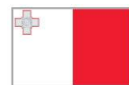


# Rural Development Programme for Malta 2014 – 2020

**Monitoring Committee  
9th March 2023**

**Programme Implementation**

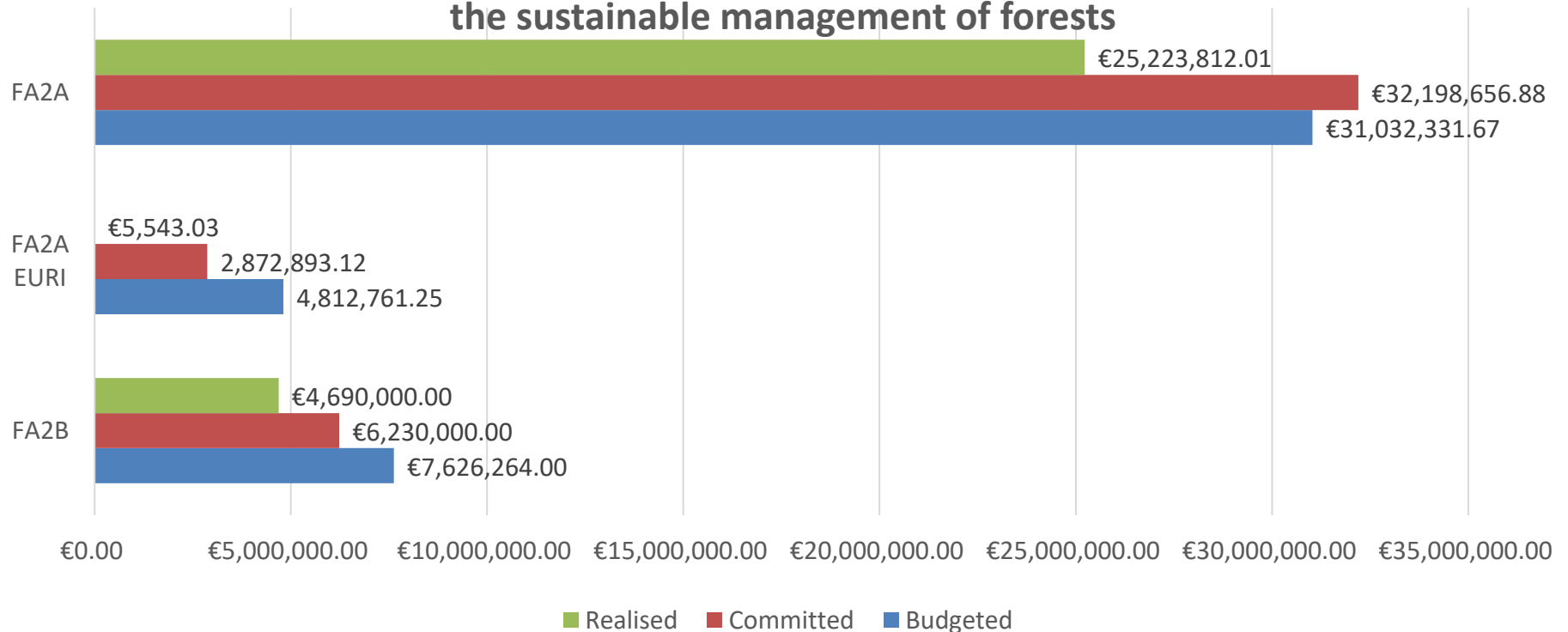


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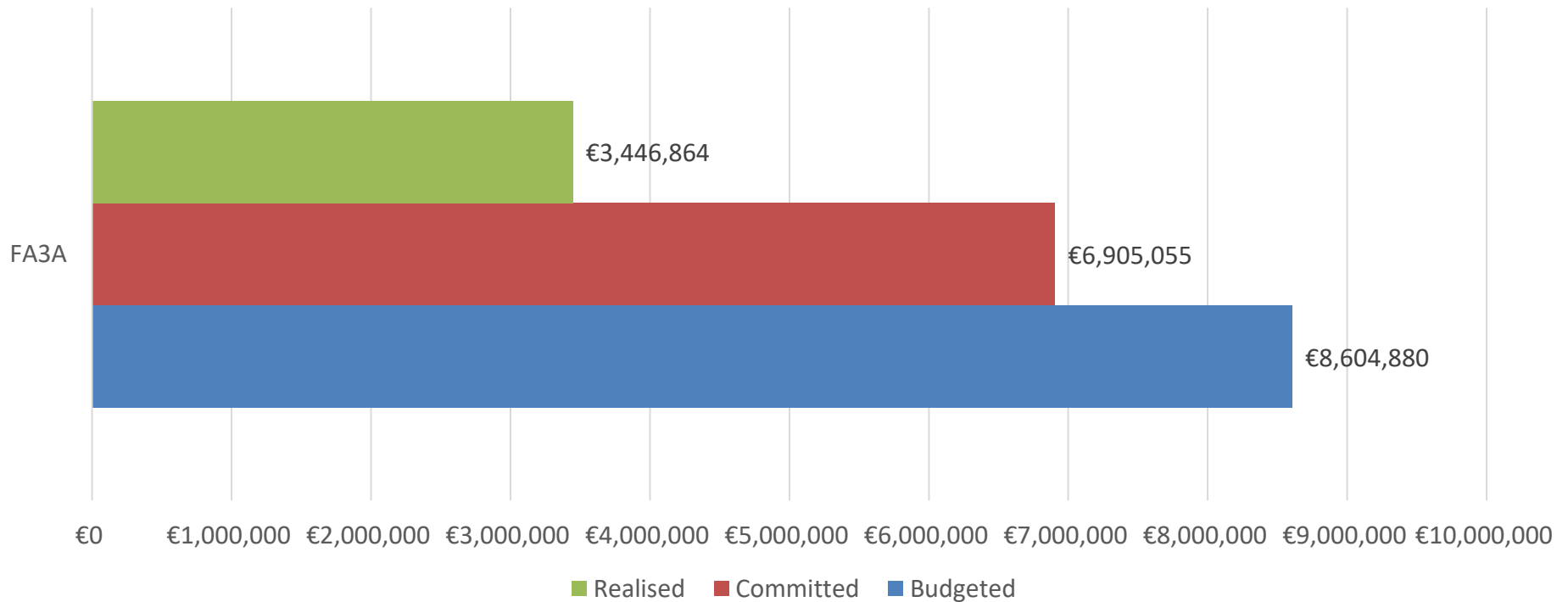
# **Committed and Realised Amounts by Priority and Focus Area as at February 2023**

## 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



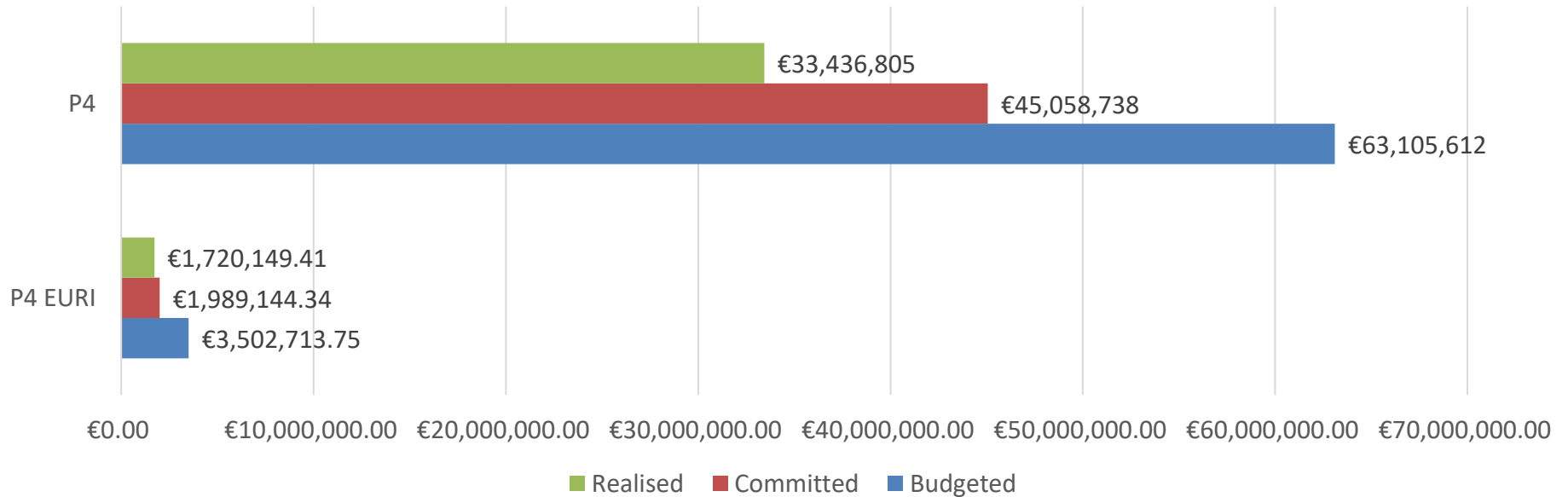
FA 2A: Improving the economic performance of all farms  
FA 2B: Facilitating the entry of adequately skilled farmers

### Priority 3- Promoting food chain organisation, including processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture

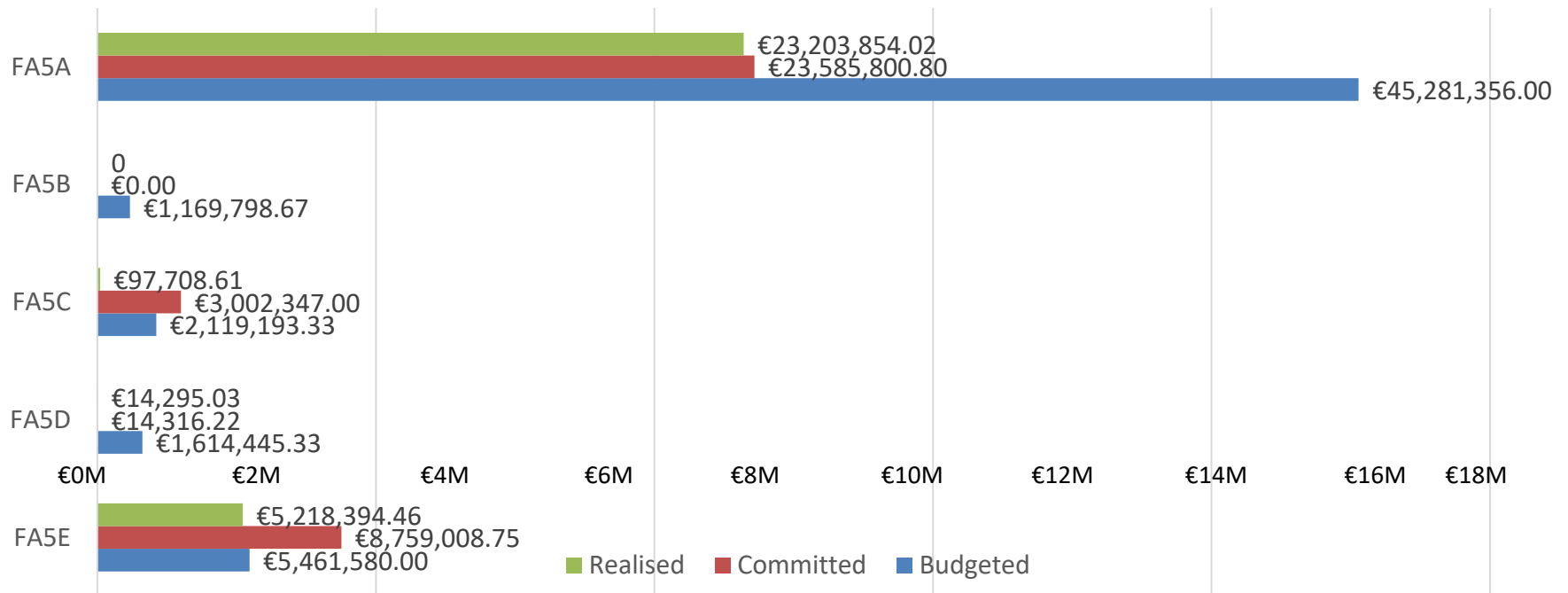


FA 3A: Improving competitiveness of primary producers

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



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



FA 5A: Increasing efficiency in water use by agriculture

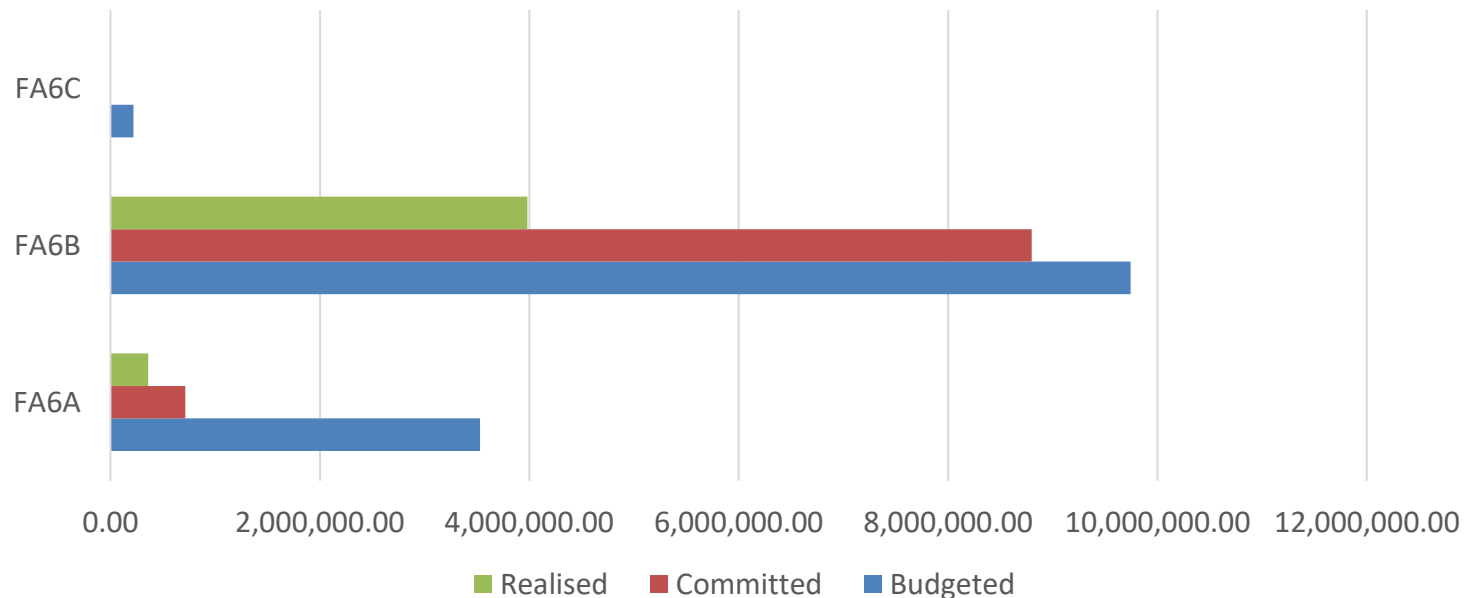
FA 5B: Increasing efficiency in energy use in agriculture and food processing

FA 5C: Facilitating the supply and use of renewable sources of energy

FA 5D: Reducing greenhouse gas and ammonia emissions from agriculture

FA 5E: Fostering carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry

## Priority 6: Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas



FA6A: Facilitating diversification, creation and development of small enterprises, as well as job creation

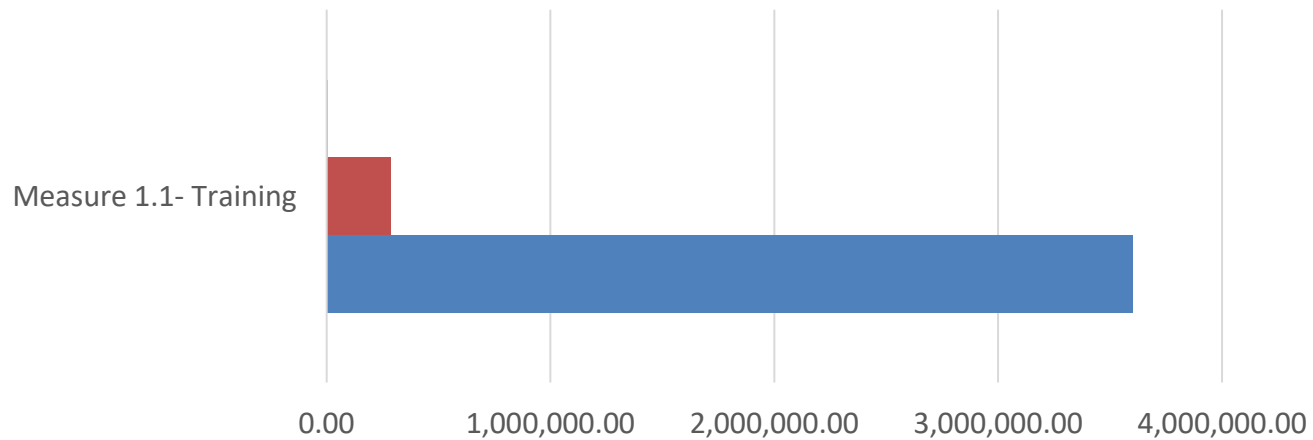
FA6B: Fostering local development in rural areas

FA6C: Enhancing the accessibility, use and quality of information and communication technologies (ICT) in rural areas

# **Budgeted, Committed and Realised expenditure by Implemented Sub-Measures (Cumulative as at end February 2023)**



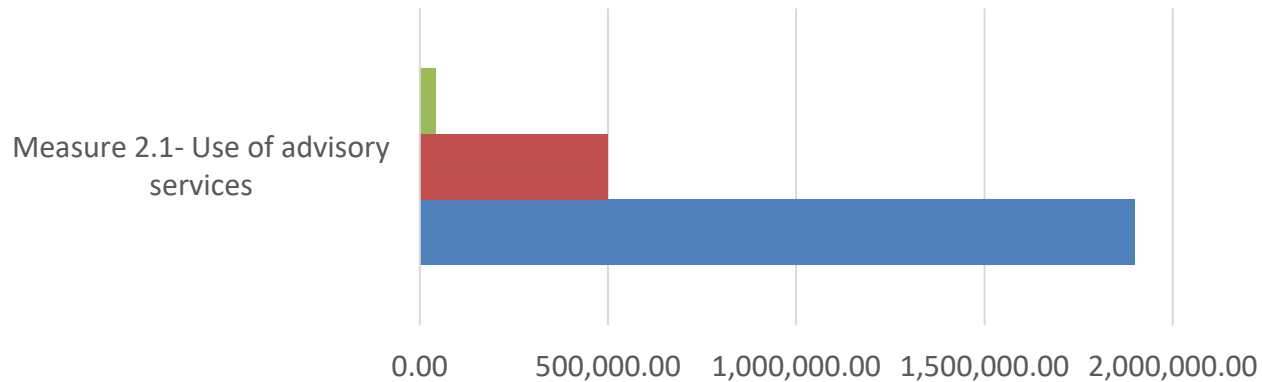
## Measure 1- Knowledge transfer and information actions



Measure 1.1- Training	
■ Realised	3,224.14
■ Committed	285,000.00
■ Allocation	3,600,000.00

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocation

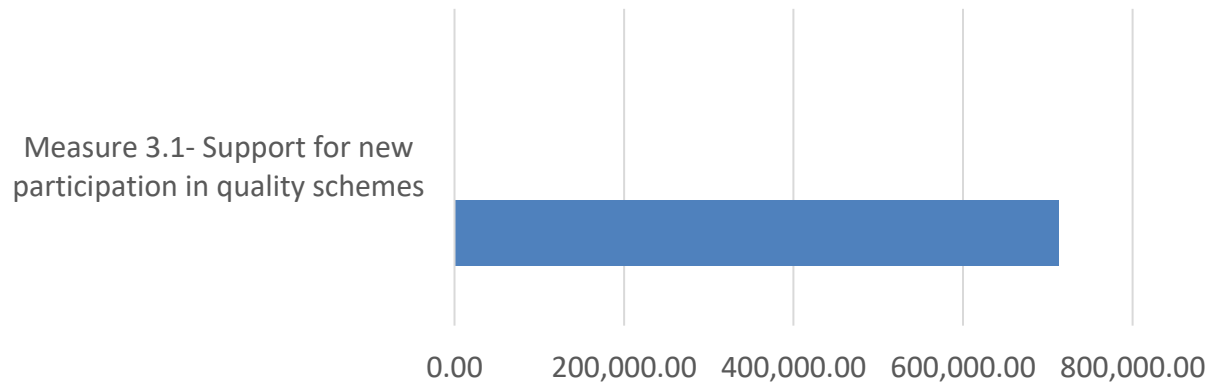
## Measure 2- Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services



Measure 2.1- Use of advisory services	
Realised	42,022.68
Committed	500,000.00
Allocated	1,900,000.00

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

## Measure 3- Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs



Measure 3.1- Support for new participation in quality schemes	
■ Realised	0
■ Committed	0
■ Allocated	713,171.00

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

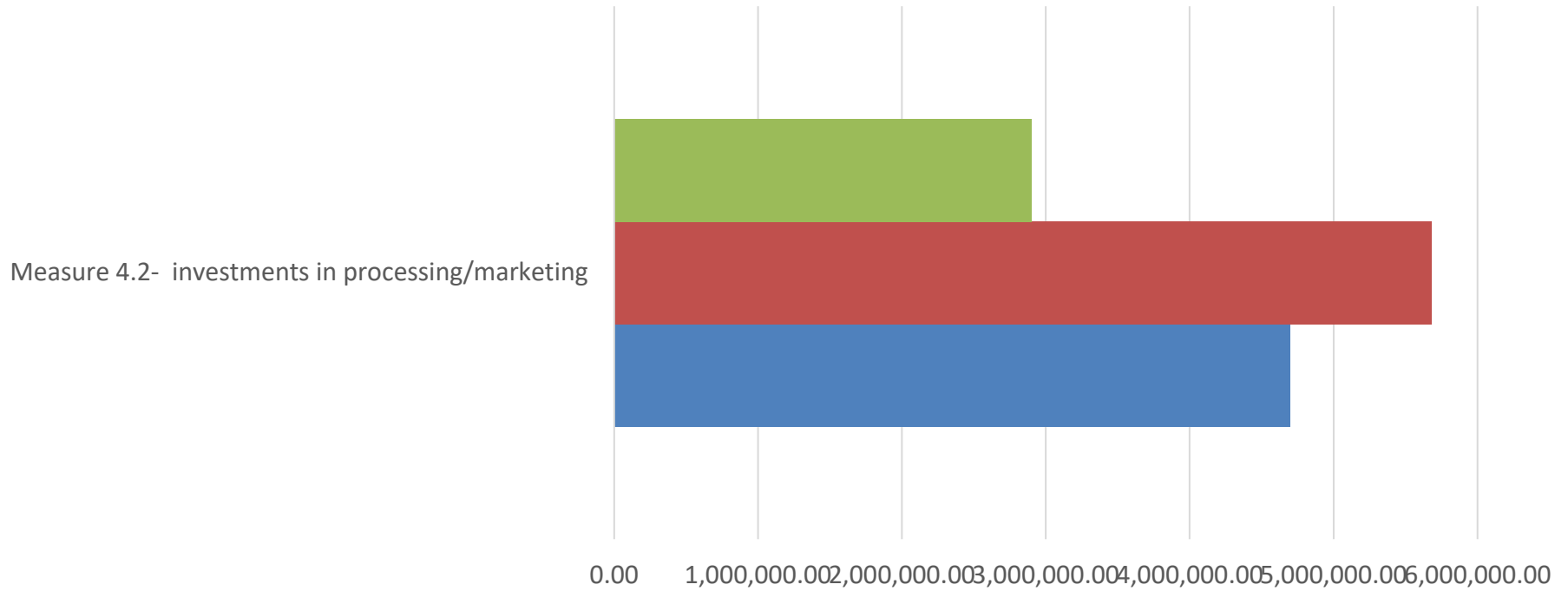
## Measure 4.1- Investments in agri. holdings



	Measure 4.1- Investments in agri. holdings	Measure 4.1- Investments in agri. holdings (EURI)
■ Realised	13,348,311.62	5,543.03
■ Committed	16,355,426.30	2,872,893.12
■ Allocated	18,703,091.00	4,812,761.25

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

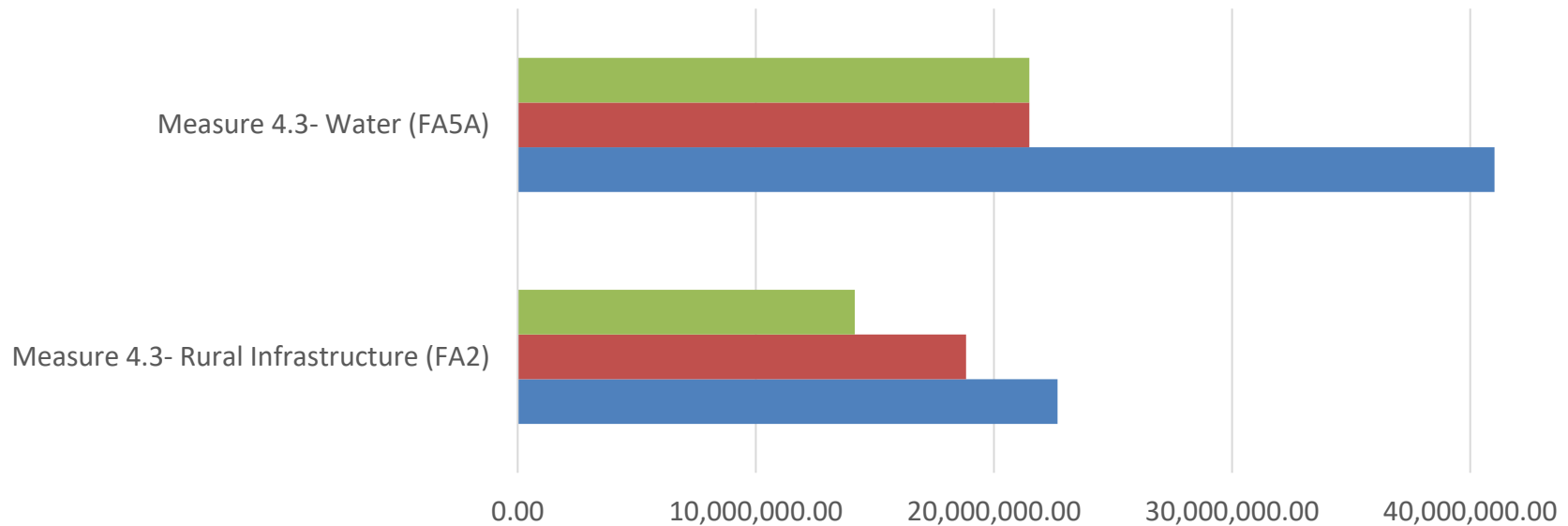
## Measure 4.2- Investments in processing/marketing assets



	Measure 4.2- investments in processing/marketing
Realised	2,903,504.28
Committed	5,678,324.27
Allocated	4,700,000.00

Realised Committed Allocated

## Measure 4.3- Support for investments in infrastructure related to development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry

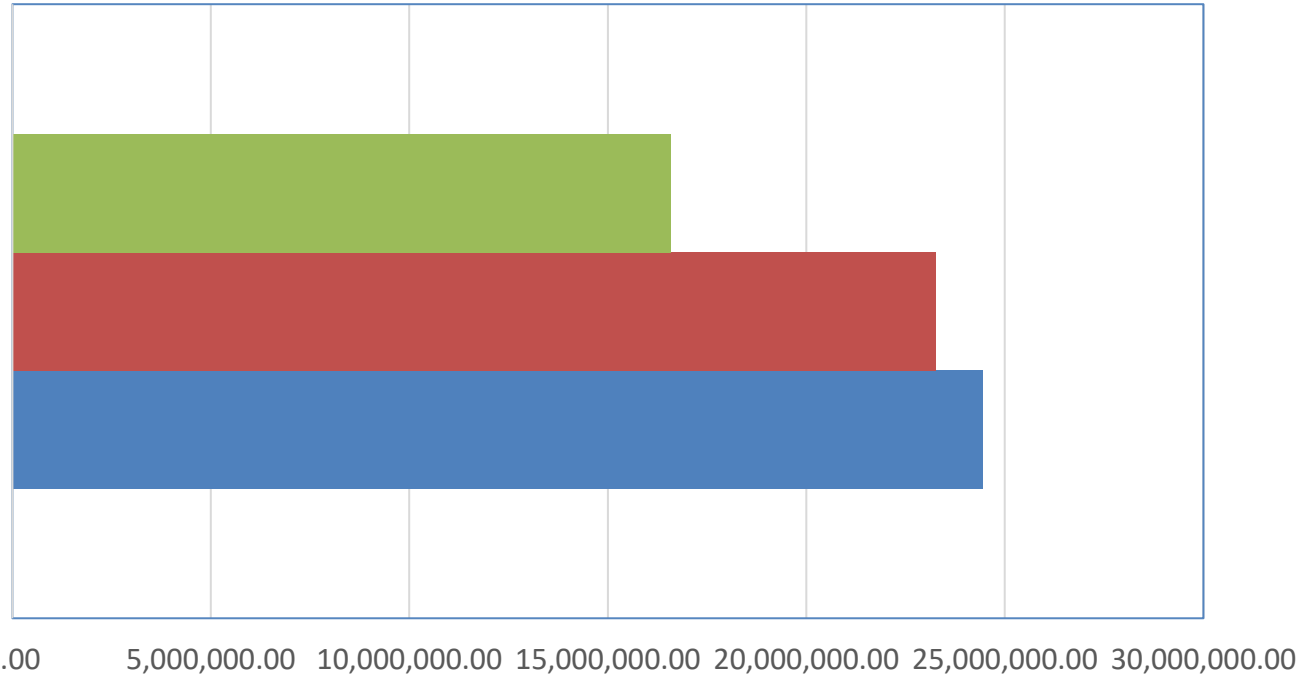


	Measure 4.3- Rural Infrastructure (FA2)	Measure 4.3- Water (FA5A)
Realised	14,160,634.27	21,484,228.11
Committed	18,832,056.68	21,491,400.00
Allocated	22,666,666.67	41,022,364.00

Realised Committed Allocated

### Measure 4.4- Non-productive investments

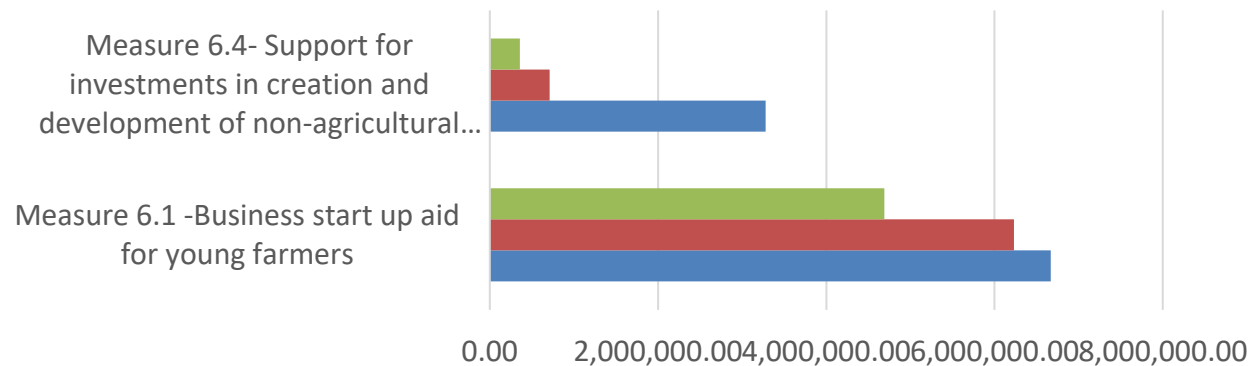
Measure 4.4- Non-productive investments



Measure 4.4- Non-productive investments	
Realised	16,599,480.58
Committed	23,260,469.85
Allocated	24,440,000.00

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

## Measure 6- Farm and business development

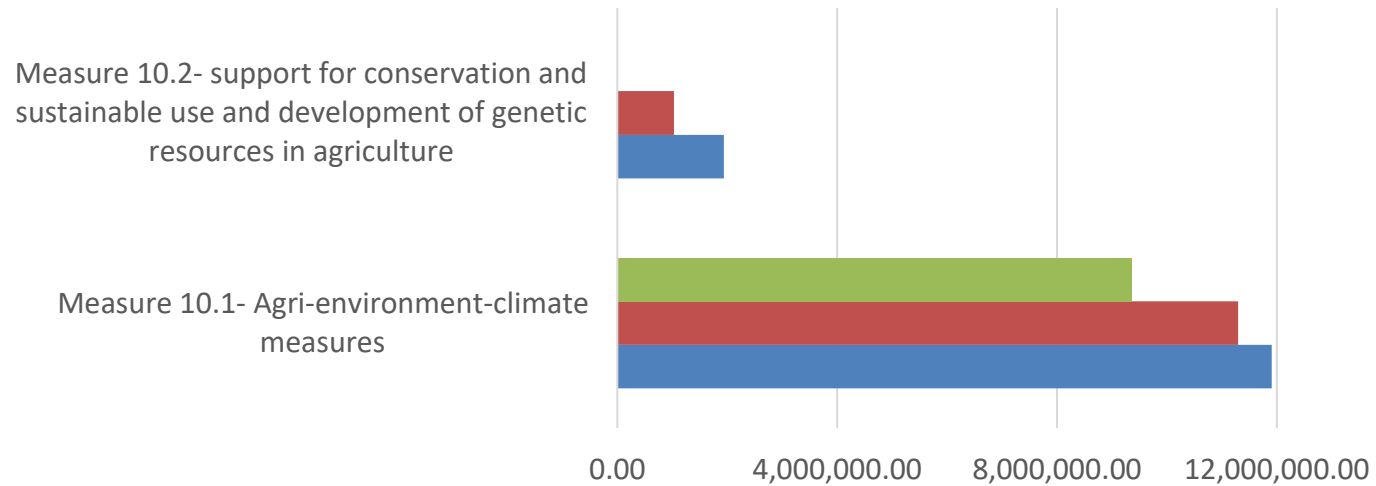


	Measure 6.1 -Business start up aid for young farmers	Measure 6.4- Support for investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities
■ Realised	4,690,000.00	360,303.34
■ Committed	6,230,000.00	712,986.81
■ Allocated	6,666,666.67	3,278,437.00

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated



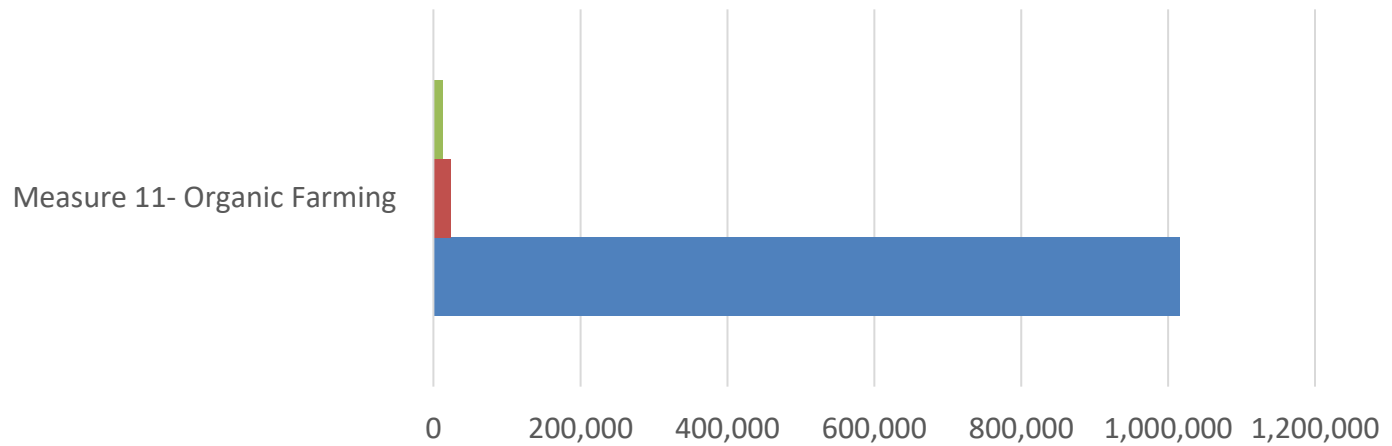
## Measure 10- Agri-environment-climate



	Measure 10.1- Agri-environment-climate measures	Measure 10.2- support for conservation and sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture
■ Realised	9,356,301.91	0
■ Committed	11,298,668.19	1,026,102.20
■ Allocated	11,906,991.99	1,937,333.33

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

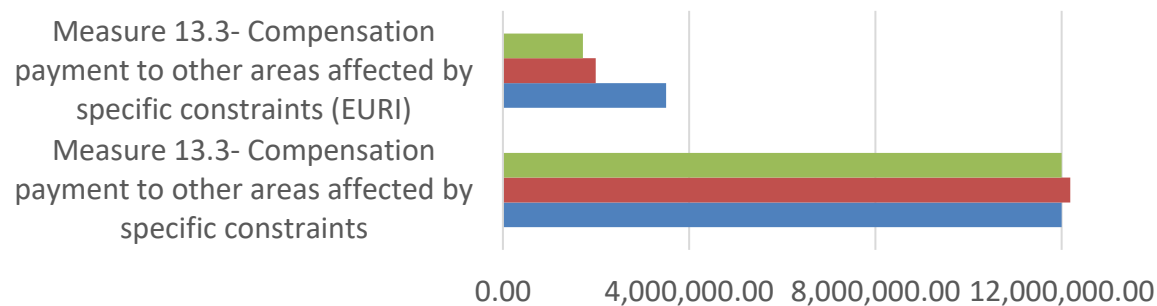
## Measure 11- Organic Farming



Measure 11- Organic Farming	
Realised	13,423.00
Committed	23,387.24
Allocated	1,016,000

■ Realised   
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 ■ Allocated

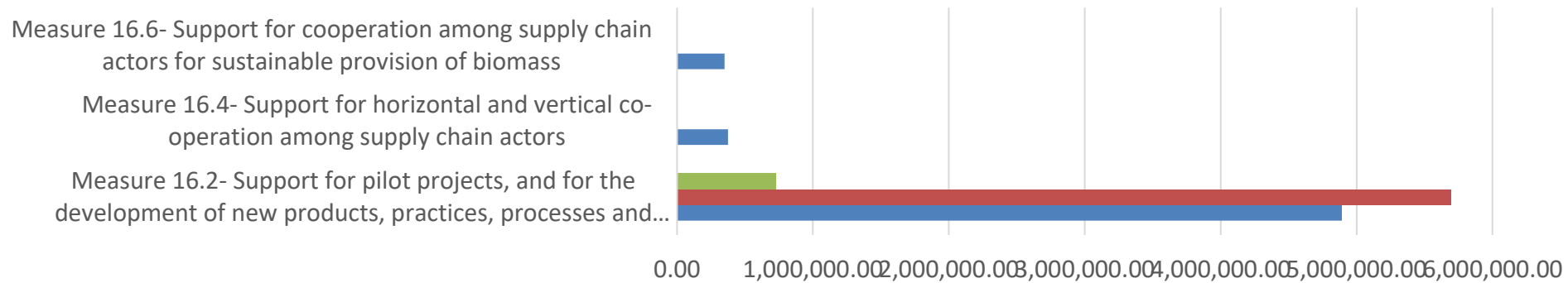
## Measure 13- Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints



	Measure 13.3- Compensation payment to other areas affected by specific constraints	Measure 13.3- Compensation payment to other areas affected by specific constraints (EURI)
■ Realised	12,000,195.92	1,719,713.71
■ Committed	12,183,362.52	1,989,144.34
■ Allocation	12,000,000.00	3,502,713.75

■ Realised   ■ Committed   ■ Allocation

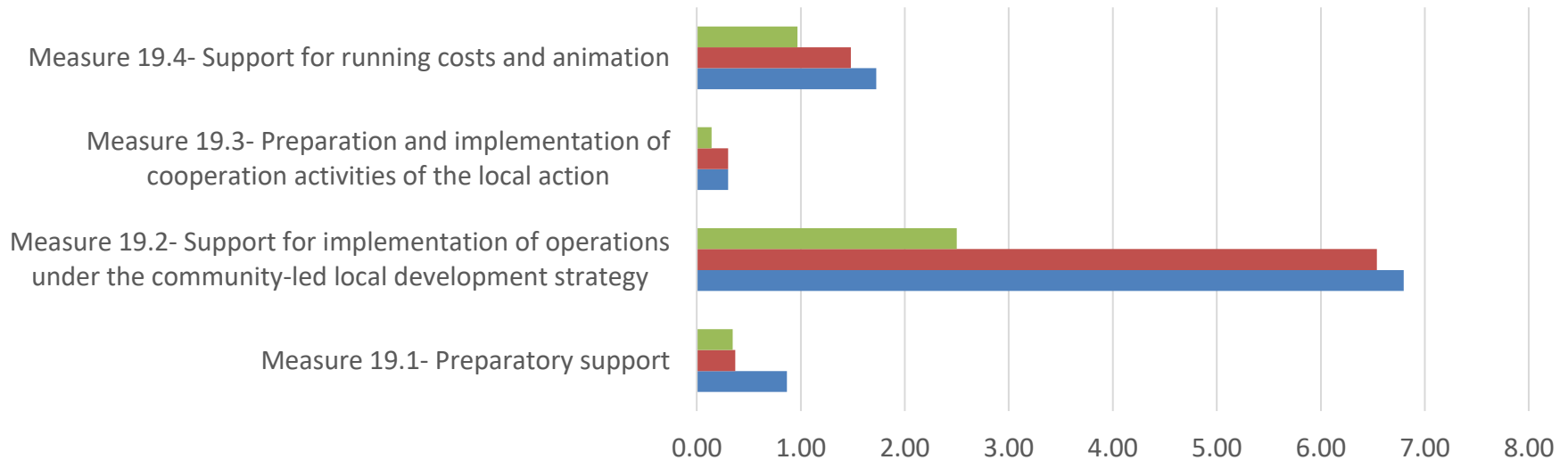
## M16 - Co-operation



	Measure 16.2- Support for pilot projects, and for the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies	Measure 16.4- Support for horizontal and vertical co-operation among supply chain actors	Measure 16.6- Support for cooperation among supply chain actors for sustainable provision of biomass
■ Realised	730,405.86	0	0
■ Committed	5,693,545.47	0	0
■ Allocated	4,891,510.52	375,000.00	350,000.00

■ Realised ■ Committed ■ Allocated

## Measure 19- Support for LEADER local development



	Measure 19.1- Preparatory support	Measure 19.2- Support for implementation of operations under the community-led local development strategy	Measure 19.3- Preparation and implementation of cooperation activities of the local action	Millions Measure 19.4- Support for running costs and animation
■ Realised	345,014.71	2,499,793.88	140,991.11	967,020.57
■ Committed	370,969.64	6,537,867.38	299,960.80	1,481,917.65
■ Allocated	866,666.67	6,796,318.62	300,000.00	1,725,333.33

■ Realised   
 ■ Committed   
 ■ Allocated

## Implementation of the Local Development Strategies (M19.2)

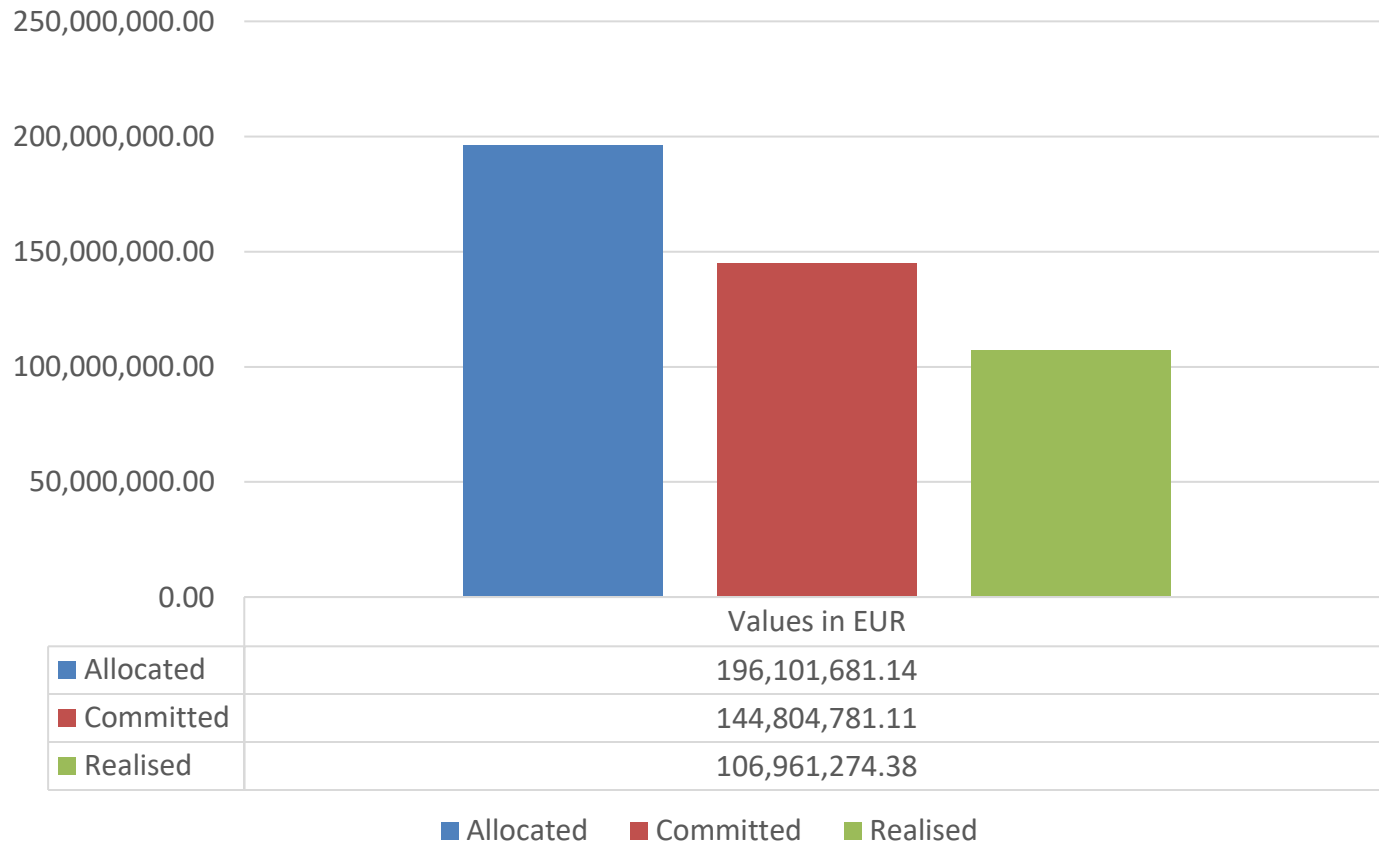
Local Action Group	Budget under M19.2, including Transitional	Committed (€)	%age committed	Realised (€)	%age Realised
GAL Xlokk	2,242,785.14	2,075,263.37	92.5%	1,028,473.21	46%
Majjistral	2,310,748.34	2,221,836.94	96.2%	725,077.28	31%
Gozo	2,242,785.14	2,240,767.07	99.9%	746,243.39	33%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6,796,318.62</b>	<b>4,462,604.01</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,499,793.88</b>	<b>37%</b>

## Update on EURI Commitments

- MT has allocated the budgets in table 1 under EURI (EAFRD).
- Committed expenditures (EURI) are also presented in table 1 (these are 2022 commitments; hence realization is minimal).
- Four calls for applications issued under M4.1 in 2022 are funded through EURI.

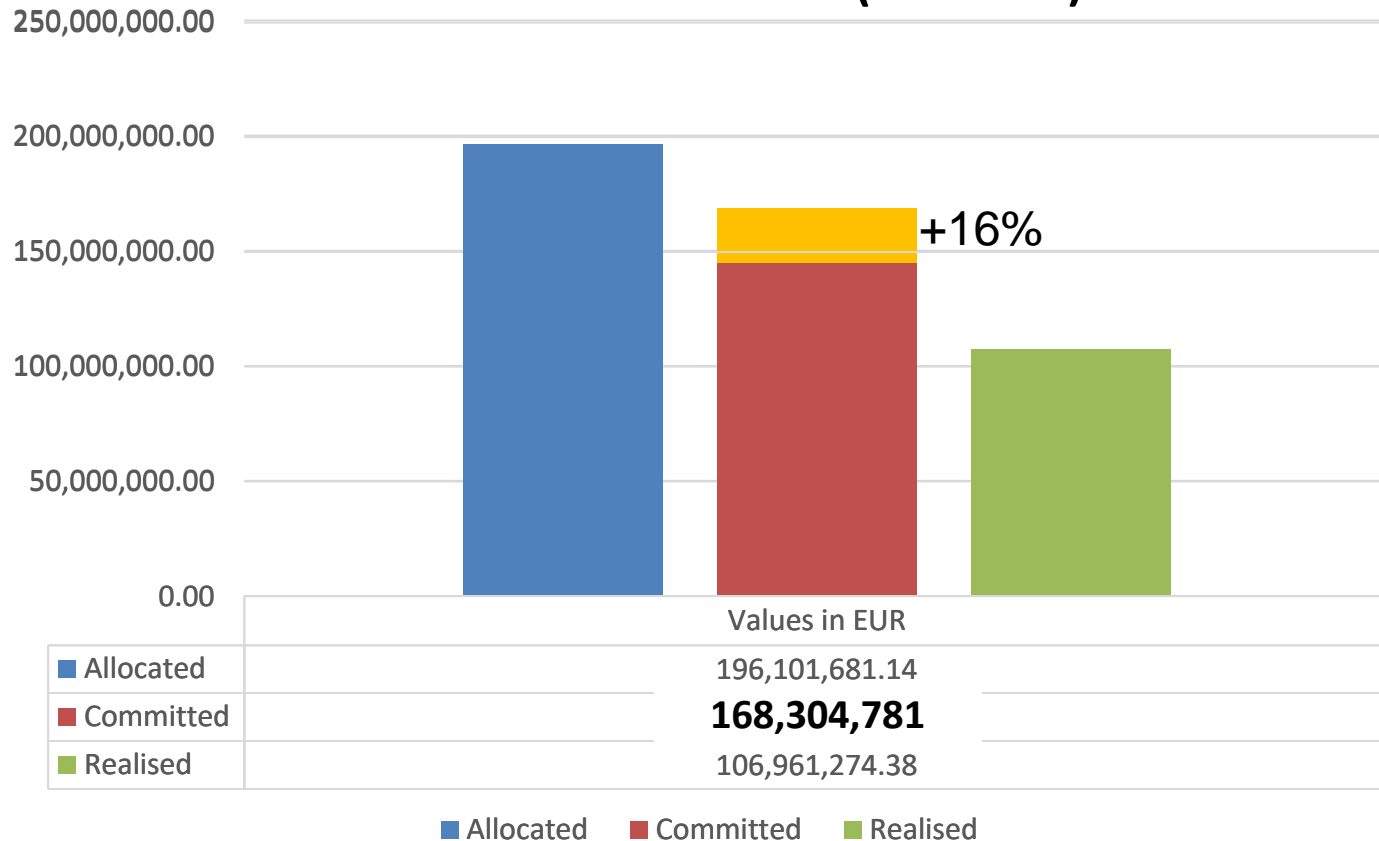
Measure	Allocated EURI budgets (RDP v6.1)	Committed
M4.1 – On farm Investments	4,812,761.25	2,872,893.12
M13.3 - ANC	3,502,713.75	1,989,144.34
M20 - TA	435,000.00	435,000.00

## Implementation Status at RDP Level

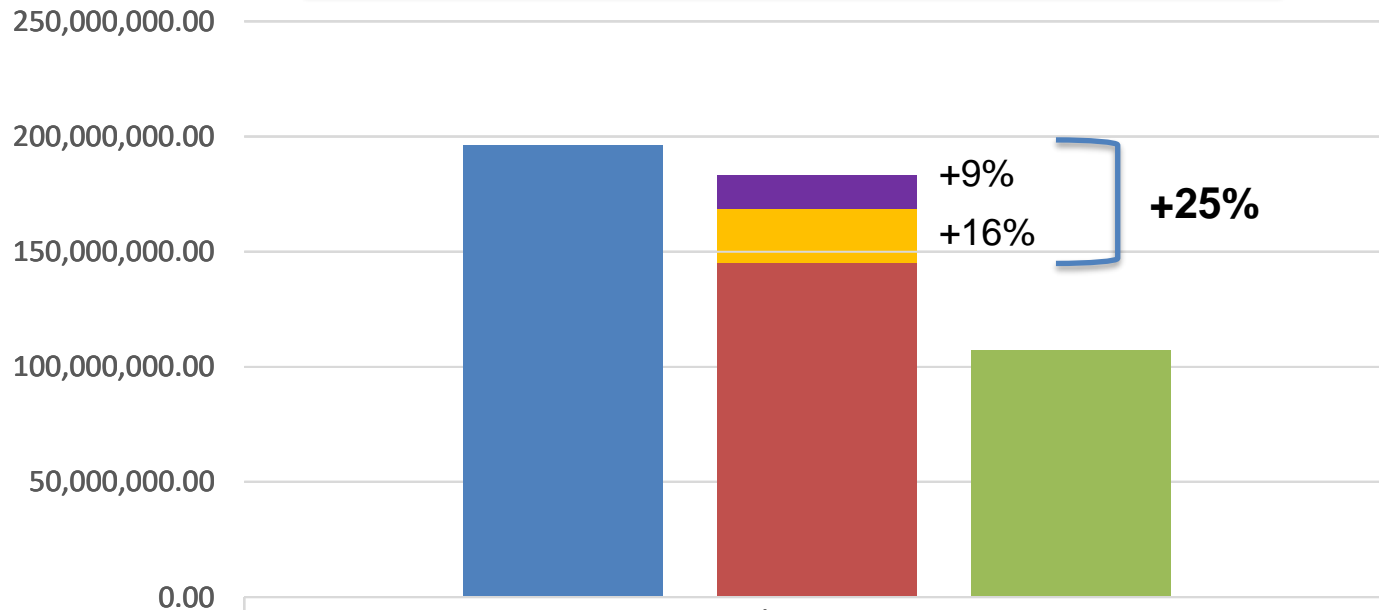




## ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED END FEB (+€23.5M)



**CALLS TO BE LAUNCHED (+14.7M)**



■ Allocated	196,101,681.14
■ Committed	<b>183,004,781</b>
■ Realised	106,961,274.38

■ Allocated ■ Committed ■ Realised

# Schedule of Calls

## Schedule of Calls

- By the 28th of Feb 2023, the MA received applications with a total budget requested of €23.5M under M4.3 (off-farm infrastructure).
- In the coming weeks, the MA will be launching new call under M8.5 (Afforestation) and re-launch M4.1 (on-farm investments)
- If contracted, this amount will bring the level of commitment of the RDP 14-20 at 90% level.
- In addition, Malta is submitting a programme modification for a new measure (M22, impact of Ukraine invasion), which would then be launched immediately

# RDP projects implementation

Sub-Measures 4.1 and 6.1



Sub-Measure 4.1 (On farm investments) and 6.1 (young farmers)





Sub-Measure 4.1 (On farm investments) and 6.1 (young farmers)





Sub-Measure 4.3-  
Highly polished  
tertiary treated water



## Sub-Measure 4.4 – Rubble/ Dry stone walls





## Sub-measure 19.2 (LEADER)



# Forecasts of N+3 and Performance Framework Milestones

## N+3 assessment

- The N+3 target for **2022** has been achieved.
- In line with previous years, MT is expected to achieve the N+3 target for **2023**.
  - 24.05% of the 2023 target has already been utilised, being €3,132,753.56 out of €13,027,128.18 (EAFRD share only).

# Performance Framework (including Alternative Indicators)



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Priority	Indicator	RDP 2025 Target	Indicative Progress (Commitments)	Indicative Percentage progress (Commitments)
2	Public expenditure (€)	43,471,358.00	41,301,550.2	95%
2	Number of holdings supported	261	242	92.72%
2	Surface area upgraded farm access roads (sqm)	460,000.00	255,307	55.50%
3	Public expenditure (€)	8,604,879.34	6,905,055.02	80.2%
3	Number of holdings supported (M4.2)	16	22	137.50%
4	Public expenditure (€)	66,608,326.52	47,047,882	70.63%
4	Area under specific constraints (ha)	9,312.10	9,905	106.37%
4	Number of operations supported by M04	203	185	91.13%
5	Public expenditure (€)	55,646,373.00	35,361,473.02	63.5%
5	Agricultural and forest land (ha)	962.00	1,645.28	171.03%
6	Total Public Expenditure (€)	13,491,771.00	9,512,421.68	70.5%
6	37 Population covered by LAG	268,733	268,733.00	100.00%

# Update on the progress on targets in the Indicator Plan (Chapter 11 of the RDP)

## Progress on targets in the Indicator Plan (Chapter 11 of the RDP)

Priority	Focus Area	Indicator	Target 2025	Achievement (based on commitment)
P1	1A	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)	6.38	3.31
P1	1C	T3: Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 (focus area 1C)	7,200.00	1045
P3	3A	R4 / T6: percentage of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations (focus area 3A)	1.36	(0.01)
P5	5B	T15: Total investment for energy efficiency (€) (focus area 5B)	759,597.00	0.00
P5	5C	T16: Total investment in renewable energy production (focus area 5C)	3,038,387.00	15,705.82
P5	5D	R16 / T17: percentage of LU concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions (focus area 5D)	16.09	9.6
P6	6A	T20: Jobs created in supported projects (focus area 6A)	28	0

## Current priorities in terms of reduction of the administrative burden on beneficiaries

1. Renewed and ongoing efforts to simplify and support the application format and process for applicants under the RDP.

2. Online system enhancements: Completion and submission of Project Progress Reports, Project Closure Reports and Change Requests will (also) be received online as from this year.

# Reporting and Evaluation Activities



## Annual Implementation Report (2021)

- The Annual Implementation Report covering implementation year 2021 was drafted by the Managing Authority and submitted to the European Commission by the end of June 2022. This AIR was approved by the European Commission in July 2022.
- Prior to submission, this report was circulated with members of the Monitoring Committee for consideration and approval via written procedure.
- Work is underway for the drafting the Annual Implementation Report for 2022 to be submitted in June 2023. This report will be circulated with members of the Monitoring Committee for consideration and approval.

## Evaluation 2014 – 2020

- A thematic evaluation report on Young Farmers was published in 2021.
- In November 2022, the MA published a thematic evaluation on Focus Area 4C (soil).
- Further evaluations are being drafted, focusing on the implementation of LEADER programme in Malta and Focus Area 2A (competitiveness).



**THEMATIC EVALUATION**

**YOUNG FARMERS**

Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

February 2021



**THEMATIC EVALUATION**

**Soil**

RDP 2014-2020

November 2022



<b>Indicative Thematic Evaluation plan up to 2026</b>	<b>Indicative submission date (draft version)</b>
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Young Farmers</b>	PUBLISHED
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Soil – Erosion and Management (FA4C)</b>	PUBLISHED
<b>Thematic Evaluation - Leader</b>	<b>March 2023</b>
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Biodiversity (FA4A)</b>	<b>September 2023</b>
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Water (FA5A)</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Competitiveness (FA2A)</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Lifelong learning and vocational training (FA1C)</b>	December 2024
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Participation in quality schemes and processing (FA3A)</b>	2025
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Energy Efficiency (FA5B)</b>	2025
<b>Thematic Evaluation: Renewable Energy (FA5C)</b>	2026

# Communication and Events

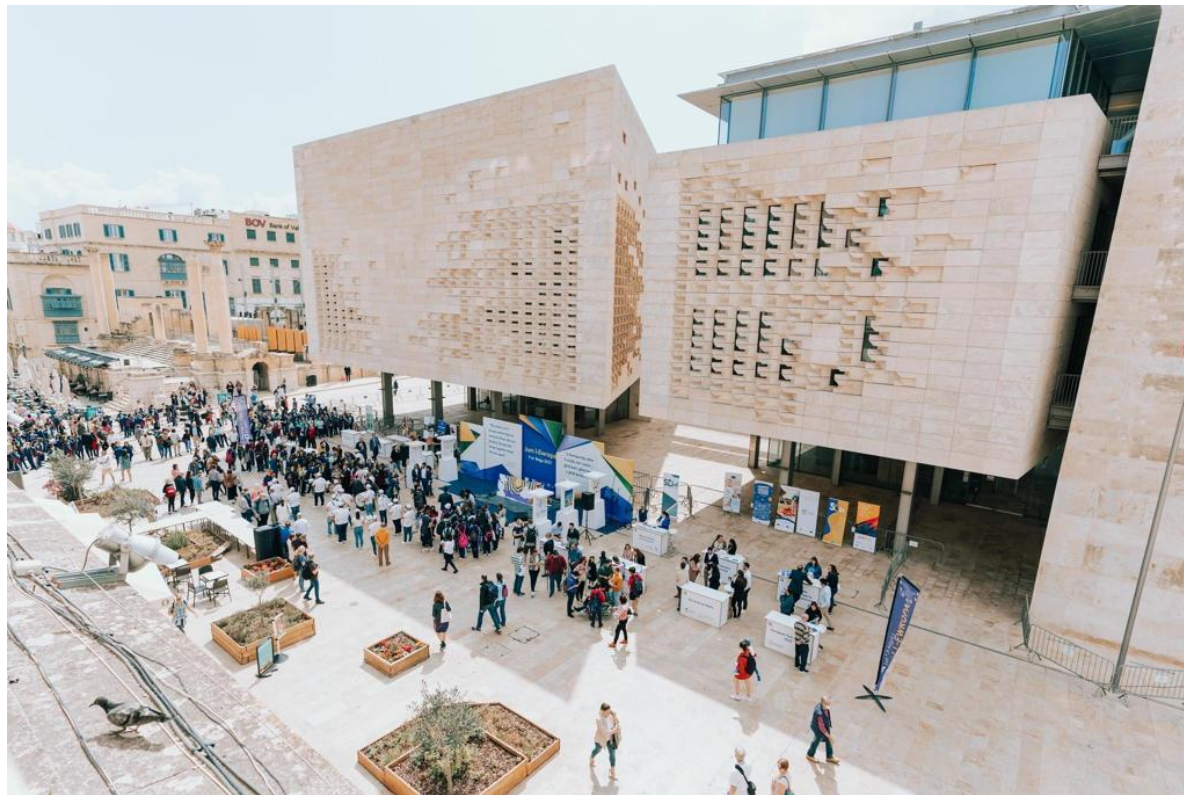
## **Events carried out by the Managing Authority and the National Rural Network Malta (NRNM)**

# Participation in the Malta AgriFair 2022

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# Participation in Europe Day 2022 Events



# Information Sessions - NRN

- In early 2020 (pre-Covid) and 2022 (online, and later on in person) the NRN organised various information sessions in order to disseminate information concerning various RDP measures.
- In 2022, such sessions were moved online and covered several RDP 14-20 Measures launched in 2022.
- As from November 2022, in-person sessions took place again focusing on CAP SP operations (photo on right).





# Managing Authority website

- In January 2023, Malta launched a new website FONDI.EU



## European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Programme

The 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme (RDP) entails six EU priority areas, sub-divided in a total of 18 focus areas. The consultation process and preparations leading up to the drafting of the new programme also identified five main needs for the Maltese agricultural sector, namely:

- Water, waste and energy
- Maltese quality produce
- Sustainable livestock
- Landscape and environment, and
- A wider rural economy and quality of life.

These needs were translated into the most suitable measures selected by the Managing Authority and are included in this Programme.

# Communication tools

- The MA supported efforts to connect with its stakeholders through its Website and also social media platforms, besides the one-to-one meetings (virtual or in-person).
- The MA uses SMS to communicate with RDP beneficiaries on reminders such as new calls and project deadlines.
- The MA also sends out SMSs to potential applicants informing them about the information sessions previously mentioned.
- BiedjaCam app is also used to communicate with farmers.
- The NRN continues to publish a periodical newsletter containing information on evaluation activities being undertaken, farming best practices and RDP project implementation success stories.



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### Re-launch of Measures 4.1, 6.1 and 6.4

€3 million were allocated for M4.1 'Support for investments in agricultural holdings', €1 million for M6.1 'Business start-up aid for young farmers' and €2,500,000 million for M6.4 'Support for investments in Creation and Development of Non-Agricultural Activities'.  
The calls for these measures have opened on Monday 20th June 2022 and will close on the 30th September 2022 at 12.00pm.

More information on these calls can be found the website:  
<http://mfunds.gov.mt/en/Pages/1/fonse.aspx>



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## PRESS RELEASE BY THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE AND THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR EUROPEAN FUNDS: Rehabilitation of Wied Liemu with an investment of €386,000

Wied Liemu is being rehabilitated with an investment of €386,000, co-financed by the Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. Wied Liemu is found within the limits of Rabat and forms part of the largest water dam in Malta, as the rainwater flows through Dingli and ends up in Salini.

This project was announced by Minister for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise Miriam Dalli and Parliamentary Secretary for European Funds Chris Bonett together with the Director General of Parks Malta Adrian Attard.

The project in Wied Liemu includes the restoration of a Knight's era water canal, the restoration of rubble walls, the restoration of an existing bridge and the rebuilding of two stone bridges to give farmers access to their fields.

During the summer months, Parks Malta started cleaning this valley from waste and material that has accumulated over the years, in order to avoid flooding which would impact the surrounding paths and fields, resulting in the loss of agricultural products and soil. This investment will continue to give more accessibility through continuous work, which will continue to create more educational knowledge and awareness in favour of the environment.

Press article  
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All rural roads are almost completed under the European Funds Programme 2014 – 2020, with an investment of €22.5 million – €17.3 million are European Rural Development Agricultural Funds for the completion of 140 rural roads.

Parliamentary Secretary Chris Bonnett said that the European Agricultural Fund was instrumental in the completion of the works and improved access to farmers. Improvement in local infrastructure will increase competitiveness and he urged for more investment in the sector.



27 local councils benefited from the funds. One of the roads completed with these funds is Triq It-Troll in Haż-Żebbug, with an investment of over 64,000 euro. 20 farmers benefited from improved infrastructure and better accessibility in the road.

This road was a disaster in rain, especially when heavy rains descend from Buskett. No one could pass through in such a situation...sometimes we spent days and hours removing stones to access our fields.

Farmer Joe Micallef

## €6.5m assistance schemes for Maltese farmers and herdsmen

June 17, 2022



### ■ Aqra bil-Malti

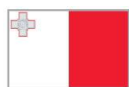
Farmers may apply for European funds to alleviate their burden in the strengthening of the production and cultivation of their agricultural products.

Three schemes of some six million euro are intended to attract more youths with new incentives aimed at encouraging them for a career in the agriculture sector and so that this sector will be more resilient and competitive to assist farmers diversity their products.

TVMnews spoke with Patrick Gauci, a part-time farmer, who has benefited from €100,000 to rehabilitate his fields in Haż-Dingli and Buskett.

Thank you for your attention.

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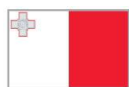


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