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1. KEY INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND ITS PRIORITIES

1.a) Financial Data

See annexed documents

1.b) Common and programme-specific indicators and quantified target values

1.b1) Overview table

Focus Area 1A									
Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023			
	2014-2021			2.51	77.22				
	2014-2020			1.53	47.07				
T1: percentage of expenditure under Articles 14, 15 and 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in relation to the total expenditure for the RDP (focus area 1A)	2014-2019			1.30	39.99				
	2014-2018			0.77	23.69	3.25			
	2014-2017								
	2014-2016								
	2014-2015								

Focus Area 1B									
Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023			
	2014-2021			70.00	118.64				
	2014-2020			53.00	89.83				
T2: Total number of cooperation operations supported under the cooperation measure (Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013) (groups, networks/clusters, pilot projects) (focus area 1B)	2014-2019			31.00	52.54				
	2014-2018			2.00	3.39	59.00			
	2014-2017								
	2014-2016								
	2014-2015								

Focus Area 1C										
Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023				
	2014-2021			23,190.00	93.89					
	2014-2020			18,455.00	74.72					
	2014-2019			13,838.00	56.02					
T3: Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	2014-2018			8,769.00	35.50	24,700.00				
(focus area 1C)	2014-2017			4,203.00	17.02					
	2014-2016									
	2014-2015									

	Focus Area 2A								
ŗ.	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023		
		2014-2021	18.32	95.51					
		2014-2020	13.15	68.56	13.15	68.56			
T4: parcan	ntage of agricultural holdings	2014-2019	12.98	67.67	12.98	67.67			
with RDP restructuri	support for investments in ng or modernisation (focus	2014-2018	10.70	55.78	10.70	55.78	19.18		
area 2A)		2014-2017	5.79	30.19	5.79	30.19			
		2014-2016							
		2014-2015							
Measure	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023		
M01	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	28,094,282.00	190.33	14,657,301.56	99.30	14,761,078.00		
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	69,660,285.74	29.74	35,325,162.25	15.08	234,212,952.00		
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	999,424.16	118.35	204,968.43	24.27	844,444.00		
Total	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	98,753,991.90	39.53	50,187,432.24	20.09	249,818,474.00		

	Focus Area 3A							
Т	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023	
		2014-2021	0.24	7.82	0.24	7.82		
		2014-2020	0.17	5.54	0.17	5.54		
T6: percent	tage of agricultural holdings	2014-2019	0.55	17.92	0.55	17.92		
quality scho	upport for participating in emes, local markets and short uits, and producer	2014-2018					3.07	
groups/orga	anisations (focus area 3A)	2014-2017						
		2014-2016						
		2014-2015						
		2014-2021						
		2014-2020						
		2014-2019						
% of Agri-l	Food enterprises supported (%)	2014-2018					25.00	
		2014-2017						
	2014-2016							
		2014-2015						
Measure	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023	
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	7,690,000.00	25.75	7,916,582.65	26.51	29,867,802.00	
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,982,387.76	92.14	558,682.47	25.97	2,151,493.00	
Total	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	9,672,387.76	30.21	8,475,265.12	26.47	32,019,295.00	

Priority P4							
Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023	
	2014-2021			0.04	116.67		
	2014-2020			0.03	87.50		
T13: percentage of forestry land under	2014-2019			0.01	29.17		
management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	2014-2018			0.01	29.17	0.03	
(focus area 4C)	2014-2017						
	2014-2016						
	2014-2015						
	2014-2021			0.07	204.17		
	2014-2020			0.05	145.83		
	2014-2019			0.01	29.17	0.03	
T11: percentage of forestry land under management contracts to improve water management (focus area 4B)	2014-2018			0.01	29.17		
management (cours area 12)	2014-2017						
	2014-2016						
	2014-2015						
	2014-2021			0.23	33.54		
	2014-2020			0.23	33.54		
	2014-2019			0.28	40.83		
T8: percentage of forest/other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity (focus area 4A)	2014-2018			0.17	24.79	0.69	
supporting stouristics (cours area 12.1)	2014-2017						
	2014-2016						
	2014-2015						
	2014-2021			0.46	44.93		
T12: percentage of agricultural land under management contracts to improve	2014-2020			0.49	47.86	1.02	
soil management and/or prevent soil erosion (focus area 4C)	2014-2019			0.37	36.14		
	2014-2018			0.29	28.33		

		2014-2017					
		2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
		2014-2021			2.59	126.50	
		2014-2020			2.83	138.22	
		2014-2019			1.59	77.66	
under man	entage of agricultural land hagement contracts to improve hagement (focus area 4B)	2014-2018			0.59	28.82	2.05
water man	agement (focus area +B)	2014-2017					
		2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
		2014-2021			4.91	79.94	
		2014-2020			4.65	75.70	
		2014-2019			3.88	63.17	
manageme biodiversit	ntage of agricultural land under ent contracts supporting ty and/or landscapes (focus	2014-2018			1.82	29.63	6.14
area 4A)		2014-2017					
		2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
Measure	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	41,932,708.27	74.48	40,427,192.79	71.81	56,299,256.00
M07	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	2,640,059.96	189.64	1,493,843.05	107.30	1,392,158.00
M08	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	2,197,611.03	52.56	3,078,353.18	73.63	4,180,883.00
M10	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	130,576,074.04	113.09	86,249,771.46	74.70	115,459,909.00
M11	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,008,747.08	131.38	980,152.08	127.66	767,800.00
M13	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	110,547,056.29	131.00	74,961,955.72	88.83	84,384,054.00
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,225,427.17	34.90	1,030,832.72	29.36	3,511,475.00
Total	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	290,127,683.84	109.07	208,222,101.00	78.28	265,995,535.00

	Focus Area 5E							
•	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023	
		2014-2021			5.53	295.34		
		2014-2020			2.47	131.92		
T19: perce	entage of agricultural and forest	2014-2019			1.89	100.94		
land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and		2014-2018			1.87	99.87	1.87	
conservation	on (focus area 5E)	2014-2017						
		2014-2016						
		2014-2015						
Measure	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023	
M08	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	18,075,320.04	104.44	18,977,498.83	109.65	17,306,873.00	
Total	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	18,075,320.04	104.44	18,977,498.83	109.65	17,306,873.00	

Focus Area 6B								
5	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023	
					1,144.00	163.43		
		2014-2020			971.00	138.71		
		2014-2019			652.00	93.14		
T23: Jobs (Leader) (1	created in supported projects focus area 6B)	2014-2018			324.00	46.29	700.00	
		2014-2017						
		2014-2016						
		2014-2015						
		2014-2021						
		2014-2020						
		2014-2019						
T22: percentage of rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures (focus area 6B)		2014-2018					11.54	
301 V 1003/ 111		2014-2017						
		2014-2016						
		2014-2015						
		2014-2021			100.01	100.01		
		2014-2020			100.01	100.01		
		2014-2019			100.01	100.01		
covered by	entage of rural population / local development strategies	2014-2018			100.01	100.01	100.00	
(focus area 6B)		2014-2017			100.01	100.01		
		2014-2016			100.01	100.01		
		2014-2015						
Measure	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023	
M07	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	14,418,371.84	128.89	5,481,327.35	49.00	11,186,796.00	
M19	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	74,282,065.94	89.90	75,884,032.47	91.84	82,624,152.00	
Total	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	88,700,437.78	94.55	81,365,359.82	86.73	93,810,948.00	

1.c) Key information on RDP implementation based on data from a) and b) by Focus Area

<u>Priority 2: Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and the sustainable management of forests.</u>

Focus Area 2A

Measure 1.1 – support for vocational training and skills acquisition actions.

Business Development Groups (BDG)

A total of 3,225 eligible applications were received during the first tranche of applications in 2015. A second call for applications to the BDG scheme was made in November 2016. This formed part of DAERA's response to the farm gate price crisis within the dairy and pig sectors. 101 applications were received from the dairy sector and 21 from the pig sector. In December 2017, a further call for applications was made and over 300 farmers applied to the scheme. Applications were received from the dairy, beef, sheep, arable, pigs, poultry, mushroom and top fruit sectors. In January 2019 a fourth call attracted 142 applications. In Winter 2019-20 a fifth tranche attracted 841 applications including 456 applications for a new enterprise cross-cutting 'Environmental Farming' group category. Each year a number of participants withdraw from the scheme and at 31 December 2021, 3,152 farmers were actively participating in the scheme.

On-farm training events commenced in early May 2016. BDG events focus on providing training to farmers to improve the technical efficiency of their business. Popular topics include maximising production from grass, grassland management techniques, winter feeding efficiency, nutrient management and improving the health and welfare of animals. At the end of December 2021, a total of 5,887 training events have been held.

Farm Family Key Skills (FFKS)

The FFKS programme currently has 4 themes:

- Animal Health,
- Business Planning,
- ICT and
- Health & Safety.

The scheme also has flexibility to respond to emerging DAERA priorities and key industry challenges, which may arise during the period of the programme. By 31 December 2021, 20,038 eligible farm family members / employees had attended FFKS courses and events.

57 Pig Health training workshops have been delivered with 1,182 trainees attending. Course topics have included Pig Health and Welfare, Responsible Use of Antibiotics and Reducing Stress in the Pig Herd. Responsible Use of Antimicrobials is a pressing issue for society in general. Two separate courses have been delivered for dairy and red meat producers since 2019. By 31 December 2021, 10,000 people had undertaken training.

The contract for Health & Safety training has expired and CAFRE currently delivers ad-hoc courses if requested. To date 817 people have attended Health & Safety courses. First Aid Awareness training linked to farm Health and Safety continues to be popular. By 31 December 2021, 2,622 farm family members had

received training. Coping with the pressures of Farming is a new course addressing mental wellbeing in the farm family. By 31 December 2021, 380 farm family members had received training.

1,138 trainees have attended nutrient management and soil analysis interpretation courses to complement the European Area Aid Soil Sampling and Analysis Scheme in four river catchment areas. FFKS also hosted two CAFRE based Sustainable Soil Management events in July and August 2018. 396 trainees attended these campus based events.

Over 3,500 trainees have attended Business Planning courses. 757 trainees attended courses focusing on taxation and succession planning, while a further 2,745 attended courses focusing on 'Making Tax Digital' by March 2019. A new course was launched in late 2021 to create awareness of cybersecurity and address a growing threat to their businesses.

Measure 1.2 – support for demonstration projects/information actions

Innovation Technology Evaluation Demonstration Scheme (ITEDS)

By 31 December 2021, 39 farms including 13 dairy, 4 sheep, 2 pig, 2 Crops, 6 Environmental and 12 beef farms have been appointed and 280 Technology Demonstration Farm (TDF) visits have been completed. TDF farm visits completed include visits from BDG groups, nutritionist led groups, Young Farmer groups and other groups.

Plans are in place to appoint two additional Sheep TDFs in early 2022 and an additional dairy Technology Demonstration Farm will be appointed in April 2022 demonstrating Dairy Feed Efficiency.

Measure 1.3 – support for short-term farm and forest management exchange as well as farm and forest visits.

Farm Innovation Visits (FIVs)

FIVs give farmers across all sectors the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of innovative agricultural approaches and technologies on leading European farms. These two or three day study tours are delivered by DAERA's College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) and are led by CAFRE advisers and technologists.

To date 20 FIVs have been delivered for beef, sheep, dairy, potato, pig, poultry farmers and mushroom growers. Sixteen places are normally available for each FIV and these are allocated on a competitive basis. As each visit becomes available, information about the trip is shared widely on the CAFRE website, on social media and in the farming press. A total of 284 farmers have participated travelling to a number of European countries including the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, England, Scotland and Wales to learn about a wide range of innovations. The visits have been received very favourably by those who have attended with some excellent feedback. Dissemination of visit findings has been mostly through delivery to Business Development Groups.

The FIV scheme has been temporarily suspended since March 2020 due to travel restrictions and social distancing requirements. Plans to recommence delivery are being kept under review.

Measure 4.1 – support for investments in agricultural holdings

Farm Business Investment Scheme – Capital (FBIS-C)

Tier 1

Tier 1 provides capital grant support to improve the sustainability of farms in Northern Ireland. It provides support for farmers and growers to invest in equipment and machinery that will help realise improvements in efficiency, environmental practice, animal health and welfare, and health and safety, associated with modern farming practices. Tier 1 is for projects costing from £5,000 - £30,000 (eligible costs) and is primarily aimed at the purchase of off the shelf equipment and machinery.

The first two tranches of Tier 1 provided £14.4million grant support to over 3,000 farmers and growers. The existing CSL contract was extended to the end of September 2020 to enable 9 post payment inspections to be completed following easement of COVID-19 restrictions and return of files to close contract.

Tranche 3 opened between November and December 2020. 4,067 applications were received worth potentially £22 million. Applications were scored and to date 2900 LoO's have been issued worth potentially £16.7 million. As of 31st December 2021, 2,728 LoO's have been accepted committing £15.8 million of grant funding.

Tier 2

FBIS-C Tier 2 provides capital grant support to farm businesses investing over £30k (eligible expenditure) and focuses on larger scale investments to encourage a step change and drive transformational investment in future proofed, fit for purpose, modern infrastructure and equipment. The grant rate is 40% of eligible costs up to £250k grant. The total maximum grant a business can receive under FBIS-C is £250k across the lifetime of the NIRDP 2014-20. Tier 2 is delivered directly by DAERA. Applicants must meet certain eligibility criteria and submit a robust, viable and sustainable business plan which shows that they have carefully planned their investment and what difference it will make in transforming their farm into a more sustainable, efficient and safer business.

Tranche 1 closed for applications in March 2017, a total of 189 applications were received. At 31 December 2021, the Tier 2 Selection Panel had approved funding to 127 projects and awarded grant totalling £14m. Grant was awarded to farms investing in poultry, dairy, arable, horticulture, pigs and beef and sheep projects. The average grant award was £110k and 80% of the awards were to poultry and dairying investments. In 2021, one poultry application was approved. There will be no further awards under Tranche1

During 2021, £2.4m grant was paid to 20 projects, with private eligible expenditure of £3.7m. At 31 December 2021, 103 projects were complete and had been paid a total of £11.3m grant. We estimate that the total grant spend for Tranche 1 will be around £12.6m (113 projects). Post Project Evaluations (PPEs) will commence in 2022.

An Expression of Interest (EoI) stage for a potential second tranche took place between 19 July and 13 August 2021 and there was a significant level of response. Tranche 2 opened for applications on 10 January 2022 to those who had submitted an EoI. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 29 April 2022.

Measure 16.1 Support for establishment of operational groups of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Measure 16.2 Support for pilot projects / support for the development of new products, practices,

processes and technologies.

EIP Operational Groups

European Innovation Partnership (EIP) is one part of the overarching Farm Business Investment Scheme. The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) assumed responsibility for the delivery of the pilot EIP Scheme in 2020 and initiated a competitive call for Stage 1 applications on 30 March 2020, with 34 applications being received by the closing date of 27 April 2020. 20 applications passed the selection criteria and were subsequently assessed by a panel with the ten highest scoring applications awarded Stage 1 funding to develop their project plan and apply for Stage 2 funding. Nine Operational Groups submitted Stage 2 applications by 28 August 2020 of which seven passed the selection panel. The three highest scoring groups were awarded Stage 2 funding in October 2020 to deliver their projects and a further four Operational groups were awarded Stage 2 funding in November 2020.

The members of the seven successful Operational Groups were given the opportunity to apply for capital funding through Measure 4.1 to assist with the purchase of new machinery directly related to the implementation of an approved EIP project plan. The maximum grant per EIP Operational Group is £30k. By the closing date of 31 March 2021, 29 applications were received from members of 3 Operational Groups. All 29 applications were approved funding. In total, £75k grant was awarded. At 31 December 2021, 15 members had been paid £44k grant.

<u>Priority 3: Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture</u>

Focus Area 3a

Measure 4.2 – support for investments in processing/marketing and/or development of agricultural products

Expenditure for this Measure to date is transitional expenditure carried over from Measure 123 of the 2007-13 RDP and progress against the targets reflects expenditure in 2015 and 2016 only.

Measure 16.2 - support for pilot projects, and for the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies

Measure 16.3 – co-operation – small/micro operators in organising work processes & sharing facilities/resources & tourism

Measure 16.4 – Co-operation for supply chain actors - development of short supply chains/local markets & promotion activity

Agri-Food Co-operation Scheme (AFCS)

The AFCS contract was awarded to the external delivery agent (Countryside Services Ltd) on 15 May 2018. The scheme opened for applications on 28 November 2018 and by 31 December 2021, 73 groups had submitted an Expression of Interest with 56 groups having passed the panel. Applications have been received from the red meat, pig meat, eggs, potatoes, and horticulture, cereal, and Local Food tourism & artisan foods sectors.

Priority 4: Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry

Focus Area 4abc

Measure 10.1 – Agri-environment climate

Measure 4.4—Support for non-productive investments linked to the achievement of agri-environment-climate objectives

Measure 8.1 – Support for afforestation/creation of woodland establishment cost and maintenance/income foregone premium per ha

Measure 8.2 - Support for establishment and maintenance of agro-forestry systems

Measure 11.1/11.2 - Payment to convert to organic farming practices and to maintain organic farming practices and methods

Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) and agri-environment legacy

The Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) is a voluntary agri-environment scheme that supports farmers and land managers to carry out environmentally beneficial farming practices on agricultural land. Agreements will normally last for five years and commence in 1 January of the year after application. However the Tranche 1 Agreement for EFS Wider started on 1 July 2017 and will last 5.5 years, ending on 31 December 2022.

The Environmental Farming Scheme is made up of three Levels:

- EFS (W) a Wider Level Scheme aimed at delivering environmental benefits across the wider countryside outside of environmentally designated areas;
- EFS (H) a Higher Level Scheme primarily aimed at site specific environmental improvements at strategically important sites and for priority habitats and species; and
- EFS (G) a Group Level Scheme to support co-operative work by farmers in specific areas, such as river catchments, or commonages.

Each scheme Level contains a number of management Options and Non Productive Investments (NPIs), also known as capital items. Applicants can select from these Options when applying to join the Scheme.

EFS is mainly delivered under Measure 10.1 Agri-environment climate. Tranche 1 of EFS opened in 2017. Within Tranche 1, there are currently 218 Higher and 954 Wider Level Agreements in place, with financial values of £8.01m and £7.81m respectively. Tranche 2 opened in 2018. Within Tranche 2 there are 328 Higher and 1,330 Wider Level agreements in place, with financial values of £10.51m and £11.32m respectively. Tranche 3 opened in 2019. Within Tranche 3 there are 201 Higher and 1,518 Wider Level agreements in place, with financial values of £6.19m and £10.65m respectively. Tranche 4 opened in 2020. Within Tranche 4 there are 142 Higher and 292 Wider level agreements, with financial values of £4.53m and £2.39m respectively. Between Tranches 1 and 4 there are 4,983 agreements with a commitment value of £61.41m Tranche 5 opened in 2021 and as at 31st December there were 119 Higher and 167 Wider accepted agreements. These agreements will be effective from January 2022.

Expenditure of £42.5m was incurred on the whole of EFS up to 31 December 2021.

Features supported under Measure 4.4 non-productive investments are all part of the Environmental Farming Scheme and linked to a multi-annual commitment under measure 10.1. Within EFS, all of the Measure 4.4 elements must be established within the first year of an agreement. This is to ensure that the subsequent environmental benefits can be realised over the remaining years of the agreement. Measures 8.1, 8.2, 11.1 and 11.2 form an integral part of EFS. Uptake of Measures 8 and 11 are almost always combined with other Measure 10 options.

Measure 7.1 – drawing up/updating plans for dev of rural villages & basic services & management plans relating to N2k sites

Conservation Management Plans

Two four-year contracts for the production of 23 Conservation Management Plans for Natura 2000 sites commenced on 1 December 2017. These contracts have been extended to March and June 2022 due to the impact of Covid19 restrictions which delayed progress.

Measure 8.3 – support for prevention of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events, and

Measure 8.4 – support for restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events.

Forest Protection Scheme (FPS)

Forest Protection Scheme remains below the targets set however, twelve applications were received in the 2021 calendar year with letters of offer being issued on all twelve applications and subsequent claims are expected following the 2021/22 planting season. This compares to eleven applications in 2020 and six applications in 2019 when the revised scheme was opened. Updated information on this scheme is available on the new DAERA Grants and Funding Information Hub and we expect a further increase in demand during 2022. Recent evidence of ash dieback indicates that it is now clearly evident in woodlands throughout Northern Ireland.

Measure 8.5 – support for investments improving the resilience and environmental value as well as the mitigation potential of forest ecosystems.

Woodland Investment Grant (WIG)

Uptake in this scheme to support restocking of woodland after clearfelling is below expectations however, the woodland area licenced for clearfell in the 2020/21 business year (494 hectares) represents a 35% increase on 2019/20 (367 hectares) which itself was almost twice the area in 2018/19 (188 hectares). This increase in felling and subsequent uptake in the Woodland Investment Grant and promotion by the new DAERA Grants & Funding Hub is expected to bring the scheme back on target.19 applications have been received in 2021 to replant 433 ha of woodland from which 9 businesses have received approval to replant 264ha in the current planting season and the remainder are currently being assessed.

Measure 13.2 – compensation payment for other areas affected by specific constraints

Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme

The ANC Scheme, as programmed in the RDP, operated up to 2018. There is nothing additional to report in the AIR up to 31 December 2021.

Measure 16.5 – Support for joint action undertaken with a view to mitigating or adapting to climate change

Agri-environment co-operation (EFS Group level)

Seven EFS Group Projects are in place. These projects support appropriate management of environmentally designated land, priority habitat and land within sensitive water catchments, and help to protect priority species.

<u>Priority 5 - Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors</u>

Focus Area 5E

Measure 8.1 – support for afforestation/creation of woodland

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Forestry Legacy Schemes

Forestry Legacy Schemes – In 2021 Forest Service had 776 eligible beneficiaries who were entitled to claim for forestry annual premia payments. The number of beneficiaries eligible within these schemes will reduce annually and will expire for any remaining beneficiaries in December 2033. Legacy schemes are being managed and payments made to beneficiaries in line with their agreements and claim schedules.

Forest Expansion Scheme

The seventh phase of the Forest Expansion Scheme which closed in August 2021 resulted in 45 businesses receiving letters of offer to plant 293ha of new woodland during the 21/22 planting season. This is a reduction when compared to the 2020 figures but can be somewhat attributed to the introduction of the Small Woodland Grant Scheme, a new scheme introduced in December 2020. First afforestation targets to 31 December 2021 achieved 422ha of approved new woodland planting all.

Small Woodland Grant Scheme

The 'Forests for Our Future' programme was announced in March 2020 with a target to plant 18 million trees over the next decade. The programme will operate in support of the Green Growth Strategy being developed by the Department. As part of this programme Forest Service introduced the Small Woodland Grant scheme in December 2020 to support landowners who wished to plant small areas of native woodlands integrated within their agricultural holding [minimum of 0.2ha] and have witnessed a significant interest. In 2021, land owners applied for a total of 550 hectares (368 applications) of new woodland and following eligibility checks 314 hectares were awarded letters of offer. 130 ha was claimed during 2021 as having been planted by 109 businesses.

Priority 6 - Fostering local development in rural areas

Focus Area 6a

Measure 7.5 – Support for investments for public use/recreational infrastructure/tourist information & small scale tourism

Rural Tourism Scheme

By the end of 2021, 19 applications have been awarded a total of £9m of funding. Projects include the Davagh Forest Visitor Centre & Dark Sky Observatory, the Alpine Toboggan run and the Zip Line Attraction in Colin Glen Forest, the Play Park Trail in Gosford Forest, the Seamus Heaney Home Ground Experience, the Viewpoints at Magheracross, works at Ballycopeland Windmill, the Digital Sculpture Trail at Hillsborough Forest. Slieve Gullion Amphitheatre and Sperrins Sculpture Trail. A further application (worth approximately £0.5m) has been submitted and which is currently being assessed.

Measure 19.1 Preparatory support

Measure 19.2 – support for implementation of operations under the community-led local development strategy

M 19.3 All Island Co-operation

LEADER

Priority 6 (promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and supporting economic development) is worth £70m of LEADER funding available to the 10 council districts outside Belfast, to deliver interventions that support rural business growth and job creation, rural basic services, village renewal and co-operation activity. All Local Action Groups (LAGs) have entered into a contract with DAERA to deliver the LEADER component of the RDP on the ground. Councils have been contracted to fulfil the administration function for the LAGs. The key themes under LEADER are Rural Business Investment, Basic Services, Village Renewal and Co-Operation.

The Rural Business Investment Scheme provides investment support of up to £90k for the creation and development of micro and small enterprises in rural areas. The primary objective of the Programme is to create jobs in rural areas.

The Rural Basic Services scheme supports capital investments which will provide access to basic services or improvements in social infrastructure (including activities to reduce isolation and/or poverty), to improve the welfare and access to basic services of those living in rural areas. The Community Voluntary Sector are the main recipients of the funding to create community hubs or facilities for the use of local communities or to allow a number of services to be delivered to the community. The main sectors funded under RBIS are, manufacturing, services, Tourism, E-commerce/ICT and Childcare, with manufacturing representing almost 50% of the funding allocated. 971 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs have been created to date.

The Village Renewal scheme provides financial support for the drafting of integrated village plans and also for the renewal of rural villages through Village Plans. The village plan is a working document that has the support of the community and should provide a needs based strategic framework to co-ordinate specific development actions. As there is a clear link with Council revitalisation schemes in urban areas Councils are in the lead for this Scheme.

Cooperation encourages and supports LAGs to undertake joint actions with other LAGs taking a similar approach in another region, EU Member State or a third country. Participation in Cooperation activity is a EU mandatory element of the LEADER programme and actions must fit with the strategies of all LAGs involved, not merely the Lead partner and should provide mutual benefit for each partner.

The COVID19 pandemic has impacted on delivery however following a number of easements provided by DAERA in line with EU guidance to LAGs and Councils ensured delivery continues and payments are made to beneficiaries. Up to 31 December 2020, 1,522 applications have been received, with 1014 Letters of Offer issued. 98% of all project funding has been allocated with a small number of projects to complete in 2022.

1.d) Key information on achievements towards the milestones set in the performance Framework based on Table F

This section applies to AIR(s) 2016, 2017, 2018 only

1.e) Other RDP specific element [optional]
n/a
1.f) Where appropriate, the contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies
As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, article 27(3) on the "content of programmes", article 96(3)(e) on the "content, adoption and amendment of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal", article 111(3), article 111(4)(d) on "implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal", and Annex 1, section 7.3 on "contribution of mainstream programmes to macroregional and sea-basin strategies, this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:
☐ EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
☐ EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
☐ EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
☐ EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
☐ Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

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1.g) Currency rate used for conversion AIR (non EUR countries)

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Z.	THE PROGRESS	IN IMPLEMENTING	CT THE EVALUE	ATION PLAN.

2.a) Description	of any	modifications	made to	the	evaluation	plan	in the	RDP	during	the yea	ar, with
their justification	1										

No changes have been made to the evaluation plan.	

2.b) A description of the evaluation activities undertaken during the year (in relation to section 3 of the evaluation plan)

Work continues across the programme to build upon the evaluation undertaken in the 2018 Enhanced Annual Implementation Report and the 2020 Annual Implementation Report

2.c) A description of activities undertaken in relation to the provision and management of data (in relation to section 4 of the evaluation plan)

The Managing Authority continues to work closely with the programme evaluators to ensure timely provision and appropriate management of data for monitoring and evaluation

2.d) A list of completed evaluations, including references to where they have been published on-line
No completed evaluations defined

2.e) A summary of completed evaluations, focussing on evaluation findings

Please summarize the findings from evaluations completed in 2020, per CAP objective (or RDP priority, where appropriate).

Report on positive or negative effects/impacts (including the supporting evidence). Please don't forget to mention the source of the findings.

N/A		

2.f) A description of communication activities undertaken in relation to publicising evaluation findings (in relation to section 6 of the evaluation plan)

Reference shall be made to the evaluation plan, any difficulties encountered in implementation shall be described, together with solutions adopted or proposed.

Date / Period	01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Title of communication activity/event & topic of evaluation findings discussed/ disseminated	N/a
Overall organiser of activity/ event	n/a
Information channels/ format used	n/a
Type of target audience	n/a
Approximate number of stakeholders reached	0
URL	n/a

2.g) Description	of the follow-up	given to evaluati	on results (in	n relation to	o section 6 of	the evaluation
plan)						

No follow-up defined

3. ISSUES WHICH AFFECT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE MEASURES TAKEN

3.a) Description of steps taken to ensure quality and effectiveness of programme implementation

CAP Management Board

The CAP Management Board met in 2021 to oversee the operation of the schemes within the RDP.

Programme Monitoring Committee

The Programme Monitoring Committee members were contacted with updates on a number of occasions throughout 2021. The members remain actively engaged in the progress of the programme with scheme managers attending to provide details of the individual schemes.

3.b) Quality and efficient delivery mechanisms

Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) 1, proxy automatically calculated

	Total RDP financial allocation [EAFRD]	[%] planned SCO coverage out of the total RDP allocation ²	[%] realised expenditure through SCO out of total RDP allocation (cumulative ³
Fund specific methods CPR Article 67(5)(e)	228,425,088.00	45.73	41.82

¹ Simplified Cost Options shall be intended as unit cost/flat rates/lumps sums CPR Article 67(5) including the EAFRD specific methods under point (e) of that article such as business start-up lump sums, flat rate payments to producers organisations and area and animal related unit costs.

Simplified Cost Options (SCOs), based on specific detailed MS data [optional]

	Total RDP financial allocation [EAFRD]	[%] planned SCO coverage out of the total RDP allocation	[%] realised expenditure through SCO out of total RDP allocation (cumulative
Total CPR Article 67(1)(b)(c)(d) + 67(5)(e)	228,425,088.00		
Fund specific methods CPR Article 67(5)(e)	228,425,088.00		

E-management for beneficiaries [optional]

	[%] EAFRD funding	[%] Operations concerned
Application for support		
Payment claims		
Controls and compliance		
Monitoring and reporting to the MA/PA		

Average time limits for beneficiaries to receive payments [optional]

² Automatically calculated from programme version's measures 06, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18

³ Automatically calculated from declarations of expenditure's measures 06, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18

[Days] Where applicable, MS deadline for payments to beneficiaries	[Days] Average time for payments to beneficiaries	Comments

4. STEPS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMME PUBLICITY REQUIREMENTS

4.a) Action taken and state of play as regards the establishment of the NRN and the implementation of its action plan

4.a1) Actions taken and state of play as regards establishment of the NRN (governance structure and network support unit)

The Network Support Unit (NSU) is the structure needed for running the network and providing the administrative support for the network activities. The majority of the NSU functions were outsourced through a contract with the NI Rural Development Council (RDC). On 29 March 2019 the NI RDC invoked voluntary insolvency and went into administration. From 20 March 2019, DAERA undertook responsibility for the network support unit until a review of future delivery options was completed. The review compared the option of retendering the network support unit with the option to retain it in DAERA. Given the time and expense of a formal re-tendering process the review concluded that the NSU remained within DAERA until the end of 2020. This was subject to a further review in September 2020 to compare the option of retendering the network support unit with the option to continue to retain within DAERA. Again the review found that given the time and expense of a formal retendering process, alongside the limited lifespan of the Network, that the NSU should remain with DAERA until programme closure.

A Network Steering Group directs the activities of the Network and approves the Network Support Unit work plan. The NSU is chaired by the Programme Managing Authority and meets prior to each Programme Monitoring Committee (MC) meeting. The MC members, as well as NSU representatives and DAERA/MA representatives from each programme priority, are represented in the Network Steering Group. An update from the Network Steering Group is provided at each MC. The Northern Ireland Rural Network is open to any individuals and organisations with an interest in rural development. Members can apply online detailing their name, e-mail address and area of interest. Members are asked to select one or more areas of interest from: 1) agri-food and farming 2) agri-environment and forestry 3) rural economic and community development Communications with members are targeted according to their choice while registering.

Online communications via the Network website and social media channels continued throughout 2021. The introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018 had reduced Network membership initially, however throughout 2019 there was an increase month on month and this continued into 2021. As of 31 December 2021 the Network had in the region of 1,100 members. The Network continues to attract new members and the NSU is targeting agricultural students and Business Development Groups to increase membership.

Given UK exit from EU the NI NSU is no longer eligible to attend ENRD events, however has continued to stay up to date with ENRD events via minutes of meetings and communications from Desk Officer.

4.a2) Actions taken and state of play as regards the implementation of the action plan

Following agreement by the Network Steering Group of a programme of activities for the NSU, a detailed work plan was drawn up. The NSU give regular updates to DAERA and the Network Steering Group on progress made on planned actions and the work plan is regularly revised and updated

4.b) Steps taken to ensure that the programme is publicised (Article 13 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014)

The Rural Network and DAERA websites continue to be populated and updated regularly with Scheme openings and other articles of interest. The Rural Network website is also updated with case studies from schemes. Reviews of other relevant sites continue with publications and materials uploaded to the Rural Network website on a regular basis. Local press and radio have also been used to promote schemes. Stakeholders who have joined the Rural Network receive e-mail alerts about scheme openings, extensions, application requirements and other useful information. Alerts are also transmitted via social media - Facebook and Twitter, including retweets and sharing of information from other sources. The Network Facebook and Twitter pages are very active and are updated daily. Network members receive a monthly e-zine with news articles relating to the programme.

5. ACTIONS TAKEN TO FULFIL EX ANTE CONDITIONALITIES

This section applies to AIR(s) 2015, 2016 only

6. DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUB-PROGRAMMES

This section applies to AIR(s) 2016, 2018 only

7. ASSESSMENT	OF	THE	INFORMATION	AND	PROGRESS	TOWARDS	ACHIEVING	THE	
OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME									

This section applies to AIR(s) 2016, 2018 only

8.	IMPLEMENTATION	OF ACTIONS TO	TAKE I	NTO A	ACCOUNT	THE	PRINCIPLES	SET	OUT	IN
\mathbf{A}	RTICLES 5, 7 AND 8 (OF REGULATION	(EU) No	1303	/2013					

This section applies to AIR(s) 2016, 2018 only

9. Progress	MADE	IN	ENSURING	INTEGRATED	APPROACH	TO	USE	EAFRD	AND	OTHER
UNION FINAN	CIAL IN	STF	RUMENTS							

This section applies to AIR(s) 2018 only

10. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

30A. Has the ex-ante assessment been started?	Yes
30B. Has the ex-ante assessment been completed?	Yes
30. Date of completion of ex-ante assessment	31-03-2019
31.1. Has selection or designation process already been launched?	No
13A. Has the funding agreement been signed?	No
13. Date of signature of the funding agreement with the body implementing the financial instrument	-

11. ENCODING TABLES FOR COMMON AND PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC INDICATORS AND QUANTIFIED TARGET VALUES

See Monitoring Annex

Annex II

Detailed table showing implementation level by Focus areas including output indicators

	Focus Area 1A										
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023				
T1: percentage of expenditure under	2014-2021			2.51	77.22						
	T1: percentage of expenditure under	2014-2020			1.53	47.07					
	Articles 14, 15 and 35 of	2014-2019			1.30	39.99					
1A	Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in	2014-2018			0.77	23.69	3.25				
t t	relation to the total expenditure	2014-2017									
	for the RDP (focus area 1A)	2014-2016									
	, ,	2014-2015									

	Focus Area 1B										
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023				
	T2: Total number	2014-2021			70.00	118.64					
of cooperation operations	2014-2020			53.00	89.83						
	supported under the cooperation	2014-2019			31.00	52.54					
1B	measure (Article 35 of Regulation	2014-2018			2.00	3.39	59.00				
	(EU) No 1305/2013)	2014-2017									
	(groups, networks/clusters,	2014-2016									
	pilot projects) (focus area 1B)	2014-2015									

	Focus Area 1C										
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023				
		2014-2021			23,190.00	93.89					
T2 T 4 I	T3: Total number	2014-2020			18,455.00	74.72					
	of participants trained under	2014-2019			13,838.00	56.02					
1C	Article 14 of	2014-2018			8,769.00	35.50	24,700.00				
	Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	2014-2017			4,203.00	17.02					
	(focus area 1C)	2014-2016									
		2014-2015									

			Focus A	rea 2A			
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023
		2014-2021	18.32	95.51			
	T4: percentage of	2014-2020	13.15	68.56	13.15	68.56	
	agricultural holdings with	2014-2019	12.98	67.67	12.98	67.67	
2A	RDP support for investments in	2014-2018	10.70	55.78	10.70	55.78	19.18
	restructuring or modernisation	2014-2017	5.79	30.19	5.79	30.19	
	(focus area 2A)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
FA/M	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023
2A	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	98,753,991.90	39.53	50,187,432.24	20.09	249,818,474.00
M01	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	28,094,282.00	190.33	14,657,301.56	99.30	14,761,078.00
M01.1	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			14,138,683.59	108.94	12,978,916.00
M01.1	O12 - Number of participants in trainings	2014-2021			23,190.00	125.35	18,500.00
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	69,660,285.74	29.74	35,325,162.25	15.08	234,212,952.00
M04	O2 - Total investment	2014-2021			88,312,905.63	15.08	585,532,380.00
M04.1	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			35,325,162.25	15.08	234,212,952.00
M04.1	O4 - Number of holdings/beneficia ries supported	2014-2021			4,299.00	95.53	4,500.00
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	999,424.16	118.35	204,968.43	24.27	844,444.00

			Focus A	rea 3A			
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023
	T6: percentage of	2014-2021	0.24	7.82	0.24	7.82	
	agricultural holdings receiving	2014-2020	0.17	5.54	0.17	5.54	
	support for participating in	2014-2019	0.55	17.92	0.55	17.92	
	quality schemes, local markets and	2014-2018					3.07
	short supply circuits, and	2014-2017					
	producer groups/organisatio	2014-2016					
24	ns (focus area 3A)	2014-2015					
3A	2014-2021						
		2014-2020					
	0/ 64 : 5 1	2014-2019					25.00
	% of Agri-Food enterprises	2014-2018					
	supported (%)	2014-2017					
		2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
FA/M	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023
3A	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	9,672,387.76	30.21	8,475,265.12	26.47	32,019,295.00
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	7,690,000.00	25.75	7,916,582.65	26.51	29,867,802.00
M04	O2 - Total investment	2014-2021			19,791,454.13	26.54	74,579,862.50
M04.1 M04.2	O3 - Number of actions/operations supported	2014-2021			39.00	31.20	125.00
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,982,387.76	92.14	558,682.47	25.97	2,151,493.00
M16.4	O9 - Number of holdings participating in supported schemes	2014-2021			56.00	7.78	720.00

			Priori	ty P4			
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023
	T13: percentage of forestry land	2014-2021			0.04	116.67	
		2014-2020			0.03	87.50	
	under management	2014-2019			0.01	29.17	
	contracts to improve soil	2014-2018			0.01	29.17	0.03
	management and/or prevent	2014-2017					
	soil erosion (focus area 4C)	2014-2016					
	area 4C)	2014-2015					
		2014-2021			0.07	204.17	
	T11: percentage	2014-2020			0.05	145.83	
	of forestry land under	2014-2019			0.01	29.17	
	management contracts to	2014-2018			0.01	29.17	0.03
	improve water	2014-2017					
	management (focus area 4B)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					1
		2014-2021			0.23	33.54	
	T8: percentage of	2014-2020			0.23	33.54	
	forest/other wooded area	2014-2019			0.28	40.83	
	under management	2014-2018			0.17	24.79	0.69
P4	contracts supporting	2014-2017					
	biodiversity (focus area 4A)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
		2014-2021			0.46	44.93	
	T12: percentage of agricultural	2014-2020			0.49	47.86	
	land under management	2014-2019			0.37	36.14	
	contracts to	2014-2018			0.29	28.33	1.02
	management	2014-2017					
	and/or prevent soil erosion (focus	2014-2016					
	area 4C)	2014-2015					
		2014-2021			2.59	126.50	
	T10: percentage	2014-2020			2.83	138.22	
of agricultural land under	of agricultural	2014-2019			1.59	77.66	
	management contracts to	2014-2018			0.59	28.82	2.05
	improve water	2014-2017					
	management (focus area 4B)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
	T9: percentage of	2014-2021			4.91	79.94	6.14

	agricultural land	2014-2020			4.65	75.70	
	management	2014-2019			3.88	63.17	
	supporting biodiversity	2014-2018			1.82	29.63	
	and/or landscapes (focus area 4A)	2014-2017					
	(locus area 4A)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
FA/M	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023
P4	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	290,127,683.84	109.07	208,222,101.00	78.28	265,995,535.00
M04	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	41,932,708.27	74.48	40,427,192.79	71.81	56,299,256.00
M04.4	O3 - Number of actions/operations supported	2014-2021			23,377.00	233,770,000.00	0.01
M07	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	2,640,059.96	189.64	1,493,843.05	107.30	1,392,158.00
M07.1	O3 - Number of actions/operations supported	2014-2021			2.00	8.70	23.00
M08	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	2,197,611.03	52.56	3,078,353.18	73.63	4,180,883.00
M08.1	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			1,782,928.56	51.86	3,438,231.00
M08.1	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			173.00	192.22	90.00
M08.2	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			129,757.20	299.48	43,328.00
M08.2	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			173.00	332.69	52.00
M08.3	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			105,758.00	247.78	42,683.00
M08.3	O4 - Number of holdings/beneficia ries supported	2014-2021			16.00	26.67	60.00
M08.4	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			445,619.38	140.72	316,672.00
M08.5	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			168,670.66	44.08	382,652.00
M08.5	O3 - Number of actions/operations supported	2014-2021			300.00	200.00	150.00
M08.5	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			323.00	44.86	720.00
M10	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	130,576,074.04	113.09	86,249,771.46	74.70	115,459,909.00
M10.1	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			52,940.00	81.45	65,000.00
M11	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,008,747.08	131.38	980,152.08	127.66	767,800.00
M11.1	O5 - Total area	2014-2021			530.00	75.71	700.00

	(ha)						
M11.2	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			2,349.00	87.00	2,700.00
M13	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	110,547,056.29	131.00	74,961,955.72	88.83	84,384,054.00
M13.2	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021					340,000.00
M16	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	1,225,427.17	34.90	1,030,832.72	29.36	3,511,475.00

	Focus Area 5E										
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023				
		2014-2021			5.53	295.34					
	T19: percentage of agricultural and	2014-2020			2.47	131.92	-				
	forest land under management	2014-2019			1.89	100.94					
5E	contracts contributing to	2014-2018			1.87	99.87	1.87				
	carbon sequestration and	2014-2017									
	conservation (focus area 5E)	2014-2016									
	(100 th of the o	2014-2015									
FA/M	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023				
5E	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	18,075,320.04	104.44	18,977,498.83	109.65	17,306,873.00				
M08	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	18,075,320.04	104.44	18,977,498.83	109.65	17,306,873.00				
M08.1	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021			18,977,498.83	109.65	17,306,873.00				
M08.1	O5 - Total area (ha)	2014-2021			1,513.00	84.06	1,800.00				

			Focus A	rea 6B			
FA/M	Target indicator name	Period	Based on approved (when relevant)	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Target 2023
		2014-2021			1,144.00	163.43	
		2014-2020			971.00	138.71	
	T23: Jobs created	2014-2019			652.00	93.14	
	in supported projects (Leader)	2014-2018			324.00	46.29	700.00
	(focus area 6B)	2014-2017					
		2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
		2014-2021					
	T22: percentage	2014-2020					
	of rural population	2014-2019					
6B	benefiting from improved	2014-2018					11.54
	services/infrastruc tures (focus area	2014-2017					
	6B)	2014-2016					
		2014-2015					
		2014-2021			100.01	100.01	
	T21	2014-2020			100.01	100.01	
	T21: percentage of rural	2014-2019			100.01	100.01	
	population covered by local	2014-2018			100.01	100.01	100.00
	development strategies (focus	2014-2017			100.01	100.01	
	area 6B)	2014-2016			100.01	100.01	
		2014-2015					
FA/M	Output Indicator	Period	Committed	Uptake (%)	Realised	Uptake (%)	Planned 2023
6B	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	88,700,437.78	94.55	81,365,359.82	86.73	93,810,948.00
M07	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	14,418,371.84	128.89	5,481,327.35	49.00	11,186,796.00
M07.1 M07.2 M07.4 M07.5 M07.6 M07.7 M07.8	O15 - Population benefiting of improved services/infrastruc tures (IT or others)	2014-2021					130,000.00
M07.5	O3 - Number of actions/operations supported	2014-2021			19.00	190.00	10.00
M19	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021	74,282,065.94	89.90	75,884,032.47	91.84	82,624,152.00
M19	O18 - Population covered by LAG	2014-2021			1,126,586.00	100.00	1,126,586.00

M19	O19 - Number of LAGs selected	2014-2021		10.00	100.00	10.00
M19.2	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021		57,512,832.26	92.99	61,851,597.00
M19.3	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021		3,490,881.27	102.36	3,410,482.00
M19.4	O1 - Total public expenditure	2014-2021		14,880,318.94	85.71	17,362,073.00

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