

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Lithuania
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	1.0 million
	% of total population (5)	35.4 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	18.9
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	55 570
	% of total area (5)	85.1 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	2.7 million
	% of total territory (2)	42.0 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	2.2 million
	% of total area (2)	35.9 %
Total employment	People (3)	1.3 million
Rural employment	% of total workforce (3)	38.4 %

Data source: Lithuania 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) 2013 data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 1 613 088 240
1.7 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28



**National
contribution:**
EUR 364 683 385

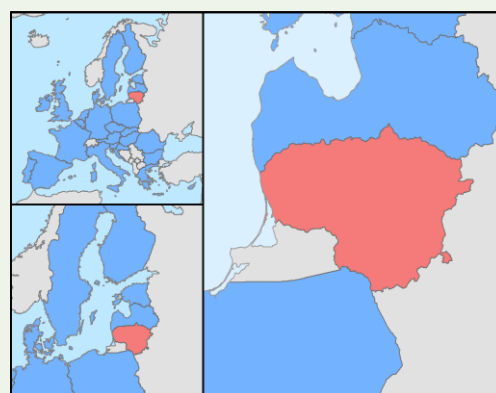


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 1 977 771 625

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (5)	3.8 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	200 000
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	13.7
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (5)	20.8 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	72.2
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 27.8 %.</i>	

Map: Lithuania



Examples of expected achievements

- The RDP will support investments in the modernisation of more than 5 000 farms (2.5 % of the total number of farms), the development of more than 2 700 small farms and the setting up of more than 1 100 young farmers.
- Seven EIP Operational Groups will be established. In order to improve the competitiveness of farming and forestry, more than 60 000 people will also be trained.
- The RPD aims to better integrate more than 600 farms into the food chain and into the overall market. Almost 1 500 farmers will take part in a risk management scheme so that they can improve the insurance cover.
- The programme will encourage the conversion to, and maintenance of, organic farming (135 000 ha will be supported). Nearly 150 000 ha of agricultural land will be under voluntary agri-environmental and climate-related commitments by farmers.
- More than 6 % of agricultural land will be under agri-environmental and climate-related commitments by farmers so that Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and ammonia emissions are reduced.
- The RDP aims at non-agricultural business development and nearly 1 000 projects will be supported. Almost 2 000 jobs will be created, of which half will be created under LEADER through 50 Local Action Groups (LAGs).

Examples of key challenges

- The agricultural sector in Lithuania faces important challenges including a low competitiveness of small and medium-sized farms; the low productivity of labour; a polarised farm structure with more than 40 % of farms being less than 5 ha; an unfavourable age structure etc.
- Key challenges also concern the environment and land management are the preservation and improvement biodiversity; halting the decrease of the Farmland Bird index; reducing water and soil pollution from agriculture; addressing soil acidity and erosion etc.
- The unemployment rate in rural areas is 17 %, much higher than the EU average. Although rural tourism is growing, there is still a lack of businesses and jobs in rural areas and only 15 % of the SMEs are in rural areas.
- The rural population is falling and the average age of those that remain is increasing. 40 % of rural people are living below the poverty threshold.

Source: DG AGRI, **Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Lithuania**, February 2015.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/lt/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 (LT) are specific to the Lithuania 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	2.5 %

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)	125 7

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	131 600

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)	
525.2	

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	9.6
M02	1.7
M04	482.9
M06	16.9
M16	14.1

Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	2.6 %

Focus Area 2B. Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Total public budget (million EUR)	
66.0	

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	0.8
M02	0.5
M06	64.7

Target indicator	Value
T5 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.6 %

Focus Area 2C+. Improvement of economic value of forestry and development of forest areas

Total public budget (million EUR)	
17.4	

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M01	1.3
M02	0.3
M04	4.2
M08	11.6

Target indicator	Value
LT01 - N° jobs created	100

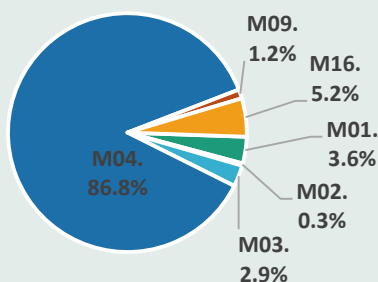
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

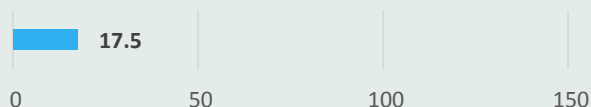
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations

Value

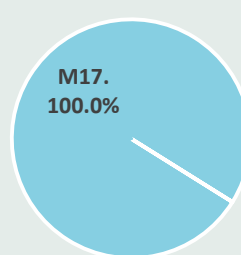
0.3 %

Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

T7 - % of farms participating in risk management schemes

Value

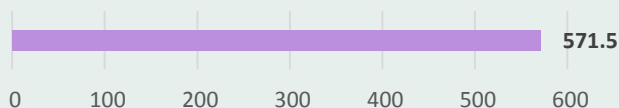
0.7 %

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

T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity

Value

0.4 %

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

Value

10.8 %

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

Value

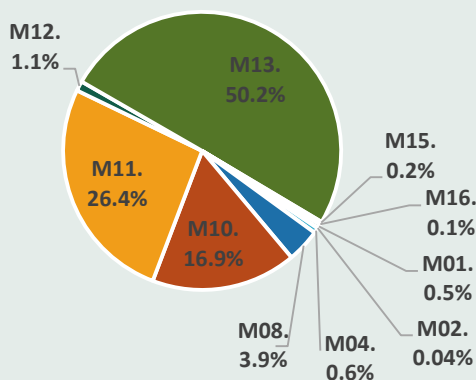
2.0 %

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

Value

7.8 %

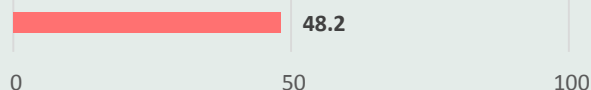
Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



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 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

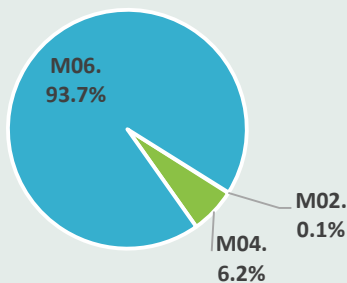
Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR

M02	0.04
M04	3.0
M06	45.2



Target indicator

Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

81 m

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

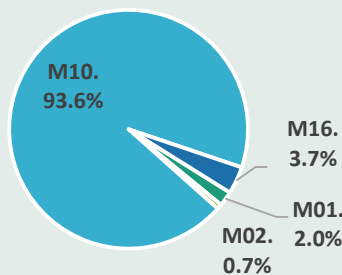
Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR

M01	0.8
M02	0.3
M10	37.9
M16	1.5



Target indicator

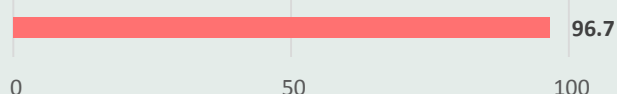
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T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions

6.3 %

Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration

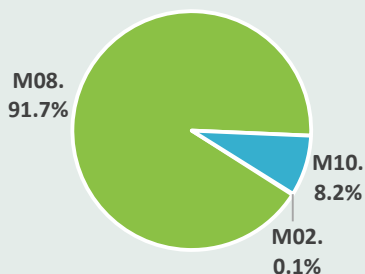
Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR

M02	0.1
M08	88.6
M10	7.9



Target indicator

Value

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

1.8 %

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

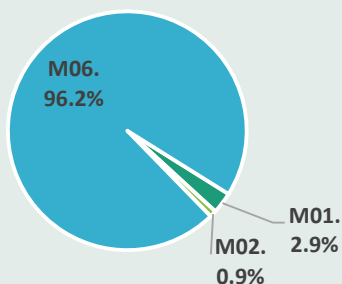
Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

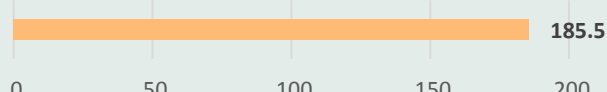
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

1 940

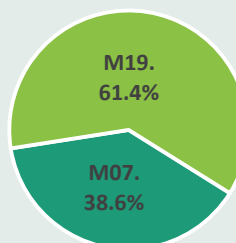
Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

100 %

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

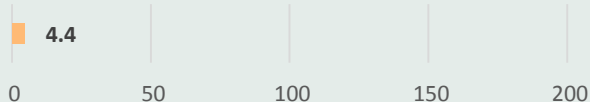
14.3 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

960

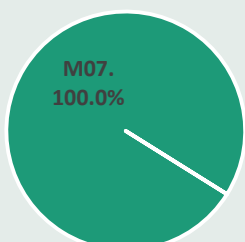
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure m EUR



Target indicator

Value

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

1.9 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

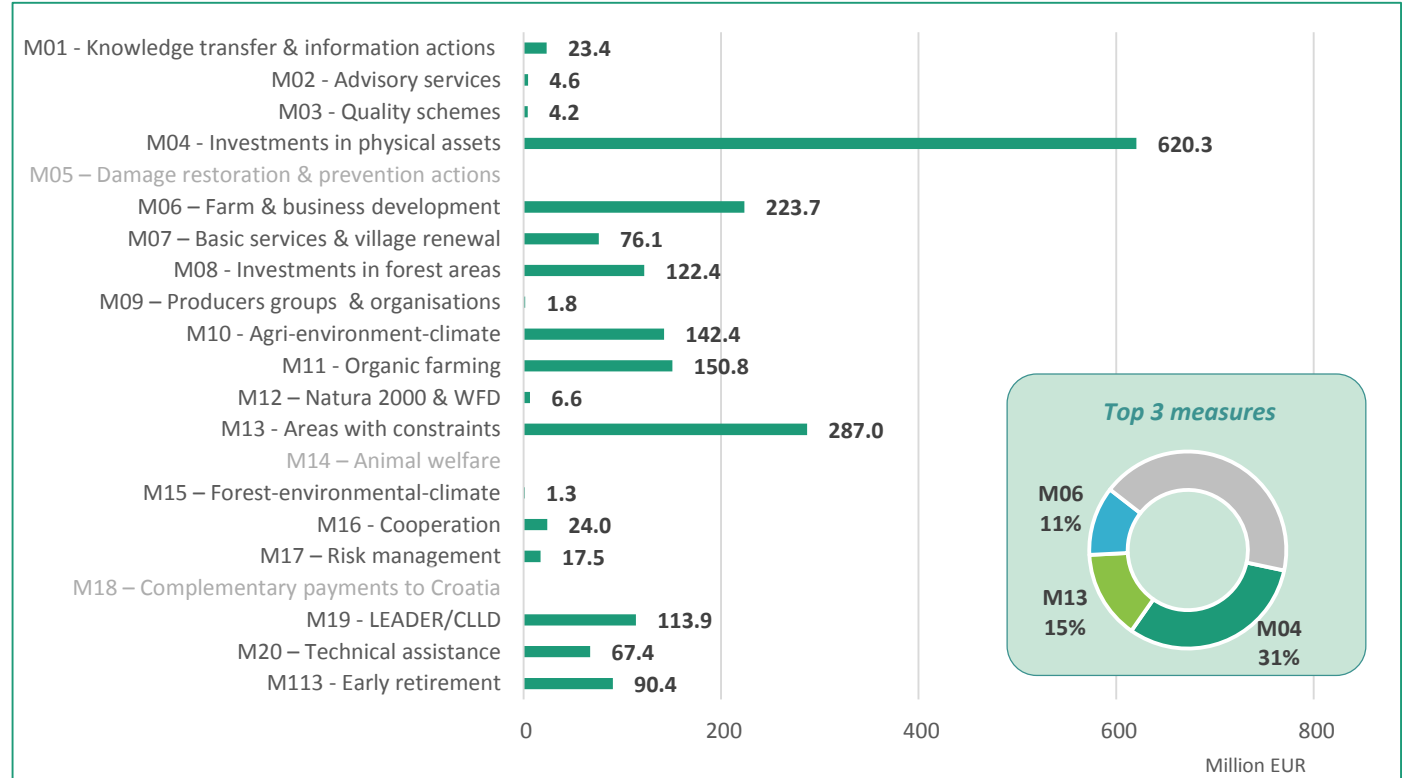
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority		Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	608.6	30.8 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	163.5	8.3 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	571.5	28.9 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	185.5	9.4 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	290.8	14.7 %

* 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 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)
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	2C+ - Forestry	3A - Agri-food chain integration & quality	3B - Risk prevention & management	4A - Biodiversity 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				41%	3%	6%	22%		12%				3%		12%			100%	23.4
M02 - Advisory services				38%	11%	6%	10%		5			1%	6%	3%	20%			100%	4.6
M03 - Quality schemes							100%											100%	4.2
M04 - Investments in physical assets				78%		1%	20%		1%			0.5%						100%	620.3
M05 – Damage/restoration /prevention actions																			
M06 – Farm & business development				7%	29%							20%			43%			100%	223.7
M07 – Basic services & village renewal																94%	6%	100%	76.1
M08 - Investments in forest areas						9%			18%					72%				100%	122.4
M09 – Producers groups & organisations							100%											100%	1.8
M10 - Agri-environment-climate									68%				27%	6%				100%	142.4
M11 - Organic farming									100%									100%	150.8
M12 – Natura 2000 & WFD									100%									100%	6.6
M13 - Areas with constraints									100%									100%	287.0
M14 – Animal welfare																			
M15 – Forest-environmental-climate									100%									100%	1.3
M16 - Cooperation				59%			32%		3%				6%					100%	23.9
M17 – Risk management								100%										100%	17.5
M18 – Complementary payments to Croatia																			
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%		100%	113.9

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	13/02/2015
Lithuanian National Rural Network	Lietuvos kaimo tinklas http://www.kaimotinklas.lt/
Managing authority	Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija
Paying agency	Nacionalinė mokėjimo agentūra prie Žemės ūkio ministerijos
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/lt_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-lithuania-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.esparama.lt/strateginiai-dokumentai1
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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