

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Portugal
	Region	Azores
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	247 400
	% of total population (5)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	106.1
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	2 333
	% of total area (5)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	120 400
	% of total territory (3)	51.6 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	74 600
	% of total area (2)	22.2 %
Total employment	People (5)	100 100
Rural employment	% of total workforce (5)	100.0 %

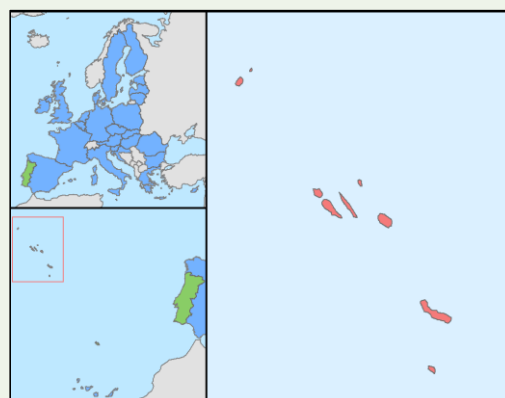
Data source: Portugal - Azores 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2007 data; (3) 2009 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 295 282 051 <small>0.3 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 45 204 815	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 340 486 866
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (4)	9.6 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	13 500
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	8.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA	n/a
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	n/a	n/a

Map: Portugal - Azores



Examples of expected achievements

- More than 40 % of the RDP has been allocated to promoting the competitiveness of the agricultural and agro-industry sector. Farm investments will aim at modernising and restructuring around 1 000 agricultural holdings (7 % of all farms), and supporting innovation through 3 European Innovation Partnership (EIP) operational groups. 1 700 farmers will be trained and the generational renewal of farming in the Azores is foreseen through the support of 187 young farmers.
- For promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products 110 holdings are expected to participate in quality schemes, adding value to agricultural products.
- Around 40 % of the funds have been allocated to restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry. 23 % of the agricultural land will be under contract for biodiversity, 23 % for water management and 58 % for soil management.
- About 300 ha of agricultural and forest land will be under management contracts to foster carbon sequestration or conservation.
- The CLLD/Leader approach will cover the entire population of Azores with a focus on improving the living conditions of the rural population and on helping to create 80 new jobs as well as new business opportunities.

Examples of key challenges

- The entire territory of Azores is facing natural constraints which limit the use of land, considerably increasing the costs of production. These constraints are related to difficult weather conditions, altitude, and steep slopes which hamper the use of machinery. Also transport to and from the mainland is costly, which makes agricultural production on the islands more expensive.
- However, agricultural activity is essential to avoid the abandonment of the countryside and is also essential for preserving the environment, the natural habitats and the rural communities.
- Consequently, a key challenge will be to improve the competitiveness of farm holdings whilst supporting the traditional and environmentally-sustainable agricultural systems and landscapes.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Portugal Azores*, February 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/pt/factsheet-azores_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	3 %

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)	19 3

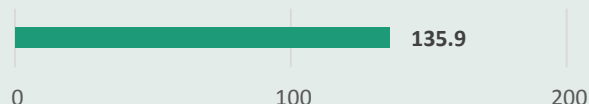
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	1 687

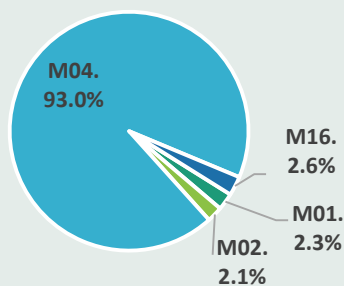
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



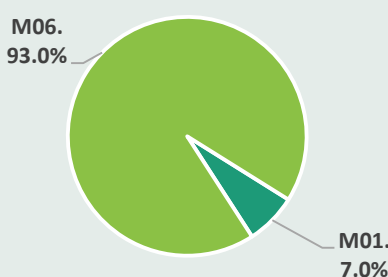
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	6.9 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

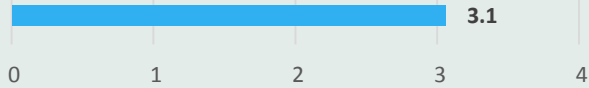


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	1.4 %

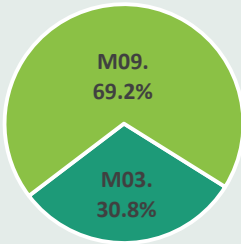
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M03	0.9
M09	2.1

Target indicator

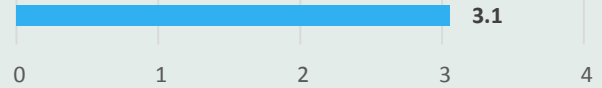
Value

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

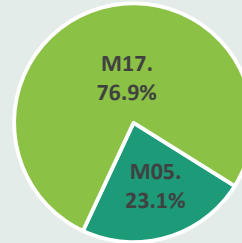
0.8 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M05	0.7
M17	2.3

Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

1.1 %

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

1.4%

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

22.9%

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

22.5%

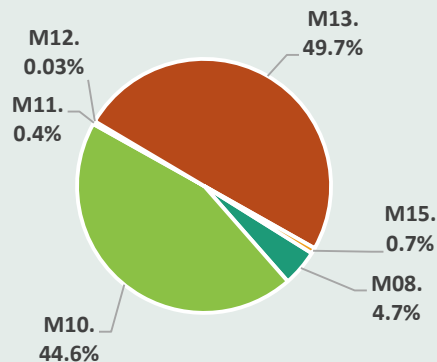
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

57.4%

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

0.8%

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

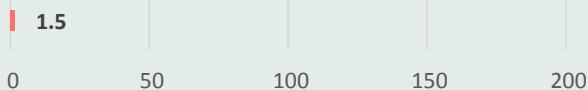


Measure	m EUR
M08	6.6
M10	62.9
M11	0.5
M12	0.04
M13	70.1
M15	1.0

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

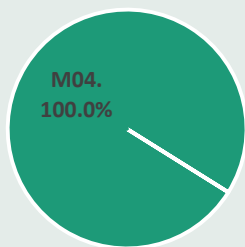
Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

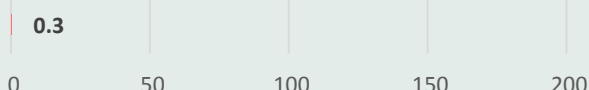
Measure	m EUR
M04	1.5



Target indicator	Value
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)	2.0 m

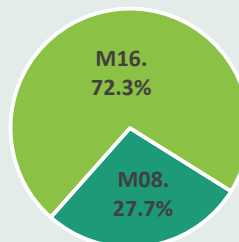
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

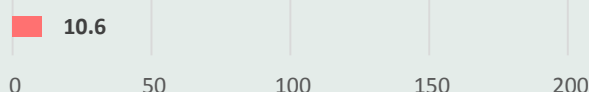
Measure	m EUR
M08	0.09
M16	0.2



Target indicator	Value
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)	112 500

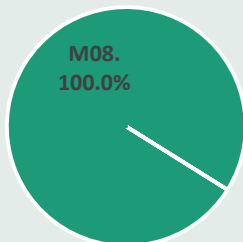
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	10.6



Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	0.2 %

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

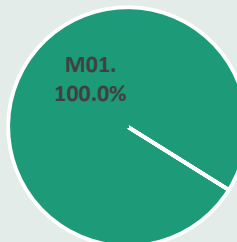
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	22.4



Target indicator	Value
T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	100 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	80

3. Planned expenditure per priority

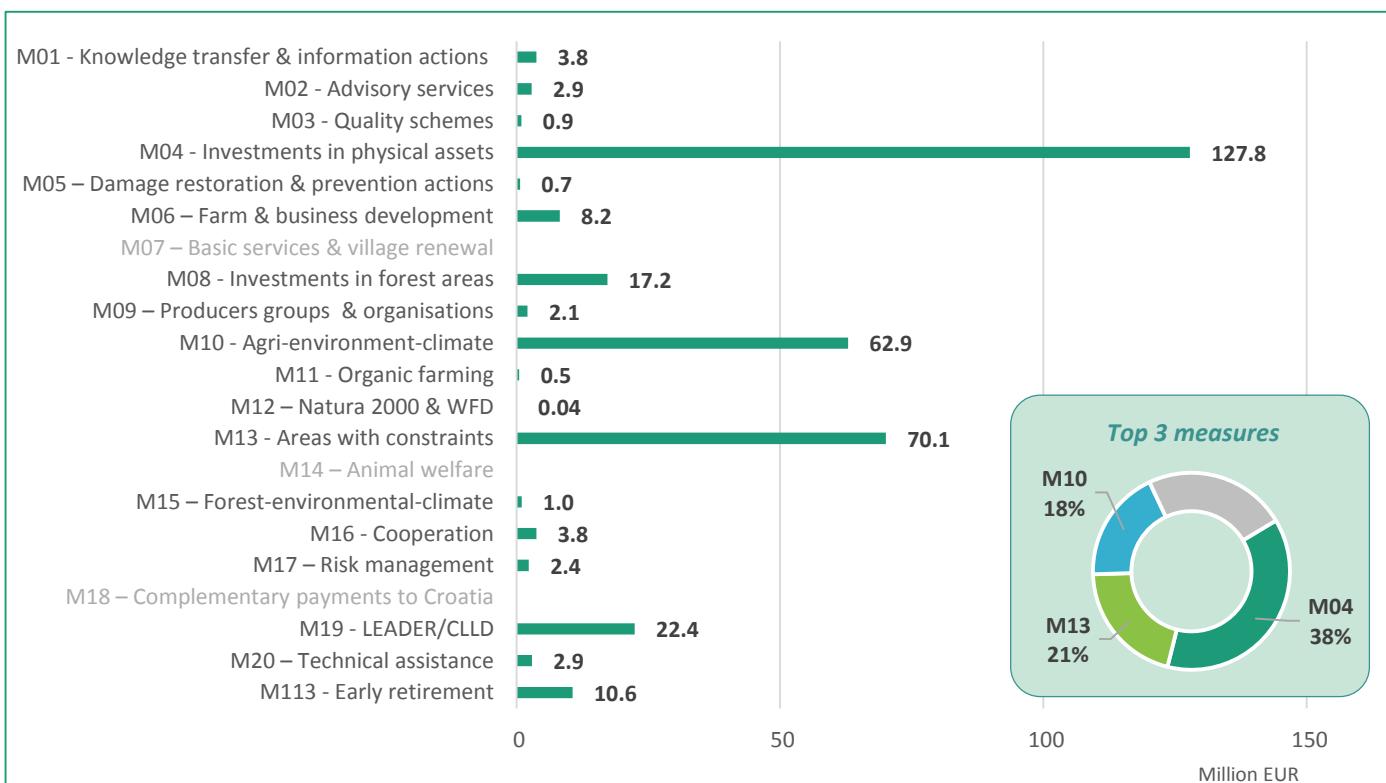
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	144.7	42.5 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	6.1	1.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	141.2	41.5 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	12.4	3.6 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	22.4	6.6 %

* 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				84%	16%														100%	3.8
M02 - Advisory services				100%															100%	2.9
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	0.9
M04 - Investments in physical assets				99%								1%							100%	127.8
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	0.7
M06 - Farm & business development					100%														100%	8.2
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																				
M08 - Investments in forest areas									38%			0.5%		61%					100%	17.2
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%													100%	2.1
M10 - Agri-environment-climate									100%										100%	62.9
M11 - Organic farming									100%										100%	0.5
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD									100%										100%	0.04
M13 - Areas with constraints									100%										100%	70.1
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate									100%										100%	1.0
M16 - Cooperation				94%								6%							100%	3.8
M17 - Risk management							100%												100%	2.3
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	22.4

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	13/02/2015
Portuguese National Rural Network	Rede Rural Nacional http://www.rederural.pt/index.php/pt/
Managing authority	Direção Regional do Desenvolvimento Rural
Paying agency	IFAP – Instituto de Financiamento da Agricultura e Pescas
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/pt_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-portugal-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	https://www.portugal2020.pt/Portal2020
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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