

## 1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	The Netherlands
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	4.6 million
	% of total population (3)	27.6 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	198.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	23 220
	% of total area (3)	55.9 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	1.9 million
	% of total territory (2)	45.1 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	365 000
	% of total area (2)	10.8 %
Total employment	People (3)	8.7 million
Rural employment	% of total workforce (2)	0.6 %

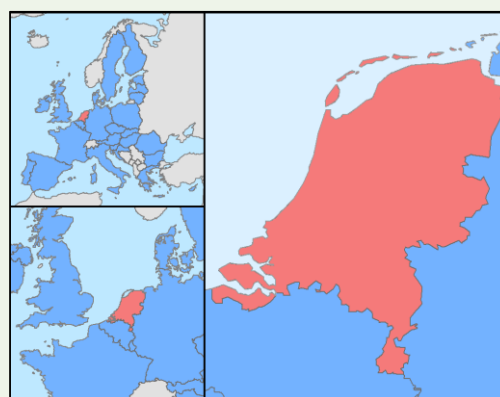
Data source: The Netherlands 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).  
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, include intermediate and predominantly rural regions;  
(2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data.

<b>EAFRD* support:</b> <b>EUR 607 305 360</b> <small>0.6 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	<b>National contribution:</b> <b>EUR 709 035 358</b>	=	<b>Planned total public expenditure:</b> <b>EUR 1 316 340 718</b>
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\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	1.7 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	72 320
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	25.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	15.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	92.3
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 7.7 %.</i>	

Map: The Netherlands



### Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP in the Netherlands aims to increase the competitiveness of farms whilst ensuring environmental sustainability. The programme aims to provide innovative, sustainable investments to 4 % of all farmers (about 2 900 farms). In addition a specific measure is dedicated to young farmers in order to support new investments when they take over the farm. Almost 155 cooperation projects will be established and nearly 11 000 persons will receive training.
- The programme will support agricultural risk management through all-weather insurance schemes, targeting 2 % of all farmers (about 1 500 farmers).
- About 53 % of the RDP support is allocated to improving landscapes, stimulating biodiversity and improving water and soil management on 6% of the agricultural land.
- RDP support has been earmarked (about 7 %) for Community Led Local Development (Leader/CLLD) and it is foreseen it will lead to the creation of 250 new jobs and cover 3 million rural people.

### Examples of key challenges

- In the Netherlands farming is large-scale and intensive with undesirable effects on the environment and climate.
- Due to low profit margins, it remains a challenge for the Netherlands to stimulate innovation to maintain its competitive position. An equally important aspect is the transfer of knowledge which should facilitate the uptake of innovation on a wide scale in agriculture.
- Primary agriculture and horticulture account for 13 % of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The population of birds in farming areas has fallen over the past 30 years by 70 %. The number of farmland birds (including grassland birds) depends very heavily on how farmers manage the land.
- The ability to meet the objectives of the Water Framework Directive also depends on the agricultural sector. Although water quality and the condition of Dutch waterways is improving, more needs to be done.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for the Netherlands*, February 2015.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/nl/factsheet\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/nl/factsheet_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	6.6 %

#### 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)	155 60

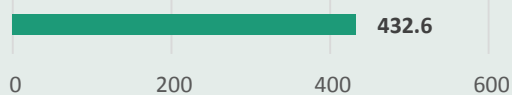
#### Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	11 000

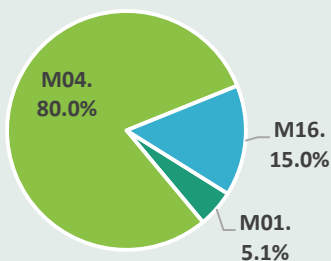
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

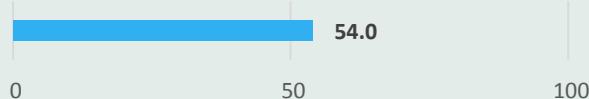


Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.9 %

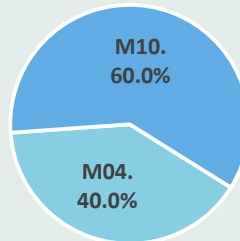
### P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)

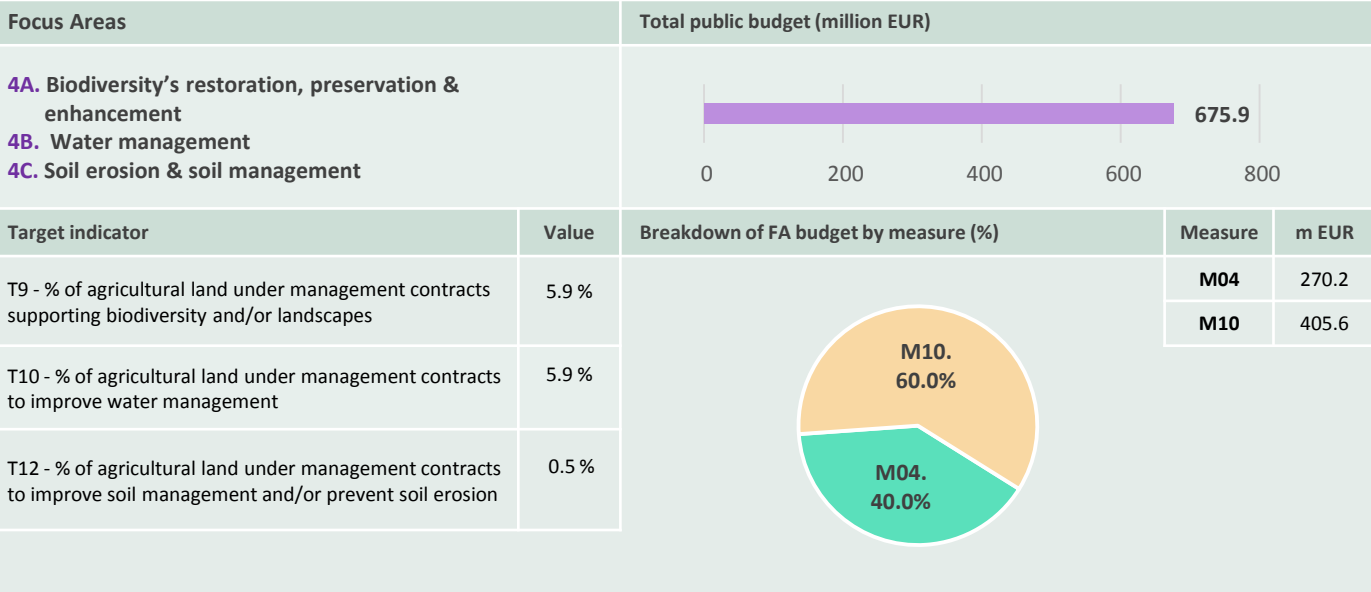


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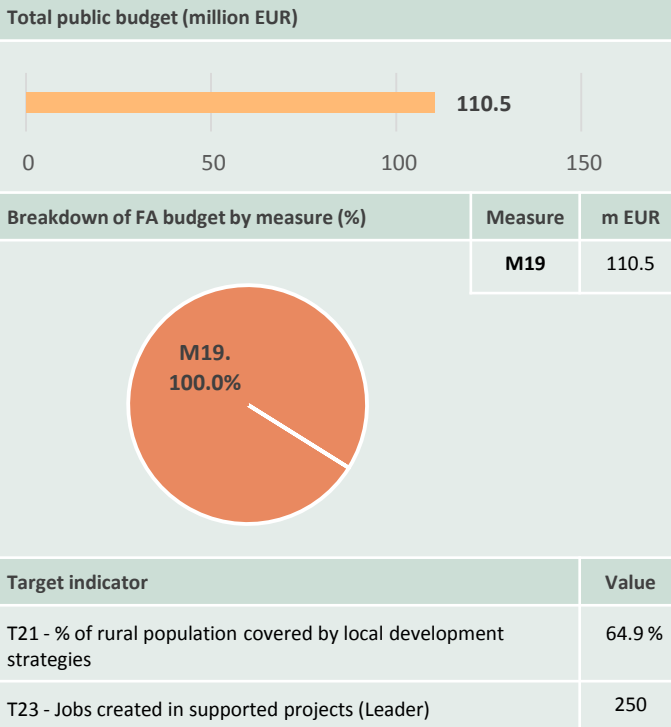
Target indicator	Value
T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes	1.8 %

## P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry



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

### Focus Area 6B. Local development



### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

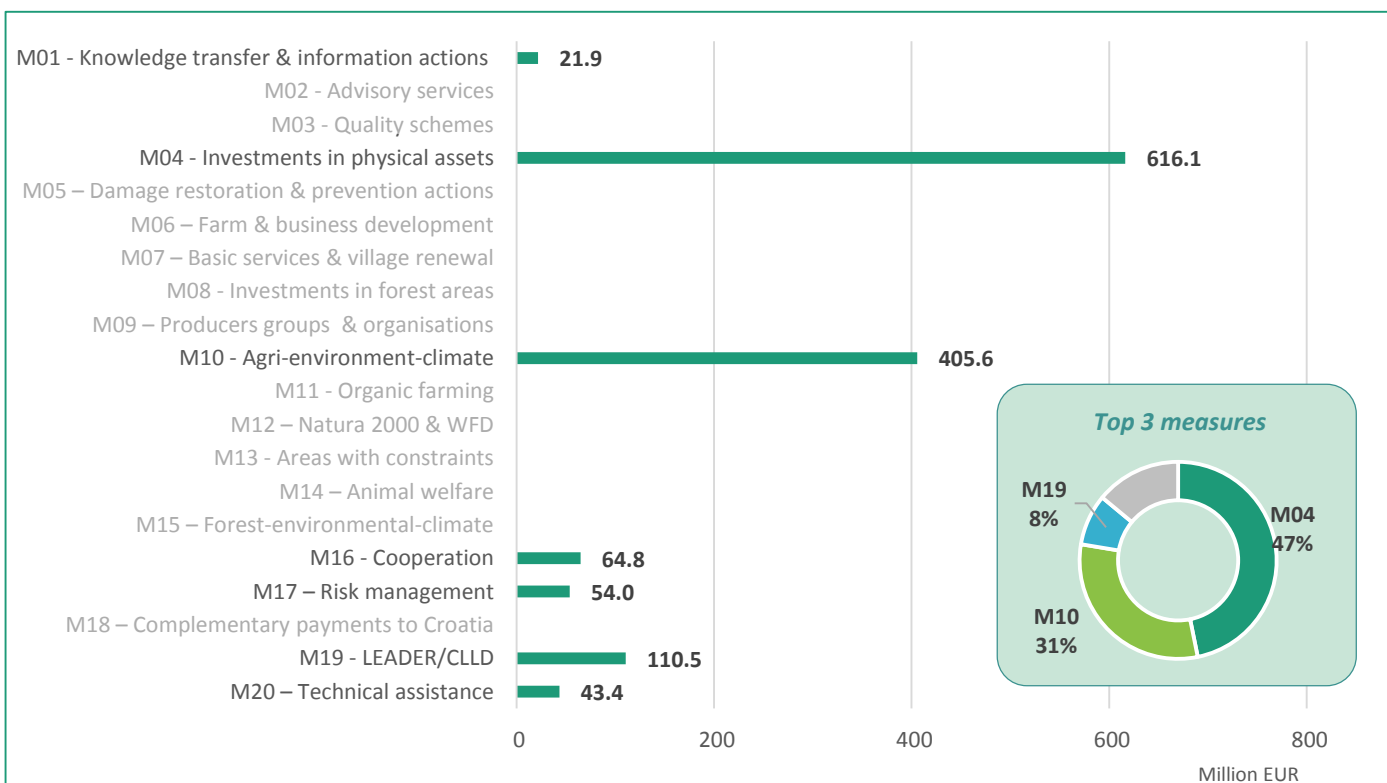
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	432.6	32.9 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	54.0	4.1 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	675.9	51.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	-	-
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	110.5	8.4 %

\* 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				100%															100%	21.9
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				56%				44%											100%	616.1
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development																				
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																				
M08 - Investments in forest areas																				
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	405.6
M11 - Organic farming																				
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints																				
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				100%															100%	64.8
M17 - Risk management							100%												100%	54.0
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	110.5

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	13/02/2015
<b>The Netherlands National Rural Network</b>	Netwerk Platteland <a href="http://www.netwerkplatteland.nl/">http://www.netwerkplatteland.nl/</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Directoraat-Generaal Agro
<b>Paying agency</b>	Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO.nl)
<b>Coordination body</b>	Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Directie Financiële en Economische Zaken (FEZ)
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/nl_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/nl_en.htm</a>
<b>National Partnership Agreement summary</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-nederlands-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-nederlands-summary_en.pdf</a>
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	<a href="http://www.structuurfondsen.nl/">http://www.structuurfondsen.nl/</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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