

1. General information

Geographical Area	Country	Sweden
	Region	/
Rural population (1)	Inhabitants (5)	7.4 million
	% of total population (5)	77.8 %
	Density - Inhab/km2 (5)	17.2
Rural area (1)	Km2 (5)	431 559
	% of total area (5)	98.4 %
Agricultural area <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	Ha (2)	3.1 million
	% of total territory (2)	7.0 %
Forest and other wooded land	Ha (2)	30.6 million
	% of total area (2)	75.2 %
Total employment	People (5)	4.7 million
Rural employment (1)	% of total workforce (3)	74.6 %

Data source: Sweden 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; (6) 2014 data.

EAFRD* support:
EUR 1 763 565 250
1.9 % of Total EAFRD
support for EU-28



**National
contribution:**
EUR 2 536 755 846

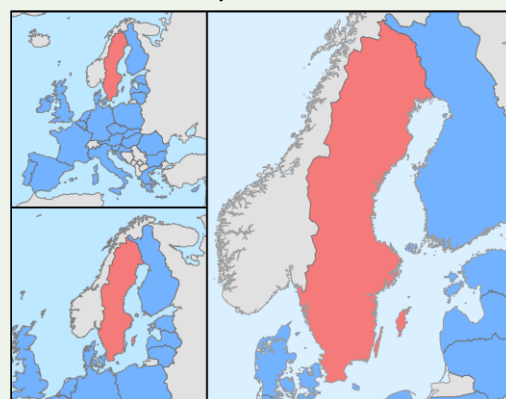


**Planned total public
expenditure:**
EUR 4 300 321 096

* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)	% of total (5)	1.5 %
No of agricultural holdings	No (2)	71 090
Average farm size	ha UAA/holding (2)	43.1
High Nature Value farming	% of total UAA (6)	23.8 %
Farmland Birds Index (FBI)	Index 2000 = 100	67.3
	<i>From 2000 to 2013 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 32.7 %.</i>	

Map: Sweden



Examples of expected achievements

- In Sweden close to 9 % of RDP expenditure will be devoted to innovation, cooperation and knowledge. The RDP is targeting the creation of 710 cooperation operations and nearly the provision of nearly 170 000 places in training courses.
- Nearly 5 % of farms are targeted for support in order to strengthen their competitiveness and an expected 550 young farmers will benefit from investment support.
- Around 28 % of the agricultural land will be under contracts contributing to biodiversity, 33 % under contracts for better water management and 35 % under contracts for soil management.
- More than 11 % of the total budget will be used for organic farming activities, covering 420 000 hectares.
- Pilot projects may also contribute to the development of new and efficient technologies and methods with a view to reduce the use of energy. In Sweden, the RDP will raise more than EUR 75 million of public and private investments in this area.
- Under LEADER, 50 Local Action Groups (LAGs) will implement Local Development Strategies (LDS). The strategies will cover around 50 % of the rural population and are expected to create 1 700 jobs. Another 1 700 jobs will also be created outside agriculture under this priority.
- Sweden is estimating that 43 % of its rural population will benefit from improved services or infrastructure through local development actions, and another 7 % under Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) measures.

Examples of key challenges

- The number of commercial farms is decreasing and at the same time, they are growing in size.
- About half of all farmland is classed as areas with natural constraints (ANC).
- With changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, other business opportunities in rural areas have become increasingly important in terms of employment. The rural economy is, however, still largely dependent on agriculture, forestry and related businesses.
- Applied research and the dissemination of the results of research to farmers and rural firms is a challenge.
- Within farming, profitability has varied considerably from one sector to another in recent years. A recent study shows that profits in 2013 in all farm sectors were too low to create sustainable growth and employment activity.

Source: DG AGRI, *Factsheet on 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Sweden*, May 2015

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/se/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.

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	8.9 %

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	169 400

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)	710 80

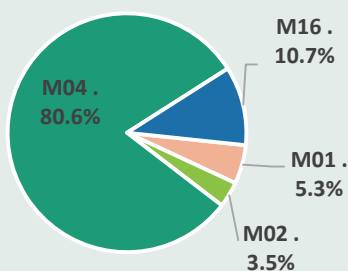
P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



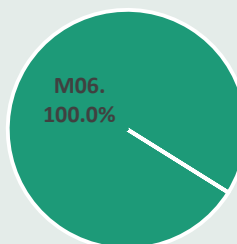
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	4.9 %

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	0.8 %

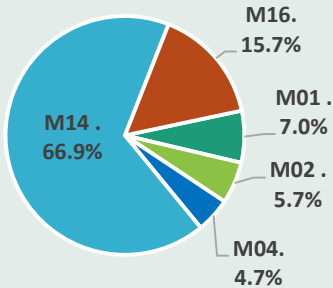
P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M01	13.3
M02	10.7
M04	8.9
M14	126.6
M16	29.7

Target indicator

Value

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

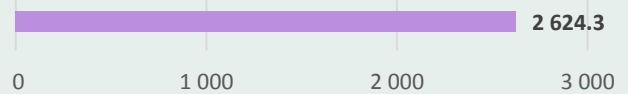
0.3 %

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

0.03 %

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

27.7 %

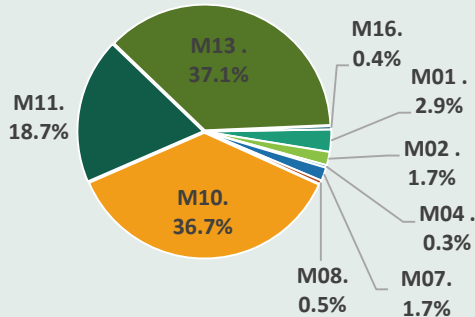
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management

33.3 %

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

35.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

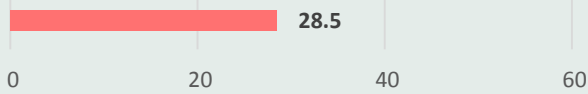


Measure	m EUR
M01	74.9
M02	44.7
M04	8.6
M07	45.1
M08	11.9
M10	963.1
M11	490.8
M13	974.8
M16	10.6

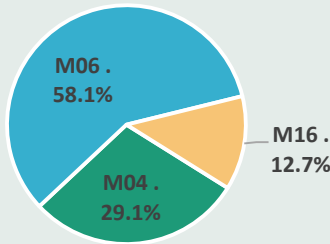
P5 - Resource efficiency & climate: Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

T16 - Total investment in renewable energy production (EUR)

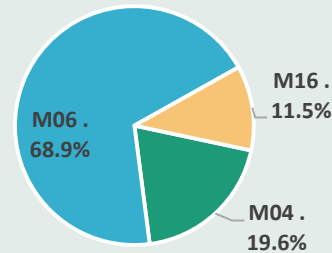
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Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

Value

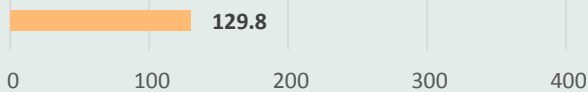
T17 - % of livestock units concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions

5.7 %

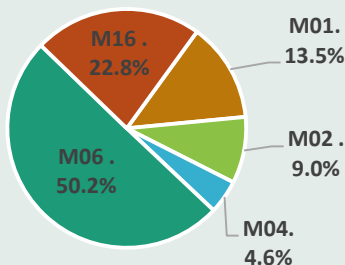
P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

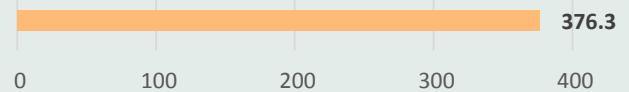
Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

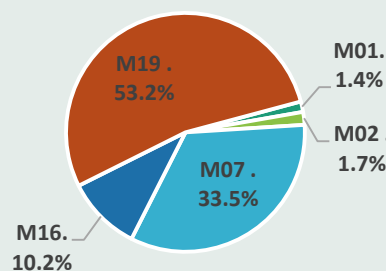
1 700

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 LDS

52.5 %

T22 - % rural pop with improved services / infrastructures

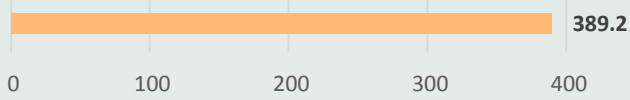
43.1 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

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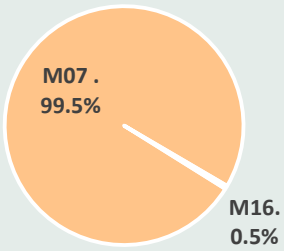
Focus Area 6C. Information & communication technologies (ICT)

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

Measure	m EUR
M07	387.4
M16	1.8



Target indicator

Value

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

7.0 %

3. Planned expenditure per priority

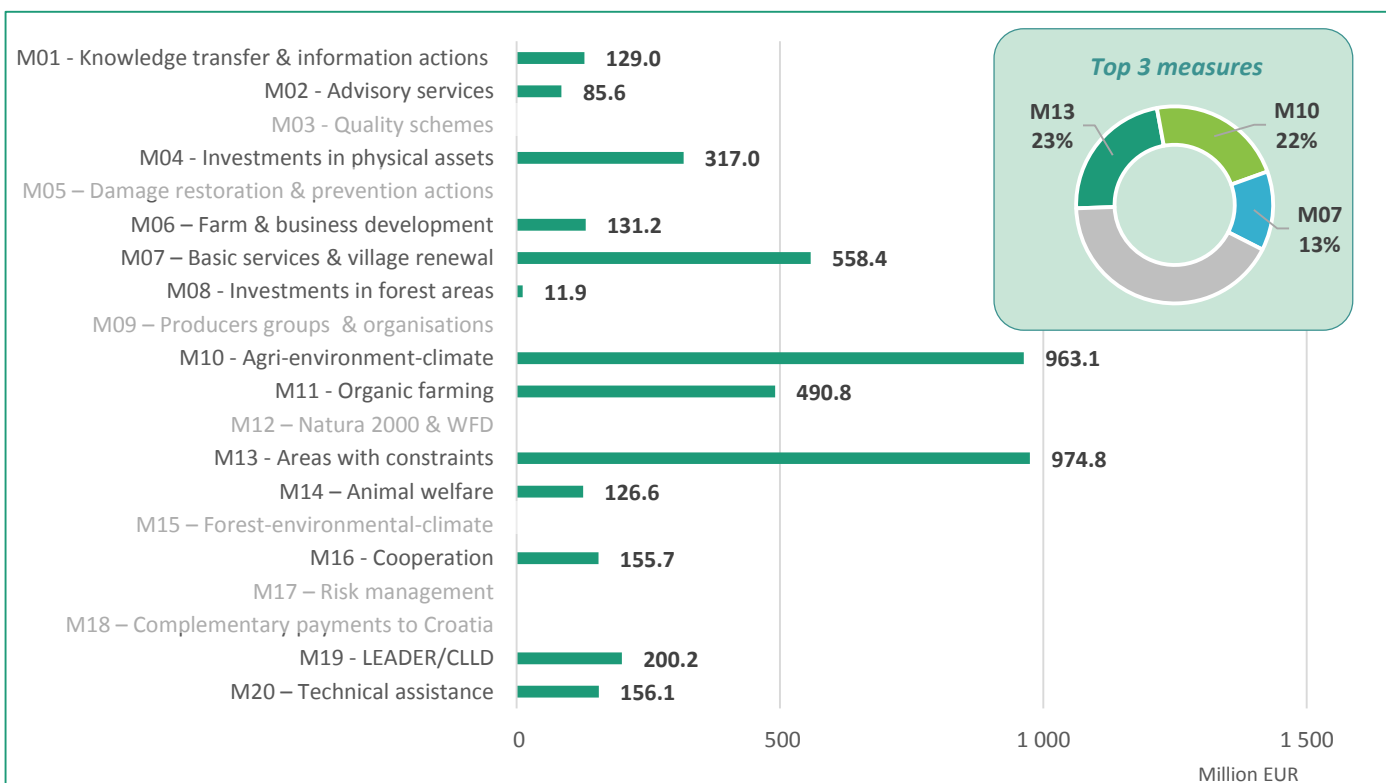
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	358.6	8.3 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	189.2	4.4 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	2 624.3	61.0 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	76.8	1.8 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	895.3	20.8 %

* 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				14%		10%		58%								14%	4%		100%	129.0
M02 - Advisory services				14%		13%		52%								14%	8%		100%	85.6
M03 - Quality schemes																				
M04 - Investments in physical assets				87%		3%		3%					3%	3%		2%			100%	317.0
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development					12%								13%	25%		50%			100%	131.2
M07 - Basic services & village renewal								8%									23%	69%	100%	558.4
M08 - Investments in forest areas								100%											100%	11.9
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								100%											100%	963.1
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	490.8
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints								100%											100%	974.8
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	126.6
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate																				
M16 - Cooperation				24%		19%		7%					2%	4%		19%	25%	1%	100%	155.7
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	200.2

6. Additional info

Date of RDP approval	26/05/2015
Swedish National Rural Network	Landsbygdsnätverket http://www.landsbygdsnatverket.se/
Managing authority	Jordbruksverket
Paying agency	Jordbruksverket
RDP country documents	http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/se_en.htm
National Partnership Agreement summary	http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-sweden-summary_en.pdf
Partnership Agreement	http://www.regeringen.se/pressmeddelanden/2014/10/67-miljarder-for-jobb-och-hallbar-tillvaxt-i-hela-landet/
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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