

## 1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	France
	Region	Limousin
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	0.8 million
	% of total population (3)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	44.0
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	16 942
	% of total area (3)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	0.9 million
	% of total territory (4)	51.5 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.6 million
	% of total area (2)	33.6 %
Total employment	People (2)	284.8 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

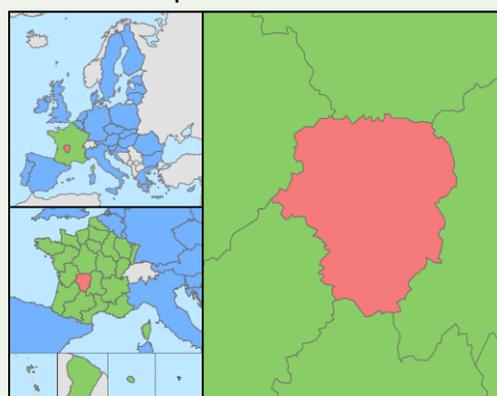
Data source: France - Limousin 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).  
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

<b>EAFRD* support:</b> <b>EUR 579 138 810</b> <small>0.6 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	<b>National contribution:</b> <b>EUR 228 404 864</b>	=	<b>Planned total public expenditure:</b> <b>EUR 807 543 674</b>
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\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	2.8 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	14 640
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	57.3
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (2)	85.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	121.3
	<i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 21.3 %.</i>	

Map: France - Limousin



### Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support the development of 133 cooperation projects including 22 operational groups.
- The programme finance modernization and development projects in 1 197 farms (8 % of the total) to improve both their economic and environmental performance and ensure long-term competitiveness of regional agriculture.
- It also aims at encouraging young farmers with the goal of reaching 1 190 farms run by young farmers (about 8 % of the total).
- The programme will help mobilize about EUR 17.6 million throughout the programming period to support investments in the food industry.
- Agri-environmental and climate measures (MAEC) or support to organic farming are among the main RDP tools to promote the development of good agricultural practices and will cover approximately 63 000 ha (7 % of the total agricultural area) to meet the need to preserve biodiversity, water and soil. By considering carbon sequestration actions, about 126 000 ha or 14 % of the agricultural area will be covered.
- LEADER in Limousin will support 21 Local Development Strategies (LDS) implemented by Local Action Groups (LAGs) covering over 87 % of the region's rural population.

### Examples of key challenges

- The green landscapes of the region are hilly and well maintained and constitute a significant tourist attraction and an important source of employment.
- There are 36 sites that are classified as Natura 2000 and occupy more than 6 % of the region's territory.
- Limousin is also one of the regions with the largest agricultural surface characterised as less-favoured area.
- The food industry plays an important economic role as there are 267 enterprises in the region occupying 4 700 employees. The dominant sector is meat processing.
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) in Limousin as a whole are extremely low compared to the national level (1.5% of total national emissions).

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Limousin*, November 2015  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-limousin\\_fr.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-limousin_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\_LI) are specific to the Limousin 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	1.4 %

#### Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
FR_LI01 - Number of operations supported under Knowledge Transfer	105

#### 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)	133 22

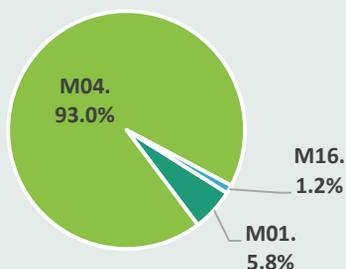
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



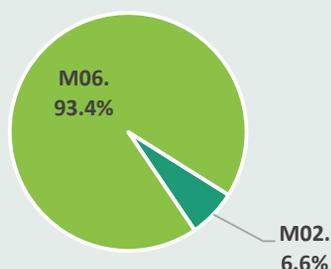
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	8.2 %

#### 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	8.1 %

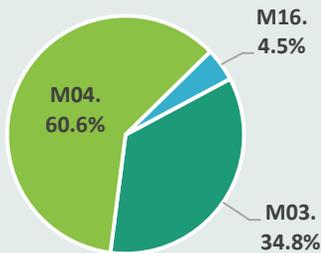
### P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M03	6.1
M04	10.7
M16	0.8

Target indicator

Value

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

4.6 %

FR\_LI02 - % of food companies receiving support under the investment program related to processing and marketing of agricultural products

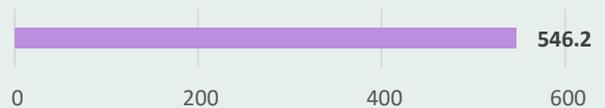
9.0 %

### 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

FR\_LI03 - Number of forest Natura 2000 contracts

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

5.3 %

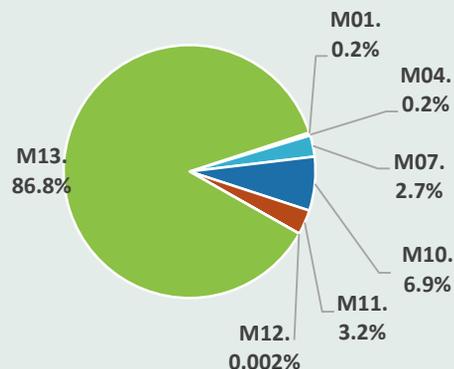
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

5.5 %

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

3.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

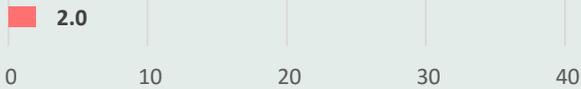


Measure	m EUR
M01	1.0
M04	1.2
M07	14.8
M10	37.6
M11	17.4
M12	0.01
M13	474.2

**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

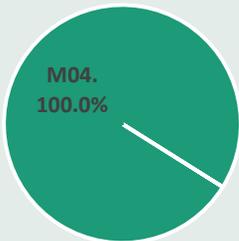
**Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	2.0



Target indicator	Value
T15 - Total investment for energy efficiency (EUR)	4.3 m

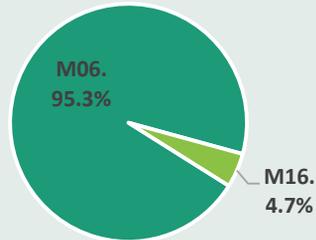
**Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	4.9
M16	0.2



Target indicator	Value
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)	16.4 m

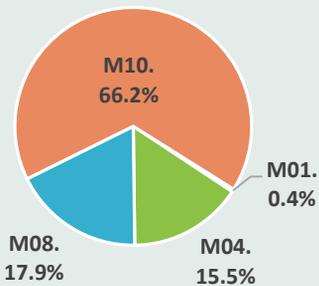
**Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M04	4.8
M08	5.6
M10	20.5



Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	4.4 %

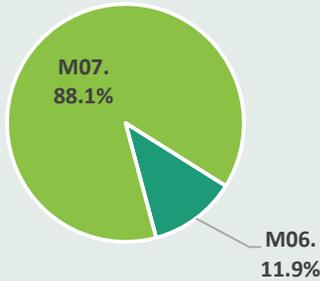
**P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas**

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

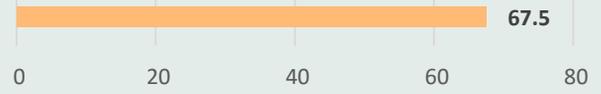
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

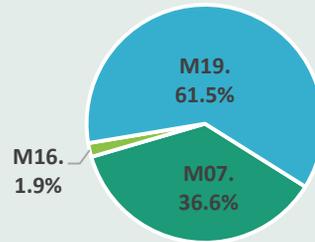
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**Focus Area 6B. Local development**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

72.0 %

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

87.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

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### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

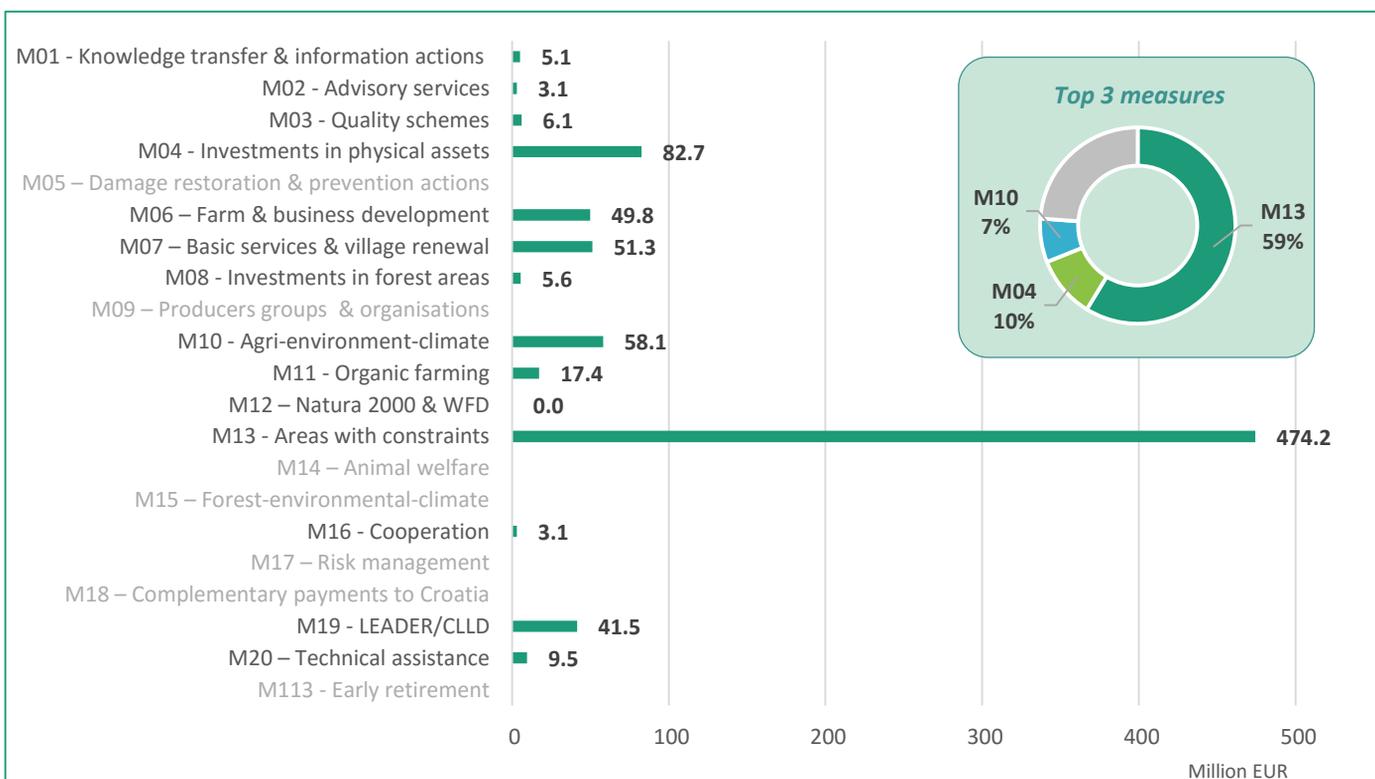
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	115.2	14.3 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	17.6	2.2 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	546.2	67.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	38.1	4.7 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	80.9	10.0 %

\* 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				78%				20%							2%					100%	5.1
M02 - Advisory services					100%															100%	3.1
M03 - Quality schemes						100%														100%	6.1
M04 - Investments in physical assets				77%		13%		2%				2%			6%					100%	82.7
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development					87%										10%			3%		100%	49.8
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								29%										23%	48%	100%	51.3
M08 - Investments in forest areas														100%						100%	5.6
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																					
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								65%							35%					100%	58.1
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	17.4
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD								100%												100%	0.01
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	474.2
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation				26%		26%								8%				41%		100%	3.1
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%			100%	41.5

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	24/11/2015
<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 Limousin
<b>Paying agency</b>	Agence de Services et de Paiement (ASP)
<b>Coordination body</b>	Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs (MCFA)
<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>
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<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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