

### 1. Introduction

There are six Rural Development Priorities set for the 2014-2020 period. **Priority 4** aims at restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry, with a focus on the following areas:







- Restoring, preserving and enhancing biodiversity, including in Natura 2000 areas, and in areas facing natural or other specific constraints, and high nature value farming, as well as the state of European landscapes ([Focus Area 4A](#));
- improving water management, including fertiliser and pesticide management ([Focus Area 4B](#));
- preventing soil erosion and improving soil management ([Focus Area 4C](#)).





### 2. Expected achievements (EU-28)

This section provides information on the common target indicators defined for the Focus Areas under Priority 4 and examples of programme-specific target indicators defined by some RDPs to complement the common targets indicators. In addition, examples of output indicators and the EU-28 public expenditure planned for Priority 4 are introduced in this section.

#### COMMON TARGET INDICATORS\*

-  **3.4 % of forest/other wooded area** under management contracts **supporting biodiversity**
-  **17.7 % of agricultural land** under management contracts **supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes**
-  **15.1 % of agricultural land** under management contracts to **improve water management**
-  **4.2 % of forestry land** under management contracts to **improve water management**
-  **14.3 % agricultural land** under management contracts to **improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion**
-  **3.5 % of forestry land** under management contracts to **improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion**

#### PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC TARGET INDICATORS (Examples)

-  **National programme (Spain)** - Number of hectares restored or under restoration after forest fires or other natural disasters: **1 000 ha**
-  **Midi Pyrenees (France)** - Percentage of forest area under the Natura 2000 forest contracts: **8 %**
-  **Denmark** - Percentage of farms with aid for investments that improve the management of land and / or prevent soil erosion: **3 %**
-  **Greece** - Number of hectares supported for the restoration of damage to forests: **70 000 ha**

#### COMMON OUTPUT INDICATORS (Examples\*\*)

	EU TOTAL
Other areas with significant natural constraints supported – Sub-Measure 13.2	35 m ha
Area under agri-environment-climate	30 m ha
Area supported for the maintenance of organic farming	7.7 m ha
Natura 2000 area receiving compensation payments (Agricultural land)	1.4 m ha
No. of operations supporting non-productive investments	183 607

\* Target values (%) at EU level are calculated on the basis of the total forestry and agricultural land covered by the RDPs that activated the specific Focus Area.

\*\* Selection of common outputs indicators from the complete list of common output indicators.

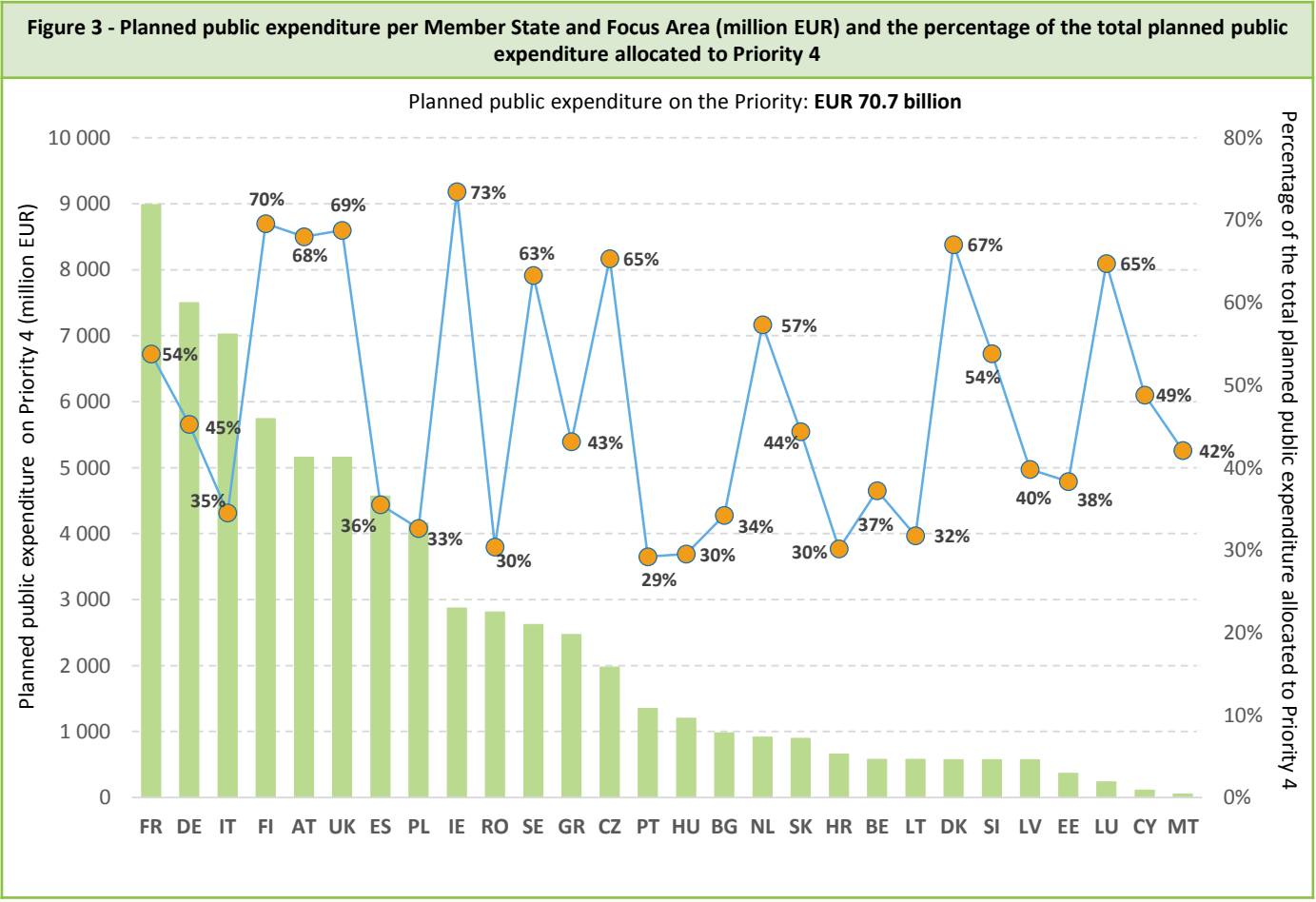
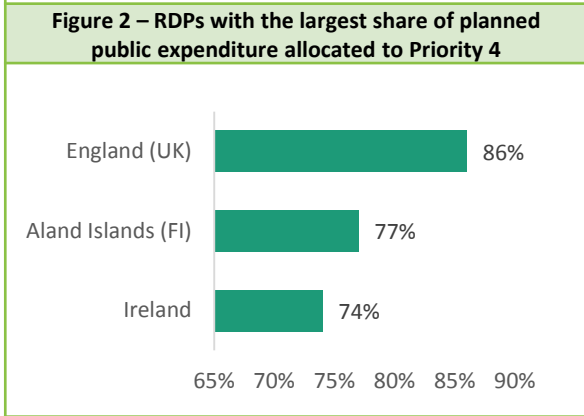
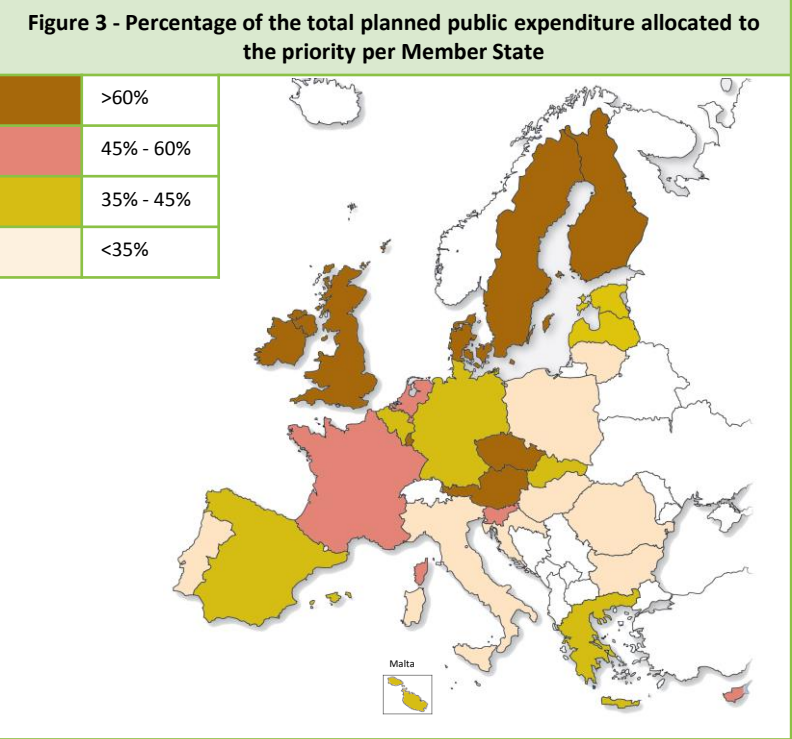
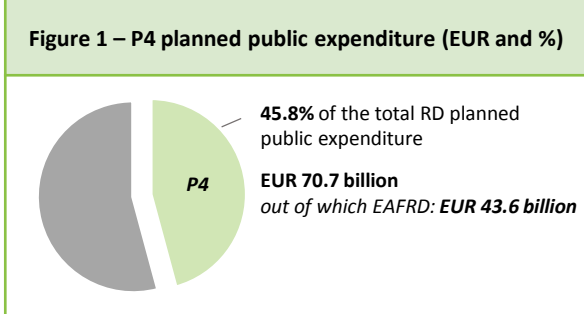
### 3. Expected achievements per Member State

The following table shows for each Member State the common target indicators related to the Priority 4 Focus Areas. The largest values are highlighted in green.

MS	Focus Area 4A Restoring, preserving and enhancing biodiversity		Focus Area 4B Improving water management		Focus Area 4C Preventing soil erosion and improving soil management	
	Percentage of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	Percentage of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	Percentage of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	Percentage of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management	Percentage agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	Percentage of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion
AT	83.1%	0.1%	75.3%	-	78.5%	2.9%
BE	11.1%	4.2%	10.5%	-	7.9%	-
BG	12.0%	2.6%	2.5%	-	1.2%	2.3%
CY	9.1%	7.8%	9.0%	7.8%	20.6%	7.8%
CZ	24.3%	0.1%	11.4%	-	12.4%	0.5%
DE	16.9%	2.8%	7.5%	4.4%	7.0%	8.1%
DK	11.7%	1.5%	7.9%	0.3%	6.8%	-
EE	70.2%	2.5%	63.9%	-	71.0%	-
ES	18.7%	7.5%	15.3%	8.3%	14.8%	5.7%
FI	15.7%	-	81.6%	-	43.8%	-
FR	9.8%	1.4%	7.9%	0.4%	6.4%	0.2%
GR	10.3%	0.1%	12.1%	0.04%	10.7%	0.02%
HR	7.7%	0.3%	5.2%	0.3%	5.2%	0.3%
HU	11.8%	5.1%	3.6%	0.6%	8.4%	0.8%
IE	20.8%	-	20.9%	-	18.1%	-
IT	15.6%	4.4%	15.1%	1.8%	16.3%	4.7%
LT	10.8%	0.4%	2.0%	-	7.8%	-
LU	89.2%	-	28.2%	-	11.4%	-
LV	14.6%	1.2%	16.6%	-	16.6%	-
MT	6.1%	-	3.0%	-	3.0%	-
NL	5.9%	-	6.0%	-	0.5%	-
PL	14.7%	-	14.4%	-	19.1%	-
PT	37.6%	0.9%	10.2%	1.3%	28.5%	1.2%
RO	10.1%	12.2%	11.9%	-	3.8%	1.2%
SE	27.7%	0.03%	33.3%	-	35.0%	-
SI	28.7%	-	24.7%	-	27.2%	-
SK	21.1%	2.6%	20.7%	1.2%	20.7%	1.2%
UK	26.8%	22.7%	23.4%	20.5%	20.5%	18.9%
EU-28	17.7%	3.4%	15.1%	4.2%	14.3%	3.5%

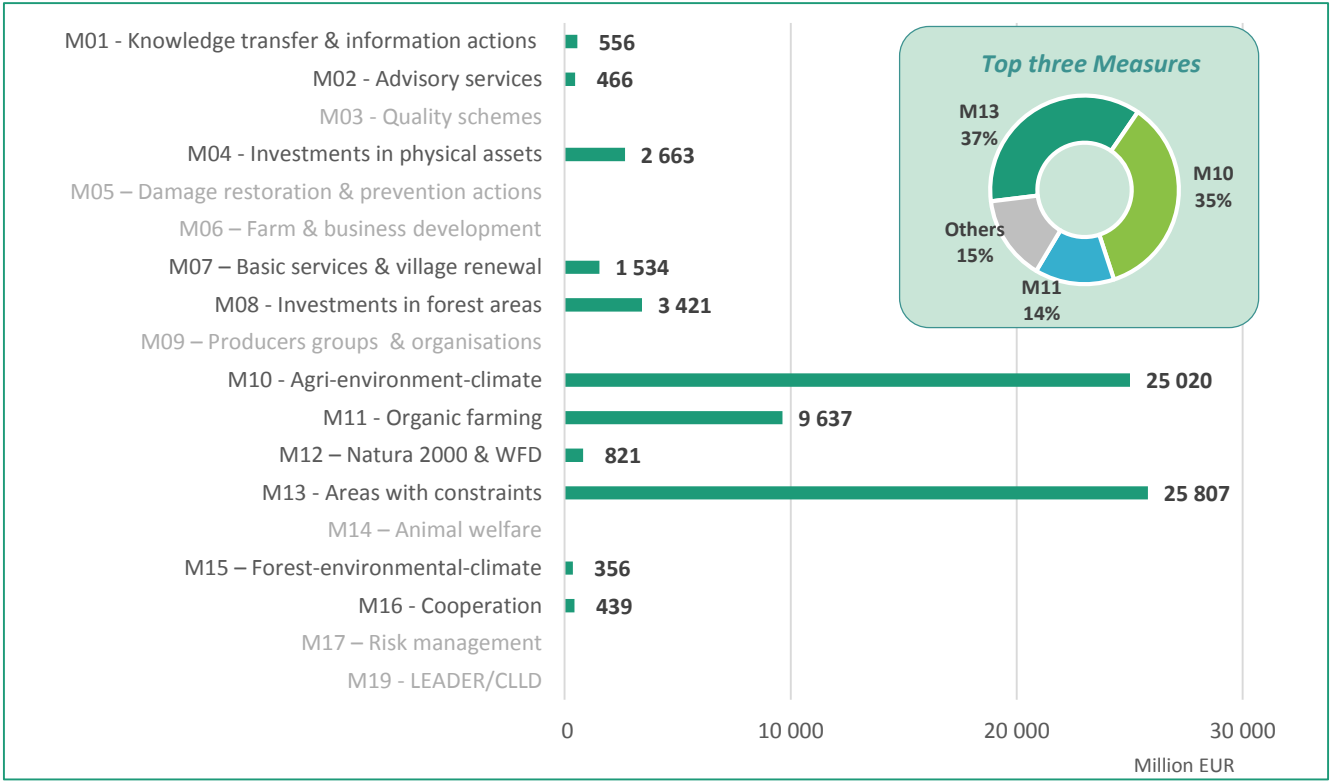
# 4. Planned public expenditure on Priority 4

This section presents an overview of the planned public expenditure allocated to Priority 4. Figure 1 illustrates the three RDPs with the largest percentage of total planned public expenditure allocated to Priority 4. Figure 2 shows the percentage of the total planned public expenditure allocated to Priority 4 by Member State. Figure 3 combines information on the planned public expenditure on Priority 4 by Member State (in Million EUR) with the percentage of the total planned public expenditure allocated to Priority 4. For Member States with regional RDPs the national planned public expenditure for the priority is calculated as sum of the regional RDPs.



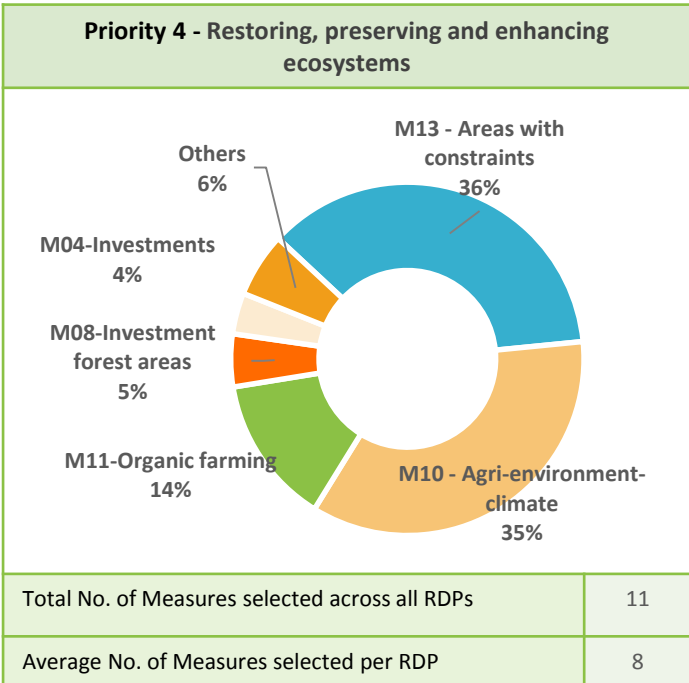
## 5. Planned public expenditure per Measure

The following chart provides an overview of the distribution of the planned public expenditure on Priority 4 by Measure (million EUR).



## 6. Intervention logic at EU Level

The following charts show the planned public expenditure on Priority 4 by Measure to provide an overall indication of the interventions designed in the RDPs.



## 7. Measure mix per Member State


The following table shows the weight that each Member State (MS) has given to the various measures available under this Priority in order to achieve the targets set under this Priority. Highlighted cells indicate the largest budget share allocation per MS. The last column and row present the planned public expenditure per measure and per MS for Priority 4 (million EUR).

 = Largest budget share allocation per MS

	M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions	M02 - Advisory services	M04 - Investments in physical assets	M07 – Basic services & village renewal	M08 - Investments in forest areas	M10 – Agri-environment-climate	M11 – Organic farming	M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD	M13 – ANC	M15 – Forest-environmental-climate	M16 – Cooperation	Total	Planned expenditure (million EUR)
AT	1%	0.1%	0.3%	3%	2%	43%	15%	0.1%	35%	0.1%	0.3%	100 %	5 156
BE	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	55%	19%	7%	10%		0.1%	100 %	579
BG	1%	0.1%	16%		2%	22%	15%	14%	28%	1%	1%	100 %	983
CY	0.1%				3%	47%	13%	4%	34%		0.3%	100 %	112
CZ	0.1%	0.2%			2%	46%	17%	0%	34%	0.4%		100 %	1 977
DE	1%	0.5%	3%	8%	3%	38%	22%	2%	22%	0.2%	0.4%	100 %	7 504
DK	4%		32%	0.02%	8%	33%	19%			4%		100 %	576
EE	1%	0.2%	1%		0.3%	67%	21%	9%			0.4%	100 %	366
ES	1%	0.2%	5%	3%	26%	30%	15%	1%	20%	0.4%	1%	100 %	4 571
FI	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%			28%	6%		65%		0.3%	100 %	5 743
FR	0.3%	0.1%	1%	5%	1%	20%	9%	0.04%	63%	0.003%	0.5%	100 %	8 989
GR	1%	6%	1%	0.03%	8%	17%	21%	0.4%	45%		1%	100 %	2 472
HR	1%	2%	4%		7%	17%	20%		49%			100 %	658
HU	1%	1%	2%		1%	53%	17%	14%	6%	4%	1%	100 %	1 203
IE	1%	0.03%	4%	0.2%		42%	2%	3%	48%		0.1%	100 %	2 873
IT	1%	1%	4%	0.4%	10%	33%	24%	1%	22%	1%	3%	100 %	7 025
LT	0.5%	0.04%	1%		4%	18%	26%	1%	50%	0.2%	0.1%	100 %	578
LU						47%	3%	3%	47%			100 %	236
LV	1%	1%			1%	19%	26%	4%	47%			100 %	575
MT	4%	2%	37%		3%	13%	0.2%		23%		18%	100 %	52
NL			46%			54%						100 %	918
PL	0.3%		2%			28%	17%		52%			100 %	4 161
PT	0.2%	1%	7%		18%	41%	7%	4%	21%	0.4%	1%	100 %	1 349
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SE	3%	2%	0.3%	2%	0.5%	37%	19%		37%		0.4%	100 %	2 624
SI	2%	2%			4%	35%	10%		46%		1%	100 %	575
SK	0.3%	0.1%	5%		13%	16%	10%	1%	54%	1%	0.2%	100 %	897
UK	0.1%	1%	11%	1%	7%	71%	2%		7%	1%	1%	100 %	5 156
EU-28 (%)	1%	1%	4%	2%	5%	35%	14%	1%	36%	1%	1%	100 %	70 720
EU-28 (mil. EUR)	556	466	2 663	1 534	3 421	25 020	9 637	821	25 807	356	439	-	

## 8. Additional information

### 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  ]

### RDP Summaries

Developed by the ENRD, these summarise the relevant information of all the RDPs approved [\[here\]](#)

### Focus Area Summaries

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**Source of information:** All data presented in this summary comes from the European Commission-approved 2014-2020 Rural Development Programmes (118 RDPs in total). In this fiche, public expenditure means total public expenditure (= EAFRD + Member States matching funds + any national top-ups). Due to rounding, there may be small discrepancies between some figures presented. Data includes programme modifications until March 2016. Out of the 118 Rural Development Programmes only the 112 national and regional Programmes have been considered because National Frameworks and National Rural Network Programmes do not allocate budget on Measures. Please note that data and calculations provided do not include M20 (Technical Assistance), or M18 (Complementary payments to Croatia). Icons source: [www.flaticon.com](http://www.flaticon.com)

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