

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Abruzzo
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	1.3 million
	% of total population (4)	100 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	124.8
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	10 774
	% of total area (4)	100 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	0.45 million
	% of total territory (5)	42.1 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	0.44 million
	% of total area (2)	40.6 %
Total employment	People (2)	0.5 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100 %

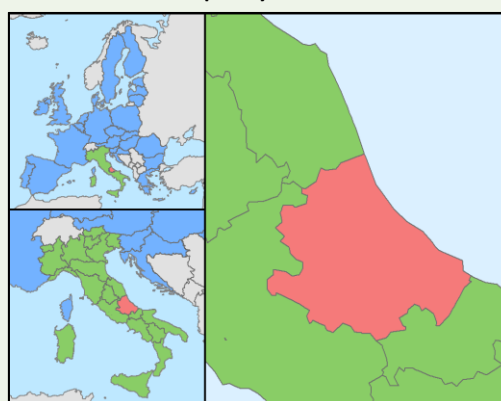
Data source: Italy – Abruzzo 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2012 data; (5) 2010, calculation based on 2012 total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 207 742 000 <i>0.2 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</i>	+	National contribution: EUR 225 053 834	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 432 795 834
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (2)	2.3 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	66 840
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	6.8
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	64.0 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	149.1
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species increased by 49.1 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Abruzzo



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP is expected to fund 43 cooperation projects, including projects under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) and about 3 400 places in training activities will be available for farmers and foresters.
- Investments in physical assets concern 1 280 farms to support the establishment of young farmers and diversification into non-agricultural activities such as rural tourism and production of renewable energy.
- Abruzzo will support the promotion of quality products and the participation of farmers in quality schemes, as well as investments in the processing and marketing of agricultural products affecting 450 agro-industrial companies.
- Over 20 % of agricultural land will be under agro-environment-climate contracts.
- Support for Local Development Strategies (LDS) under LEADER includes the involvement of almost half of rural areas population and the creation of about 50 additional jobs.

Examples of key challenges

- A major challenge in terms of competitiveness of agriculture faced by Abruzzo is represented by the pursuit of a higher degree of efficiency either through increasing farm size or through cooperation between farms.
- The loss of soil due to water erosion is estimated at about 46 % of the total UAA.
- Another challenge is reversing the trend of marginalization of mountain areas, including the digital divide and poorer internet services in some areas.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Abruzzo*, November 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-abruzzo_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. The target indicators identified with the country code (IT_ABR) are specific to the Abruzzo 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	5.6 %

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)	43 8

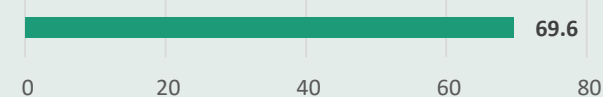
Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	3 405

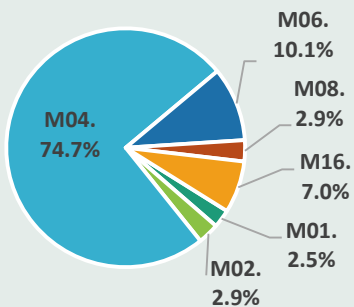
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



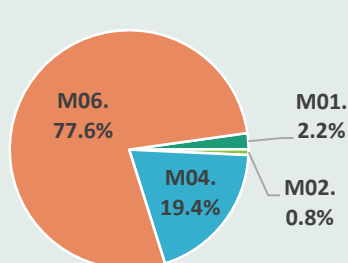
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	1.5 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

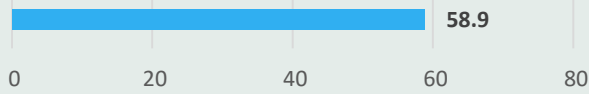


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	1.1 %

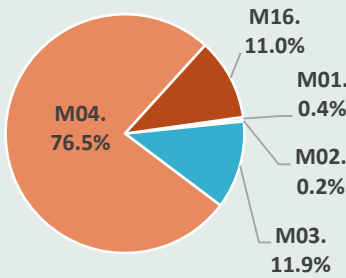
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M02	0.1
M03	7.0
M04	45.0
M16	6.5

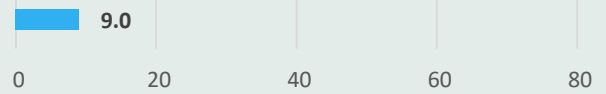
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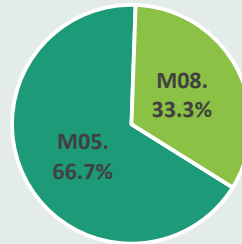
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	0.2 %
IT_ABR01 - % of agri-food businesses supported through sub-measure 4.2	6.4 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M05	6.0
M08	3.0

Target indicator

Value

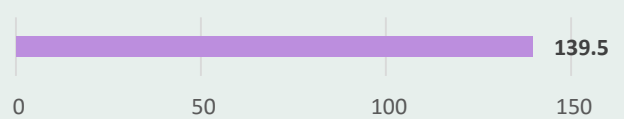
IT_ABR02 - number of financed preventive operations	8.0
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P4 – Ecosystems management: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

Focus Areas

- 4A. Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement
- 4B. Water management
- 4C. Soil erosion & soil management

Total public budget (million EUR)

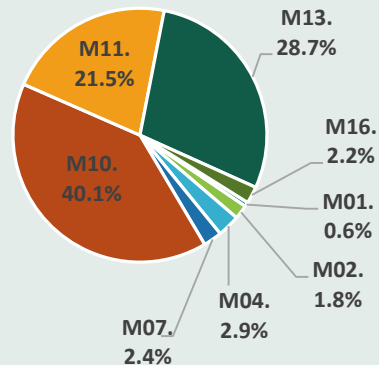


Target indicator

Value

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	0.9 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	18.6 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	13.5 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	20.7 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



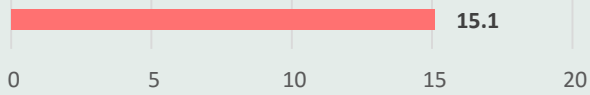
Measure m EUR

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.8
M02	2.5
M04	4.0
M07	3.3
M10	55.9
M11	30.0
M13	40.0
M16	3.0

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

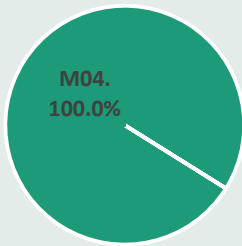
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M04	15.1



Target indicator

Value

T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system 6.9 %

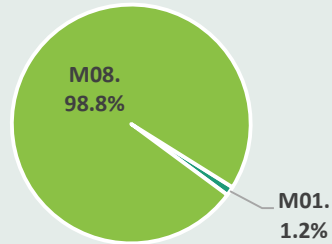
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M08	8.0



Target indicator

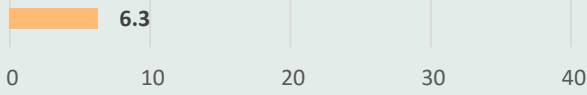
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T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation 3.6 %

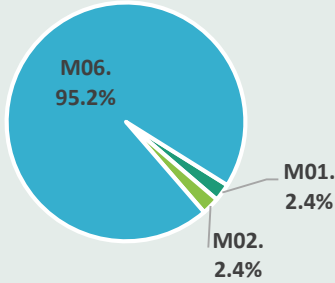
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

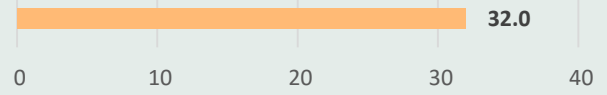
T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

Value

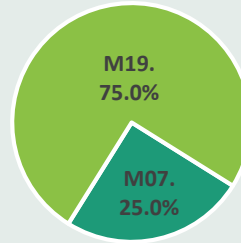
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

Value

37.5 %

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

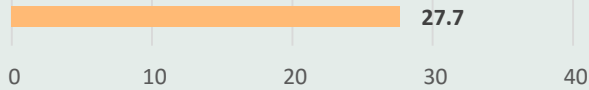
2.5 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

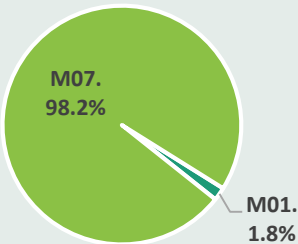
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Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (ICT)

Value

37.2

3. Planned expenditure per priority

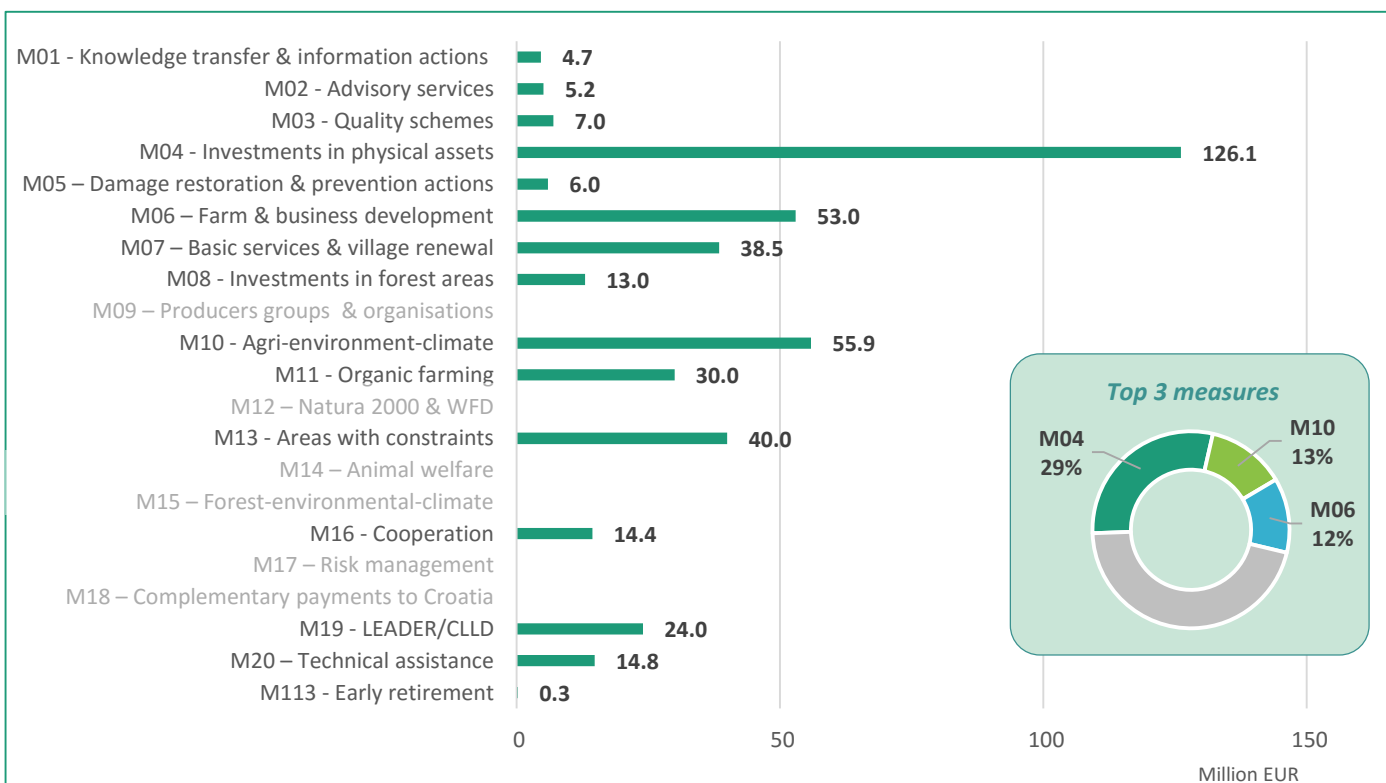
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	121.2	28.0 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	67.9	15.7 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	139.5	32.2 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	23.2	5.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	66.0	15.2 %

* 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				37%	24%	5%		17%							2%	3%		11%	100%	4.7
M02 - Advisory services				39%	8%	2%		49%								3%			100%	5.2
M03 - Quality schemes							100%												100%	7.0
M04 - Investments in physical assets				41%	8%	36%		3%			12%								100%	126.1
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	6.0
M06 - Farm & business development				13%	76%											11%			100%	53.0
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								9%									21%	70%	100%	38.5
M08 - Investments in forest areas				15%			23%							62%					100%	13.0
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	55.9
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	30.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	40.0
M14 - Animal welfare																				
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				34%		45%		21%											100%	14.4
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	24.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	13/11/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
Managing authority	Autorità di Gestione del Programma di Sviluppo Rurale (PSR) della Regione Abruzzo
Paying agency	Agenzia per le Erogazioni in Agricoltura (AGEA)
Coordination body	/
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-italy-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.dps.gov.it/it/AccordoPartenariato
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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