

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Italy
	Region	Sardinia
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (4)	1.5 million
	% of total population (4)	90.9 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (4)	61.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (4)	24 100
	% of total area (4)	100.0 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	1.2 million
	% of total territory (6)	47.9 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (5)	1.2 million
	% of total area (5)	51.5 %
Total employment	People (3)	0.6 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	100.0 %

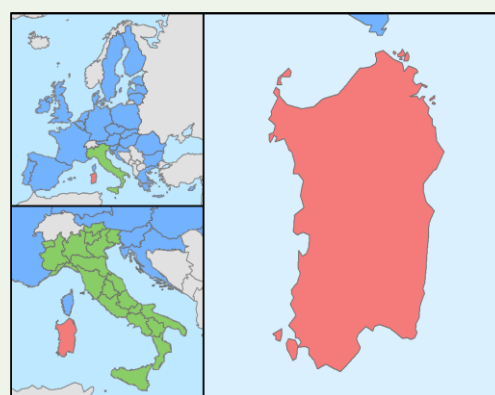
Data source: Italy – Sardinia 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note:
(1) OECD definition applies including intermediate and predominantly rural regions;
(2) 2010 data; (3) 2011 data; (4) 2013 data; (5) 2015 data; (6) 2010 based on 2013
total region territory data.

EAFRD* support: EUR 628 035 000 <small>0.7 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</small>	+	National contribution: EUR 680 371 250	=	Planned total public expenditure: EUR 1 308 406 250
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* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (3)	3.2 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	60 810
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	19
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (3)	70.1 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2012 = 100	41.6
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 58.4 %.</i>	

Map: Italy - Sardinia



Examples of expected achievements

- Over 9 000 places will be made available in information activities and the programme will give farmers access to advisory services on topics related to the RDP priorities.
- The Region is planning to help launch more than 77 cooperation projects of which 6 will be Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.
- The RDP is expected to support 400 farms to participate in quality schemes. The RDP will also support 500 farms for developing and strengthening of supply chains, including short supply chains and local markets.
- Nearly 11 000 farms will be supported for animal welfare to adopt high standards of animal husbandry which go beyond the relevant mandatory standards.
- Nearly 17 % of the agricultural land will be under management contracts supporting biodiversity, 15 % for contracts to improve water management and another 19 % for contracts to improve soil management. A total of 43 000 hectares will receive support to convert to organic farming and another 117 000 ha to maintain it.
- Local Development Strategies (LDS) will cover 40 % of the rural population and create around 500 additional jobs. More than 245 beneficiaries will receive support for investments in non-agricultural activities in rural areas.

Examples of key challenges

- Sardinia has been for thousands of years specializing in sheep breeding and to a lesser extent goats and cattle. Higher standard of animal husbandry is one of the main challenges of the RDP.
- Soils are largely underpowered, shallow and therefore not very productive although agriculture has played a very important role in the economic history of the island.
- Water scarcity was the first problem that was faced for the modernization of the sector and it is still one of the main environmental problems.
- Sardinia's rural areas are challenged by a persistent loss of business activity, migration of labour force, and demographic changes.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Sardinia**, August 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/it/factsheet-sardinia_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_SAR) are specific to the Sardinia 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	3.9 %

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	9 000

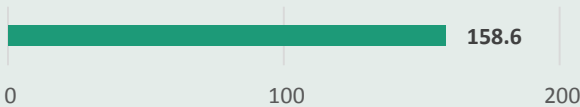
Focus Area 1B. Links with research & innovation

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...)	77
of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	6

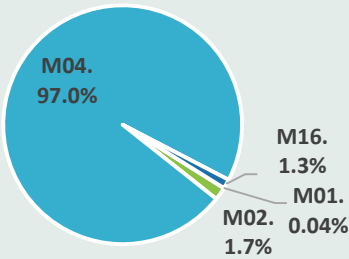
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



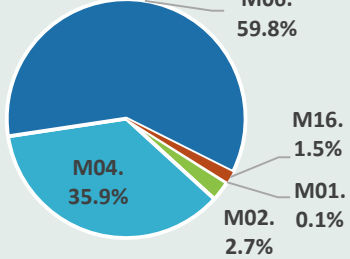
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	3.1 %

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	1.8 %

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

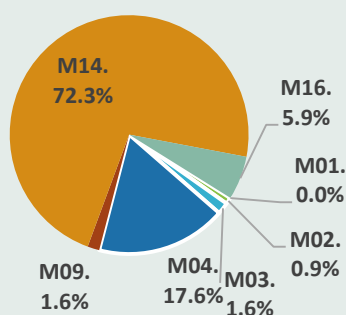
Focus Area 3A. Agri-food chain integration & quality

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



M01	0.1
M02	2.8
M03	5.0
M04	55.0
M09	5.0
M14	225.6
M16	18.4

Target indicator

Value

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

2.0 %

IT_SAR01 - % of farms that adhere to animal welfare (M14)

18.0 %

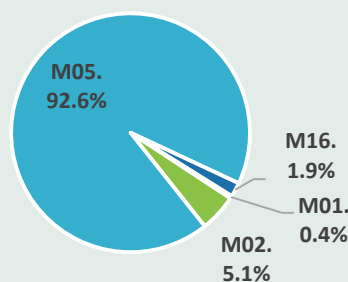
Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



M01	0.06
M02	0.8
M05	15.0
M16	0.3

Target indicator

Value

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

0.8 %

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

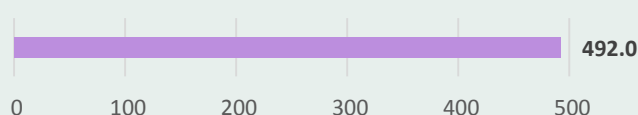
Focus Areas

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

0.4 %

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

16.5 %

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

14.6 %

T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management

0.4 %

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

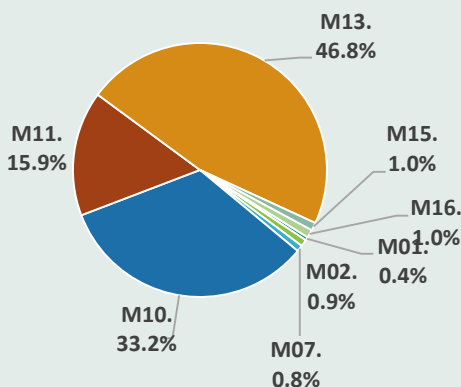
19.1 %

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

0.4 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



M01	2.2
M02	4.3
M07	4.0
M10	163.3
M11	78.3
M13	230.0
M15	5.0
M16	5.0

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

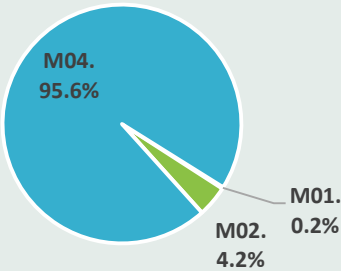
Focus Area 5A. Water use efficiency

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.04
M02	0.7
M04	15.0



Target indicator

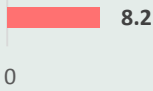
Value

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

2.4%

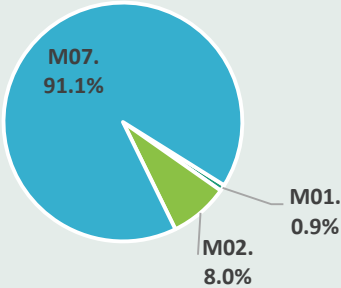
Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.07
M02	0.7
M07	7.5



Target indicator

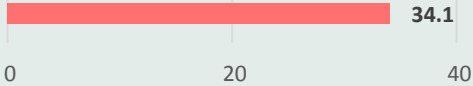
Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

7.5 m

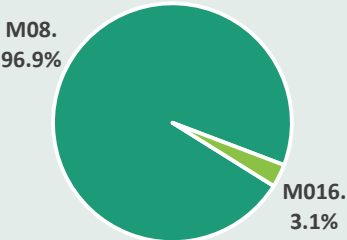
Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M08	33.0
M16	1.1



Target indicator

Value

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

0.7 %

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

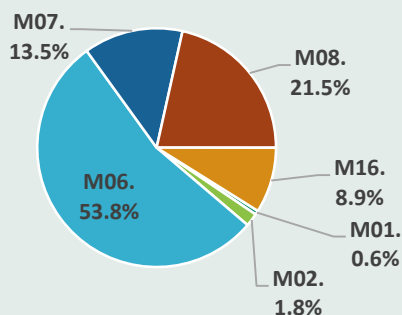
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.2
M02	0.7
M06	20.0
M07	5.0
M08	8.0
M16	3.3



Target indicator

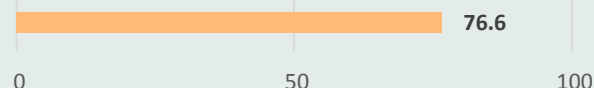
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

380

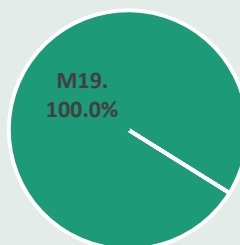
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M19	76.6



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

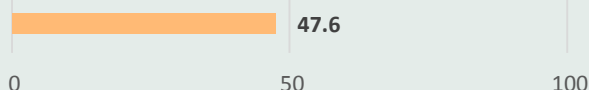
39.6 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

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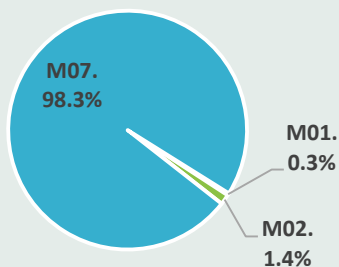
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.1
M02	0.7
M07	46.8



Target indicator

Value

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

3.8 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

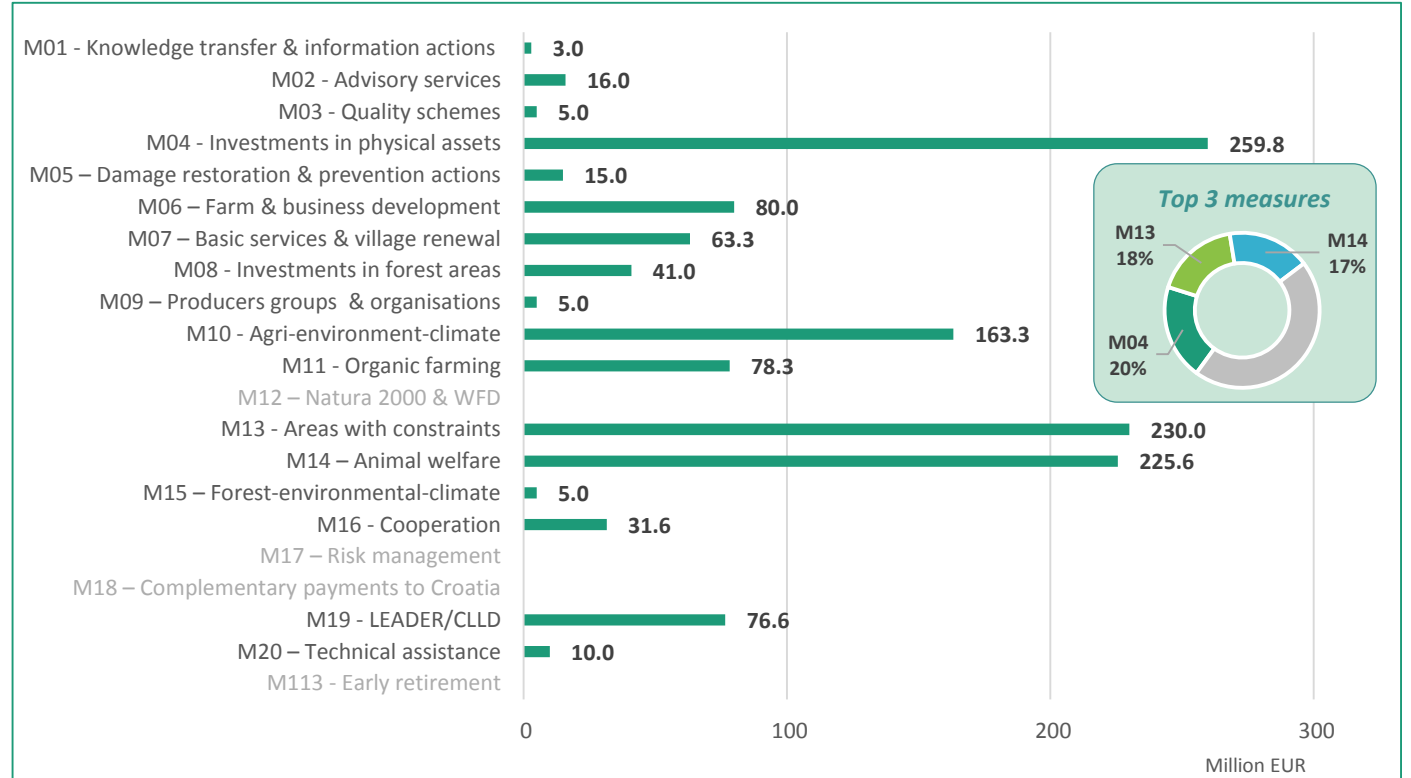
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness 259.0	19.8 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management 328.1	25.1 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management 492.0	37.6 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate 58.0	4.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development 161.3	12.3 %

* 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)
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 - Greenhouse 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				2%	5%	4%	2%	72%			1%		2%			7%		5%	100%	3.0
M02 - Advisory services				17%	17%	17%	5%	27%			4%		4%			4%		4%	100%	16.0
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	5.0
M04 - Investments in physical assets				59%	14%	21%					6%								100%	259.8
M05 – Damage/restoration /prevention actions							100%												100%	15.0
M06 – Farm & business development					75%											25%			100%	80.0
M07 – Basic services & village renewal								6%					12%			8%		74%	100%	63.3
M08 - Investments in forest areas															81%	19%			100%	41.0
M09 – Producers groups & organisations						100%													100%	5.0
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	163.3
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	78.3
M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	230.0
M14 – Animal welfare						100%													100%	225.6
M15 – Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	5.0
M16 - Cooperation				6%	5%	58%	1%	16%							3%	10%			100%	31.6
M17 – Risk management																				
M18 – Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																	100%		100%	76.6

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	19/08/2015
Italian National Rural Network	Rete Rurale Nazionale www.reterurale.it
Managing authority	Direzione Generale dell'Assessorato dell'Agricoltura e Riforma agro-pastorale
Paying agency	AGEA
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 

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