

### 1. General information

<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>
	<b>Region</b>	/
<b>Rural population (1)</b>	<b>Inhabitants (4)</b>	2.1 million
	<b>% of total population (4)</b>	100.0 %
	<b>Density - Inhab/km2 (4)</b>	101.6
<b>Rural area (1)</b>	<b>Km2 (4)</b>	20 300
	<b>% of total area (4)</b>	100.0 %
<b>Agricultural area</b> <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	<b>Ha (4)</b>	602 200
	<b>% of total territory (4)</b>	29.7 %
<b>Forest and other wooded land</b>	<b>Ha (2)</b>	1.3 million
	<b>% of total area (2)</b>	62.8 %
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>People (4)</b>	920 600
<b>Rural employment</b>	<b>% of total workforce (2)</b>	39.6 %

Data source: Slovenia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).  
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, Include intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2013 data.

**EAFRD\* support:**  
**EUR 837 849 803**  
*0.9 % of Total EAFRD  
support for EU-28*



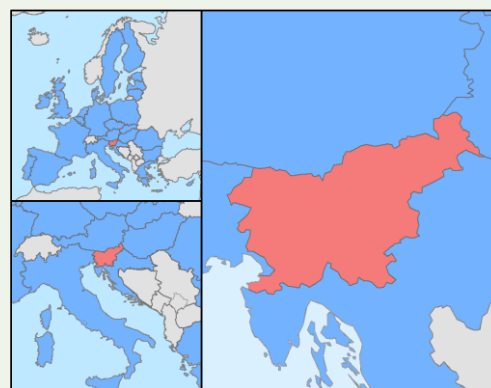
**National  
contribution:**  
**EUR 269 429 530**

**Planned total public  
expenditure:**  
**EUR 1 107 279 333**

\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

<b>Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)</b>	<b>% of total (4)</b>	2.9 %
<b>No of agricultural holdings</b>	<b>No (4)</b>	72 400
<b>Average farm size</b>	<b>ha UAA/holding (4)</b>	6.6
<b>High Nature Value farming</b>	<b>% of total UAA (3)</b>	75.6 %
<b>Farmland Birds Index (FBI)</b>	<b>Index 2000 = 100</b>	78.4
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 21.6 %.</i>	

**Map: Slovenia**



#### Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support nearly 100 000 places on training courses for rural people and businesses.
- About 3 % of holdings will receive support to invest in organic production, adaptation to climate change, animal welfare, water and energy efficiency and general technological improvements. Furthermore, 3.5 % of holdings should receive support for young farmers to get started and for structural adjustment after the initial setting-up.
- Added value will be created by improving product quality and marketing, through support for new participation in quality schemes and for setting up producer groups.
- Almost 30 % of farmland will be placed under funded contracts to improve biodiversity, 24 % under contracts for better water management and 27 % under contracts for improving soil management.
- The RDP will also fund Local Development Strategies drawn up and implemented by Local Action Groups (LAGs) under the LEADER approach covering areas containing 66 % of the rural population. Nearly 600 jobs will be created through support to create and develop small businesses and allow farms to diversify into non-agricultural activities.

#### Examples of key challenges

- Slovenia covers an area of 20 273 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 37.9 % is designated as NATURA 2000 areas and 75.3 % is facing natural constraints. Challenges are related to land abandonment, pressure on biodiversity and to the status of ecosystems characterized by pollution of surface and ground waters.
- It is necessary to address the low productivity of agriculture, improve inadequate agricultural infrastructure and help young farmers to get started. Slovenia has more than 72 000 agricultural holdings – with an average size of 6.6 ha and an average standard output of EUR 16 200. Of these, some 61 000 holdings farm less than 10 ha and 62 100 generate less than EUR 15 000 of standard output. Only 7.7 % of farm managers are young farmers.
- Slovenia has also a high unemployment rate – at 10 % (2013) for the population in general, and 21.6 % among those younger than 24 years. In this context, the creation of businesses other than those related to agriculture is also a key for creating jobs and fostering local development in rural areas.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Slovenia*, February 2015.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/si/factsheet\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/si/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	3.9 %

#### 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)	60 9

#### 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	99 600

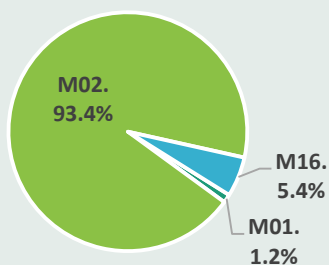
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



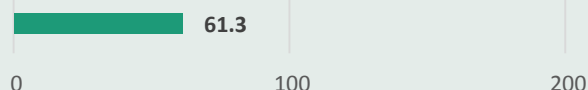
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



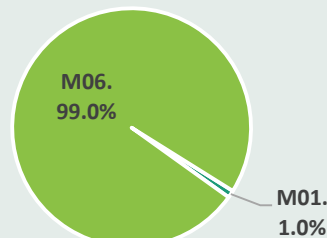
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.4 %

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

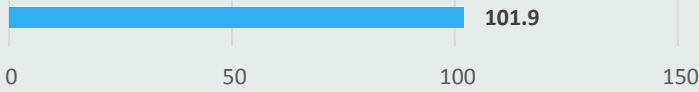


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	3.5 %

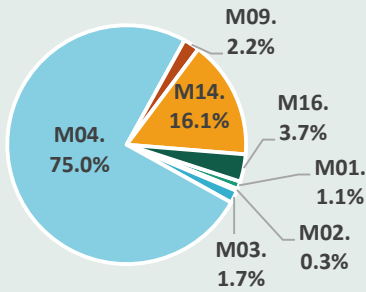
**P3 – Food chain & risk management:** Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	1.1
M02	0.3
M03	1.7
M04	76.4
M09	2.2
M14	16.4
M16	3.8

Target indicator

Value

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

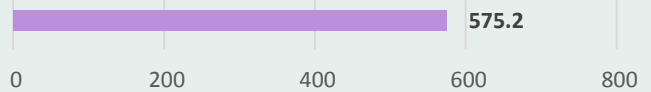
1.7 %

**P4 – Ecosystems management:** Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and Forestry

Focus Areas

Total public budget (million EUR)

- 4A. Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement
- 4B. Water management
- 4C. Soil erosion & soil management



Target indicator

Value

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure

m EUR

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

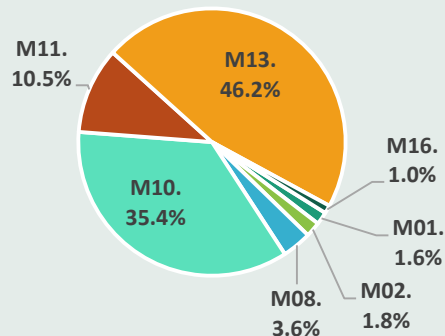
28.7%

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

24.7%

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

27.2%



Measure	m EUR
M01	8.9
M02	10.5
M08	20.5
M10	203.6
M11	60.2
M13	265.9
M16	5.6

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

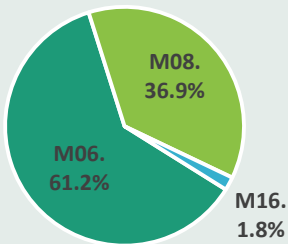
**Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	64.7
M08	39.0
M16	1.9



Target indicator

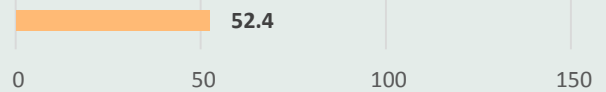
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

500

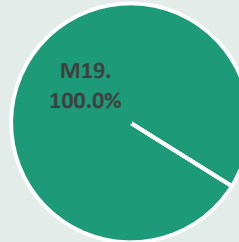
**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	52.4



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

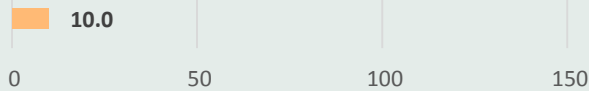
65.6 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (Leader)

66

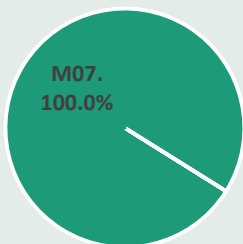
**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	10.0



Target indicator

Value

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

1.7 %

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

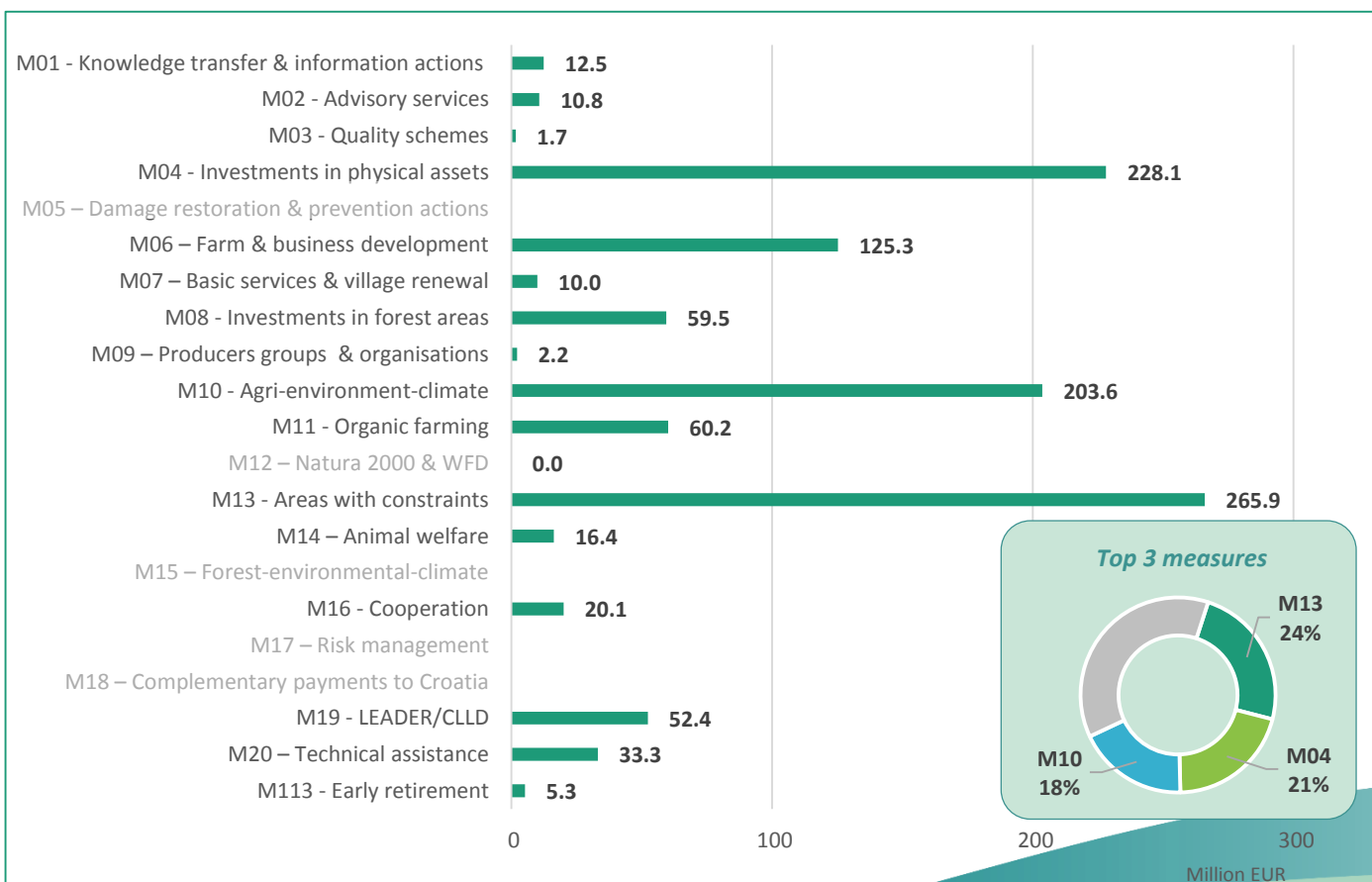
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	223.6	20.2 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	101.9	9.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	575.2	51.9 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	-	-
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	168.0	15.2 %

\* 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				15%	5%	9%		71%											100%	12.5
M02 - Advisory services						3%		97%											100%	10.8
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	1.7
M04 - Investments in physical assets				67%		33%													100%	228.1
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					48%										52%				100%	125.3
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																	100%	100%	10.0	
M08 - Investments in forest areas								34%							66%			100%	59.5	
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%												100%	2.2	
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%										100%	203.6	
M11 - Organic farming								100%										100%	60.2	
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	265.9
M14 - Animal welfare						100%												100%	16.4	
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				44%	19%			28%							9%			100%	20.1	
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%		100%	52.4	

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	13/02/2015
<b>Slovenian National Rural Network</b>	Nacionalna mreža za podeželje <a href="http://www.arhiv.mkgp.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_programa_razvoja_podezelja/mreza_za_podezelje/">http://www.arhiv.mkgp.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_programa_razvoja_podezelja/mreza_za_podezelje/</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, Direktorat za kmetijstvo
<b>Paying agency</b>	Agencija RS za kmetijske trge in razvoj podeželja
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/si_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/si_en.htm</a>
<b>National Partnership Agreement summary</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-slovenia-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-slovenia-summary_en.pdf</a>
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	<a href="http://www.eu-skladi.si/2014-2020/partnerski-sporazum-med-republiko-slovenijo-in-evropsko-komisijo">http://www.eu-skladi.si/2014-2020/partnerski-sporazum-med-republiko-slovenijo-in-evropsko-komisijo</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  ]

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