

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	United Kingdom
	Region	Wales
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	3.0 million
	% of total population (3)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	184.5
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	21 225
	% of total area (3)	100 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	1.4 million
	% of total territory (2)	67.1 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (4)	0.3 million
	% of total area (4)	14.8 %
Total employment	People (2)	1.3 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	30.1 %

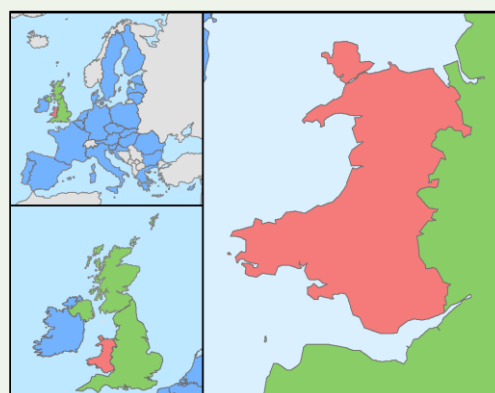
Data source: United Kingdom –Wales 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) Programme-specific Context Indicators, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2014 data; (5) 2015 data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 655 839 163 <i>0.7 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</i>	+	National contribution: EUR 470 586 543	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 1 126 425 706
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	0.3 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	24 120
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	59.0
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	19.1 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	85.0
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 15.0 %.</i>	

Map: United Kingdom - Wales



Examples of expected achievements

- Around 13 000 farmers will be trained to increase their knowledge and skills. In total 1 147 cooperation operations are envisaged, mainly encouraging farm partnerships or establishing Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- More than 10 % of Welsh agricultural holdings will be restructured and modernised. Almost 1 % of holdings will benefit from support specifically targeted on young farmers.
- The RDP aims to protect 700 000 ha of farmland through environmental land management targeted on specific biodiversity, water management and soil erosion issues. The biodiversity and water management focus areas are the most important, since Wales is aiming to cover some 49 % of Welsh agricultural land under each of them.
- The programme will support investments and co-operation projects aimed at increasing efficiency in energy use in agriculture and food processing. Support will also target investments in renewable energy production and the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.
- Support under Priority 6 “Social inclusion and local development” is expected to create some 250 jobs in rural areas. Local Development Strategies (LDS) implemented by 18 Local Action Groups (LAGs) will have a focus on supporting jobs and growth.
- About half a million people will benefit from improved Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and broadband infrastructure.

Examples of key challenges

- Natural resources, land, air and ecosystems provide the foundation for living and working in Wales. However around a third of the services provided by ecosystems in Wales have been assessed as currently declining.
- Total GHG emissions from agriculture and related land use for Wales have declined by around 21 % between 1990 and 2011. The ambition of Wales is to further reduce GHG emissions from agriculture.
- As for the socio-economic context, the productivity of the rural workforce is relatively low.
- Concerning farming and forestry, Wales, has relatively low productivity when compared with its competitors. The lack of a skilled workforce is a barrier to growth for farms.
- Limited access to fast broadband remains a challenge for businesses and households.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Wales*, May 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk/factsheet-wales_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	14.1 %

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)	1 147 45

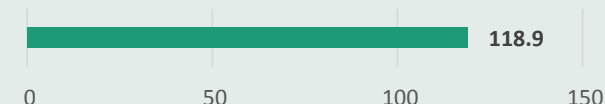
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	13 000

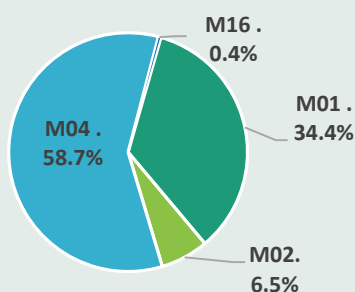
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



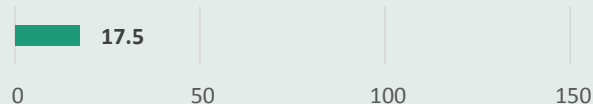
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



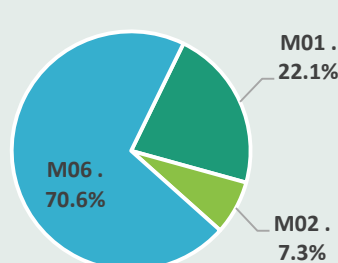
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	10.1 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

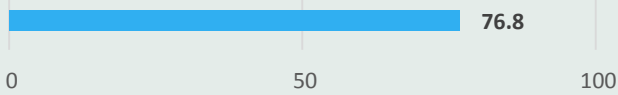


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.7 %

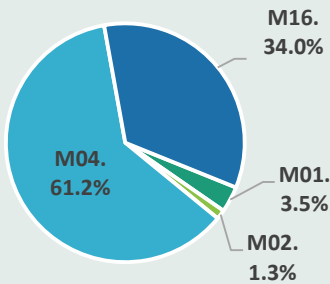
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure

m EUR

M01

2.7

M02

1.0

M04

47.1

M16

26.1

Target indicator

Value

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

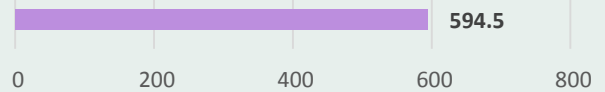
0.7 %

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

9.0 %

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

49.1 %

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

49.1 %

T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management

0.9 %

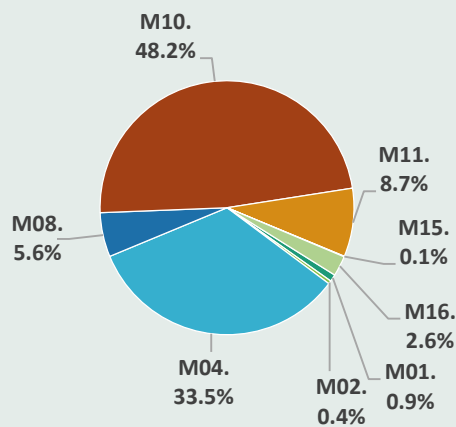
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

8.5 %

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

1.1 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure

m EUR

M01

5.4

M02

2.4

M04

199.4

M08

33.5

M10

286.3

M11

51.8

M15

0.4

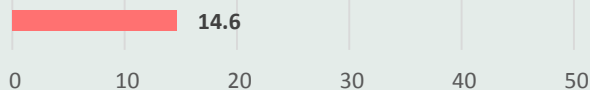
M16

15.3

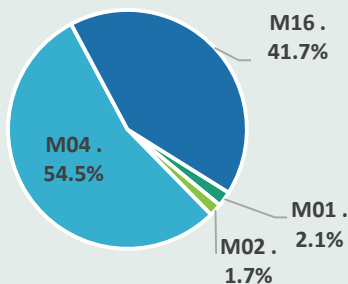
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

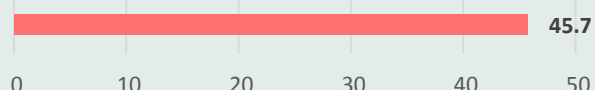


Target indicator

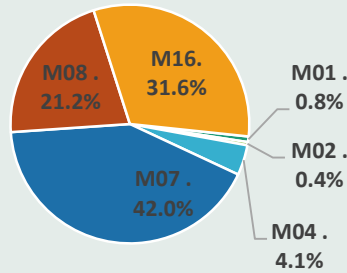
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR) 19.9 m

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

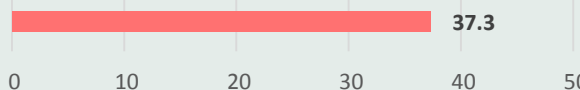


Target indicator

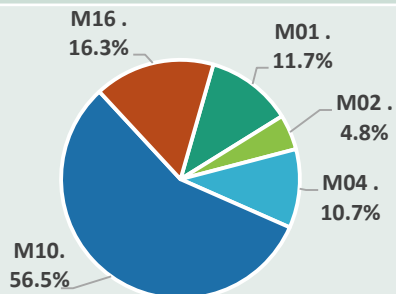
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR) 50.4 m

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

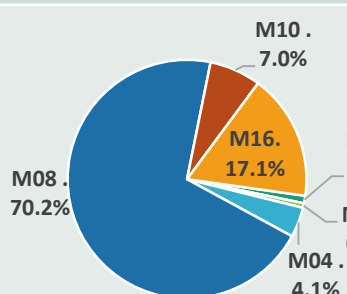
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions 14.0 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



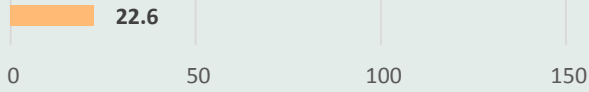
Target indicator

T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation 0.1 %

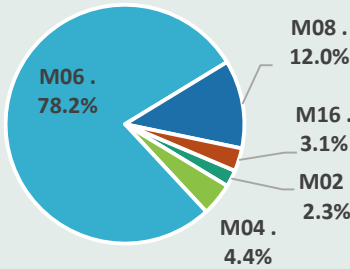
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M02	0.5
M04	1.0
M06	17.7
M08	2.7
M16	0.7

Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

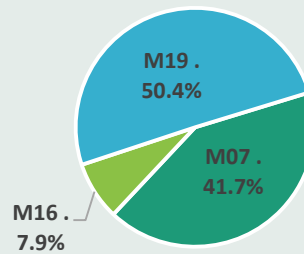
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	46.5
M016	8.8
M19	56.1

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

45.5 %

T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures

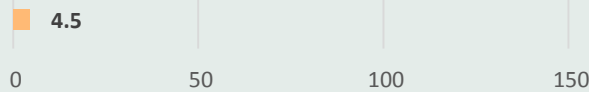
45.5 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

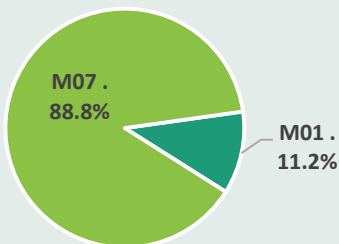
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.5
M07	4.0

Target indicator

Value

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

16.5 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

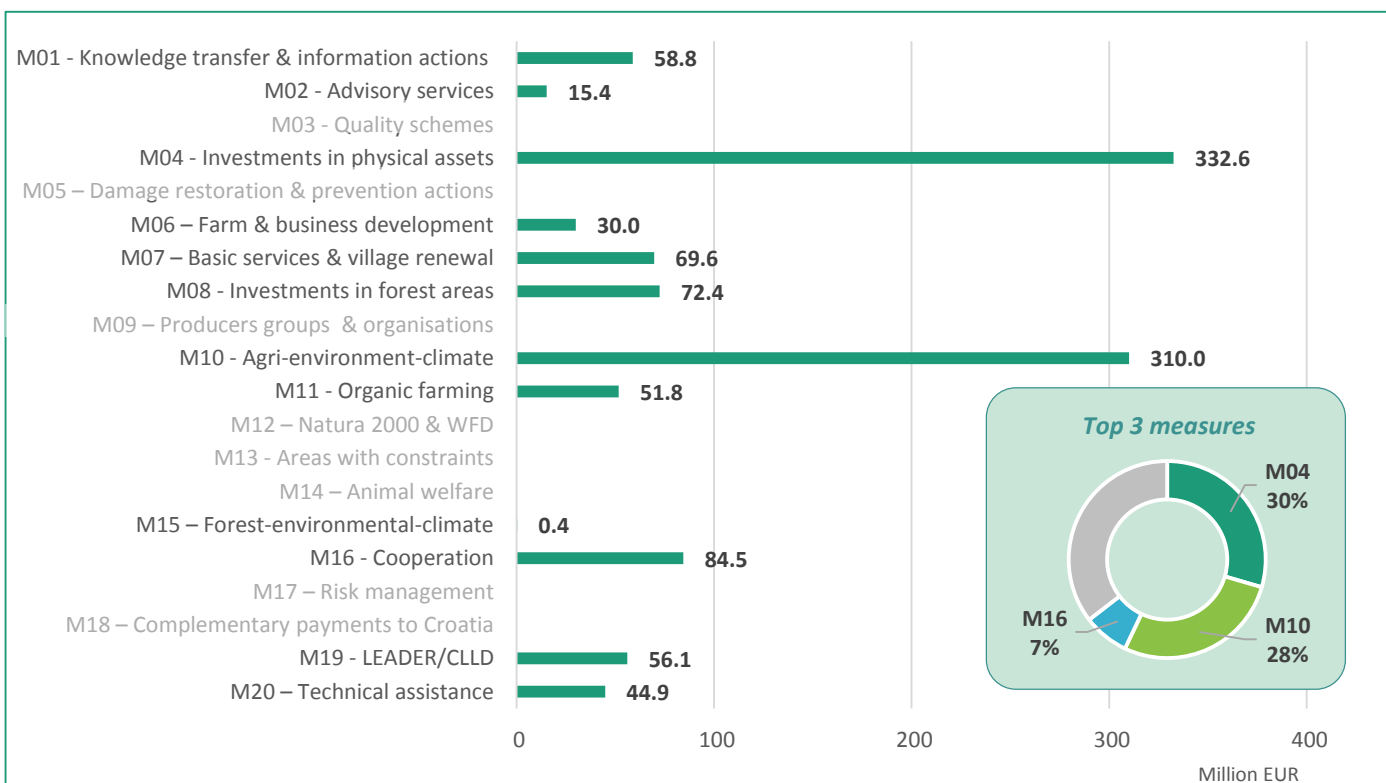
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	136.4	12.1 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	76.8	6.8 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	594.5	52.8 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	135.4	12.0 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	138.4	12.3 %

* 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				70%	7%	5%		9%				1%	1%	7%	1%			1%	100%	58.8
M02 - Advisory services				50%	8%	6%		16%				2%	1%	12%	2%	3%			100%	15.4
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				21%		14%		60%				2%	1%	1%	1%	0.3%			100%	332.6
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					41%											59%			100%	30.0
M07 - Basic services & village renewal												28%					67%	6%	100%	69.7
M08 - Investments in forest areas								46%					13%		37%	4%			100%	72.4
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								92%						7%	1%				100%	310.0
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	51.8
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints																				
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	0.4
M16 - Cooperation				1%		31%		18%				7%	17%	7%	8%	1%	10%		100%	84.5
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	56.1

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Wales National Rural Network	Wales Rural Network http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/cap/walesruralnetwork/?lang=en
Managing authority	Welsh Government – Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine Group - CAP Planning Division
Paying agency	Welsh Government – Agriculture Fisheries and Marine Group - Rural Payments Wales
Coordination body	UK Co-ordinating Body
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-united-kingdom-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-uk-proposals
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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