

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Germany
	Region	Thuringia
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	2.2 million
	% of total population (3)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	137.8
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	16 200
	% of total area (3)	100.0 %
Agricultural area (Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA))	Ha (2)	787 000
	% of total territory (5)	48.6 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	550 600
	% of total area (3)	34.0 %
Total employment	People (2)	1.0 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

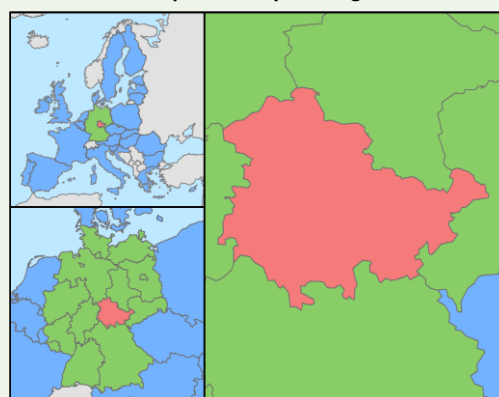
Data source: Germany -Thuringia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2013 data; (5) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 679 712 049 <small>0.7 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 219 558 591	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 899 270 640
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	1.5 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	3 660
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	215
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (4)	16.6 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	113.0
	From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 13.0 %.	

Map: Germany-Thuringia



Examples of expected achievements

- Under the cross cutting priority of knowledge transfer and innovation support will be provided for the training of some 7 300 between farmers, foresters and other beneficiaries in rural areas.
- More than 12 % of the farms (roughly 447 holdings) will receive funding for investments with a focus on animal welfare, organic farming resource-efficiency and meeting environmental requirements.
- Support will be granted to around 3.3 % of the agricultural holdings and producers group to participate in quality schemes, local markets and short supply-chains. Priority will be on processing of organic products.
- To address environmental challenges, the RDP aims to bring 18 % of the farmland and nearly 5 % of forest/wooded land under biodiversity contracts. Another 14 % of farmland and 8.5 % of forest land will be under contracts for improving water management.
- With 15 Local Action Groups (LAGs) drawing up Local Development Strategies (LDS), RDP support will provide the 63 % of the rural population with improved services. Around 280 new jobs will be created out of which 150 via LEADER. In addition 15 % of the rural population will benefit from new or improved broadband infrastructure.

Examples of key challenges

- A major environmental challenge in the region relates to the decline of biodiversity. Thuringia is a rural region where agricultural land and forests cover respectively the 56 % and the 34 % of the total area. The almost 3 600 farm holdings and other land-based activities have a major role in environmental management of agricultural and non-agricultural land (mostly forest).
- The regions faces the negative effects of heavy depopulation trends and ageing of society. Population has been declining in the last 15 years and outlooks confirm a drop of 18 % by 2030 with respect to 2010.
- Broadband coverage in rural areas is still lagging behind; 16 Mbit/sec are available in 45 % of Thuringia's households; however, only 12 % of households have 50 Mbit/sec. Thus, access to high-speed internet will be a major challenge.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for German Land Thuringia**, May 2015.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de/factsheet-thuringen_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	2.1 %

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)	90 36

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	7 326

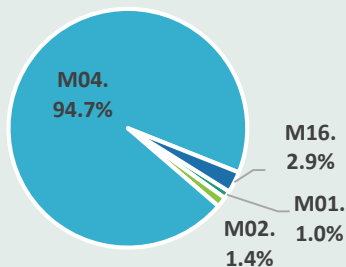
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

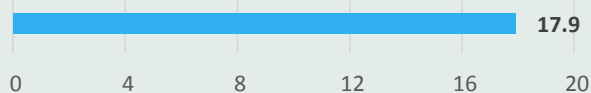


Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	12.2 %

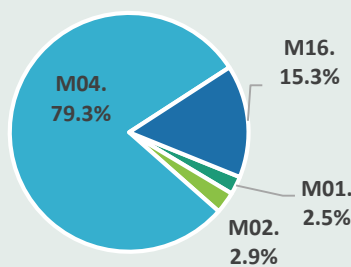
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)

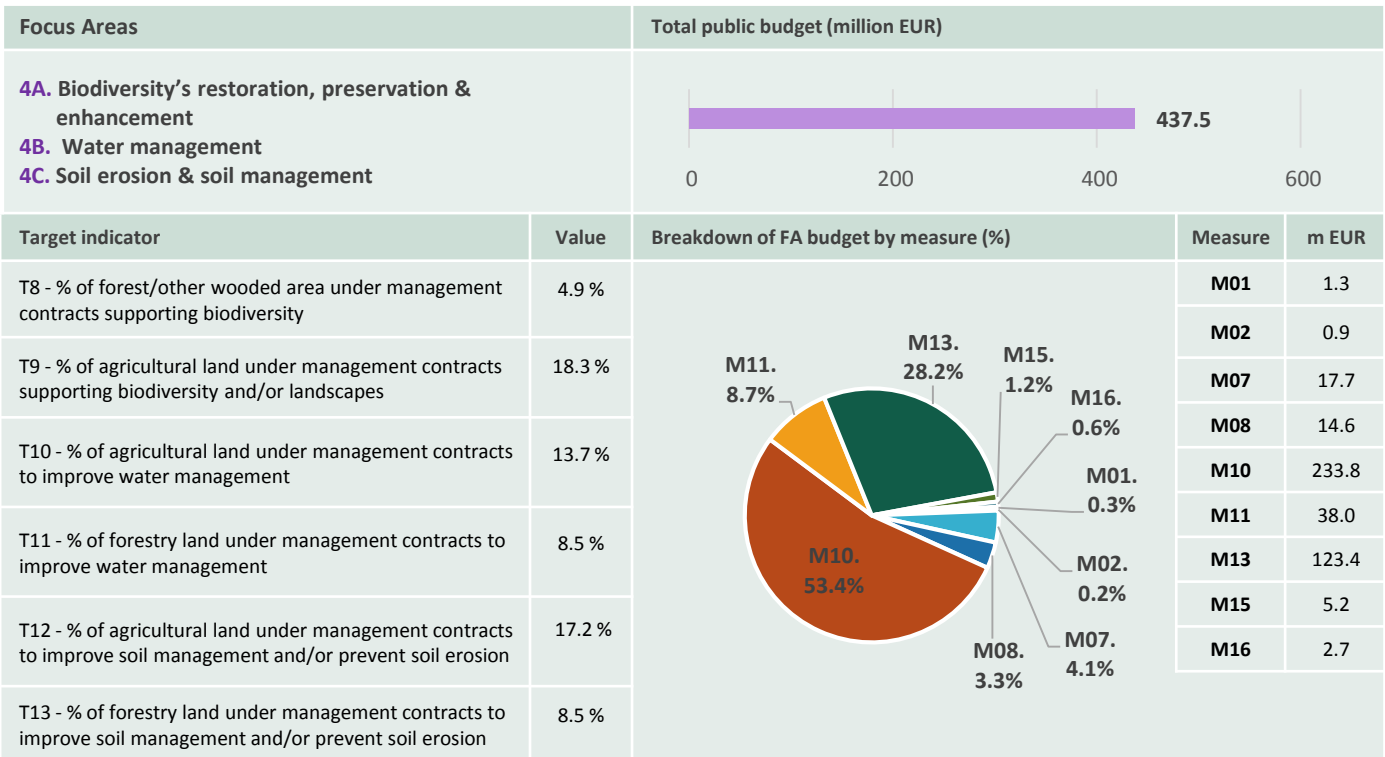


Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator	Value
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	3.3 %

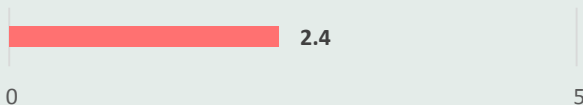
P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry



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

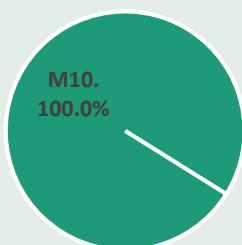
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M10	2.4



Target indicator

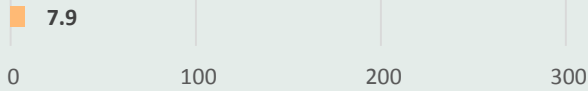
Value

T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	0.06 %
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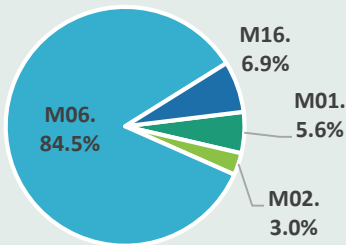
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.4
M02	0.2
M06	6.7
M16	0.6

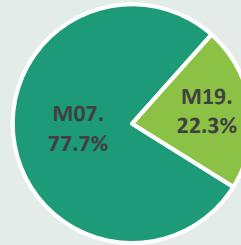
Target indicator	Value
T20 - Jobs created in supported projects	130

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

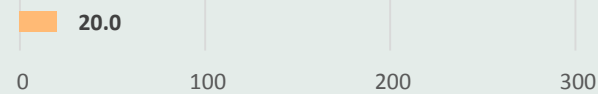


Measure	m EUR
M07	174.7
M19	50.1

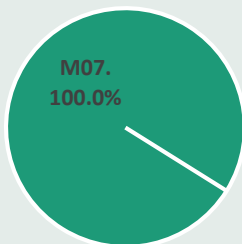
Target indicator	Value
T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	63.1 %
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	63.4 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	150

Focus Area 6C. ICT - Information & Communication Technology

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)	14.9 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

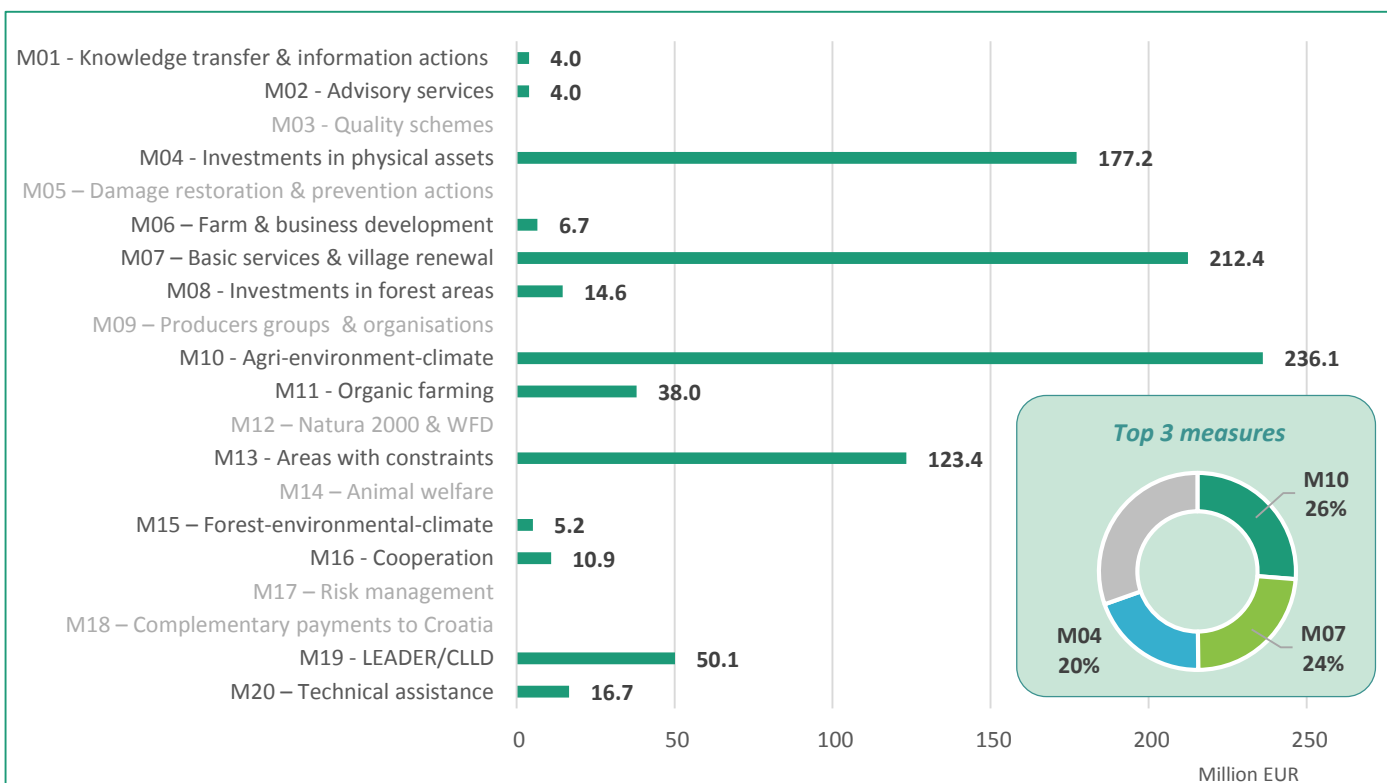
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	172.1	19.1 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	17.9	2.0 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	437.5	48.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	2.4	0.3 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	252.7	28.1 %

* 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.



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				45%		11%		33%								11%			100%	4.0
M02 - Advisory services				60%		13%		21%								6%			100%	4.0
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				92%		8%													100%	177.2
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development															100%				100%	6.7
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								8%									82%	9%	100%	212.4
M08 - Investments in forest areas								100%											100%	14.6
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								99%							1%				100%	236.1
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	38.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	123.4
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	5.1
M16 - Cooperation				45%		25%		25%								5%			100%	10.9
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	50.1

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2014
German National Rural Network	Netzwerk Ländliche Räume http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/
Managing authority	Thüringer Ministerium für Infrastruktur und Landwirtschaft, Referat: EU-Fondsverwaltung und Gemeinschaftsaufgabe
Paying agency	Thüringer Landesverwaltungsamt
Coordination body	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft, Referat 615
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-germany-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/de_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]

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