

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Germany
	Region	Saarland
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	0.3 million
	% of total population (4)	33.9 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	237.1
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	1 449
	% of total area (4)	56.4 %
Agricultural area <i>(Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA))</i>	Ha (2)	77 880
	% of total territory (6)	30.3 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	87 300
	% of total area (3)	34.0 %
Total employment	People (2)	0.5 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	30.7 %

Data source: Germany – Saarland 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2013 data; (6) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 33 609 276
 0.04 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



National contribution:
EUR 24 628 276

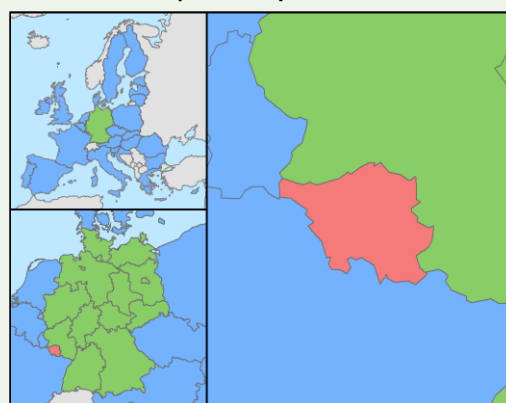


Planned total public expenditure:
EUR 58 237 552

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	0.2 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	1 320
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	59.0
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	27.3 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	75.7
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 24.3%.</i>	

Map: Germany - Saarland



Examples of expected achievements

- To enhance the competitiveness of the agri-sector and sustainable forestry, support will be granted to around 10 % of agricultural holdings for investments in restructuring or modernization.
- Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry is the main priority for the RDP and 27 % of agricultural land will be placed under management contracts for supporting biodiversity, improving water management and preventing soil erosion.
- In parallel, 2.5 % of the agricultural and forest land will be covered by management contracts to foster carbon sequestration and conservation.
- LEADER Local Development Strategies (LDS) will cover the 96 % of the territory while the 85 % should benefit from improved services and infrastructures in view of promoting social inclusion and local development in rural areas.

Examples of key challenges

- A key challenge for the 1 300 agricultural holdings – which have an average size of 59 ha – is to improve their economic and environmental performance.
- With 52 % of the UAA covered by permanent grassland and the remaining 48 % by arable land, main environmental challenges for the region relate to soil erosion and abandonment, pressure on biodiversity and pollution of surface and ground waters.
- Rural areas in Saarland are affected by demographic change and loss of business activities. The unemployment rate – in line with national average – is 6.4 %. In this context major challenges are the creation of opportunities for the development of businesses, local development and improvement of infrastructures.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Saarland*, May 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de/factsheet-saarland_en.pdf

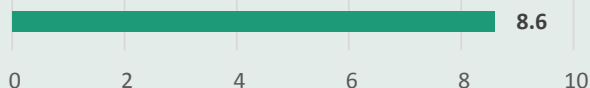
2. RDP focus areas: planned expenditure, measures and 2023 targets

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.

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

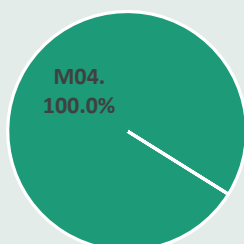
Focus Area 2A. Farm's performance, restructuring & modernization

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	8.6



Target indicator

Value

T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation

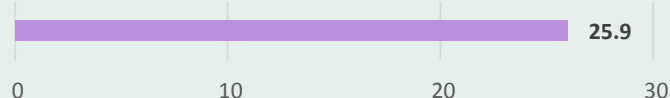
9.9 %

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

27.1 %

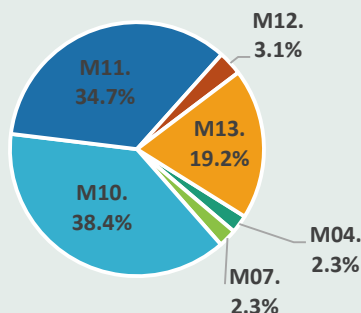
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

27.1 %

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

27.1 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M04	0.6
M07	0.6
M10	10.0
M11	9.0
M12	0.8
M13	5.0

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

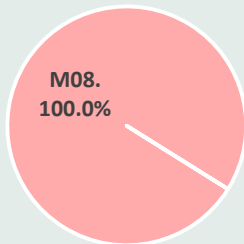
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	0.6



Target indicator

Value

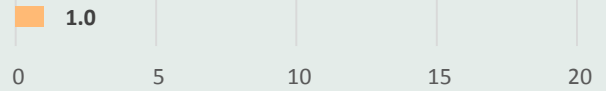
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation

2.5 %

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

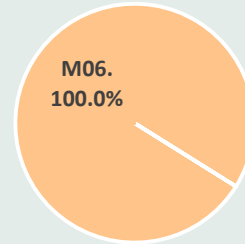
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	1.0



Target indicator

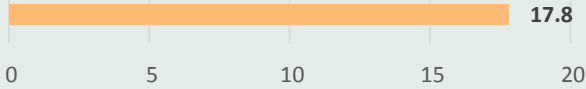
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

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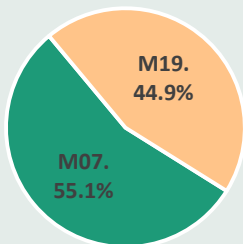
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	9.8
M19	8.0



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

96.2 %

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

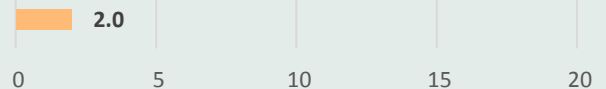
84.8 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

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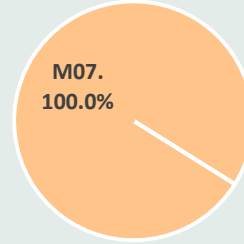
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	2.0



Target indicator

Value

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

1.9 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

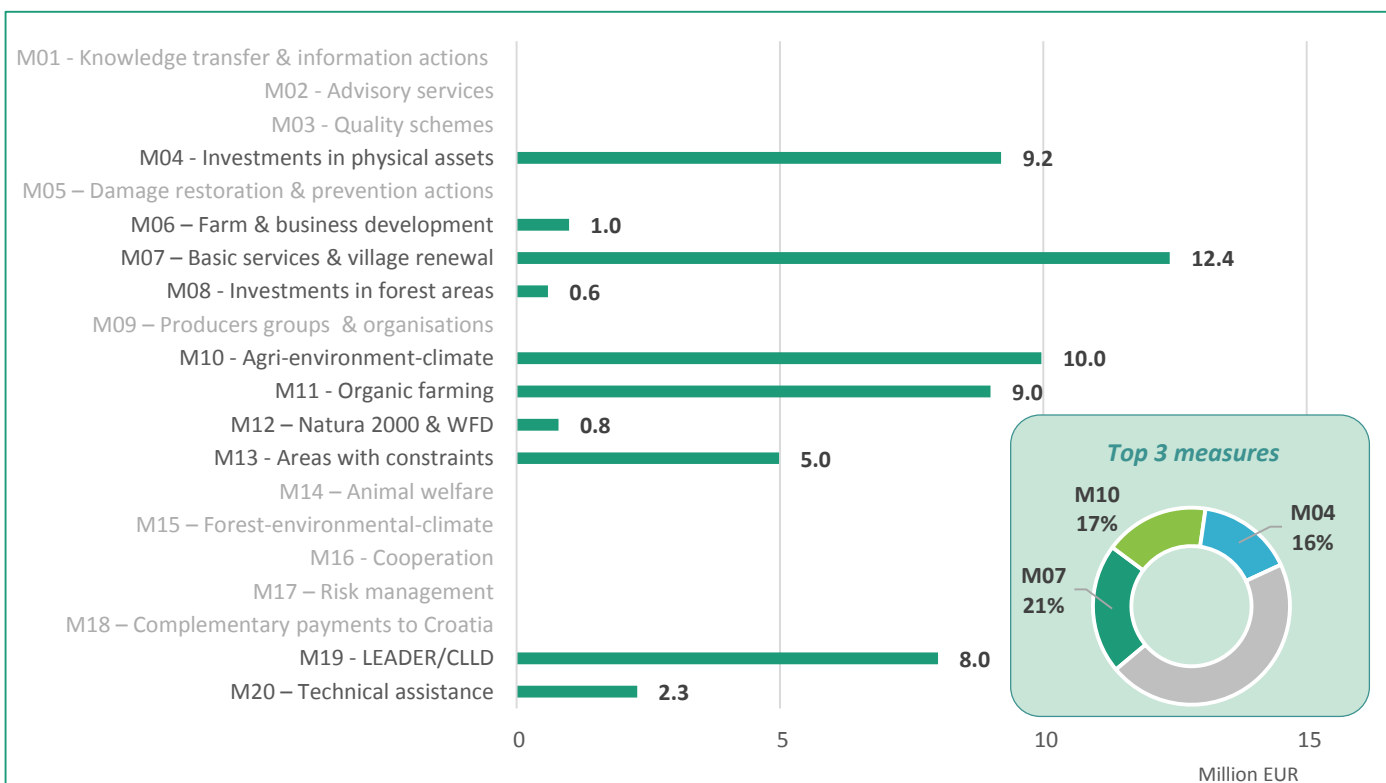
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	8.6	14.8 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	-	-
	P4 - Ecosystems management	25.9	44.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	0.6	1.0 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	20.8	35.7 %

* 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 Länder.



6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
German National Rural Network	Netzwerk Ländliche Räume http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/
Managing authority	Saarland - Ministerium für Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz – Referat B/4
Paying agency	Saarland - Ministerium für Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz – Referat A/5
Coordination body	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft – Referat 615
RDP country documents	http://www.saarland.de/98261.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-germany-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/agreements/index_en.htm
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]

Source of information: All data and the figures presented in this summary come from the European Commission approved version of the Germany - Saarland 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme. The examples of expected achievements and key challenges on page 1 were retrieved from: DG AGRI, Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Saarland, May 2015.

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