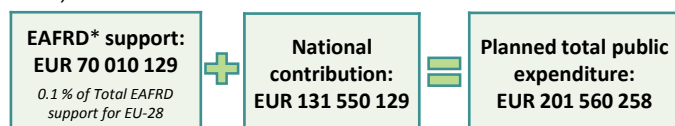


### 1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Spain
	Region	La Rioja
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	176 300
	% of total population (3)	52.5 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	33.2
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	5 000
	% of total area (3)	100 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	230 200
	% of total territory (4)	45.6 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	311 000
	% of total area (3)	61.7 %
Total employment	People (3)	128 800
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce	n/a

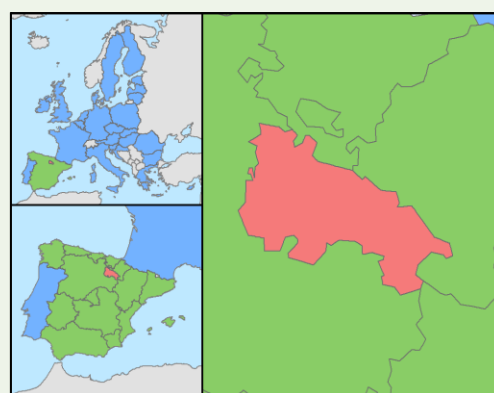
Data source: Spain – La Rioja 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).  
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2013 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2013 total region territory data.



\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	5.2 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	10 230
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	22.5
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA	n/a
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	98.5
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by the 1.5 %.</i>	

Map: Spain – La Rioja



#### Examples of expected achievements

- The region aims at enhancing the viability of farming and forestry in the region and it will give investment support to modernise and restructure around 18 % of the farms in La Rioja.
- About 4 % of farms will receive start up aid for young farmers to launch their businesses.
- Almost 13 000 places in training courses will be made available and 30 cooperation projects will receive support.
- La Rioja's RDP also promotes conservation and protection of the environment, including more efficient use of resources and contribution to climate change reduction. 28 % of irrigated farmland will receive support to improve water efficiency, 38 % of the agricultural land will be under management contract to prevent soil erosion and desertification and 36 % to protect biodiversity.
- Local Action Groups (LAGs) under LEADER will develop local initiatives affecting nearly 86 % of the rural population and creating 50 new jobs. 42 % of the population in rural areas will benefit from improved basic services and infrastructures.

#### Examples of key challenges

- La Rioja is the least populated region in peninsular Spain (318 647 inhabitants in 2014) and the second smallest in terms of geographical size.
- La Rioja suffers from an ageing population above the national and EU average, as well as from depopulation of less dense settlements. More than three quarters of the municipalities count less than 500 inhabitants.
- Unemployment rate is 20 %, but almost half of the young people between 15-24 years are unemployed (2013 figures).
- Farming in La Rioja is affected by shortcomings, including their limited physical size (50 % of farms have less than 5 hectares; average farm size is 22.5 hectares), which makes it difficult for farmers to sell their products. Consequently, one of the key challenges for this programming period will be to improve the competitiveness of farms whilst supporting environmentally sustainable agricultural systems and landscapes.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for La Rioja*, May 2015.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/factsheet-rioja\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es/factsheet-rioja_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	8.4 %

#### 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)	30 10

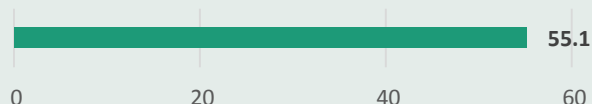
#### Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	12 700

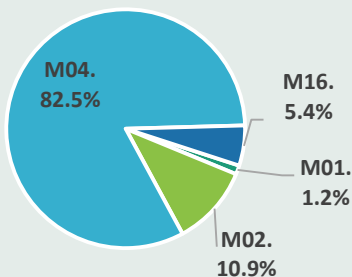
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



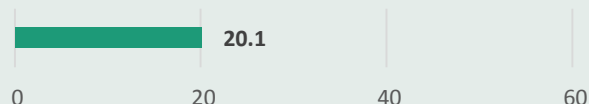
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



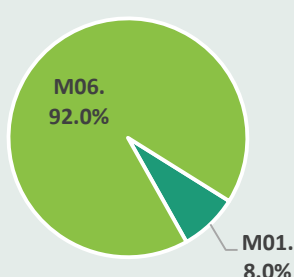
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	17.6 %

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

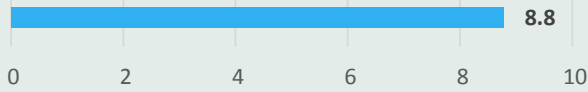


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	4.3 %

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

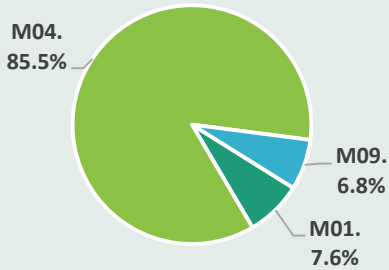
#### Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

##### Total public budget (million EUR)



##### Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M04	7.5
M09	0.6



##### Target indicator

##### Value

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

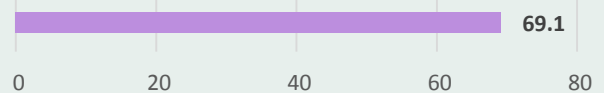
0.1 %

### 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

3.2 %

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

36.5 %

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

4.4 %

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

3.2 %

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

37.8 %

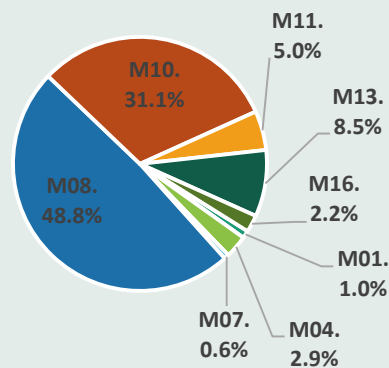
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

3.2 %

##### Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

##### Measure

##### m EUR

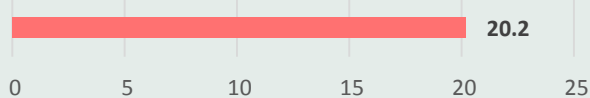


M01	0.7
M04	2.0
M07	0.4
M08	33.7
M10	21.5
M11	3.5
M13	5.9
M16	1.5

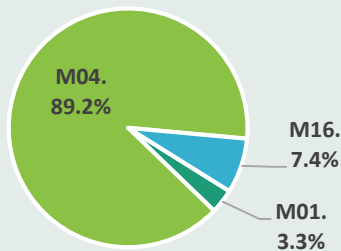
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate:** Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

**Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

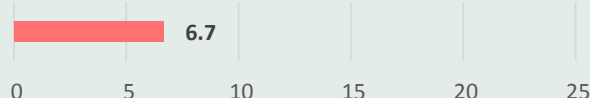


Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M04	18.0
M16	1.5

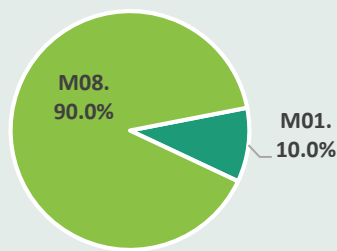
Target indicator	m EUR
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system	28 %

**Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.7
M08	6.0

Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	1.3 %

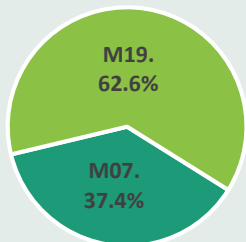
**P6 - Social inclusion & local development:** Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	8.1
M19	13.5

Target indicator	Value
T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	86.2 %
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	41.8 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	50

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

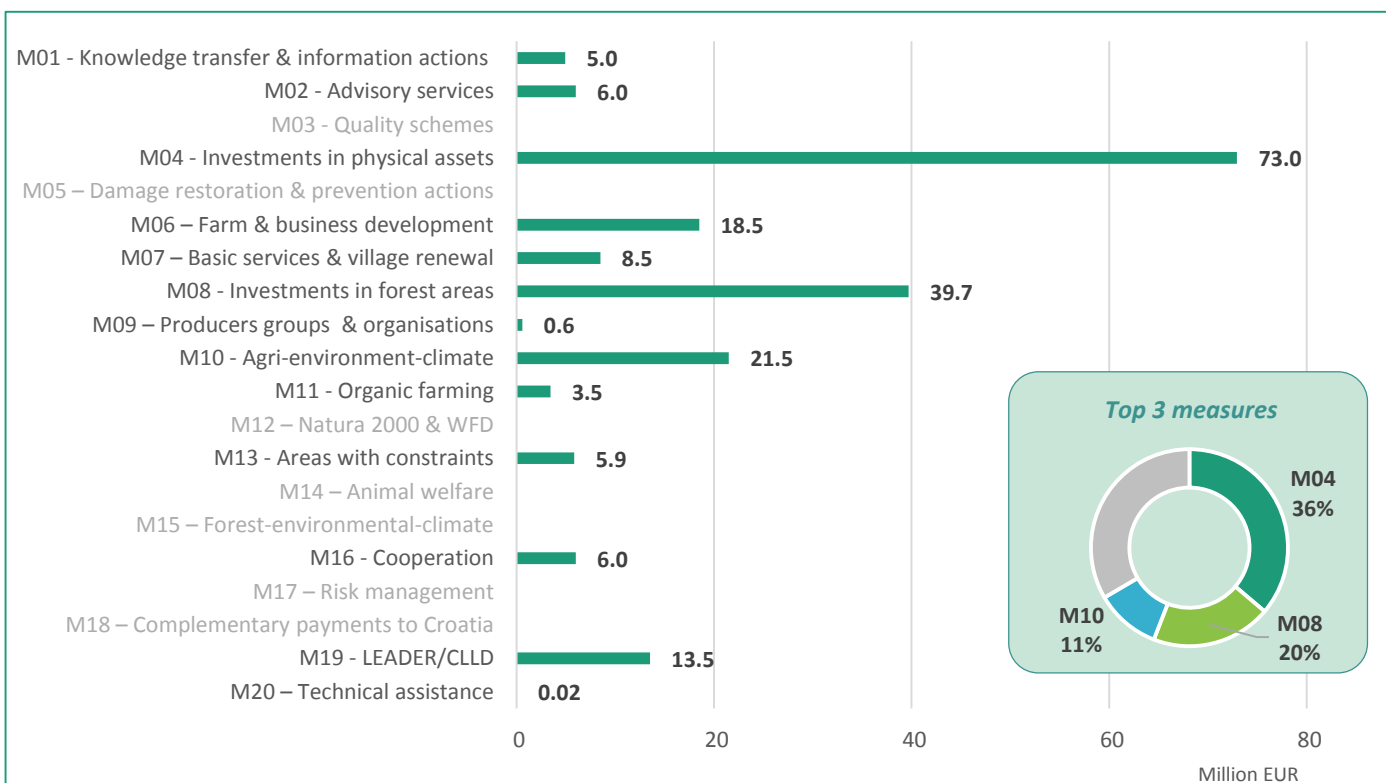
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	75.2	37.3 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	8.8	4.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	69.1	34.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	26.8	13.3 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	21.6	10.7 %

\* 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				13%	32%	13%		13%			13%				13%					100%	4.9
M02 - Advisory services				100%																100%	6.0
M03 - Quality schemes																					
M04 - Investments in physical assets				62%		10%		3%			25%									100%	72.9
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development					100%															100%	18.5
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								5%									95%			100%	8.5
M08 - Investments in forest areas								85%							15%					100%	39.7
M09 - Producers groups & organisations				100%																100%	0.6
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%												100%	21.5
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	3.5
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	5.9
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation				50%				25%			25%									100%	6.0
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%			100%	13.5

## 6. Additional info

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<b>Spanish National Rural Network</b>	Red Rural Nacional <a href="http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/">http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/desarrollo-rural/temas/red-rural-nacional/</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Dirección General de Investigación y Desarrollo Rural de la Consejería de Agricultura, Ganadería y Medio Ambiente
<b>Paying agency</b>	Secretaría General Técnica de la Consejería de Agricultura, Ganadería y Medio Ambiente
<b>Coordination body</b>	Dirección General de Desarrollo Rural y Política Forestal del Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/es_en.htm</a>
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<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 <a href="#">en</a> ]

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