

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	France
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	42.5 million
	% of total population (3)	65.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	72.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	582 839
	% of total area (3)	92.1 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	27.8 million
	% of total territory (4)	44.0 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	17.6 million
	% of total area (2)	27.8 %
Total employment	People (3)	27.0 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	59.9 %

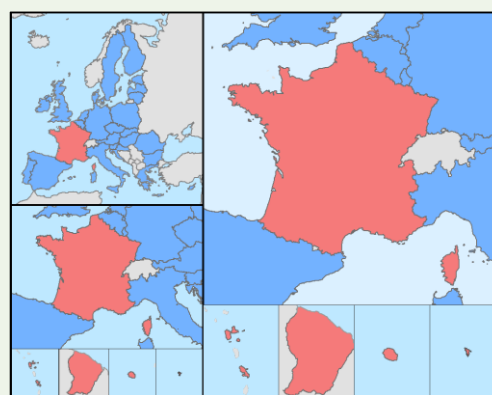
Data source: France - National 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total MS territory.

EAFRD* support: EUR 607 750 000 <small>0.6 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 6 207 547	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 613 957 547
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	2.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	516 100
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	53.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA	n/a
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	96.2
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 3.8 %.</i>	

Map: France



Examples of expected achievements

- The national RDP is built around Priority 3B 'Support for prevention and risk management at farm level' and its strategy focuses exclusively on supporting farms whose economic activity is likely to be jeopardized in the aftermath of a hazard. Thus, in order to mitigate production risks in agriculture, the programme will activate for the entire French territory two risk management tools: crop insurance and mutual funds. It is estimated that through the national RDP almost 96 % of French farmers will receive support to access these risk management tools.
- In addition, the RDP will also allocate some budget to fund the development of national IT tools to be used for the implementation of all programmes and the preparatory work for the delimitation of areas facing natural or other specific constraints.

Examples of key challenges

- In this vast territory of France several types of climates are distinguished: oceanic, semi-continental, mountain or Mediterranean, tropical and maritime or equatorial at the overseas territories.
- The range of farming activities in France is quite wide with different types of animal and plant production.
- At the same time, the geographical distribution of production results to a regional specialization. In this context, agriculture faces diverse market and production risks as well as been exposed to diverse and specific climate risks and health, phytosanitary and environmental hazards

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for France*, September 2015

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-national-programme_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.

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

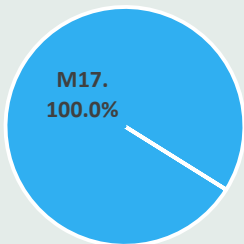
Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M17	600.8



Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes	95.9 %
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3. Planned expenditure per priority

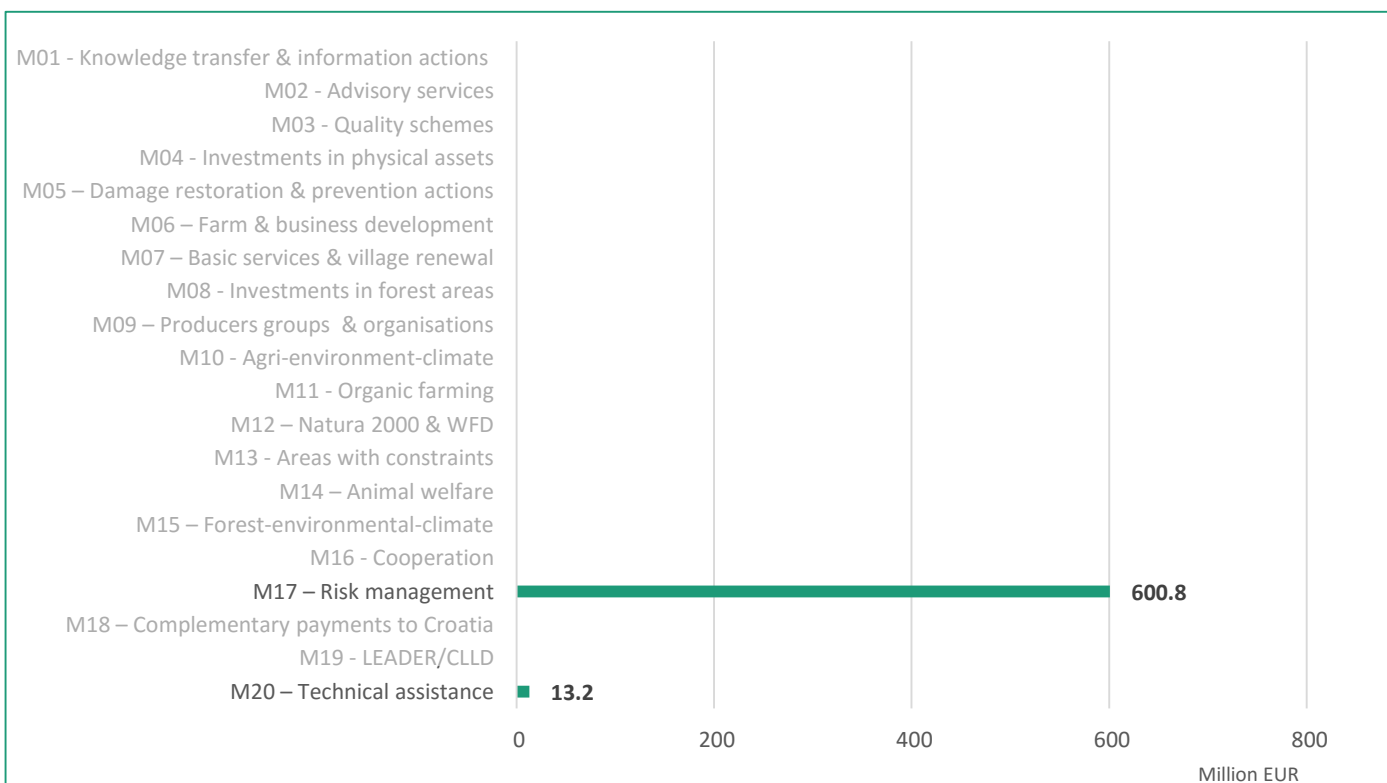
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	-	
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	600.8	98.0 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	-	
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	-	
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	-	

* 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 Member State.



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																					
M02 - Advisory services																					
M03 - Quality schemes																					
M04 - Investments in physical assets																					
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																					
M06 - Farm & business development																					
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																					
M08 - Investments in forest areas																					
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																					
M10 - Agri-environment-climate																					
M11 - Organic farming																					
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints																					
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation																					
M17 - Risk management							100%													100%	600.8
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																					

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	08/09/2015
French National Rural Network	Le Réseau Rural Français http://www.reseaurural.fr/
Managing authority	Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'agroalimentaire et de la forêt – Direction générale des politiques agricole, agroalimentaire et des territoires
Paying agency	Agence de Services et de paiement
Coordination body	Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs des fonds agricoles
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-france-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.europe-en-france.gouv.fr/L-Europe-s-engage/Accord-de-partenariat
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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