

1. General information

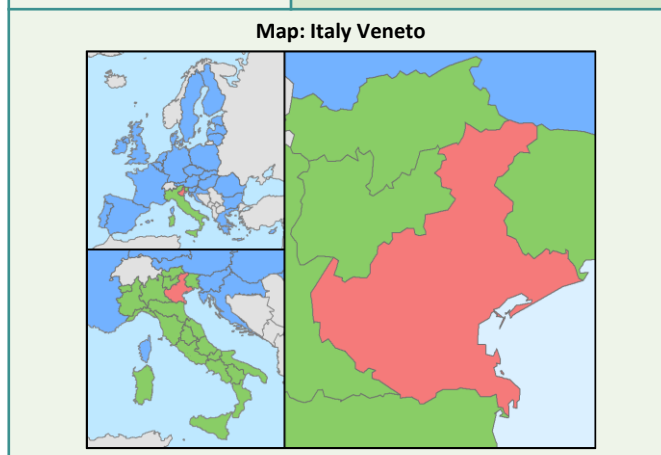
Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Veneto
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	4.0 million
	% of total population (5)	81.3 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	215.7
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	18 399
	% of total area (5)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (3)	0.8 million
	% of total territory (3)	44.1 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.5 million
	% of total area (2)	24.3 %
Total employment	People (3)	2.3 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	100.0 %

Data source: Italy – Veneto 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2005 data; (3) 2010 data; (4) 2011 data; (5) 2012 data; (6) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 510 679 000 <i>0.5 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</i>	National contribution: EUR 683 641 500	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 1 194 320 500
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	1.7 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (3)	119 380
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (3)	6.8
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (4)	32.1 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	75.1
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 24.9 %.</i>	



Examples of expected achievements

- Almost 120 different cooperation projects (inter alia developing pilot projects, and creating clusters and networks) will be financed, including support for 26 Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP). The region will also deliver nearly 74 000 places in training courses.
- More than 2 200 investment projects will be supported for investments in restructuring or modernisation, plus 2 100 young farmers will be granted business start-up aid for implementing their business plans.
- The region estimates that around 640 farmers will receive support to participate in quality schemes and short supply chain, of which around 85 % will be for participation in quality schemes and the remaining 15 % short supply chain.
- Nearly 10 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity, water and soil management. Almost 1 600 hectares will receive support to convert to organic farming and another 6 300 ha to maintain it.
- Over 1000 projects will receive support targeting more efficient irrigations systems. 65 000 hectares of agricultural land will be under management contracts targeting reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and ammonia emissions.
- Local Action Groups (LAGs) will implement their Local Development Strategies (LDS), covering more than 1.1 million people in rural areas. Additional 138 jobs will also be created in supported projects: 98 jobs by LAGs and 40 jobs through non-agricultural activities.

Examples of key challenges

- Veneto is categorised as a "more developed" region and it has outstanding natural and cultural/historical heritage. Besides farming, the agri-food and aquaculture sectors also play an important role for agriculture in the region.
- In general, the agricultural sector faces structural changes as economic dimensions of agricultural and forestry holdings are lower than the European average.. Ageing of agricultural population and low proportion of young farmers in the agricultural workforce are also issues of concern.
- Veneto also faces environmental challenges, such as an increased and serious pressure on land use. Soil erosion is lower than the Italian average, but it is an issue for mountain and some hill areas. Organic farming is still underdeveloped and covers only 2.1 % of the total farmland (5 % Italian average), despite the good potential in this sector.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Veneto*, May 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-veneto_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	7.4 %

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)	144 26

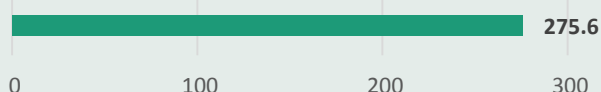
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	73 701

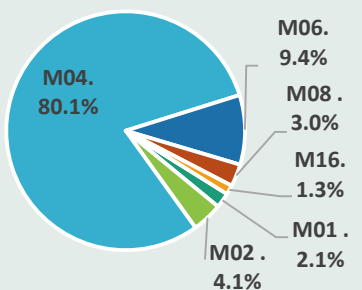
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



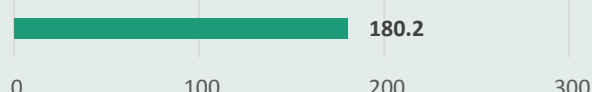
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



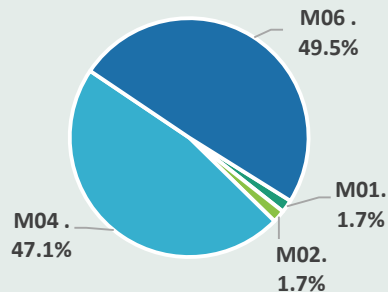
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	1.9 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

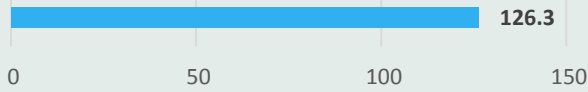


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	1.8 %

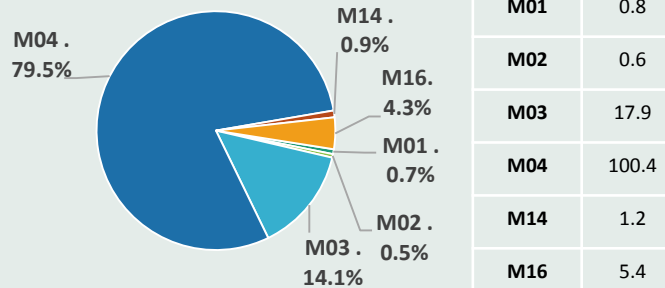
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



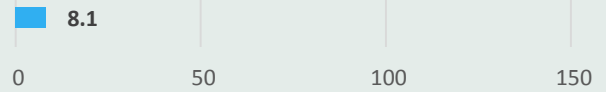
Target indicator

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

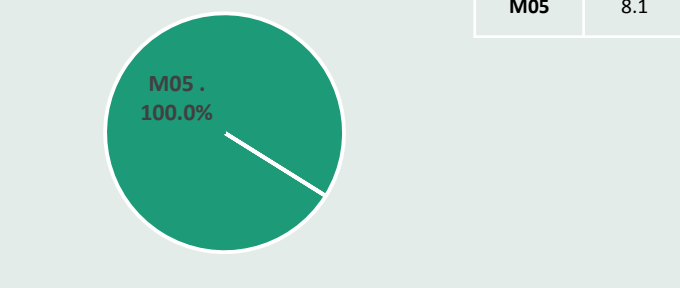
Value: 0.5 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

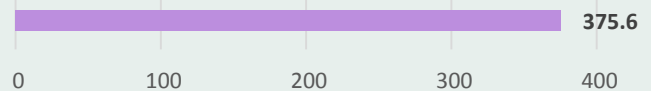
Value: n/a

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: 0.4 %

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

Value: 9.9 %

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

Value: 9.9 %

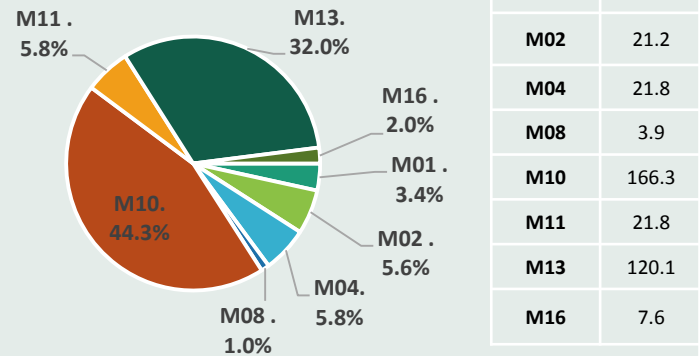
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

Value: 10.4 %

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

Value: 0.4 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



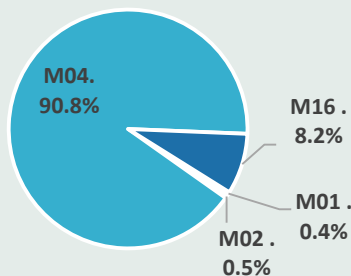
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

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

Value

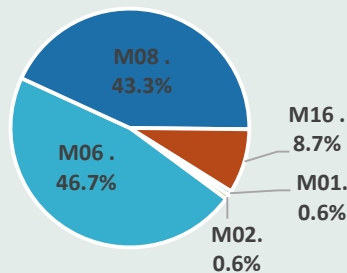
3.8 %

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

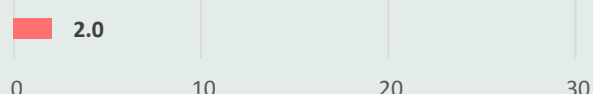
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

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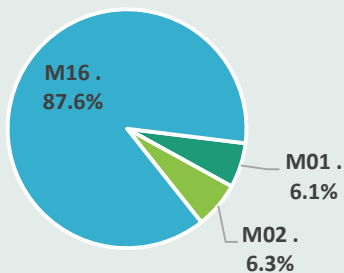
53.7 m

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

Value

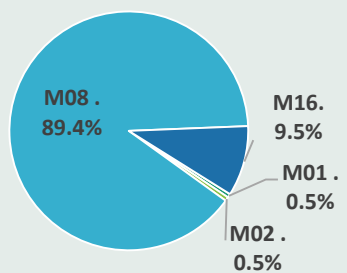
8.1 %

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

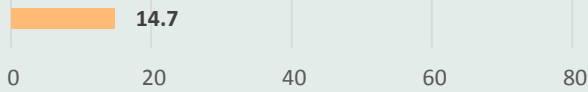
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6.1 %

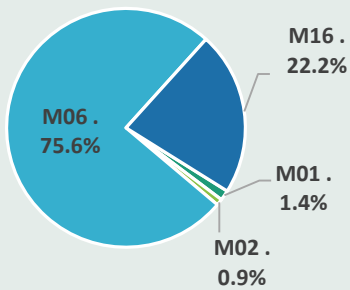
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

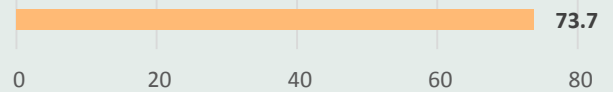
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

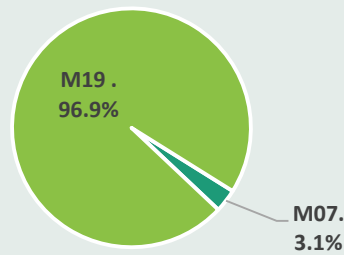
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

27.7 %

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

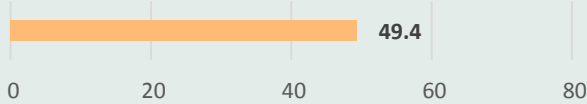
3.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

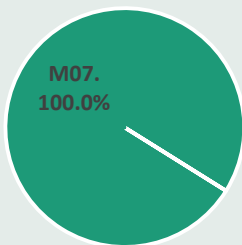
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

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

10.9 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

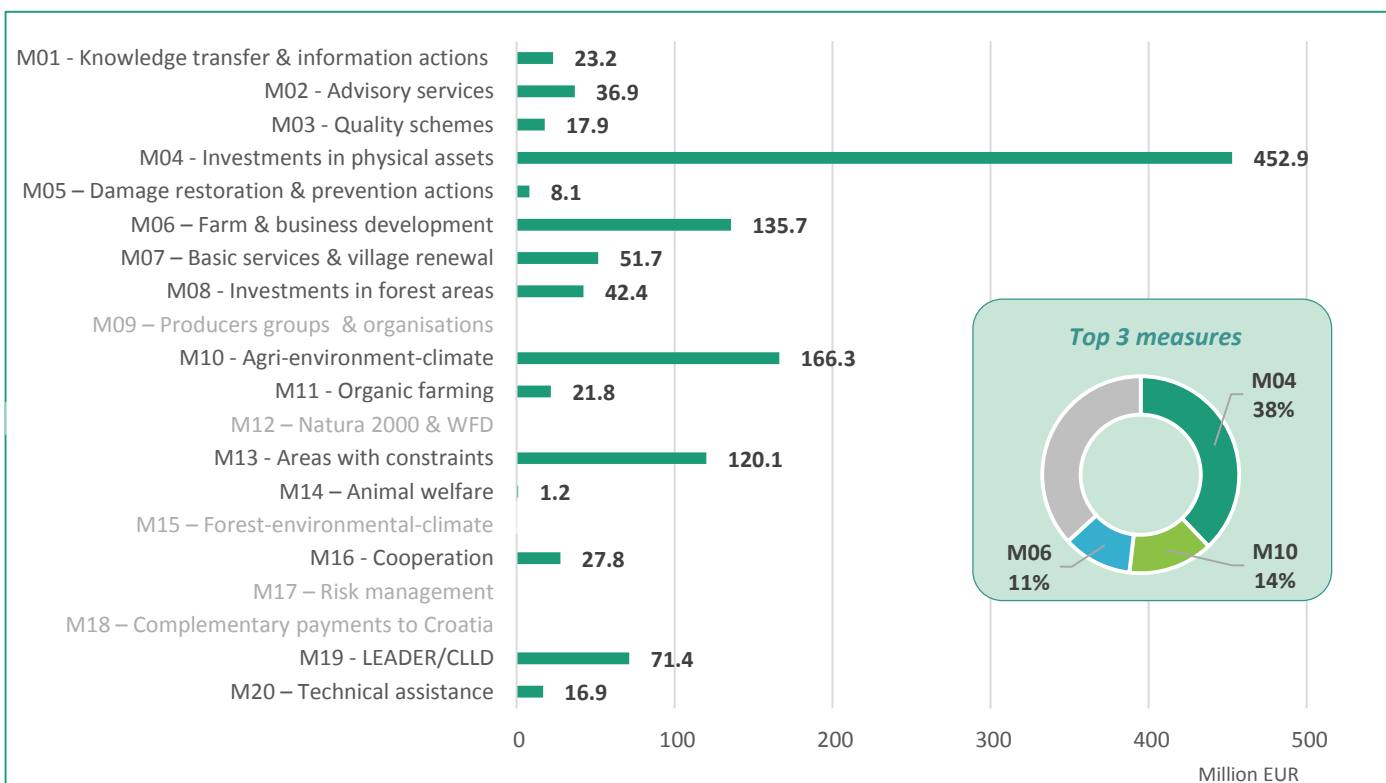
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	455.8	38.2 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	134.4	11.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	375.6	31.5 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	73.8	6.2 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	137.9	11.6 %

* 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				24%	14%	4%		56%			0.5%		0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%			100%	23.2
M02 - Advisory services				31%	8%	2%		58%			0.3%		0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%			100%	36.9
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	17.9
M04 - Investments in physical assets				49%	19%	22%		5%			6%								100%	452.9
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	8.1
M06 - Farm & business development				19%	66%								7%		8%				100%	135.7
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																4%	96%		100%	51.7
M08 - Investments in forest areas				20%				9%					21%		50%				100%	42.4
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	166.3
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	21.8
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	120.1
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	1.2
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				13%		19%		27%			8%		6%	6%	8%	12%			100%	27.8
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	71.4

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
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Paying agency	Agenzia veneta per i pagamenti in agricoltura - AVEPA
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-italy-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dps.gov.it/it/AccordoPartenariato
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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