

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	France
	Region	Centre
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	2.6 million
	% of total population (3)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	65.4
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	39 151.0
	% of total area (3)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	2.3 million
	% of total territory (4)	59.0 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	1.0 million
	% of total area (2)	25.4 %
Total employment	People (2)	1.0 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

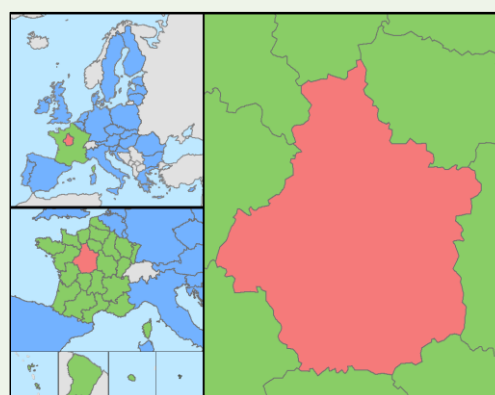
Data source: France – Val de Loire 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 345 908 130 <small>0.4 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 184 097 633	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 530 005 763
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	3.5 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	25 080
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	92.2
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (2)	6.9 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	105.7
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 5.7 %.</i>	

Map: France – Centre - Val de Loire



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support 85 cooperation projects including 15 operational groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.
- The programme will provide training for about 4 000 participants from the agricultural and forestry sectors.
- The programme intends to support modernization and development projects in 2 500 agricultural holdings (10 % of the total).
- To support generational renewal the RDP will finance 1 255 young farmers' projects (5 % of all farmers) throughout the programming period.
- Agri-environment-climate measures are a key tool to promote new agricultural practices and will cover approximately 171 000 ha (7.4 % of the total agricultural area) to meet the need for biodiversity, water and soil conservation.
- About 300 non-productive investment projects will be funded linked to the achievement of agri-environmental objectives.
- The programme will support 20 Local Development Strategies (LDS) which will be implemented by Local Action Groups (LAGs), covering 45 % of the rural population.

Examples of key challenges

- The agricultural sector plays an important role in giving to the region the first place in Europe in wheat and oilseeds production.
- Tourism is also an important economic activity with 8.5 million visitors a year.
- Regarding the forestry sector, Centre-Val de Loire is the fourth region in France in terms of forest area covering 25 % of the region's territory.
- The region Centre - Loire Valley is classified as a 'more developed region'.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Centre - Val de Loire*, October 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-centre-val-de-loire_fr.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. The target indicators identified with the country code (FR_CEN) are specific to the Centre - Val de Loire Programme.

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 to 6 contributes to the achievement of Priority 1 specific 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	3.8 %

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	4 000

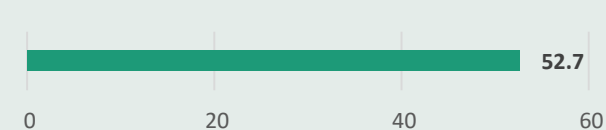
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	85 15

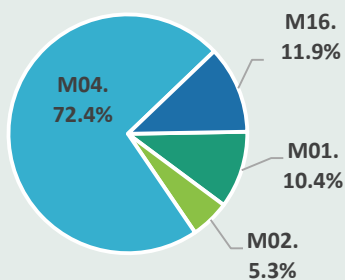
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



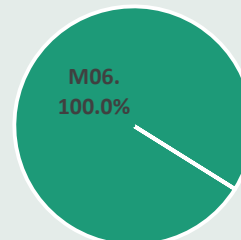
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	10.0 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

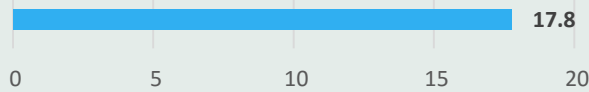


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	5.0 %

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

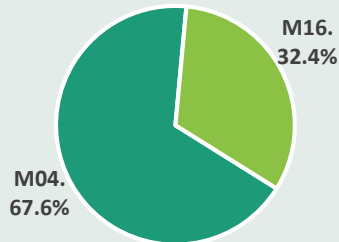
Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	12.0
M16	5.8



Target indicator

Value

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

2.4 %

FR_CEN01 - % supported agribusinesses

5.8 %

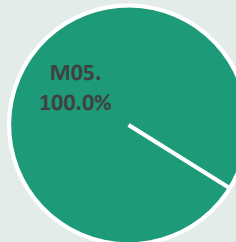
Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M05	2.0



Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

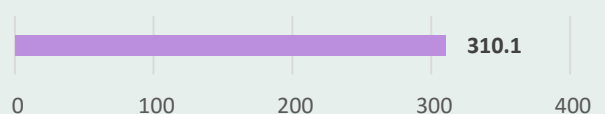
0.08 %

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

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

7.4 %

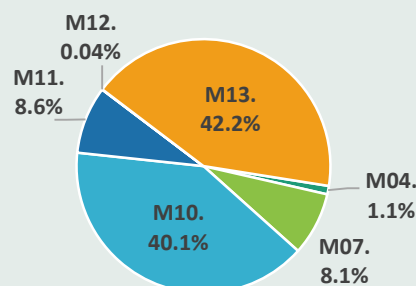
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

7.4 %

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

7.4 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

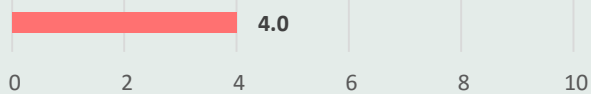


Measure	m EUR
M04	3.3
M07	25.0
M10	124.2
M11	26.7
M12	0.1
M13	130.8

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

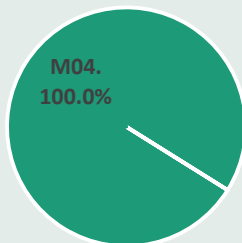
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	4.0



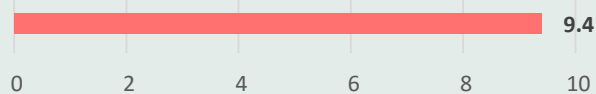
Target indicator

Value

T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system 0.9 %

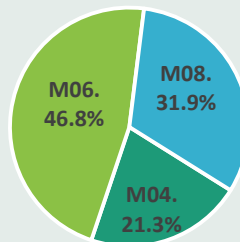
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	2.0
M06	4.4
M08	3.0



Target indicator

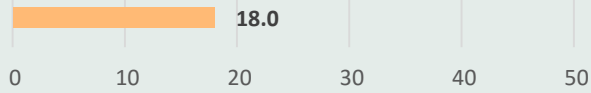
Value

FR_CEN02 - % of area with Agro enviromental-climate measures contributing to carbon sequestration 2.4 %

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

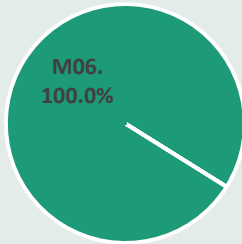
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	18.0



Target indicator

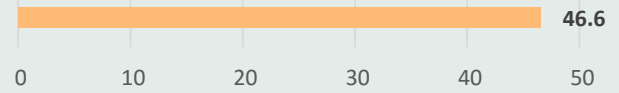
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

120

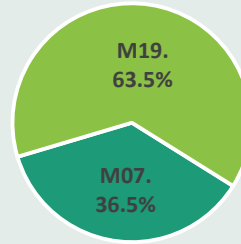
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	17.0
M19	29.6



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

44.9%

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

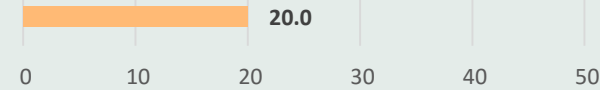
9.4%

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

130

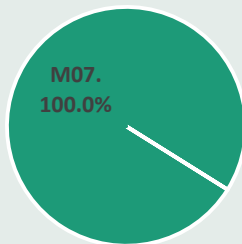
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	20.0



Target indicator

Value

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

2.2%

3. Planned expenditure per priority

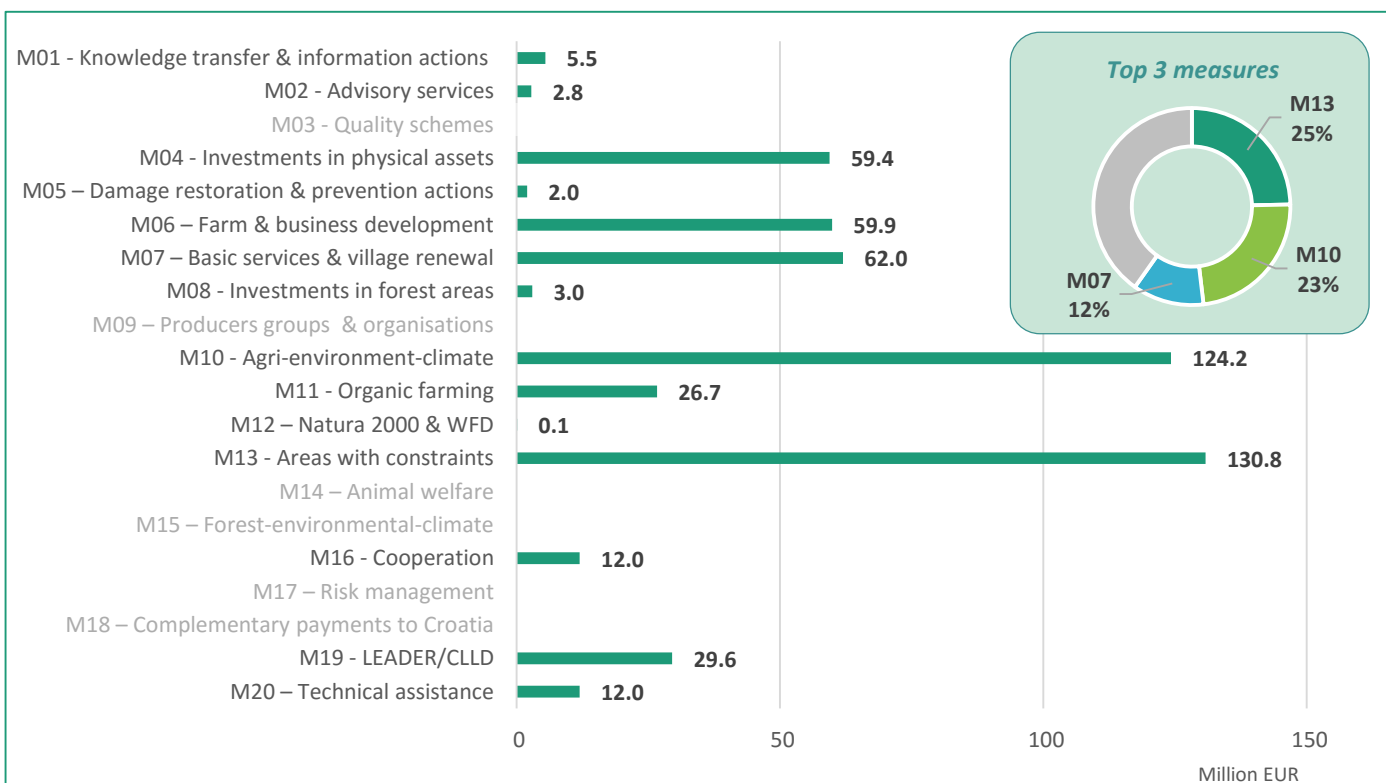
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	90.2	17.0 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	19.8	3.7 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	310.1	58.5 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	13.4	2.5 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	84.6	16.0 %

* 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				100%															100%	5.5
M02 - Advisory services				100%															100%	2.8
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				64%		20%		6%		7%				3%					100%	59.4
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	2.0
M06 - Farm & business development					63%									7%	30%				100%	59.9
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								40%									27%	32%	100%	62.0
M08 - Investments in forest areas														100%					100%	3.0
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	124.2
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	26.7
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	0.1
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	130.8
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				52%		48%													100%	12.0
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	29.6

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	07/10/2015
French National Rural Network	Le Réseau Rural Français http://www.reseaurural.fr/
Managing authority	Conseil régional du Centre - Val de Loire
Paying agency	Agence de services et de paiement
Coordination body	Agence de Services et de Paiement Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs des fonds agricoles
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-france-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.europe-en-france.gouv.fr/L-Europe-s-engage/Accord-de-partenariat
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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