

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Poland
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	27.7 million
	% of total population (3)	71.8 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	97.6
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	283 600
	% of total area (3)	90.7 %
Agricultural area Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)	Ha (2)	14.5 million
	% of total territory (2)	46.2 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	9.3 million
	% of total area (2)	29.8 %
Total employment	People (3)	15.5 million
Rural employment	% of total workforce (2)	33.5 %

Data source: Poland 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
 Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 8 598 280 814
 9.0 % of Total EAFRD
 support for EU-28



**National
 contribution:**
EUR 4 914 993 743

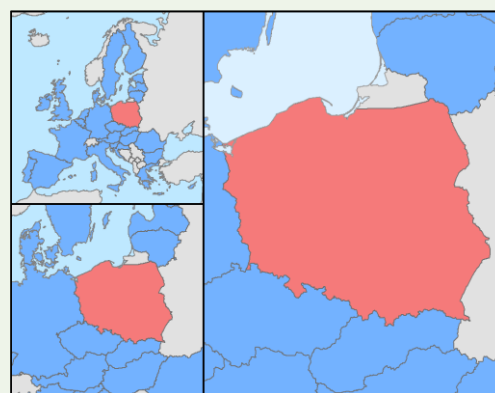


**Planned total public
 expenditure:**
EUR 13 513 274 557

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	4.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	1 506 600
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	9.6
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA	n/a
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	99.3
	<i>From 2000 to 2008 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 0.7 %.</i>	

Map: Poland



Examples of expected achievements

- Support for knowledge transfer will be mainly oriented towards economic and environmental aspects of the agricultural sector. More than 260 000 participants will take part in various training sessions and demonstration projects.
- Roughly 50 000 agricultural holdings will receive modernisation support to improve their competitiveness, with a further 50 000 small farms receiving start up aid for the implementation of various types of operations. Investment support will also help young people to set up just under 29 000 new, modern and competitive farm enterprises.
- Under the priority food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products 2 800 projects will be funded in processing plants and agricultural holdings and aid will be granted to more than 1 800 producer groups.
- RDP support will also be used for reducing fertilization levels and the use of pesticides and herbicides, more sustainable grazing and mowing in areas with valuable natural habitats or with endangered bird species located in and outside Natura 2000 areas.
- 256 Local Action Groups (LAGs) are expected to draw up Local Development Strategies (LDS). The CLLD/LEADER approach will cover 58.2 % of the rural population while creating approximately 22 000 jobs and improving living conditions.

Examples of key challenges

- A challenge arising from the very low productivity in the agricultural sector in Poland is the lack of proper technical equipment in family farming, as well as lack of entrepreneurs and innovators in rural areas.
- In Poland, low soil quality combined with frequent rainfall shortages influence the agricultural productivity to the extent that 62.5 % of agricultural land is classified as Areas with Natural Constraints (ANC).
- As the agriculture sector accounts for 10.7 % of Poland's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, farmers need practical tools to address these and other emissions stemming from intensive crop and livestock production.
- Approximately 19.4 % of arable land in Poland faces various environmental challenges: 8.2 % is particularly endangered by water and/or wind erosion, 3.6 % experiences problems with low humus levels and 7.4 % are defined as Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (areas that drain into waters polluted by nitrates).

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Poland*, December 2014.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/pl/factsheet_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 (PL) are specific to the Poland 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	1.4 %

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)	90
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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	261 811

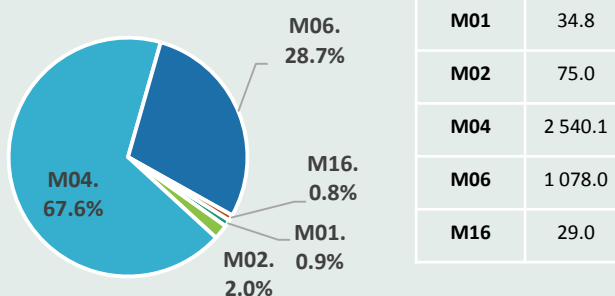
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



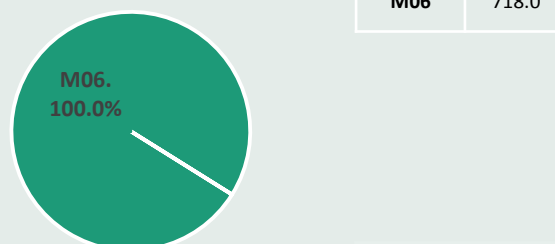
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	2.8 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

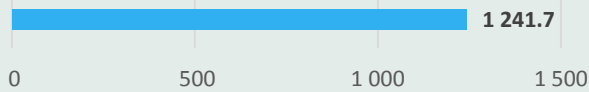


Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	1.9 %

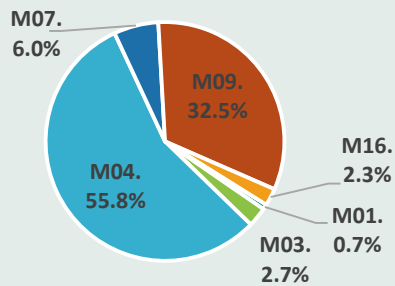
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

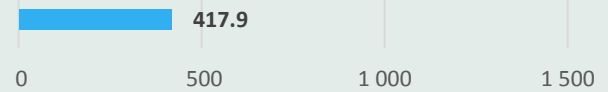
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

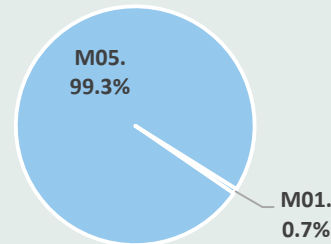
4.1 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

PL01 - N° of beneficiaries receiving support to prevent the destruction of potential agricultural production

Value

990

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

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

Value

14.7 %

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

Value

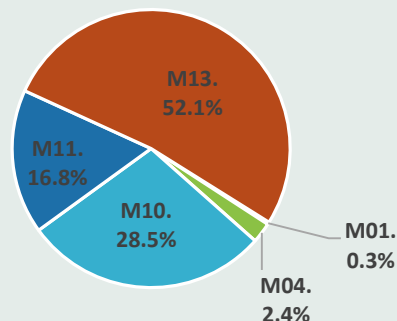
14.4 %

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

Value

19.1 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



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

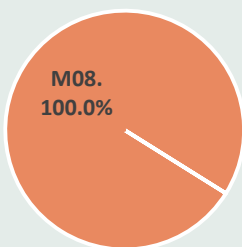
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	301.0



Target indicator

Value

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

0.4 %

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

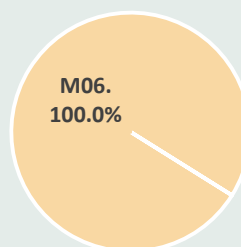
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M06	413.9



Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

16 550

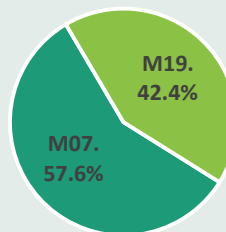
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	1 000.0
M19	735.0



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

58.2 %

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

5.4 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

5 943

3. Planned expenditure per priority

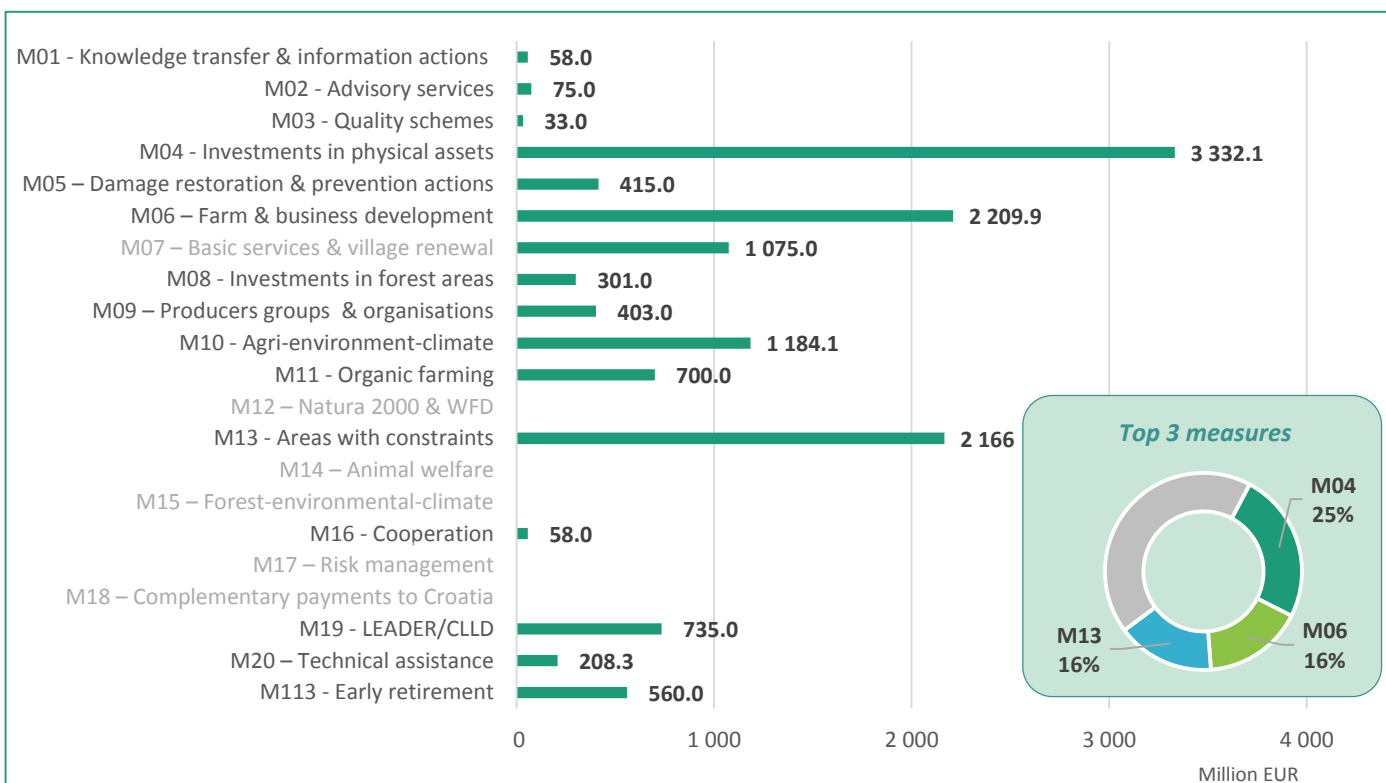
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	4 474.8	33.1 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	1 659.6	12.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	4 160.6	30.8 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	301.0	2.2 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	2 148.9	15.9 %

* 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 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				60%		15%	5%	20%												100%	58.0
M02 - Advisory services				100%																100%	75.0
M03 - Quality schemes						100%														100%	33.0
M04 - Investments in physical assets				76%		21%		3%												100%	3332.2
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%													100%	415.0
M06 - Farm & business development				49%	32%											19%				100%	2209.9
M07 - Basic services & village renewal						7%											93%			100%	1075.0
M08 - Investments in forest areas														100%						100%	301.0
M09 - Producers groups & organisations						100%														100%	403.0
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%												100%	1184.1
M11 - Organic farming								100%												100%	700.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																					
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%												100%	2166.0
M14 - Animal welfare																					
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																					
M16 - Cooperation				50%		50%														100%	58.0
M17 - Risk management																					
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																					
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%				100%	735.0

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	12/12/2014
Polish National Rural Network	Krajowa Siec Obszarów Wiejskich http://ksow.gov.pl/
Managing authority	Minister Rolnictwa i Rozwoju Wsi
Paying agency	Agencja Restrukturyzacji i Modernizacji Rolnictwa
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/pl_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-poland-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-poland_pl.pdf
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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