

1. General information

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| Geographical Area | Country | France |
| | Region | Picardie |
| Rural population (1) | Inhabitants (3) | 1.9 million |
| | % of total population (3) | 100.0 % |
| | Density - Inhab/km2 (3) | 99.2 |
| Rural area (1) | Km2 (3) | 19 400 |
| | % of total area (3) | 100.0 % |
| Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i> | Ha (2) | 1.3 million |
| | % of total territory (4) | 68.5 % |
| Forest and other wooded land | Ha (3) | 379.4 million |
| | % of total area (3) | 19.4 % |
| Total employment | People (2) | 672.1 million |
| Rural employment (1) | % of total workforce (2) | 100.0 % |

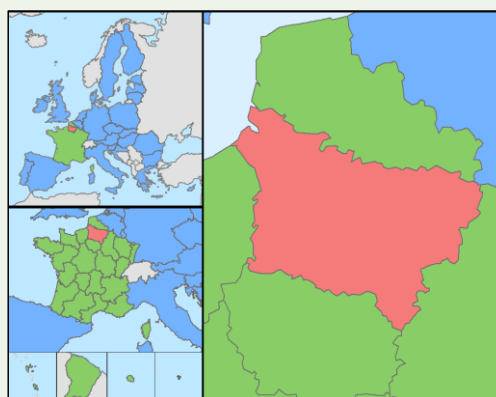
Data source: France – Picardie 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

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| EAFRD* support: EUR 137 598 614 <small>0.1 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small> | + | National contribution: EUR 80 412 236 | = | Planned total public expenditure: EUR 218 010 850 |
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

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| Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA) | % of total (2) | 3.7 % |
| No of agricultural holdings | No (2) | 13 870 |
| Average farm size | ha UAA/holding (2) | 95.8 |
| High Nature Value farming | % of total UAA (2) | 1.8 % |
| Farmland Birds Index (FBI) | Index 2000 = 100 | 97.2 |
| | <i>From 2000 to 2009 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 2.8 %.</i> | |

Map: France - Picardie



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support the establishment of 11 cooperation projects in various fields.
- To promote knowledge transfer, the programme will provide training for about 10 000 people on the agricultural, food and forestry sectors.
- The programme will support the modernization and development of 1 800 farms (13 % of the total).
- Generational renewal will also be promoted by financing the installation of 800 young farmers (6 % of total farms) throughout the programming period.
- Agro-environment-climate measures will target about 70 000 ha that will be managed under contracts (5.2 % of total agricultural area) to help address the challenges of preserving biodiversity, water and soil.
- About 200 investment projects will be supported to promote the production and use of renewable energy, particularly through the use of locally produced wood.
- The programme will support 7 Local Development Strategies (LDS) that will be implemented by Local Action Groups (LAGs), and will benefit 21 % of the region's population.

Examples of key challenges

- Overall, the agribusiness sector of Picardie adds value to 2/3 of the local agricultural production.
- The socio-economic challenges in agriculture in the region are related, essentially, to large crops due to prices fluctuations, the competition parameters in the global markets as well as basic inputs.
- The challenges related to the environment are particularly related to the increasing pressure on land due to growing sub-urbanization around urban centres, and threats on the rich but fragile natural heritage of the region in terms of biodiversity, soil and water quality.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Picardie*, November 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/fr/factsheet-picardie_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.

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 |
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| T1 - % of expenditure under Articles 14, 15 and 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in relation to the total expenditure for the RDP | 2.7 % |

Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

| Target indicator | Value |
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| T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 | 10 000 |

Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

| Target indicator | Value |
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| 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) | 11 |
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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

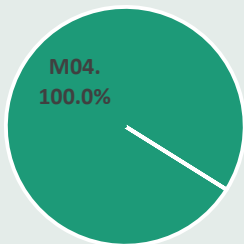
Focus Area 2A. Farm's performance, restructuring & modernization

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

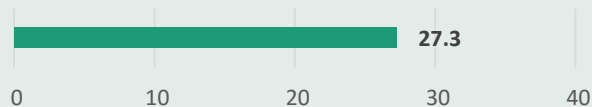
| Measure | m EUR |
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| M04 | 30.4 |



| Target indicator | Value |
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| T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation | 13.0 % |

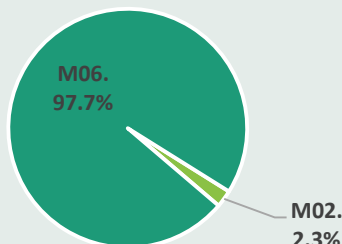
Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



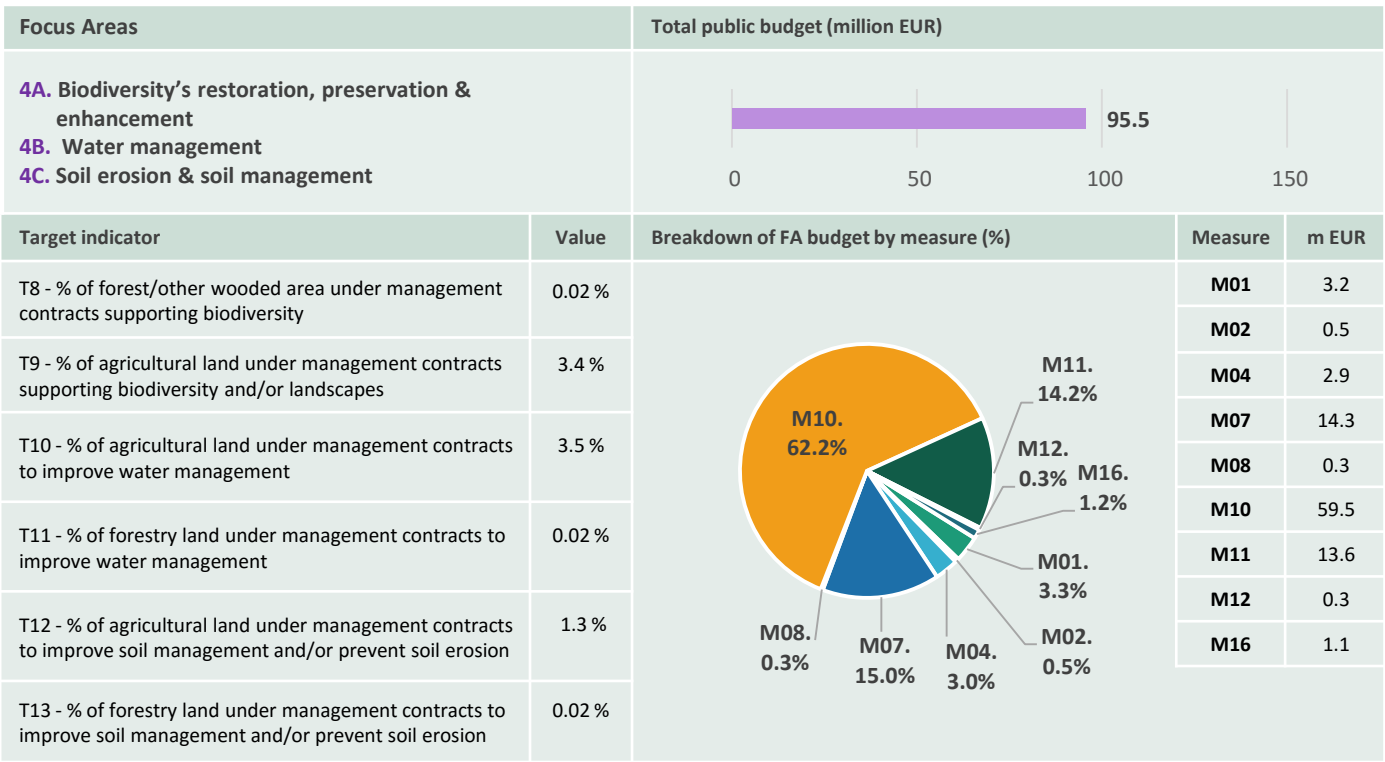
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

| Measure | m EUR |
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| M02 | 0.6 |
| M06 | 26.6 |

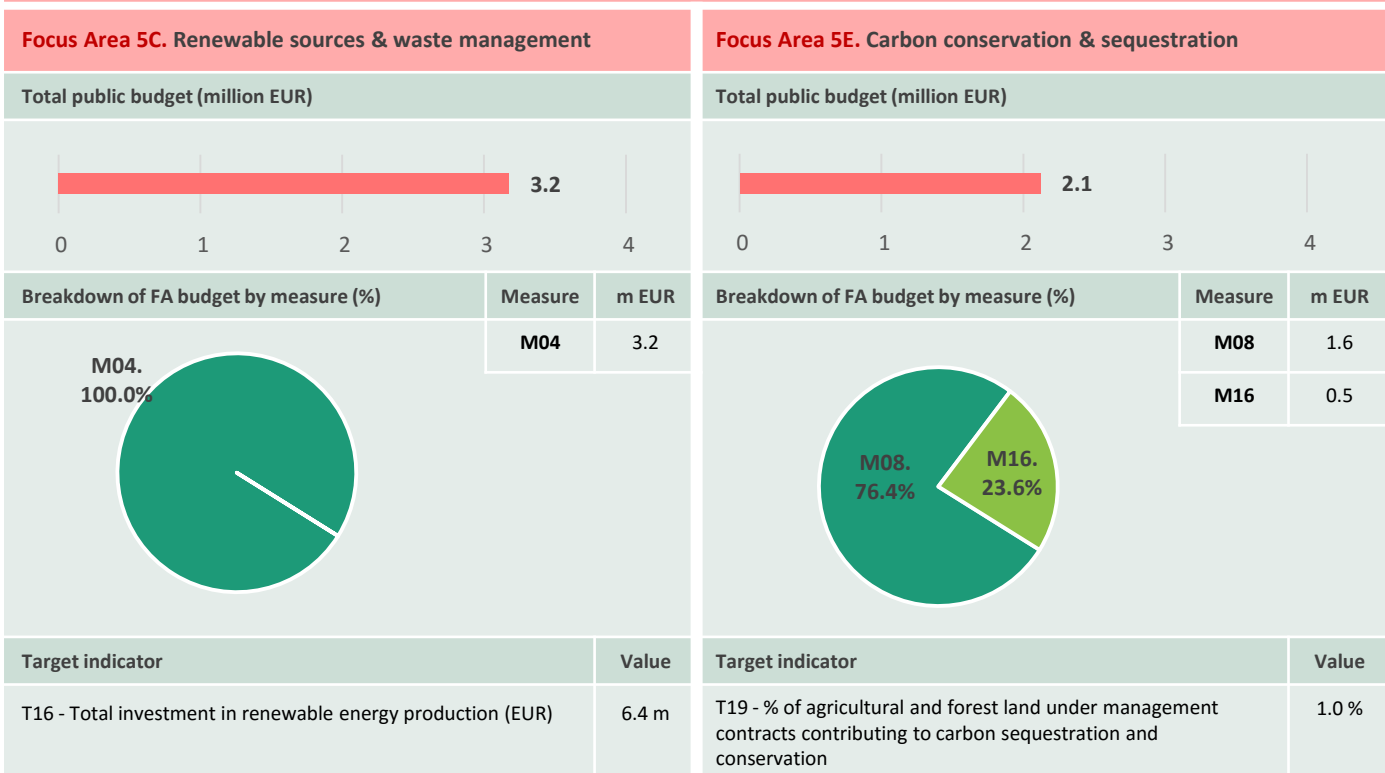


| Target indicator | Value |
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| T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers | 5.8 % |

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



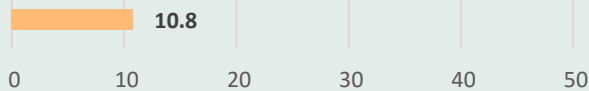
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors



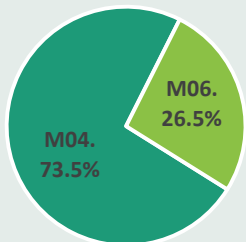
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
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| M04 | 7.9 |
| M06 | 2.9 |

Target indicator

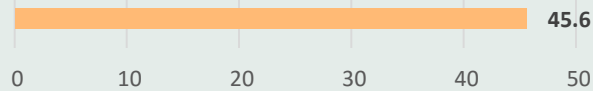
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T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

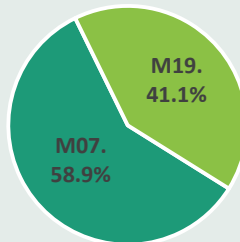
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



| Measure | m EUR |
|---------|-------|
| M07 | 26.8 |
| M19 | 18.8 |

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

20.8 %

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

35.3 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

95

3. Planned expenditure per priority

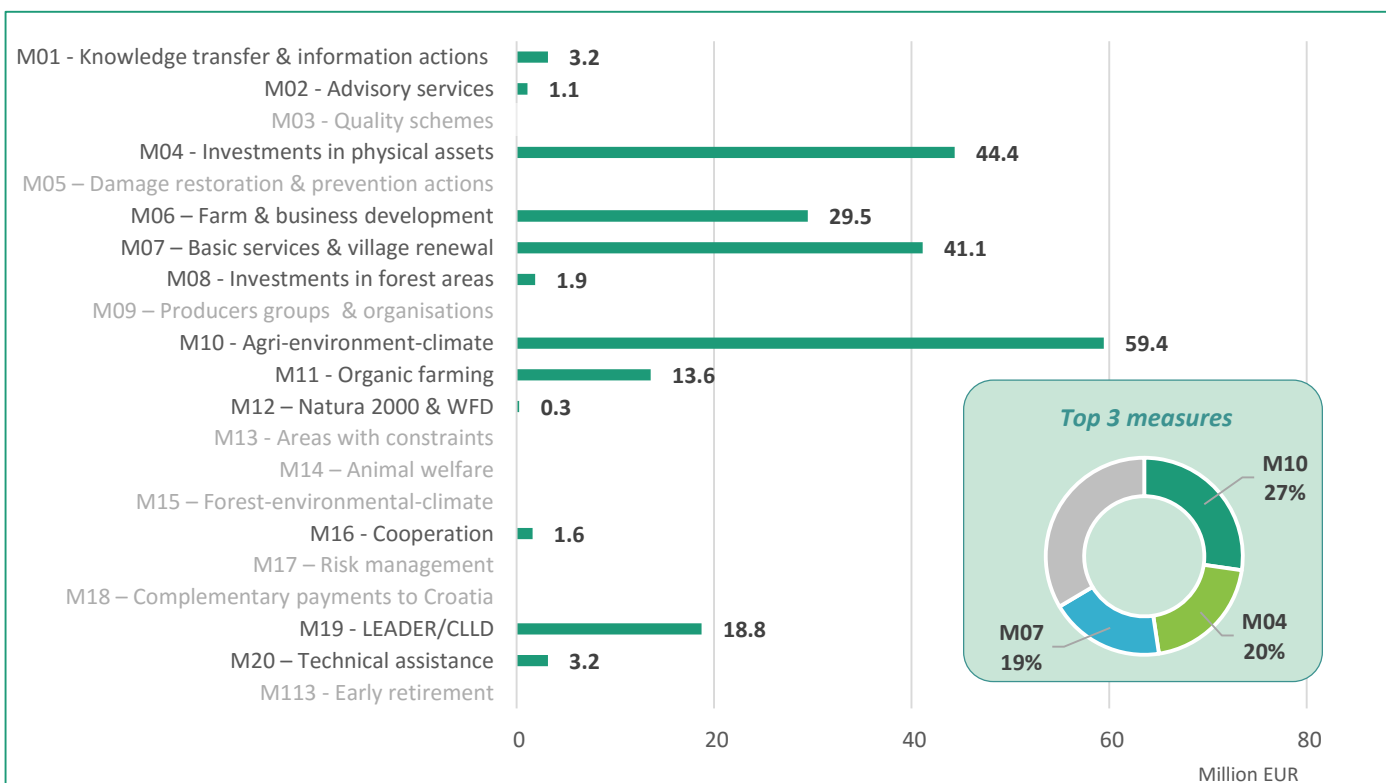
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

| Priority | Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR) | % of total public expenditure* | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------|
| P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation | P2 - Competitiveness | 57.7 | 26.5 % |
| | P3 - Food chain & risk management | 0.0 | 0.0 % |
| | P4 - Ecosystems management | 95.5 | 43.8 % |
| | P5 - Resource efficiency & climate | 5.3 | 2.4 % |
| | P6 - Social inclusion & local development | 56.4 | 25.9 % |

* 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) | |
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| | 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 |
| M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 3.2 |
| M02 - Advisory services | | | | | 58% | | | 42% | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 1.1 |
| M03 - Quality schemes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M04 - Investments in physical assets | | | | 69% | | | | 6% | | | | 7% | | | 18% | | | 100% | 44.4 |
| M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M06 - Farm & business development | | | | | 90% | | | | | | | | | | 10% | | | 100% | 29.5 |
| M07 - Basic services & village renewal | | | | | | | | 35% | | | | | | | | 65% | | 100% | 41.1 |
| M08 - Investments in forest areas | | | | | | | | 14% | | | | | | 86% | | | | 100% | 1.9 |
| M09 - Producers groups & organisations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M10 - Agri-environment-climate | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 59.5 |
| M11 - Organic farming | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 13.6 |
| M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | 100% | 0.3 |
| M13 - Areas with constraints | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M14 - Animal welfare | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M15 - Forest-environmental-climate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M16 - Cooperation | | | | | | | | 69% | | | | | | 31% | | | | 100% | 1.6 |
| M17 - Risk management | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M19 - LEADER/CLLD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | | | 100% | 18.8 |

6. Additional info

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| Date of RDP approval | 24/11/2015 |
| French National Rural Network | Le Réseau Rural Français http://www.reseaurural.fr/ |
| Managing authority | Région Picardie |
| Paying agency | Agence de services et de paiement (ASP) |
| Coordination body | Mission de coordination des organismes payeurs des fonds agricoles (MCFA) |
| 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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