

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Spain
	Region	Aragon
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	576 600
	% of total population (5)	42.8 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	12.5
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	46 100
	% of total area (5)	96.7 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	2.3 million
	% of total territory (6)	49.2 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (6)	2.7 million
	% of total area (6)	55.8 %
Total employment	People (5)	515 000
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (5)	26.6 %

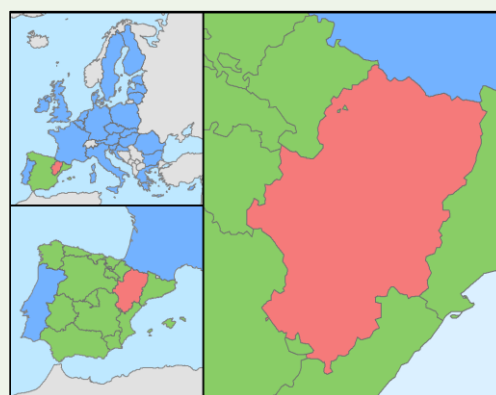
Data source: Spain - Aragon Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2006 data; (3) 2009 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2009, calculation based on 2013 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 466 986 760 <small>0.5 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 440 073 412	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 907 060 172
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (4)	4.6 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	52 770
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	44.5
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	22.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	102.6
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 2.6 %.</i>	

Map: Spain - Aragon



Examples of expected achievements

- Boost the viability of farms and forestry and promote a better management of natural resources. 4 400 farms will get investment support to restructure and modernise, and 1 400 young farmers will receive support to develop their businesses.
- Almost 16 % of the region's farmland will come under management contract to improve biodiversity and 20 000 hectares of irrigated land will switch to more efficient irrigation systems.
- As regards knowledge transfer and innovation, nearly 18 000 people will receive training and the region aims to support 330 cooperation projects in the framework of the European Innovation Partnership.
- Around 9 % of the funds will be used for local initiatives, aiming to create 1 800 new jobs and to improve living conditions for the rural population, which almost one tenth of the rural population getting access to better infrastructure and services.

Examples of key challenges

- The region of Aragon, located in the northeast quadrant of the Iberian Peninsula, covers an area of 47 720 km² and has 1.4 million inhabitants (2013) resulting in a population density of 28.2 inhabitants/km². Aragon is considered as a strongly unbalanced territory where more than half of the population and 53.1 % of the total gross disposable income are concentrated in the capital Zaragoza.
- Territorial imbalance is reflected in the fact that the provinces of Huesca and Teruel, which shape the Aragon rural area, only account for 27.4 % of Gross Added Value and 27.6 % of total employment. The unemployment rate in Aragon was 18.6 % in 2012, so lower than the national level (25 %), but higher than the EU average (10.5 %).
- The importance of the different economic sectors in terms of employment has shifted due to the economic crisis and significant decreases were observed especially in industry and construction.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Aragon*, May 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/factsheet-aragon_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	7.3 %

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)	330 90

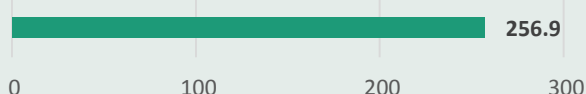
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	17 765

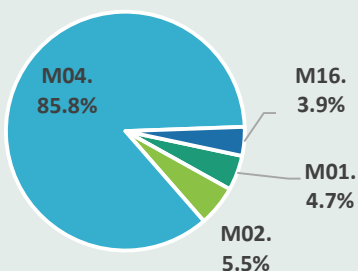
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



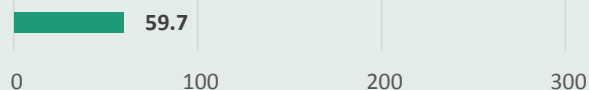
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



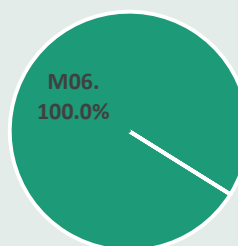
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	8.3 %

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	2.7 %

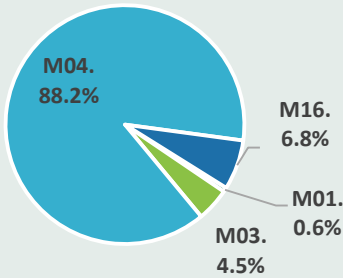
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.9
M03	7.2
M04	141.6
M16	10.9

Target indicator

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

Value

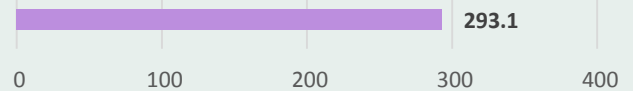
1.1 %

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

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity

Value

0.2 %

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

16.4 %

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

1.5 %

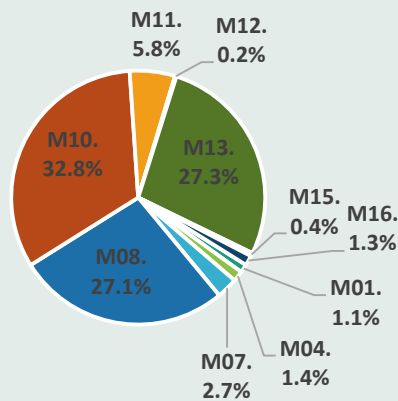
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

5.0 %

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

8.8 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

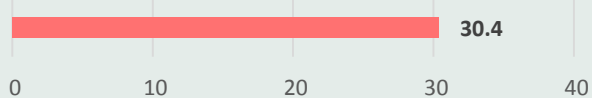


Measure	m EUR
M01	3.1
M04	4.0
M07	7.9
M08	79.4
M10	96.2
M11	16.9
M12	0.6
M13	80.1
M15	1.2
M16	3.7

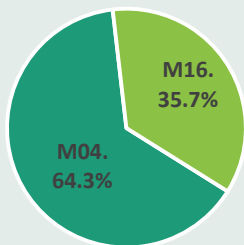
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system

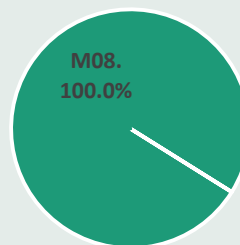
5.3 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

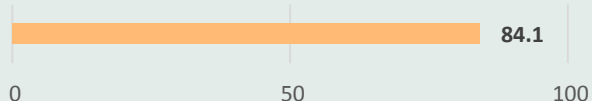
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

0.4 %

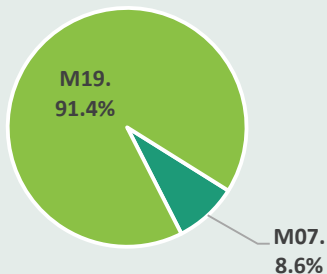
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

87.4 %

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

9.5 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

1 800

3. Planned expenditure per priority

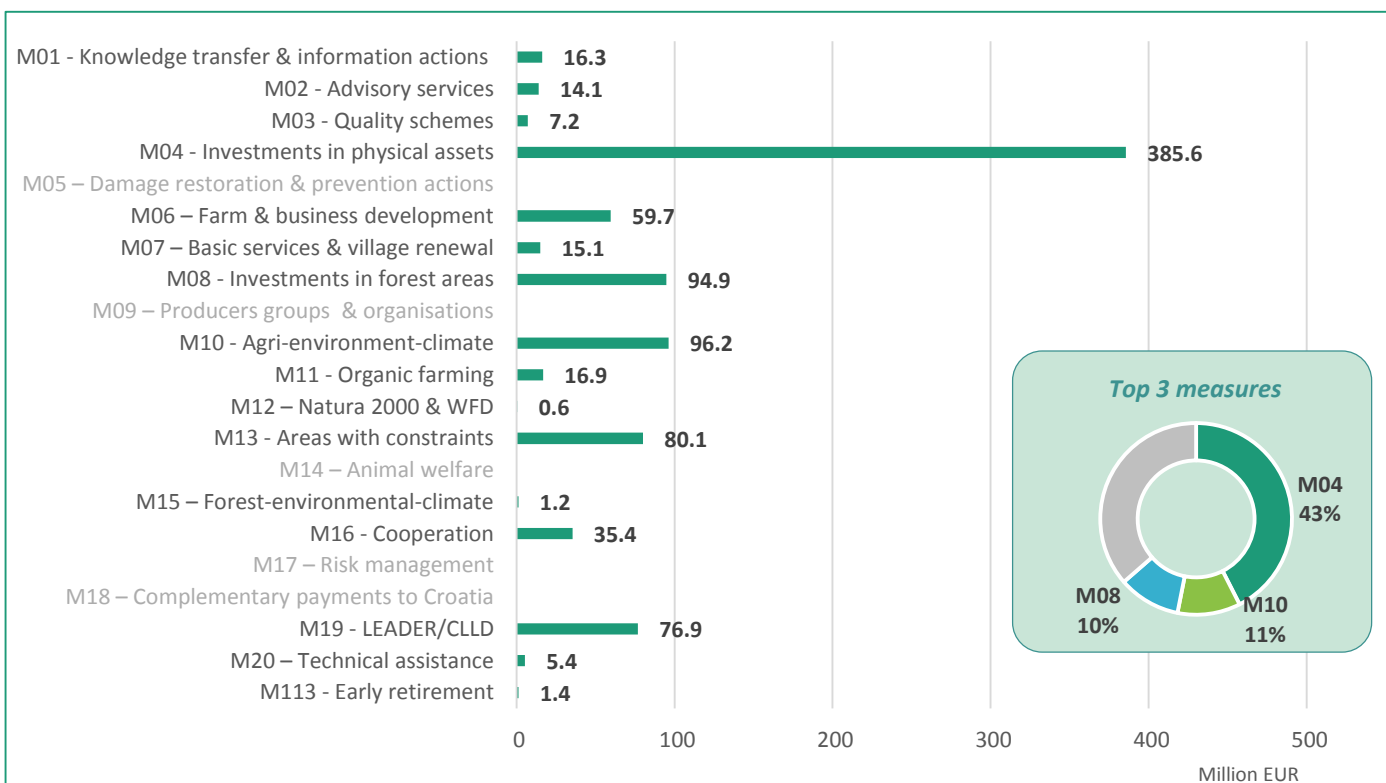
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	316.6	34.9 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	160.6	17.7 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	293.1	32.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	45.9	5.1 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	84.1	9.3 %

* 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				75%		6%		19%												100%	16.3
M02 - Advisory services				100%																100%	14.1
M03 - Quality schemes						100%														100%	7.2
M04 - Investments in physical assets				57%		37%		1%			5%									100%	385.6
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development					100%															100%	59.7
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								52%											48%	100%	15.1
M08 - Investments in forest areas								84%							16%					100%	94.9
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																					
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%												100%	96.2
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	16.9
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%												100%	0.6
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	80.1
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%												100%	1.2
M16 - Cooperation				28%	31%			10%			31%									100%	35.4
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%			100%	76.9

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Spanish National Rural Network	Red Rural Nacional http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/
Managing authority	Dirección general de desarrollo rural
Paying agency	Departamento de agricultura, alimentación y medio ambiente
Coordination body	Dirección General de Desarrollo Rural y Política Forestal del Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/press-summary-26-05-2015_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dgfc.sggp.meh.es/sitios/dgfc/es-ES/ipr/fcp1420/p/pa/Paginas/inicio.aspx
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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