

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Romania
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (3)	9.6 million
	% of total population (3)	45.0 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (3)	40.6
Rural area (1)	Km2 (3)	236 484
	% of total area (3)	99.2 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	13.3 million
	% of total territory (2)	55.8 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (3)	6.8 million
	% of total area (3)	28.3 %
Total employment	People (3)	9.2 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (4)	88.0 %

Data source: Romania 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) based on rural (2012) and intermediate employment (2010) data; (5) 2013 data.

EAFRD support:
EUR 8 127 996 402
*8.5 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28*



**National
contribution:**
EUR 1 344 652 106

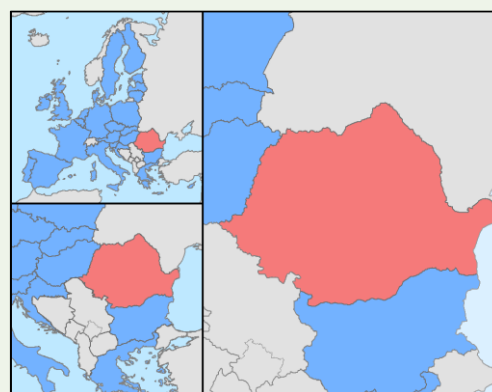


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 9 472 648 508

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	6.0 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	3 859 040
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	3.4
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	15.1 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	100.0
	<i>From 2000 to 2010 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species remained stable.</i>	

Map: Romania



Examples of expected achievements

- More than 184 000 persons will receive training under the RDP. Over 60 000 farmers and owners of micro and small enterprises in rural areas will receive specific advisory services. Over 200 cooperation projects will be supported including setting up of 24 Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- The RDP will support investments in the modernisation of nearly 3 400 farms and cooperatives, the development of more than 30 000 small farms and the setting up of more than 9 400 young farmers.
- In the forestry sector investments will be supported to expand the limited network of forest roads by over 900 km.
- The RDP aims to modernise and support the investments of nearly 300 food processing units, to set up 62 new producer groups with the participation of 620 holdings. Almost 15 000 farmers will take part in a mutual fund so that they can better mitigate the effects of adverse climate and other risks.
- More than 1.3 million ha of agricultural land (almost 10 % of all Romania's agricultural land) and more than 800 000 ha (12 % of forests) will benefit from environmental and climate payments, or for forest conservation. Nearly 3 000 projects will be supported for setting-up/developing non-agricultural businesses in rural areas and almost 27 000 jobs will be created, of which more than 2 000 will be created under LEADER. The programme will support 120 Local Action Groups (LAGs) that will implement Local Development Strategies (LDS) covering 100% of the eligible rural territory.
- The RDP will support almost 800 projects to improve small-scale rural infrastructure and living conditions for some 27 % of the rural population.

Examples of key challenges

- Large and medium sized farms account for around 7 % of holdings and manage some 70 % of agricultural area. On the other hand 93 % of the holdings are less than 5 ha - typically subsistence and semi-subsistence holdings managing 30 % of the agricultural area.
- The average farm size is considerably smaller than the EU average (3.4 ha compared to an EU average of 14.4 ha). The average productivity is also low, currently 30 % of EU average levels.
- Only 7 % of farmers are young farmers and those working in the sector display a low level of formal education and skills. 40 % of the rural population is at risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- Large agricultural areas are affected by soil degradation phenomena (erosion, landslides, and desertification).

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Romania*, May 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ro/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 (RO) are specific to the Romanian 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	1.8 %

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...),	211
of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	24

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	184 430

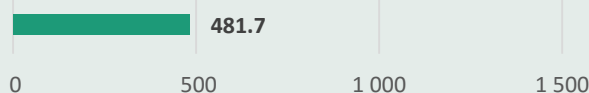
¹ In Romania there are 60 997 small farms (between EUR 8 000 and 11 999 Standard Output).

² In Romania there are 63 645 medium farms (between EUR 12 000 and 250 000 Standard Output).

³ Targets are typically calculated compared to total no. of farms in programme area. In Romania the very high overall number of farms (nearly 3.9 million) is due to large share of very small subsistence and semi-subsistence farms which distorts the picture, so targets have also been established compared to total number of small and medium farms eligible to apply for the support concerned.

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)



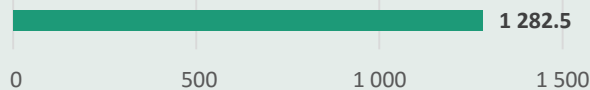
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
	M01	6.4
	M02	30.5
	M06	444.8

Target indicator	Value
RO_03 - % of farms sized between 12 000-50 000 Standard Output (SO) supported by RDP investment for young farmers	17.7 %
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.2 %

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)

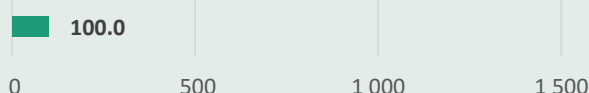


Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
	M01	12.5
	M02	22.0
	M04	881.5
	M06	366.5

Target indicators	Value
RO_01 - % of small holdings with RDP support ¹	4.1 %
RO_02 - % of medium - sized holdings with RDP support ²	2.7 %
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation ³	0.09 %

Focus Area 2C+. Improving the economic performance of forests

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)	Measure	m EUR
	M04	100.0

Target indicator	Value
RO_04 - km of forest roads built under supported projects	909

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

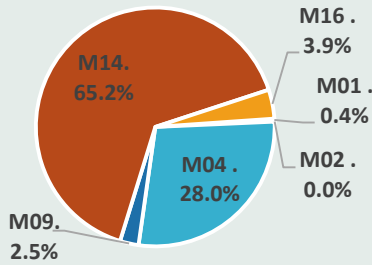
Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

Value

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

0.04 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

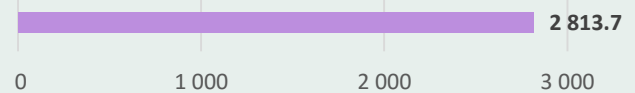
0.4 %

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

12.2 %

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

10.1 %

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

11.9 %

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

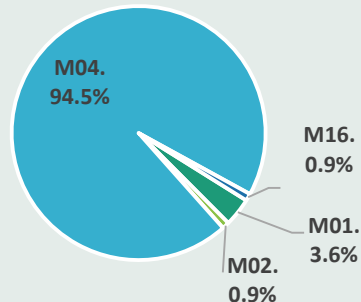
3.8 %

T13 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion

1.2 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



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

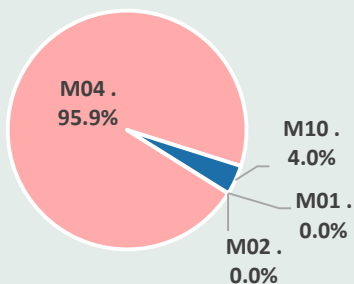
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

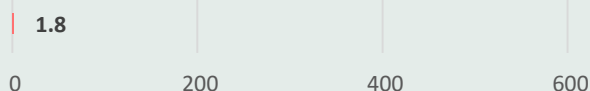
Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M02	0.08
M04	435.3
M10	18.2



Target indicator	Value
RO_05 - % of viable land for irrigation switching to more efficient irrigation system	63.4 %
T14 - % of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system ⁴	294.3 %

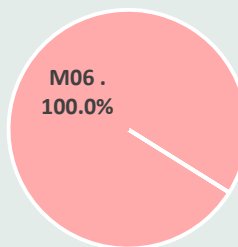
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & wastes management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

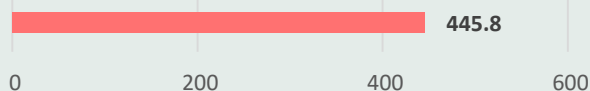
Measure	m EUR
M06	1.8



Target indicator	Value
T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)	2.0 m

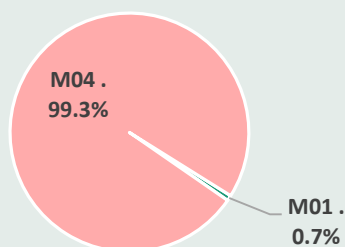
Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

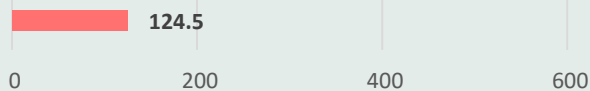
Measure	m EUR
M01	3.3
M04	442.5



Target indicator	Value
T17 - % of livestock units concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions	0.4 %
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	9.9 %

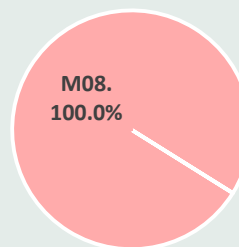
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	124.5



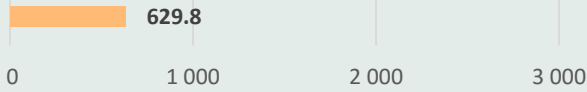
Target indicator	Value
T19 - % of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation	1.2 %

⁴ Romania has large-scale irrigation infrastructure, but significant part is degraded/poorly functional and not actually used (irrigated) in recent years, hence this statistical anomaly

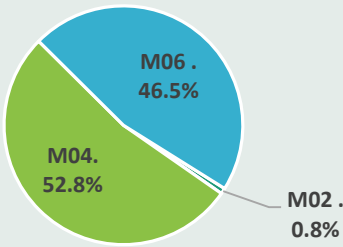
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T20 - N° jobs created

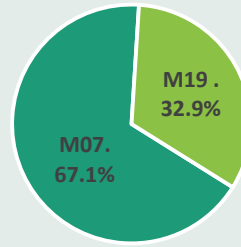
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Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

100.0%

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

26.6%

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

2 055

3. Planned expenditure per priority

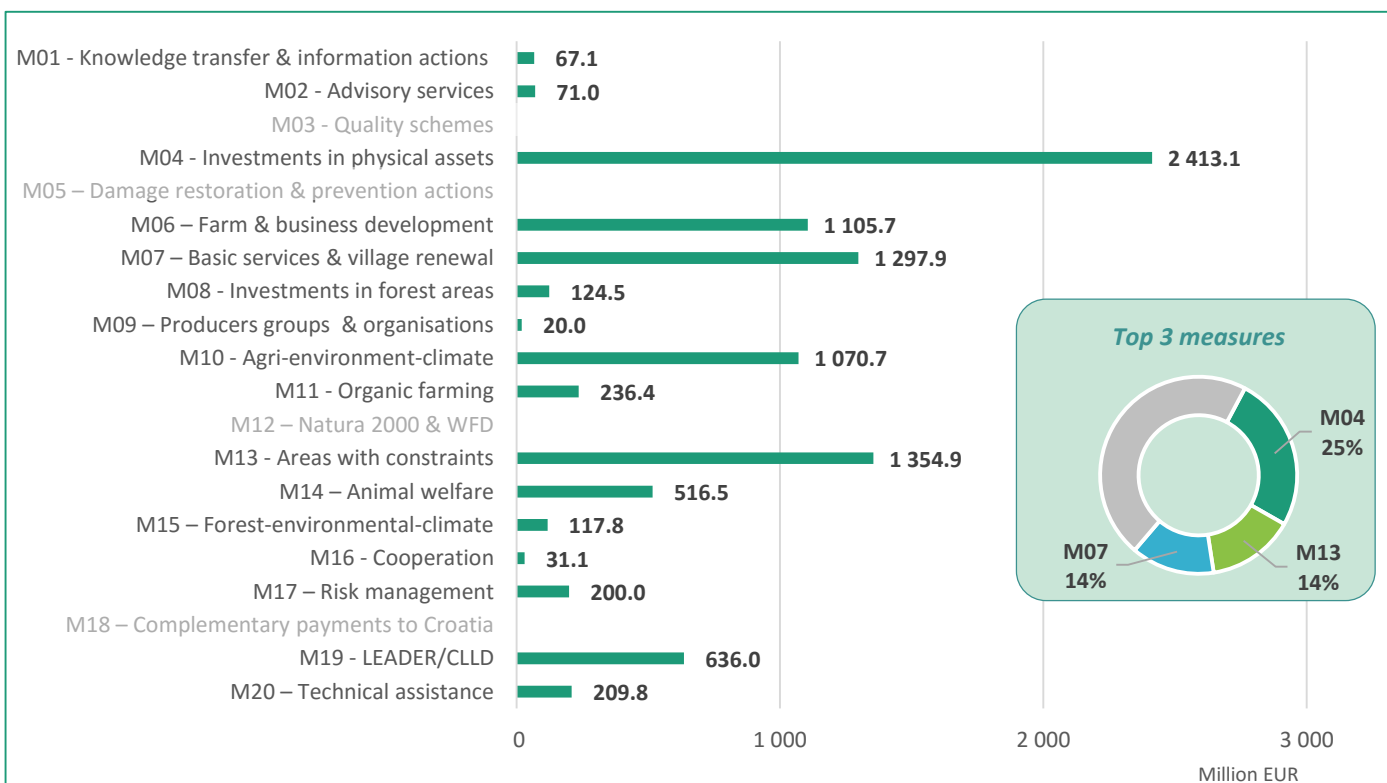
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	1 864.2	19.7 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	995.4	10.5 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	2 813.7	29.7 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	1 025.8	10.8 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	2 563.7	27.1 %

* 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	2C+ - FA_2C+	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				19%	10%		5%	5%	58%			0.2%			5%						100%	67.1
M02 - Advisory services				31%	43%		0.3%		19%			0.1%					7%				100%	71.5
M03 - Quality schemes																						
M04 - Investments in physical assets				37%		4%	9%					18%			18%		14%				100%	2 413.1
M05 – Damage/restoration /prevention actions																						
M06 – Farm & business development				33%	40%									0.2%			27%				100%	1 105.7
M07 – Basic services & village renewal																	100%				100%	1 297.9
M08 - Investments in forest areas															100%						100%	124.5
M09 – Producers groups & organisations							100%														100%	20.0
M10 - Agri-environment-climate									98%			2%									100%	1 070.7
M11 - Organic farming									100%												100%	236.4
M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD																						
M13 - Areas with constraints									100%												100%	1 354.9
M14 – Animal welfare							100%														100%	516.5
M15 – Forest-environmental-climate									100%												100%	117.8
M16 - Cooperation							100%														100%	31.1
M17 – Risk management								100%													100%	200.0
M18 – Complementary payments to Croatia																						
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%				100%	635.9

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Romanian National Rural Network	Reteaua Nationala de Dezvoltare Rurala www.rndr.ro
Managing authority	Ministerul Agriculturii și Dezvoltării Rurale (MADR) - Direcția Generală de Dezvoltare Rurală (AM PNDR)
Paying agency	Agenția pentru Finanțarea Investițiilor Rurale (AFIR)
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/ro_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-romania-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.fonduri-ue.ro/res/filepicker_users/cd25a597fd-62/2014-2020/acord-parteneriat/PA_2014RO16M8PA001_1_1_ro.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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