

## 1. General information

<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Country</b>	France
	<b>Region</b>	Auvergne
<b>Rural population (1)</b>	<b>Inhabitants (4)</b>	1.4 million
	<b>% of total population (4)</b>	100 %
	<b>Density - Inhab/km2 (4)</b>	52.0
<b>Rural area (1)</b>	<b>Km2 (4)</b>	26 013
	<b>% of total area (4)</b>	100 %
<b>Agricultural area</b> <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	<b>Ha (3)</b>	1.5 million
	<b>% of total territory (3)</b>	56.5 %
<b>Forest and other wooded land</b>	<b>Ha (3)</b>	767 400
	<b>% of total area (3)</b>	29.3 %
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>People (3)</b>	528 400
<b>Rural employment (1)</b>	<b>% of total workforce (3)</b>	100 %

Data source: France - Auvergne 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).  
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2009 data; (3) 2010 data; (4) 2012 data.

**EAFRD\* support:**  
**EUR 1 202 693 608**  
1.3 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28



**National contribution:**  
**EUR 479 790 015**

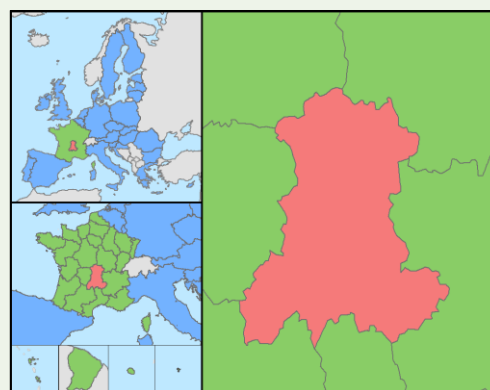


**Planned total public expenditure:**  
**EUR 1 682 483 623**

\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

<b>Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)</b>	<b>% of total (3)</b>	2.3 %
<b>No of agricultural holdings</b>	<b>No (3)</b>	23 780
<b>Average farm size</b>	<b>ha UAA/holding (3)</b>	61.8
<b>High Nature Value farming</b>	<b>% of total UAA (3)</b>	29.8 %
<b>Farmland Birds Index (FBI)</b>	<b>Index 2000 = 100</b>	109.5
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 9.5 %.</i>	

Map: France - Auvergne



### Examples of expected achievements

- Aiming to promote lifelong learning the RDP for Auvergne will provide training to 10 000 participants.
- Moreover, to foster knowledge transfer it will support 60 cooperation projects including projects under the European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.
- The programme intends to support modernization and development projects in 19 % of the region's farms. Similarly, it intends to support generational renewal by setting a target of 2 800 projects to install young farmers throughout the programming period.
- To improve the competitiveness of producers it is expected to support 450 system quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs.
- About 9 % of the agricultural area will be covered by agri-environment contracts and 300 non-productive investments projects will be linked to the achievement of agri-environmental objectives.
- The RDP Auvergne will also focus on LEADER projects as a tool for local development aiming to create 150 jobs through Local Development Strategies (LDS).

### Examples of key challenges

- The agricultural activity in the region accounts for 5 % of jobs and is characterized by low agricultural income levels (22 000 EUR / AWU or 7 000 EUR below the national average).
- Another feature of the region's agriculture is the declining and aging population of active farmers (the share of those less than 40 years old decreased from 29 % in 2000 to 20 % in 2010).
- The region also suffers from a significant risk of land abandonment in mountain areas (7 out of 10 farms are located in mountain areas) which would have negative effects on the environment and employment in rural areas.
- An equally important issue is to support initiatives favourable to the economic development in rural areas and to guarantee a minimum of services to the population in remote areas.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Auvergne*, July 2015  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-auvergne\\_fr.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-auvergne_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\_AU) are specific to the Auvergne 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 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	1.2 %

#### 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	10 335

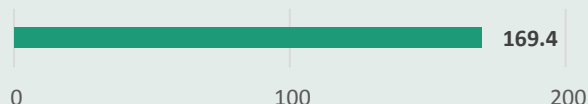
#### Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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)	60 10

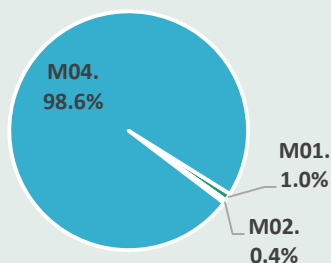
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



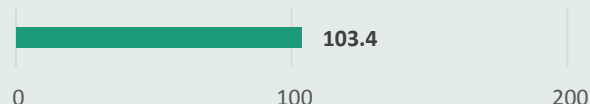
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



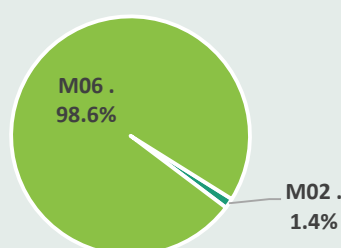
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	18.9 %

#### Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

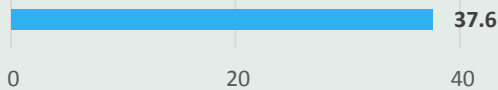


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	11.8 %

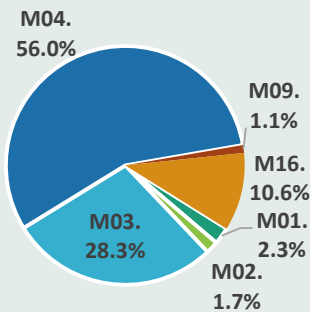
### P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.9
M02	0.6
M03	10.6
M04	21.0
M09	0.4
M16	4.0

Target indicator

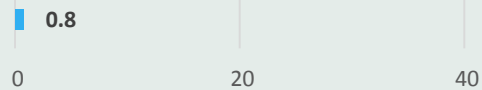
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

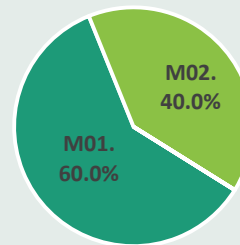
3.1 %

#### Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.5
M02	0.3

Target indicator

FR\_AU01 - Number of participants to training and skills acquisition (M01)

Value

1 000

FR\_AU02 - Number of beneficiaries of advisory services (M02)

200

### 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

0.1 %

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

4.3 %

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

4.3 %

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

0.1 %

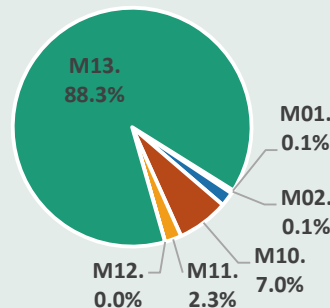
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

7.1 %

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

0.1 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

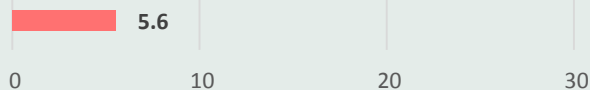


Measure	m EUR
M01	1.6
M02	1.3
M04	2.4
M07	22.7
M10	81.5
M11	26.5
M12	0.1
M13	1 031

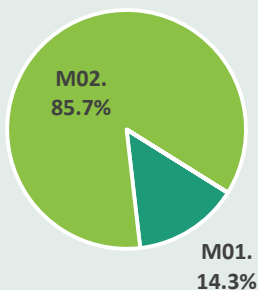
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate:** Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

**Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

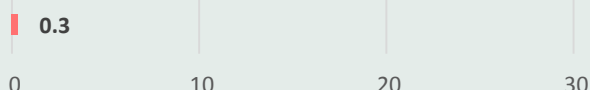
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system

Value

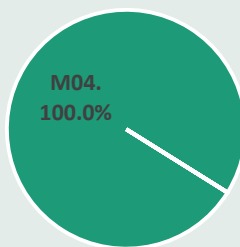
5.0 %

**Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

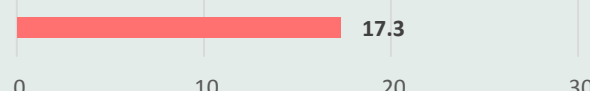
FR\_AU03 - Number of participants in training activities , exchanges and demonstrations (1.1 to 1.3)

Value

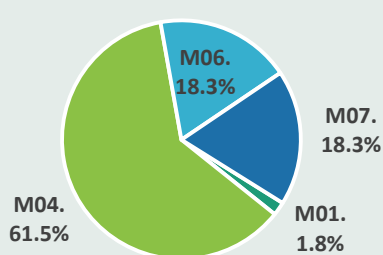
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**Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

Value

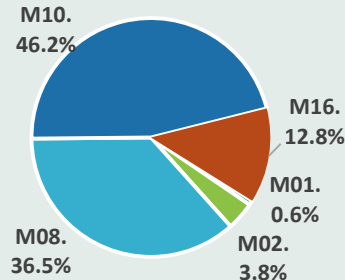
65.7 m

**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

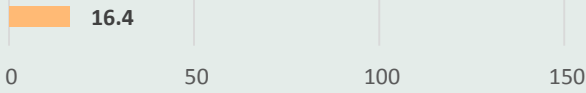
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0.3 %

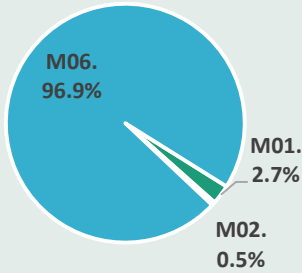
**P6 - Social inclusion & local development:** Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

**Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	0.4
M02	0.08
M06	15.9

Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

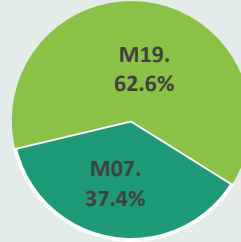
300

**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	47.6
M19	79.7

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

65.7 %

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

32.0 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

150

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

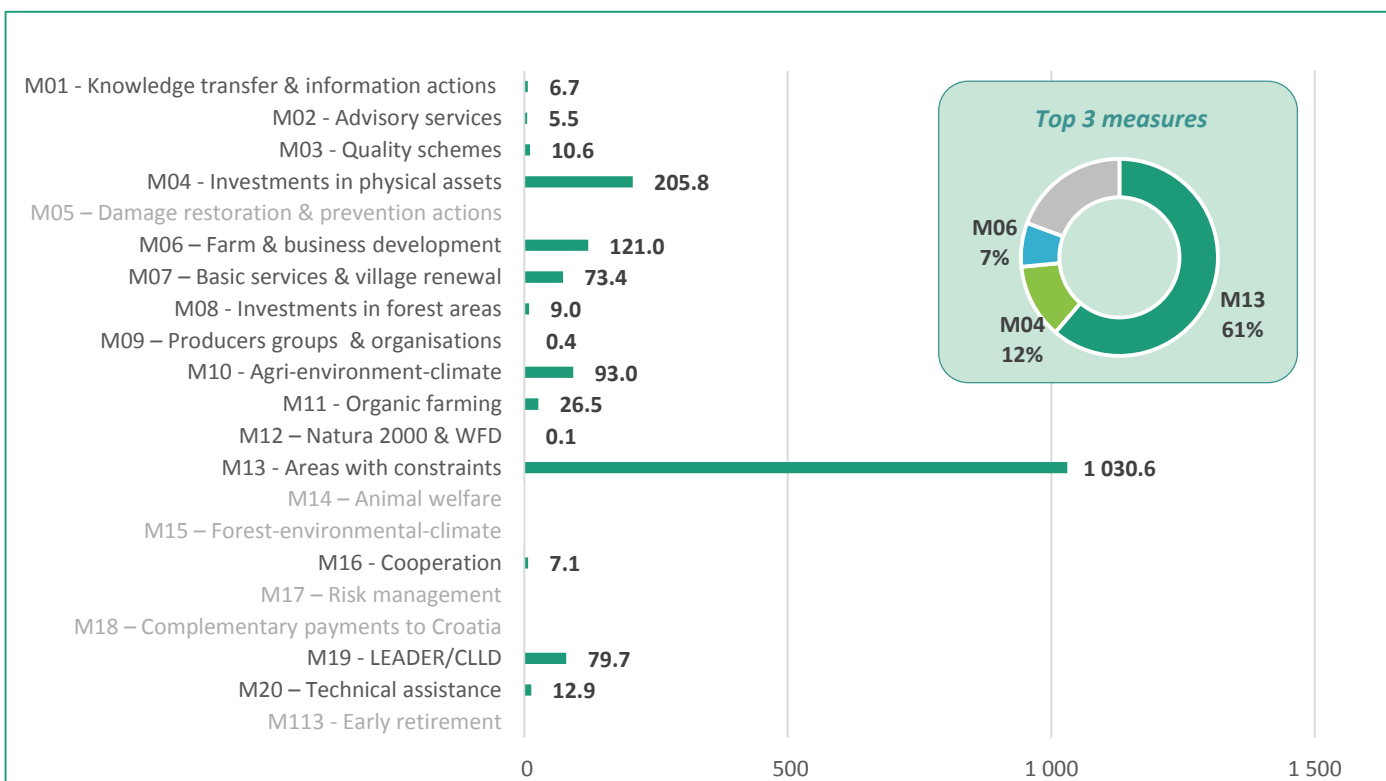
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	272.8	16.2 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	38.3	2.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	1 166.7	69.3 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	48.0	2.9 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	143.7	8.5 %

\* 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				26%		13%	7%	24%			12%	5%	5%		2%	7%			100%	6.7
M02 - Advisory services				14%	26%	12%	6%	25%							17%	1%			100%	5.5
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	10.6
M04 - Investments in physical assets				81%		10%		1%			2%		5%						100%	205.8
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					84%											13%			100%	121
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								31%					4%				65%		100%	73.4
M08 - Investments in forest areas														100%					100%	9.0
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%													100%	0.4
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								88%							12%				100%	93.0
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	26.5
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%											100%	0.1
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	1 031
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation						56%								44%					100%	7.1
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	79.7

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	20/07/2015
<b>French National Rural Network</b>	Le Réseau Rural Français <a href="http://www.reseaurural.fr/">http://www.reseaurural.fr/</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Région Auvergne - Direction générale adjointe du développement de l'économie, de l'attractivité de l'Auvergne
<b>Paying agency</b>	Agence de services et de paiement (ASP)
<b>Coordination body</b>	Agence de Services et de Paiement - Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs des fonds agricoles
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr_en.htm</a>
<b>National Partnership Agreement summary</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-france-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-france-summary_en.pdf</a>
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	<a href="http://www.europe-en-france.gouv.fr/L-Europe-s-engage/Accord-de-partenariat">http://www.europe-en-france.gouv.fr/L-Europe-s-engage/Accord-de-partenariat</a>
<b>Rural Development Regulation 2014-2020</b>	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 <a href="#">en</a> ]

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