1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Bolzano
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	0.5 million
	% of total population (4)	100.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	69.5
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	7 400
	% of total area (4)	100.0 %
Agricultural area *Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)*	Ha (2)	0.2 million
	% of total territory (5)	32.5 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (4)	0.4 million
	% of total area (4)	50.0 %
Total employment	People (2)	0.3 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (2)	100.0 %

Data source: Italy – Bolzano 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 2010 total region territory data.

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	4.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	20 250
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	11.9
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (n/a)	2.6 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	70.0
	From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 30.0 %.	

Map: Italy - Bolzano

EAFRD* support: EUR 157 994 000
0.2 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28

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National contribution: EUR 208 411 380

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Planned total public expenditure: EUR 366 405 380

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
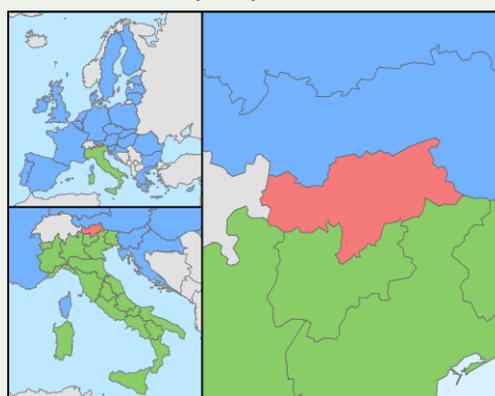
Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support 6 cooperation projects including support for Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP), and there will be 1 330 places in training courses.
- Concerning farm investments and modernization, support is targeted to dairy farms, with 125 farms receiving RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernization. Almost 6 % of farms will receive young farmers start up support.
- The RDP will encourage farmers to participate in cooperation projects that develop short supply chains and local markets. The province plans to support 20 investment projects in farms and in processing and marketing of agricultural products.
- Around 26 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity, 5.5 % under contracts to improve water management and another 22 % under contracts to contribute to soil erosion management.
- Around 60 % of the allocated EAFRD amount will be used for area-based payments to farmers for using environment/climate friendly land management practices, including organic farming and to areas facing natural constraints.
- On around 14 % of the agricultural land will aim at the reduction of greenhouse gases and ammonia emissions and 8 % of agricultural and forest land will come under management contracts to contribute to carbon sequestration or conservation.
- The RDP will support the establishment of 4 LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) and 50 additional jobs will be created by Local Development Strategies (LDSs).

Examples of key challenges

- Bolzano, entirely located in the Alps, covers an area of 7 400 km² with a number of complex development problems.
- Only 8 % of the UAA is used for fruit and wine production, however it has a strategic importance in the province's economy. More than 50 % of the gross marketable production in the province comes from this sector.
- Bolzano's main challenges derive from its geographical situation. With the whole territory classified as mountainous, farming is taking place under very difficult conditions, mainly in areas with natural constraints.
- Further environmental challenges in Bolzano are related to the need for a shift towards an innovative and sustainable agriculture and in particular the adaptation of agriculture and forestry to climate change.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Bolzano*, May 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-bolzano_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_BOL) are specific to the Bolzano 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 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	0.9 %

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…),	6
of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	6

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	1 330

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)

14.8

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

M08 . 27.1%
M04 . 71.2%
M01. 1.7%

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M04	10.5
M08	4.0
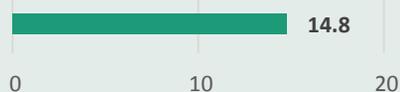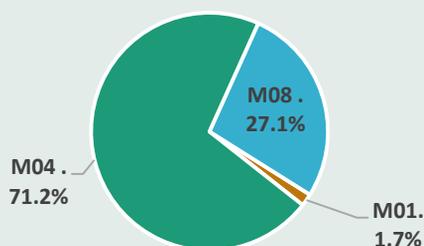
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	0.6 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)

25.7

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

M06 . 100.0%

Measure	m EUR
M06	25.7
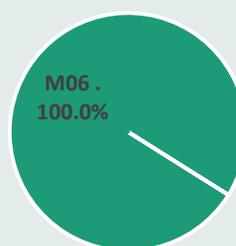
Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	5.9 %

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

Focus Areas	Total public budget (million EUR)
4A. Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement **4B.** Water management **4C.** Soil erosion & soil management	207.9

Target indicator	Value
T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	0.2 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	26.6 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	13.0 %
T12 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	22.4 %
T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	0.2 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

M13 . 56.3%
M11 . 4.3%
M10 . 29.6%
M08 . 8.0%
M04 . 1.7%
M01 . 0.1%

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3
M04	3.5
M08	16.6
M10	61.5
M11	9.0
M13	117.0

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)

36.4

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

M04 . 93.5%
M16 . 5.0%
M01 . 1.5%
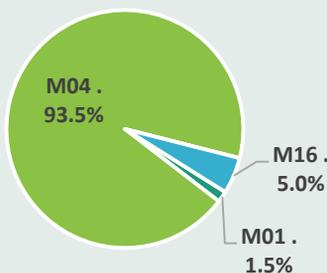
Measure	m EUR
M01	0.6
M04	34.0
M16	1.8

Target indicator	Value
IT_BOL01 - Total costs of the investments of measure 4 (EUR)	135.9 m

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 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)

0.3

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

M01. 100.0%
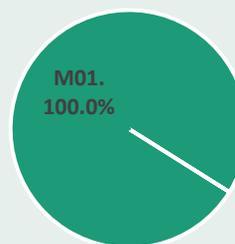
Measure	m EUR
M01	0.3

Target indicator	Value
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production	n/a

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 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)

19.3
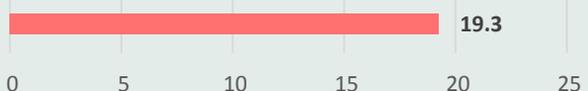
| Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
M10. 100.0%	M10	19.3
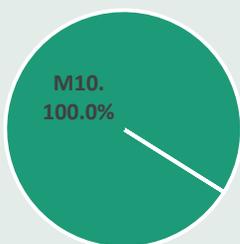
Target indicator	Value
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	13.6 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)

20.7

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
M10 . 93.2% — M08 . 6.8%	M08	1.4
	M10	19.3
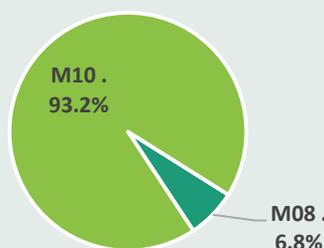
Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	5.4 %

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

Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)

23.8

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
M19 . 85.3% — M07 . 14.7%	M07	3.5
	M19	20.3
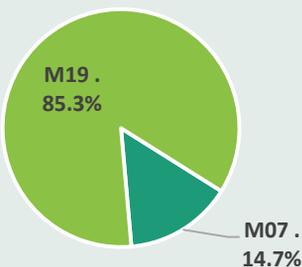
Target indicator	Value
T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies	17.5 %
T22 - % of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	0.2 %
T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)	50

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

Total public budget (million EUR)

15.3
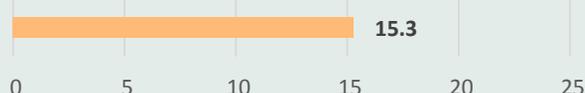
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
M07 . 100.0%	M07	15.3
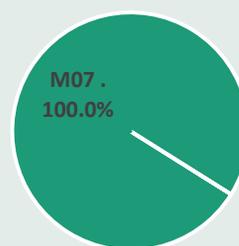
| Target indicator	Value
T24 - % of rural population benefiting from new or improved services/infrastructures (ICT)	2.4

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**	40.5	**11.1 %**
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	36.4	**9.9 %**
	P4 - Ecosystems management	207.9	**56.7 %**
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	40.2	**11.0 %**
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	39.1	**10.7 %**

* 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.

Measure	Million EUR
M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions	1.4
M02 - Advisory services	
M03 - Quality schemes	
M04 - Investments in physical assets	48.0
M05 – Damage restoration & prevention actions	
M06 – Farm & business development	25.7
M07 – Basic services & village renewal	18.8
M08 - Investments in forest areas	22.0
M09 – Producers groups & organisations	
M10 - Agri-environment-climate	100.0
M11 - Organic farming	9.0
M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD	
M13 - Areas with constraints	117.0
M14 – Animal welfare	
M15 – Forest-environmental-climate	
M16 - Cooperation	1.8
M17 – Risk management	
M18 – Complementary payments to Croatia	
M19 - LEADER/CLLD	20.3
M20 – Technical assistance	2.4

Top 3 measures

- M13 32%
- M10 27%
- M04 13%

5. Choice of measures by priority and focus areas

The following chart shows which priorities and focus areas are selected in the Rural Development Programme 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 crosscutting 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 Competi-tiveness		P3 Food chain & risk manage-ment		P4 Ecosystems management			P5 Resource efficiency & climate					P6 Social inclusion & local development			Total	Planned expenditure (million EUR)
Focus Area	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 – Greenhous Gas & ammonia emissions	5E - Carbon conservation & sequestration	6A - Diversification & job creation	6B - Local development	6C – ICT - Information & communication technologies	Total	Planned expenditure (million EUR)
M01 - Knowledge transfer & information actions				18%		39%			21%				21%						100%	1.4
M02 - Advisory services																				
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				22%		71%			7%										100%	48.0
M05 – Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 – Farm & business development					100%														100%	25.7
M07 – Basic services & village renewal																	19%	81%	100%	18.8
M08 - Investments in forest areas				18%					76%						6%				100%	22.0
M09 – Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate									62%					19%	19%				100%	100.0
M11 - Organic farming									100%										100%	9.0
M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints									100%										100%	117.0
M14 – Animal welfare																				
M15 – Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation						100%													100%	1.8
M17 – Risk management																				
M18 – Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	20.3

6. Additional info

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Paying agency	Organismo Pagatore della Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano
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) Nº 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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