

## 1. General information

<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
	<b>Region</b>	Scotland
<b>Rural population (1)</b>	<b>Inhabitants (4)</b>	2.4 million
	<b>% of total population (4)</b>	45.5 %
	<b>Density - Inhab/km2 (3)</b>	34.1
<b>Rural area (1)</b>	<b>Km2 (3)</b>	71 045
	<b>% of total area (3)</b>	91.2 %
<b>Agricultural area</b> <i>Total Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA)</i>	<b>Ha (4)</b>	5.6 million
	<b>% of total territory (4)</b>	71.3 %
<b>Forest and other wooded land</b>	<b>Ha (4)</b>	1.4 million
	<b>% of total area (5)</b>	18.0 %
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>People (2)</b>	2.5 million
<b>Rural employment (1)</b>	<b>% of total workforce (2)</b>	46.2 %

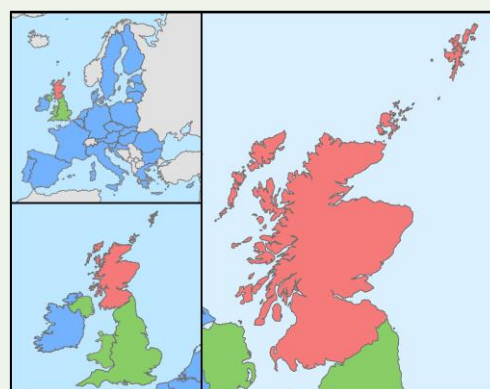
Data source: United Kingdom – Scotland 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP). Note: (1) OECD definition applies, including intermediate and predominantly rural regions; (2) 2010 data; (3) 2012 data; (4) 2013 data; (5) 2014 data.

<b>EAFRD* support:</b> EUR 844 685 131 <i>0.9 % of Total EAFRD support for EU-28</i>	+	<b>National contribution:</b> EUR 850 158 799	=	<b>Planned total public expenditure:</b> EUR 1 694 843 930
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\* European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

<b>Primary sector contribution to Gross Value Added (GVA)</b>	<b>% of total (2)</b>	0.7 %
<b>No of agricultural holdings</b>	<b>No (2)</b>	52 314
<b>Average farm size</b>	<b>ha UAA/holding (2)</b>	107.9
<b>High Nature Value farming</b>	<b>% of total UAA (3)</b>	44 %
<b>Farmland Birds Index (FBI)</b>	<b>Index 2000 = 100</b>	96
	<i>From 2000 to 2012 the FBI measuring the relative abundance of farmland bird species decreased by 4.0 %.</i>	

Map: UK - Scotland



### Examples of expected achievements

- Around 13 000 training places are available for farmers to increase their knowledge and skills. In total 229 cooperation projects are envisaged, mainly encouraging farm partnerships and establishing Operational Groups under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- Almost 16 % of the Scottish agricultural holdings will be restructured and modernised. A certain number (0.27 %) of holdings will benefit from support specifically targeted at young farmers.
- The promotion of the food chain organization will be achieved by supporting more than 15 % of the agricultural holdings through investments and cooperative actions. Moreover, farm risk prevention and management will be targeted through the participation of 530 farmers in knowledge transfer and information actions.
- Biodiversity, water management and soil erosion, are almost equally important focus areas, since Scotland is aiming to cover some 20 % of the agricultural land and almost 40 % of the forest area under each of them.
- The programme will focus on investments and cooperation aimed at reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and ammonia emissions from agriculture through supporting 23 % of the agricultural land.
- LEADER support is expected to create over 500 jobs in rural areas and 87 % of the rural population will be covered by Local Development Strategies (LDS).

### Examples of key challenges

- About 85 % of the agricultural land in Scotland is currently designated as Less Favoured Area.
- Farming is the dominant land use in Scotland, with around 53 000 agricultural holdings and 75 % of land under agricultural management. These areas are subject to a variety of pressures, principally related to inappropriate grazing management. This will be a key area to tackle with the RDP support.
- GHG emissions from agriculture and related land use contribute about one fifth to the Scottish total GHG emissions. Although emissions have declined by around 27 % since 1990, there is further potential to reduce emissions from the sector.
- In 2008 more than a quarter of farmers were aged 65 and above. Over the five years up to 2013 this figure has risen to 30 %. The opposite pattern is visible for farmers under 41 years, dropping from 12 % of all farmers to 10 %.

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

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk/factsheet-scotland\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk/factsheet-scotland_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 (UK\_SCT) are specific to the Scottish 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	3.8 %

#### 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...), of which: Nr of EIP operational groups to be supported (establishment and operation)	229 50

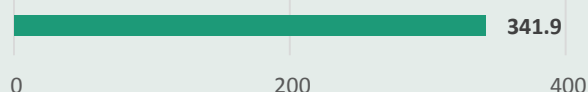
#### Focus Area 1C. Lifelong learning & vocational training

Target indicator	Value
T3 - Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	10 617

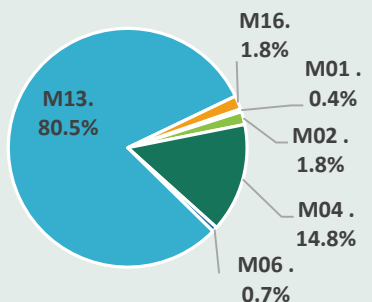
### P2 – Competitiveness: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable management of forest

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



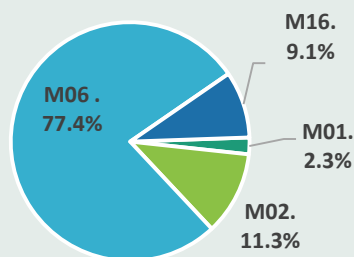
Target indicator	Value
T4 - % of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation	16.4 %

#### 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	0.3 %

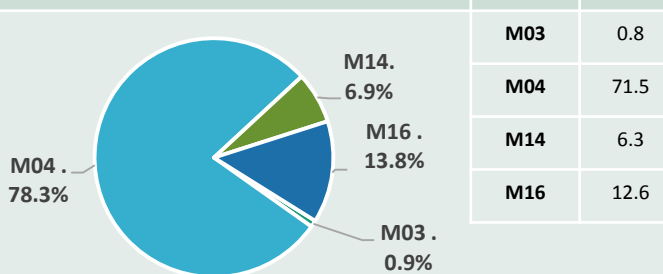
### P3 – Food chain & risk management: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)

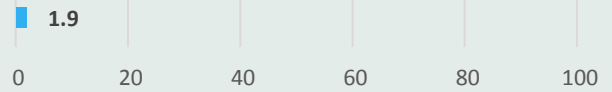


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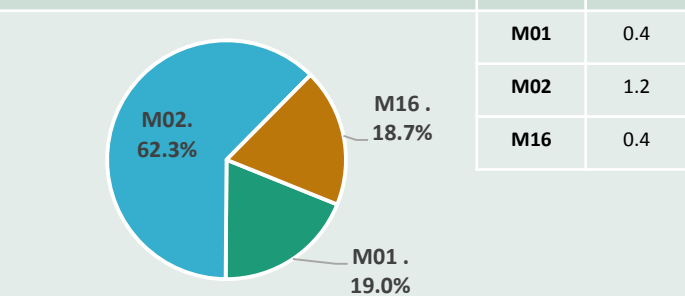
Target indicator	Value
T6 - % of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations	15.5 %

#### Focus Area 3B. Risk prevention & management

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

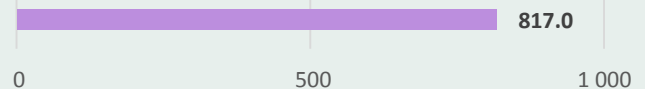
Target indicator	Value
UK_SCT01 - Number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	530

### 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

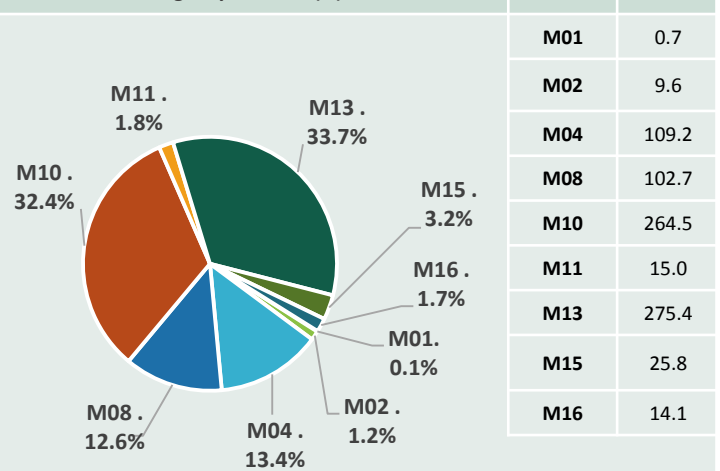
Total public budget (million EUR)



Target indicator

Target indicator	Value
T8 - % of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	38.0 %
T9 - % of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	22.7 %
T10 - % of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	19.8 %
T11 - % of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management	38.0 %
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	38.0 %

Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



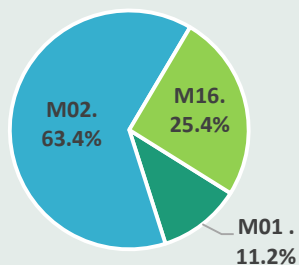
**P5 - Resource efficiency & climate:** Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

**Focus Area 5B. Energy use efficiency**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

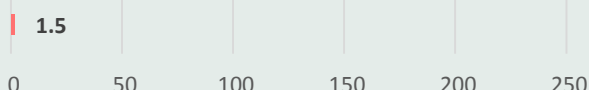
UK\_SCT02 - Number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013

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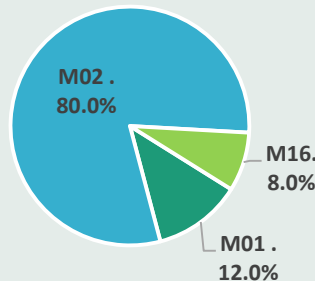
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**Focus Area 5C. Renewable sources & waste management**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

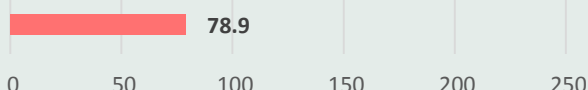
UK\_SCT03 - Number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013

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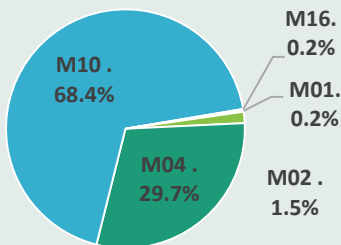
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**Focus Area 5D. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & ammonia emissions**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

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

Value

1.3 %

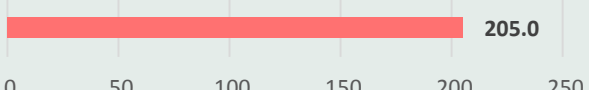
T18 - % of agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions

Value

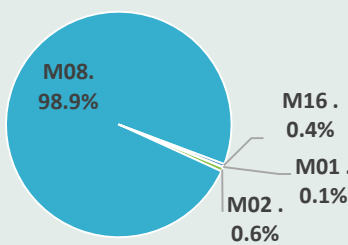
23.2 %

**Focus Area 5E. Carbon conservation & sequestration**

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Target indicator

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

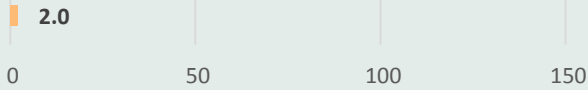
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16.1 %

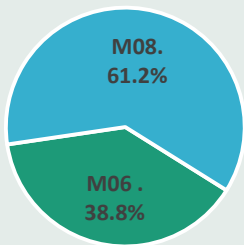
## P6 - Social inclusion & local development: Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

### Focus Area 6A. Diversification & job creation

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M06	0.8
M08	1.2

Target indicator

Value

T20 - Jobs created in supported projects

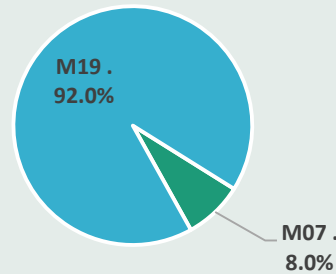
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### Focus Area 6B. Local development

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	9.0
M19	103.2

Target indicator

Value

T21 - % of rural population covered by local development strategies

86.8 %

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

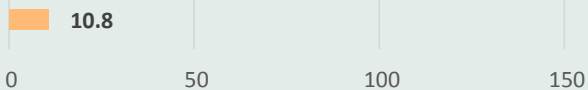
10.1 %

T23 - Jobs created in supported projects (LEADER)

551

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

Total public budget (million EUR)



Breakdown of FA budget by measure (%)



Measure	m EUR
M07	10.8

Target indicator

Value

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

0.9 %

### 3. Planned expenditure per priority

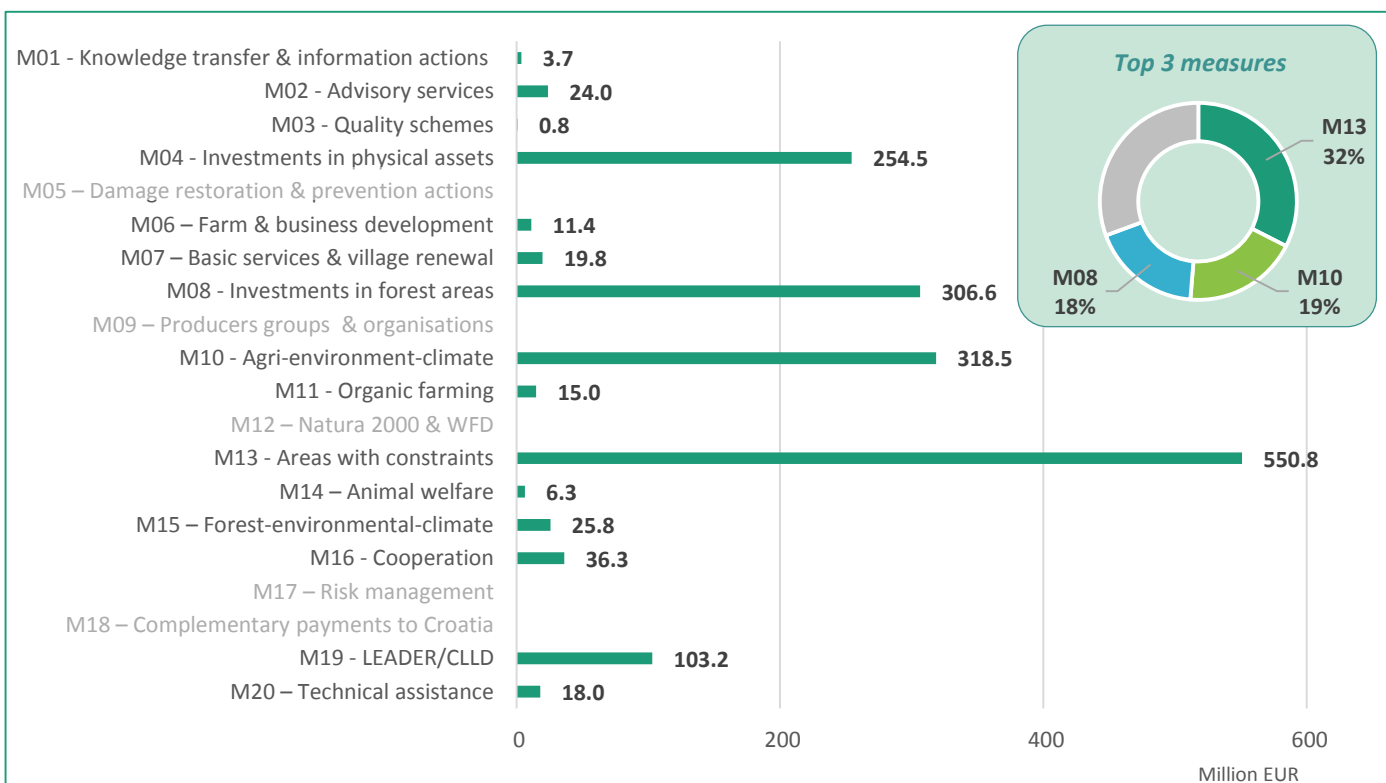
The following table shows how the planned total public expenditure (comprising the EAFRD support and the national contribution) is allocated between rural development priorities. Priority 1 is considered to be cross-cutting and no separate financial allocation is shown as the expenditure is distributed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

Priority	Total public expenditure per priority (million EUR)	% of total public expenditure*	
P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation	P2 - Competitiveness	352.5	20.8 %
	P3 - Food chain & risk management	93.1	5.5 %
	P4 - Ecosystems management	817.0	48.2 %
	P5 - Resource efficiency & climate	289.2	17.1 %
	P6 - Social inclusion & local development	125.0	7.4 %

\* 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)	
	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				37%	7%		10%	19%				11%	5%	5%	7%				100%	3.7
M02 - Advisory services				25%	5%		5%	40%				10%	5%	5%	5%				100%	24.0
M03 - Quality schemes						100%													100%	0.8
M04 - Investments in physical assets				20%		28%		43%						9%					100%	254.5
M05 - Damage/restoration /prevention actions																				
M06 - Farm & business development				21%	72%										7%				100%	11.4
M07 - Basic services & village renewal																45%	55%	100%	19.8	
M08 - Investments in forest areas								33.5%							66%	0.5%			100%	306.6
M09 - Producers groups & organisations																				
M10 - Agri-environment-climate								83%						17%					100%	318.5
M11 - Organic farming								100%											100%	15.0
M12 - Natura 2000 & WFD																				
M13 - Areas with constraints				50%				50%											100%	550.8
M14 - Animal welfare						100%													100%	6.3
M15 - Forest-environmental-climate								100%											100%	25.8
M16 - Cooperation				17%	3%	35%	1%	39%				3%	0.3%	0.3%	2%				100%	36.3
M17 - Risk management																				
M18 - Complementary payments to Croatia																				
M19 - LEADER/CLLD																100%			100%	103.2

## 6. Additional info

<b>Date of RDP approval</b>	26/05/2015
<b>Scottish National Rural Network</b>	Scottish National Rural Network <a href="https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/">https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/</a>
<b>Managing authority</b>	Scottish Government, Agriculture and Rural Development Division
<b>Paying agency</b>	Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division
<b>Coordination body</b>	UK Co-ordinating Body
<b>RDP country documents</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/uk_en.htm</a>
<b>National Partnership Agreement summary</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-united-kingdom-summary_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pa/partnership-agreement-united-kingdom-summary_en.pdf</a>
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-uk-proposals">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-uk-proposals</a>
<b>Rural Development Regulation 2014-2020</b>	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 <a href="#">en</a> ]

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