

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	United Kingdom
	Region	England
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	12.1 million
	% of total population (3)	22.8 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	158.5
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	76 400
	% of total area (3)	57.5 %
Agricultural area Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)	Ha (4)	9.0 million
	% of total territory (5)	67.8 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (4)	1.3 million
	% of total area (4)	10 %
Total employment	People (2)	24.2 million
Rural employment	% of total workforce (2)	0.3 %

Data source: United Kingdom - England 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2013 data; (5) 2013, based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD support:
EUR 3 470 717 109
3.6 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



National contribution:
EUR 584 981 679

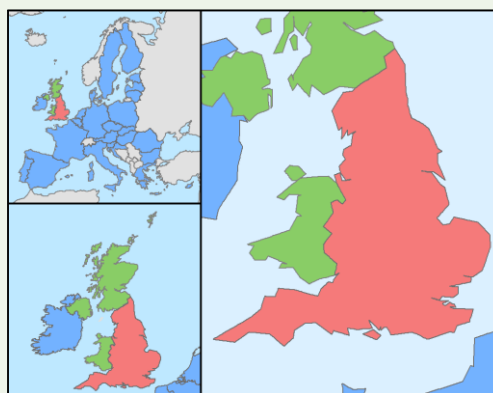


Planned total public expenditure:
EUR 4 055 698 788

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	0.6 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	105 500
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	79.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (n/a)	1.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	49.2
	From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 50.8 %.	

Map: United Kingdom - England



Examples of expected achievements

- Knowledge Transfer and Innovation will be addressed through training, advisory and co-operation measures with a target of 135 cooperation operations, particularly agri-environment-climate actions.
- Increasing the productivity and efficiency of farming and forestry will include helping farmers, forestry businesses and land managers to apply innovative practices, use new technologies, exchange knowledge and obtain advice and training. These actions will cover about 3 % of farms.
- The RDP will target biodiversity, water quality and flood management. The aim is to protect 2.5 million hectares of agricultural land through environmental land management targeted to specific biodiversity and water objectives. Funding will also be provided to plant 14 000 hectares of woodland.
- The RDP will support investment strategies developed at local level, support targeting the agri-food and tourism sectors, alongside support for new and existing rural businesses across a wider range of sectors. LEADER Local Development Strategies (LDS) implemented by 70 Local Action Groups (LAGs) will have a focus on supporting rural jobs and growth.

Examples of key challenges

- About 85 % of England's area is rural and 18 % of the total population lives in rural areas. The country faces many challenges regarding the environment and climate change.
- More than 40 % of priority habitats and over 30 % of priority species are in decline. Just over a third of grassland types are in serious decline. Diffuse water pollution from agriculture continues to affect the natural environment.
- There is a problem of low incomes in the livestock, pig and poultry sectors where more than 20 % of farms are losing money. In some sectors, farming is not commercially viable without subsidies.
- The average age of farmers is relatively high (median age of 59). There is a lack of young people entering the industry.
- The lack of a skilled workforce is a barrier to growth for rural firms. Limited access to superfast broadband remains a challenge for both businesses and households.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme of England (United Kingdom)*, February 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk/factsheet-england_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. The target indicators identified with the country code (UK_ENG) are specific to the United Kingdom – England 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 - 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	4.4 %

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	123 255

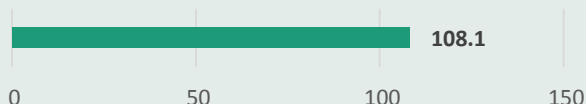
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	135 20

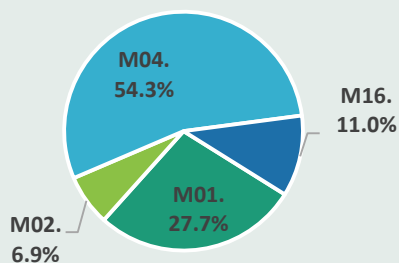
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



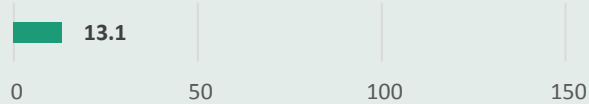
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



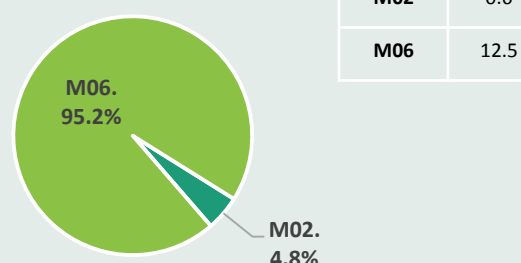
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.3 %

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	0.1 %

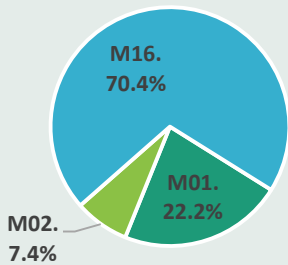
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	3.7
M02	1.2
M16	11.9

Target indicator

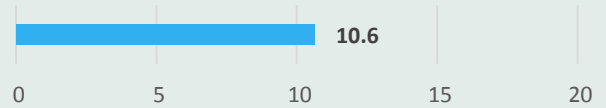
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T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

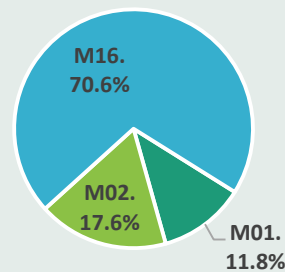
0.05 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	1.3
M02	1.9
M16	7.5

Target indicator

Value

UK_ENG01 - Number of participants in trainings

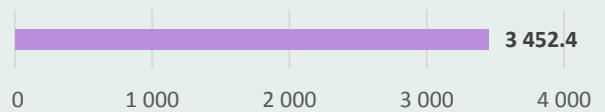
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P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

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

11.1 %

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

27.4 %

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

23.2 %

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

7.7 %

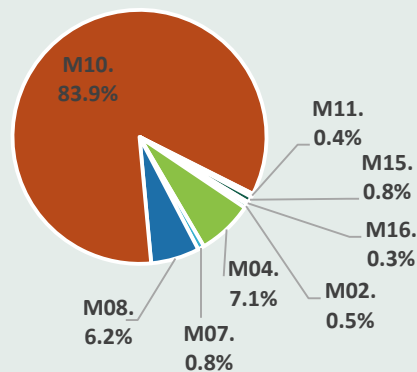
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

25.1 %

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

3.8 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

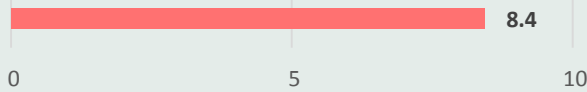


Measure	m EUR
M02	18.8
M04	245.4
M07	27.9
M08	213.5
M10	2 895.9
M11	15.0
M15	27.0
M16	9.0

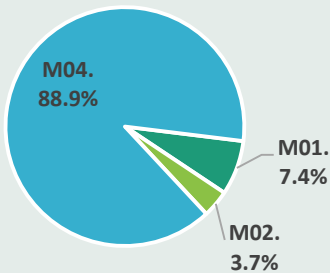
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

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

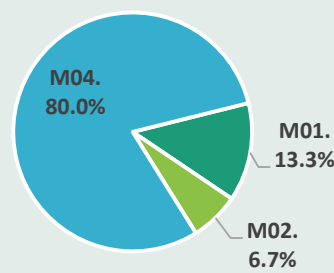
0.1 %

Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

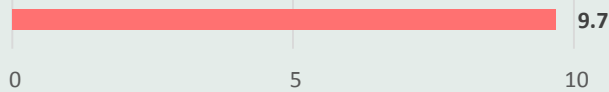
Value

T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)

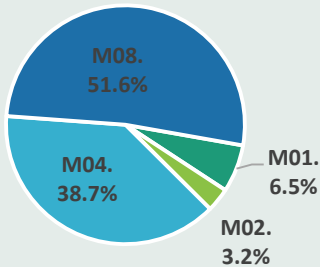
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Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

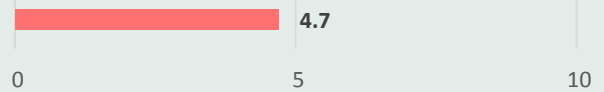
Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

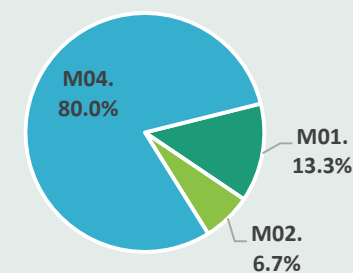
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Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T17 - % of Livestock Units (LU) concerned by investments in livestock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions

0.3 %

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

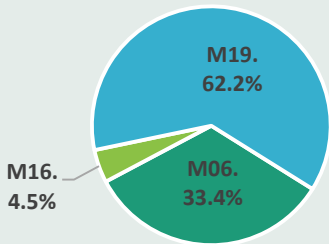
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	93.1
M16	12.5
M19	173.5



Target indicator

Value

UK_ENG01 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	2 675
UK_ENG02a - Jobs created in supported projects (Non-LEADER)	2 865
UK_ENG03 - % of population in LEADER LAG	15.4 %

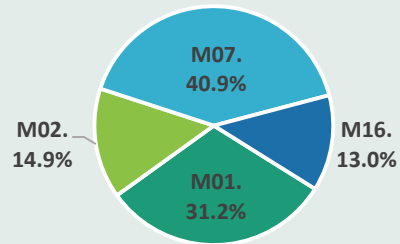
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	30.0
M02	14.4
M07	39.3
M16	12.5



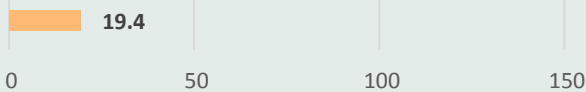
Target indicator

Value

UK_ENG02b - Jobs created in supported projects (Non-LEADER)	1 210
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	1.0 %

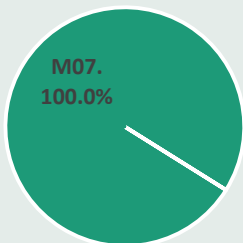
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	19.4



Target indicator

Value

T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (Information Communication Technologies)	0.5 %
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3. Planned expenditure per priority

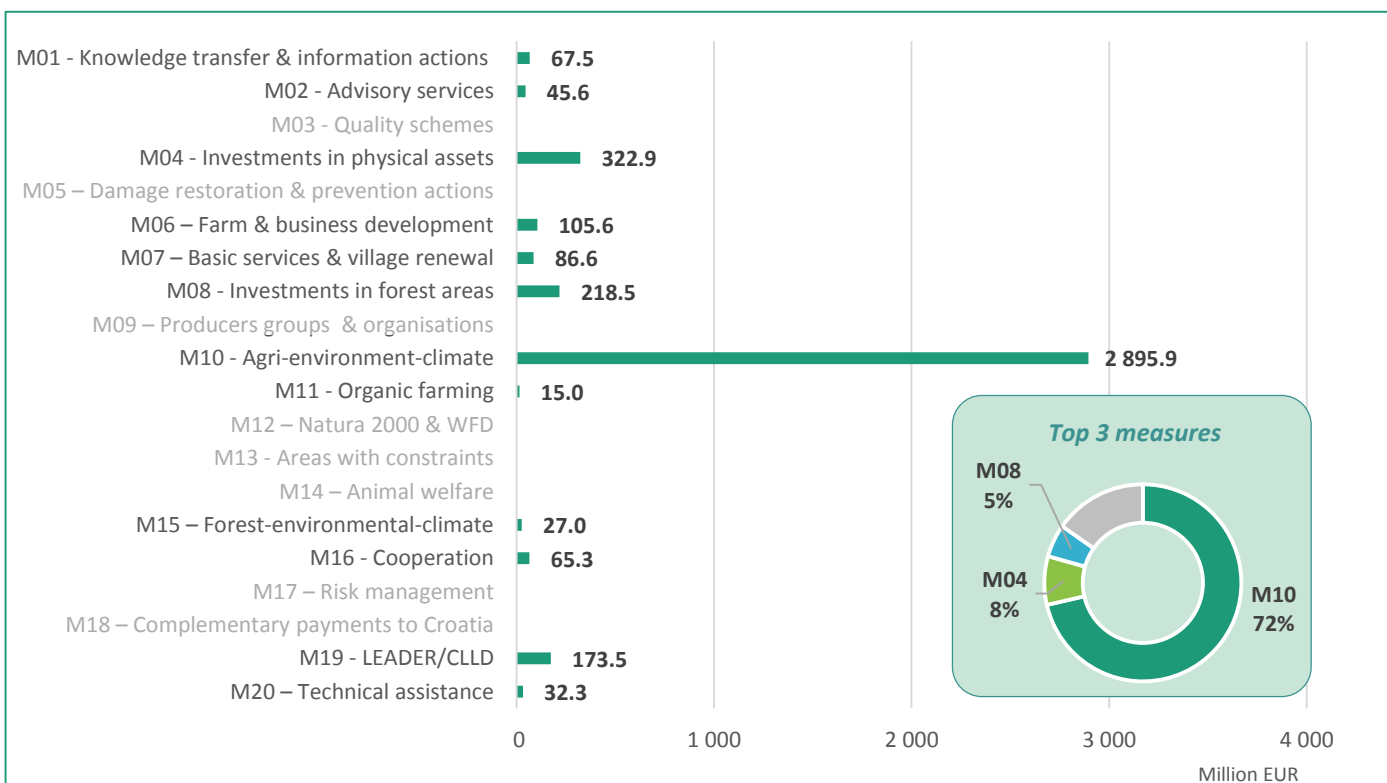
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	121.3	3.0 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	27.5	0.7 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	3 452.4	85.1 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	27.5	0.7 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	394.8	9.7 %

* 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 in the English RDP.



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 & wastes 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				44%		6%	2%				1%	1%	1%	1%			44%		100%	67.5	
M02 - Advisory services				16%	1%	3%	4%	41%			1%	1%	1%	1%			31%		100%	45.6	
M03 - Quality schemes																					
M04 - Investments in physical assets				18%				76%			2%	1%	1%	1%						100%	322.9
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development					12%										88%				100%	105.6	
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								32%									45%	22%	100%	86.6	
M08 - Investments in forest areas								98%					2%						100%	218.5	
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																					
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	2898.9	
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	15.0	
M12 - Natura 2000 & Water Framework Directive																					
M13 - Areas with constraints																					
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	27.0	
M16 - Cooperation				18%	18%		12%	14%								19%	19%		100%	65.2	
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	173.5	

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	13/02/2015
UK-England National Rural Network	Rural Development Programme for England Network https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/rural-development-programme-for-england-network
Managing authority	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Paying agency	Rural Payments Agency
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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