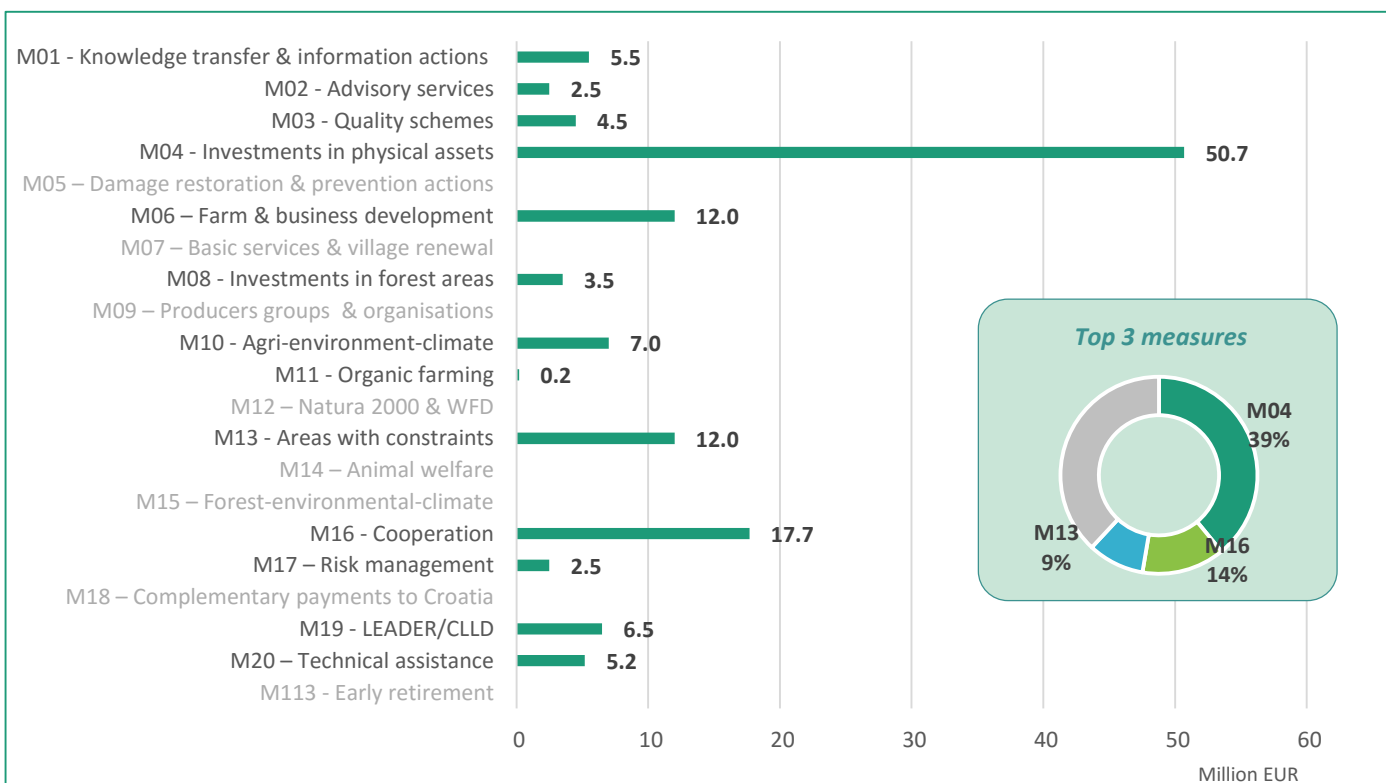
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	17.7	13.7 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	15.9	12.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	52.5	40.4 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	25.3	19.5 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	13.3	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 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	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								40%			40%	10%		5%				5%	100%	5.5
M02 - Advisory services				8%	8%			42%			14%	14%		14%					100%	2.5
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	4.5
M04 - Investments in physical assets				16%	2%	12%		38%			14%	1%	15%	2%					100%	50.7
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development				32%	36%										32%				100%	12.0
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																				
M08 - Investments in forest areas								50%						50%					100%	3.5
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								97%						3%					100%	7.0
M11 - Organic farming						50%		50%											100%	0.2
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	12.0
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation						14%		53%		12%		6%			6%	9%			100%	17.7
M17 - Risk management							100%												100%	2.5
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	6.5

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	24/11/2015
<b>Maltese National Rural Network</b>	The Maltese National Rural Network <a href="https://secure2.gov.mt/mrra-ma/national-rural-network?!=1">https://secure2.gov.mt/mrra-ma/national-rural-network?!=1</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Funds and Programmes Division within the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto (MEAIM)
<b>Paying agency</b>	Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency (ARPA) within the Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change (MSDEC)
<b>Coordination body</b>	Internal Audit and Investigations Department (IAID) within the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/mt_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/mt_en.htm</a>
<b>National Partnership Agreement summary</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-malta-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-malta-summary_en.pdf</a>
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	<a href="http://eufunds.gov.mt/en/Information/Pages/EU-funds-for-Malta-2014-2020.aspx">http://eufunds.gov.mt/en/Information/Pages/EU-funds-for-Malta-2014-2020.aspx</a>
<b>Rural Development Regulation 2014-2020</b>	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 <a href="#">en</a> ]

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