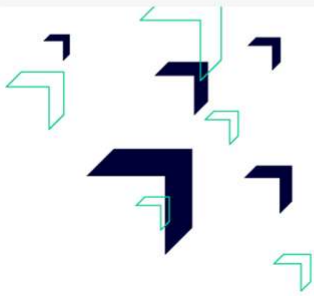




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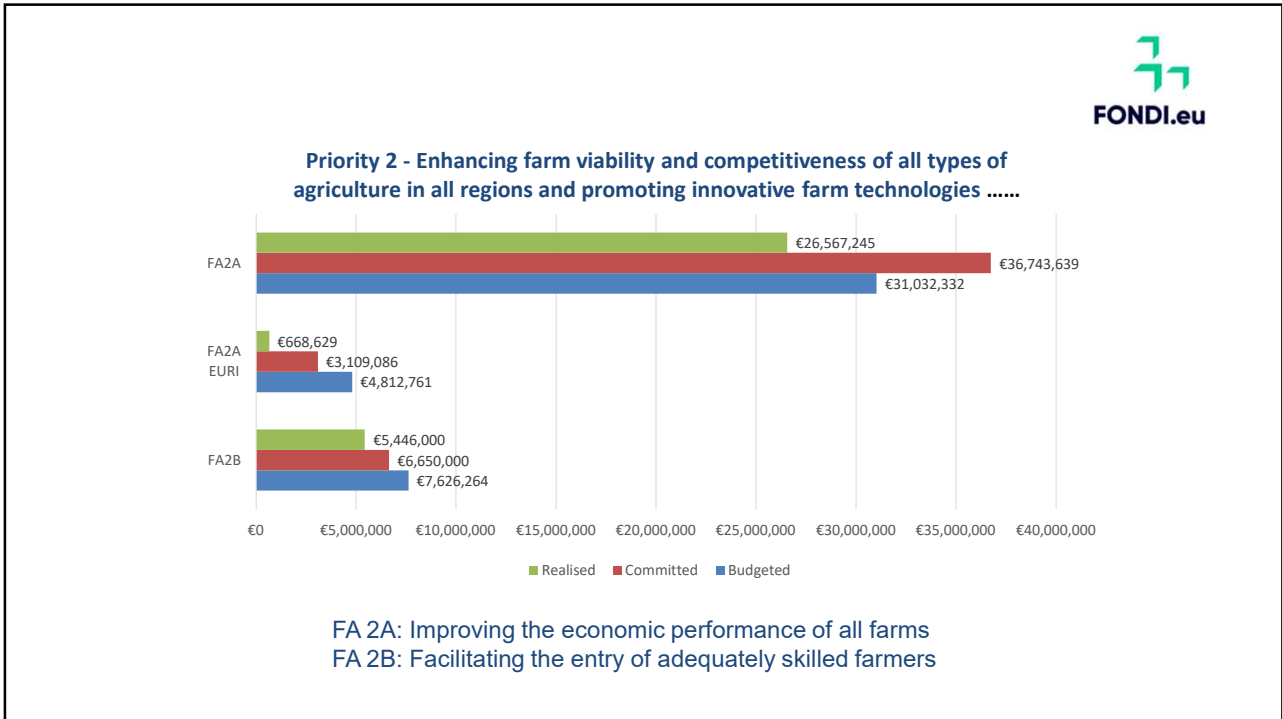
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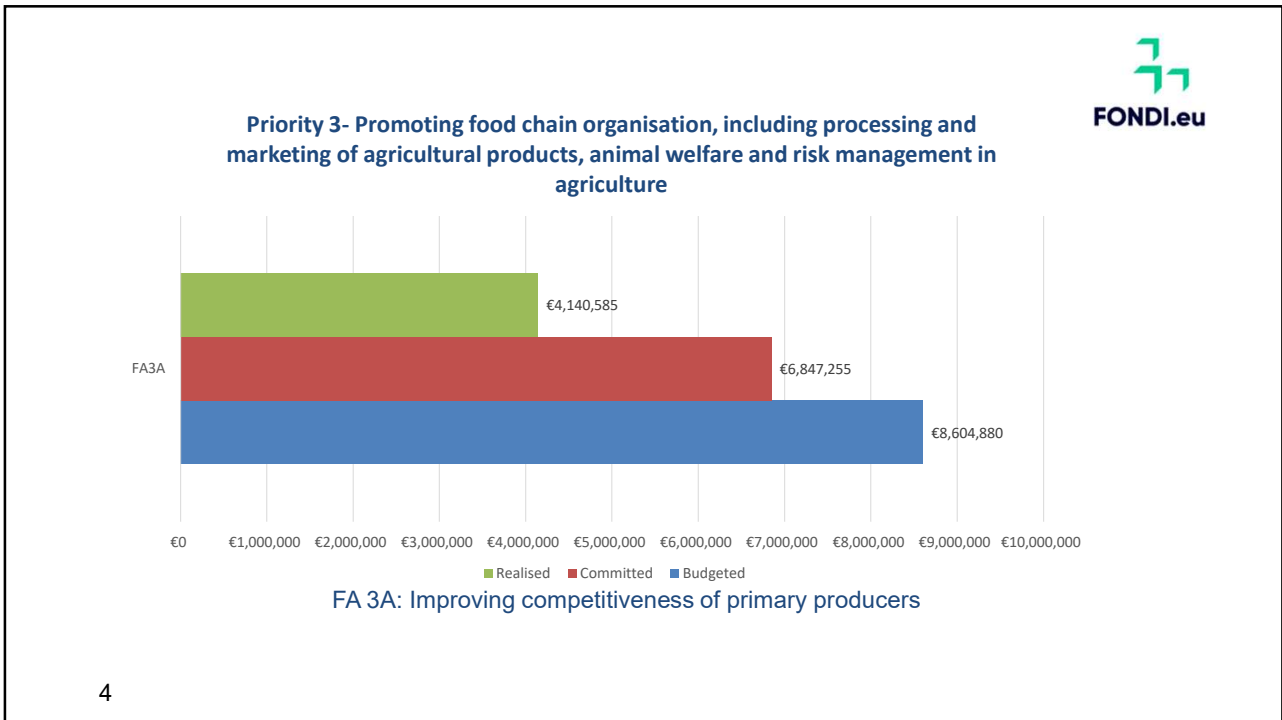


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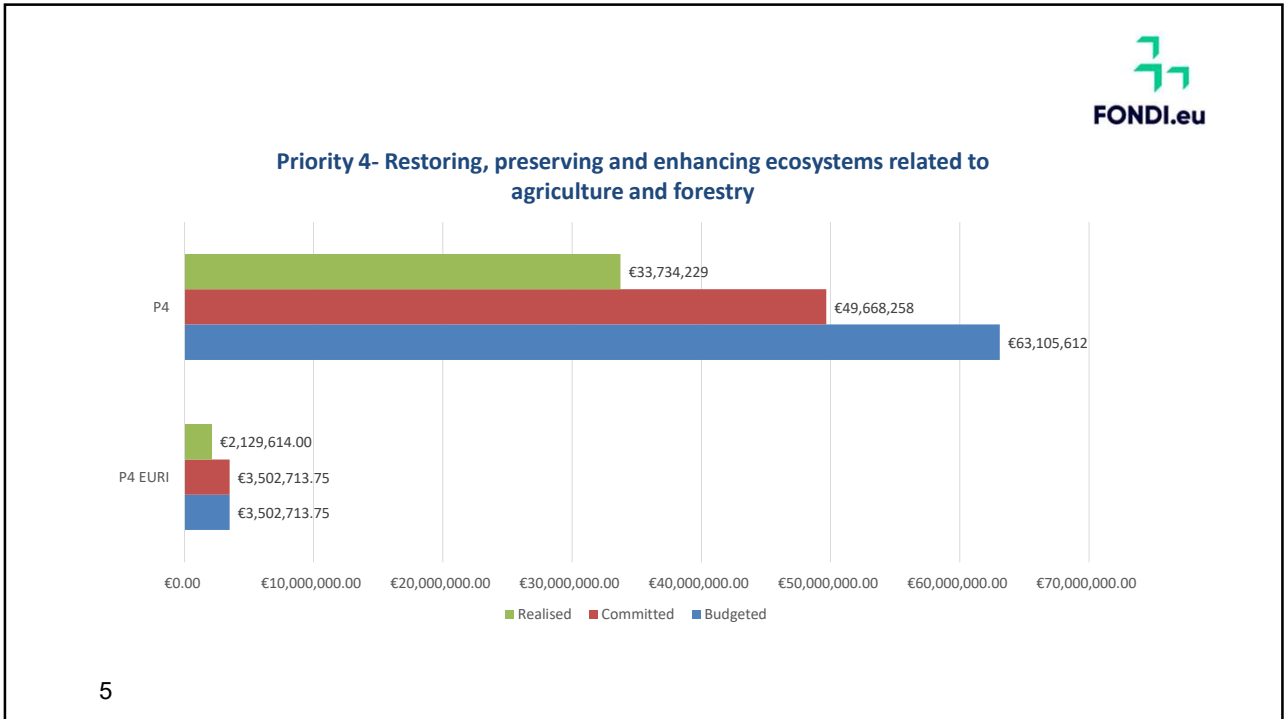


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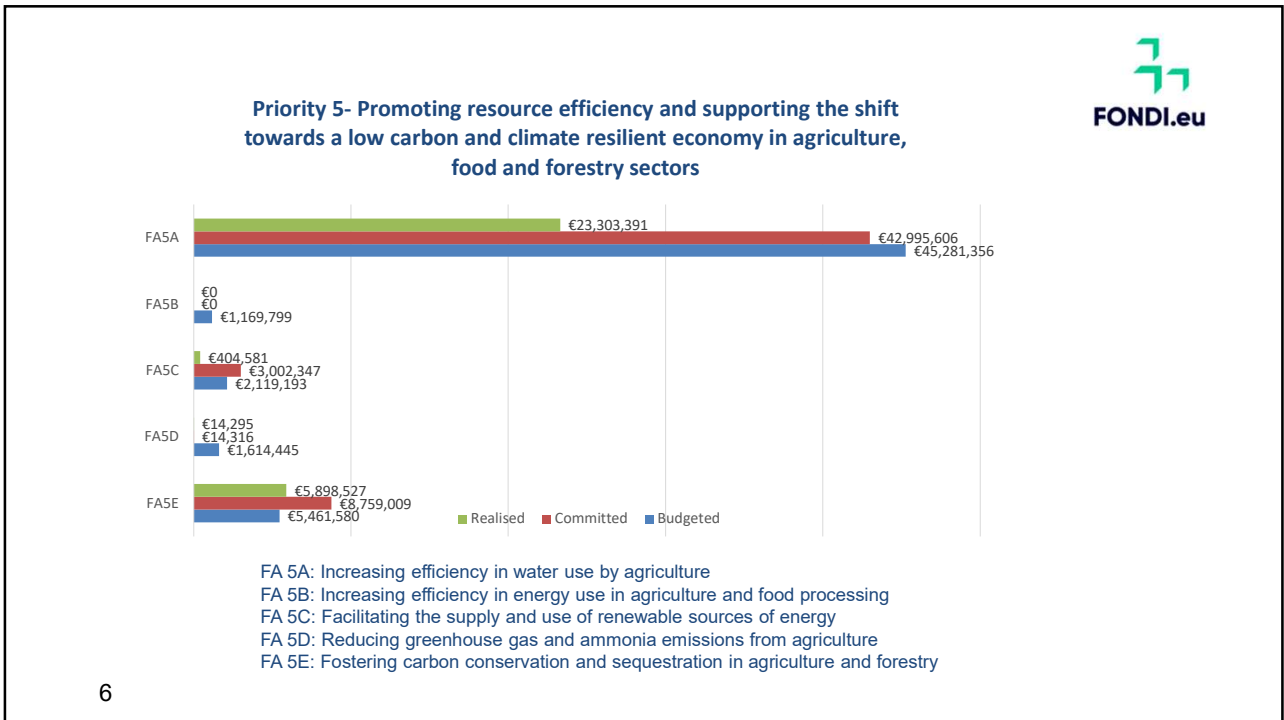


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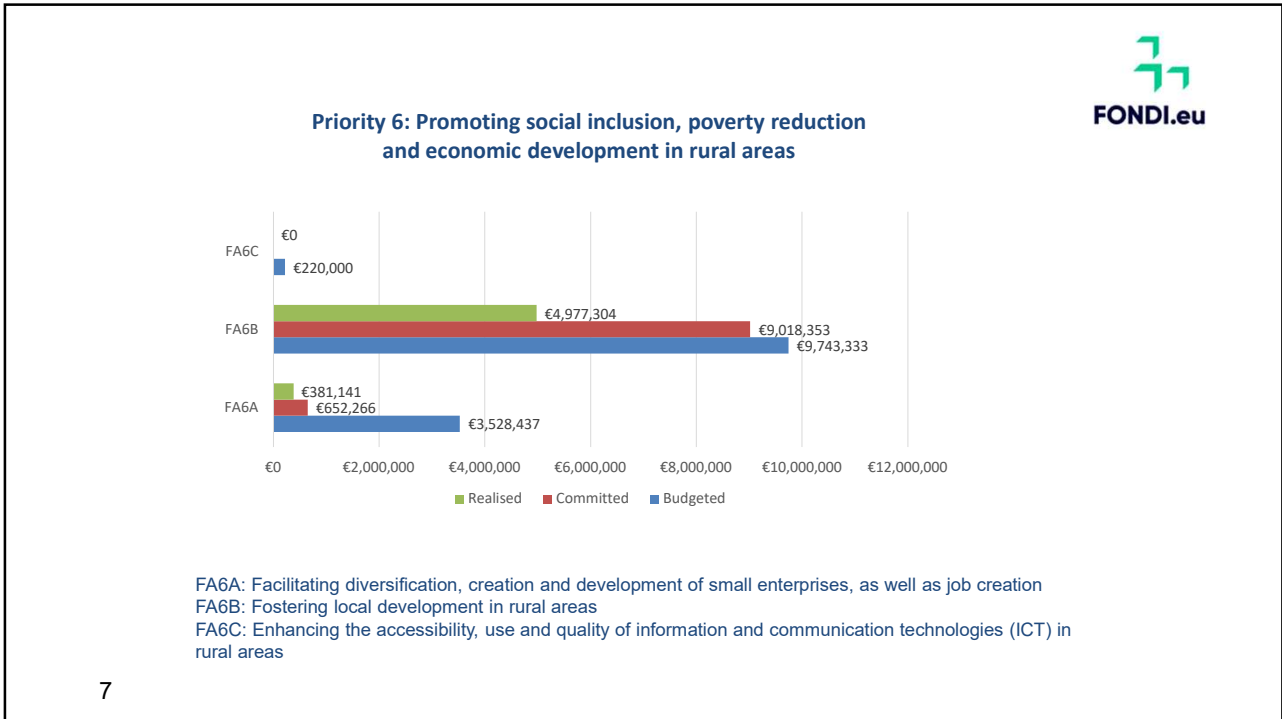
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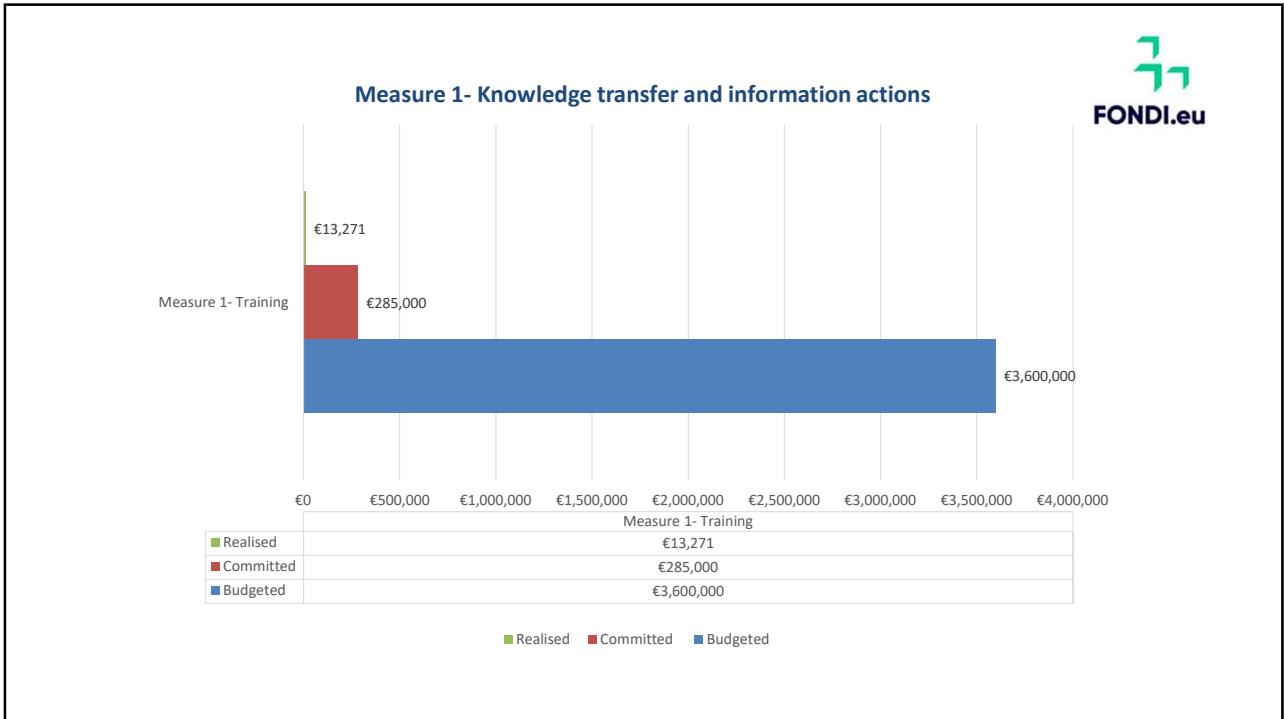
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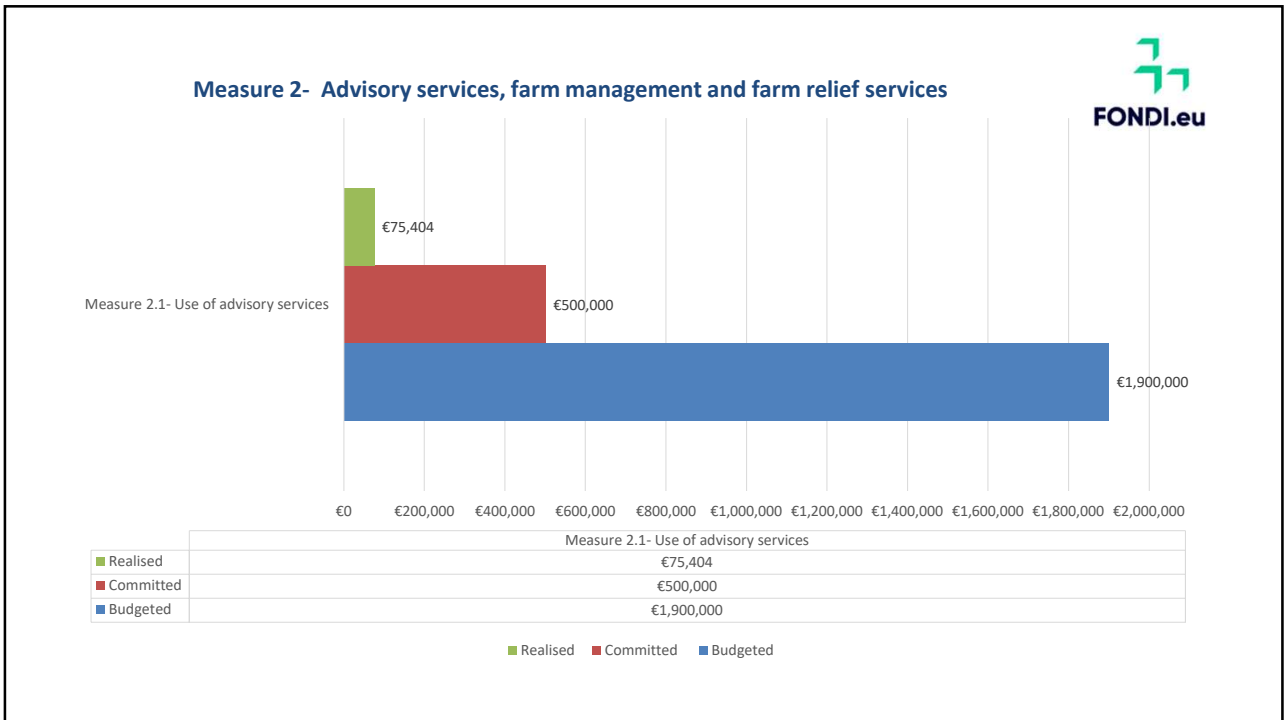
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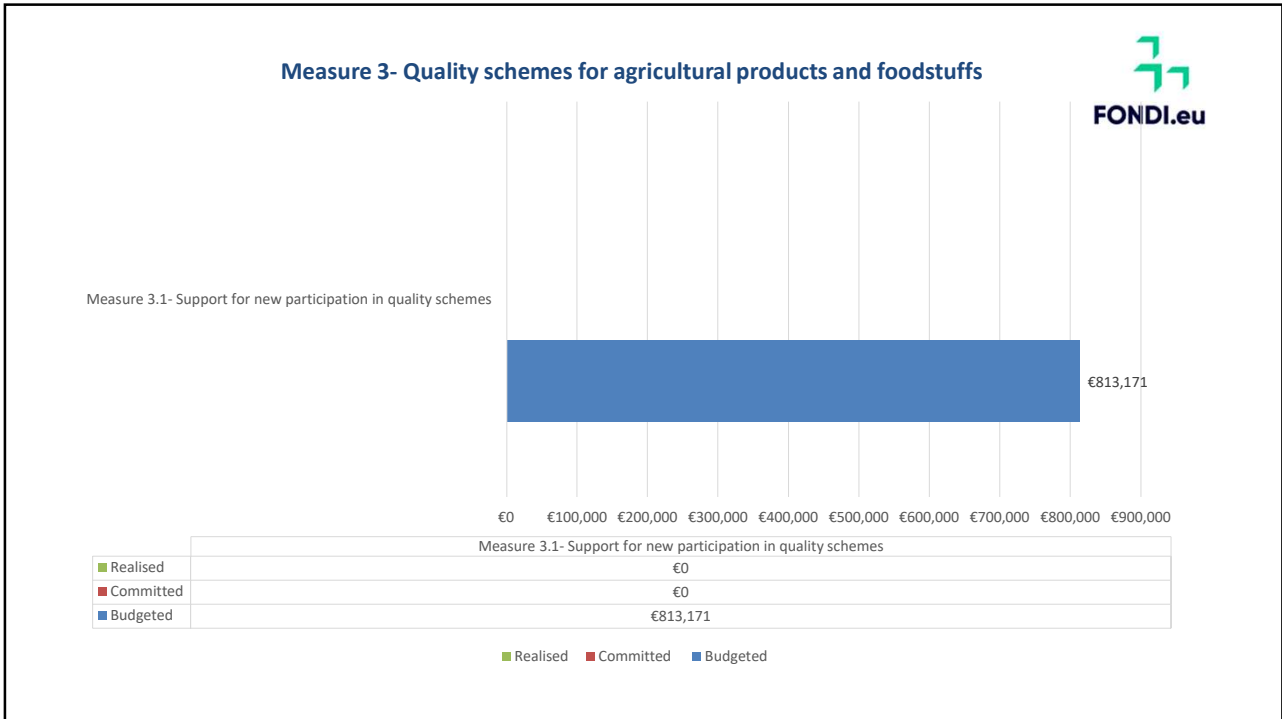
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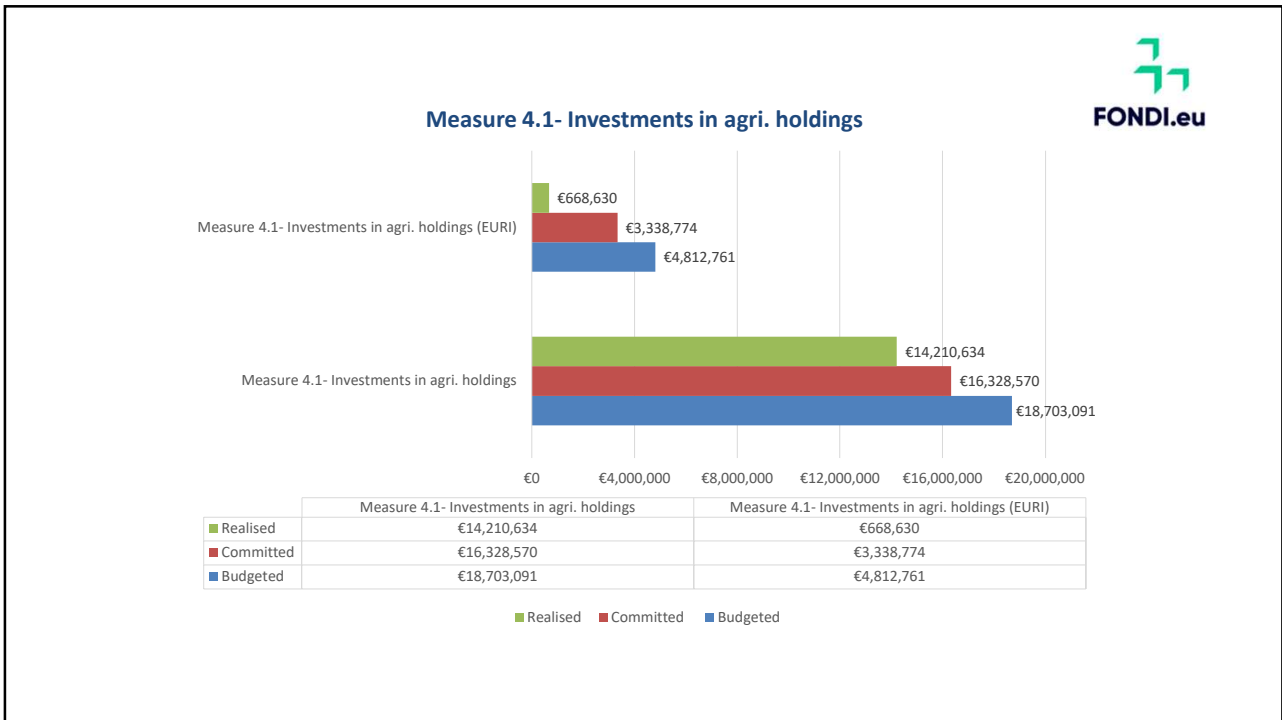
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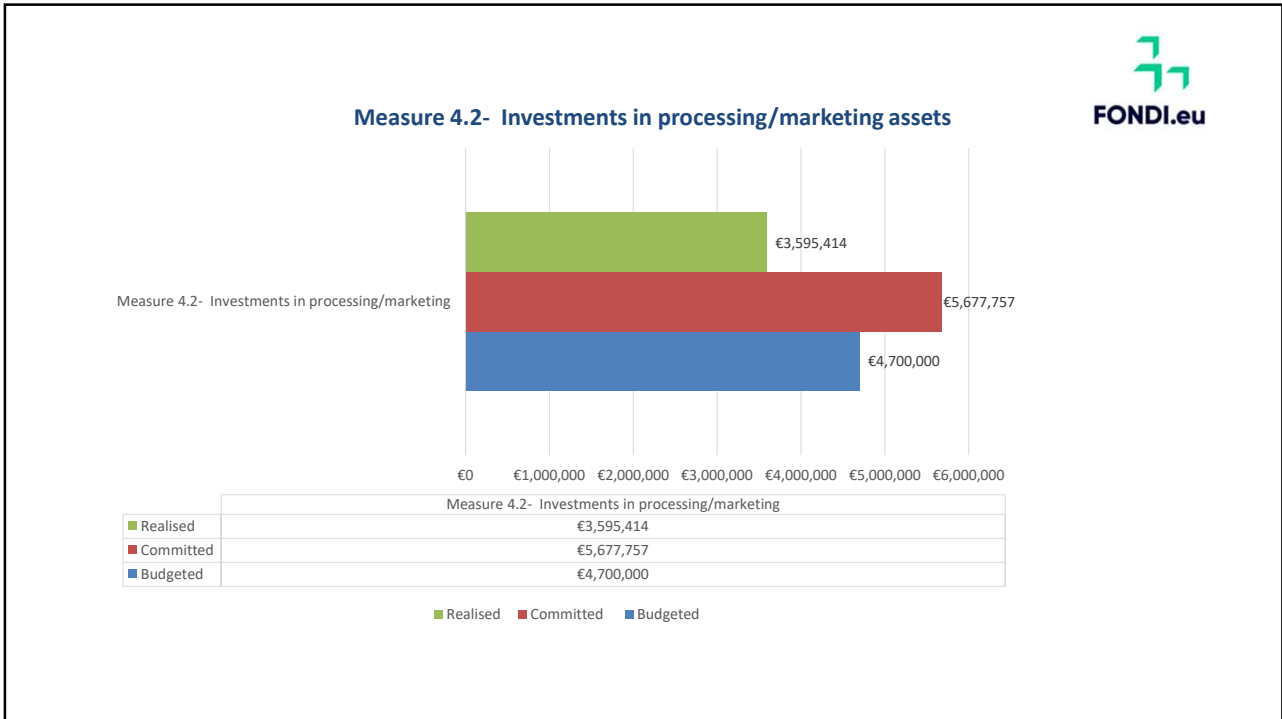
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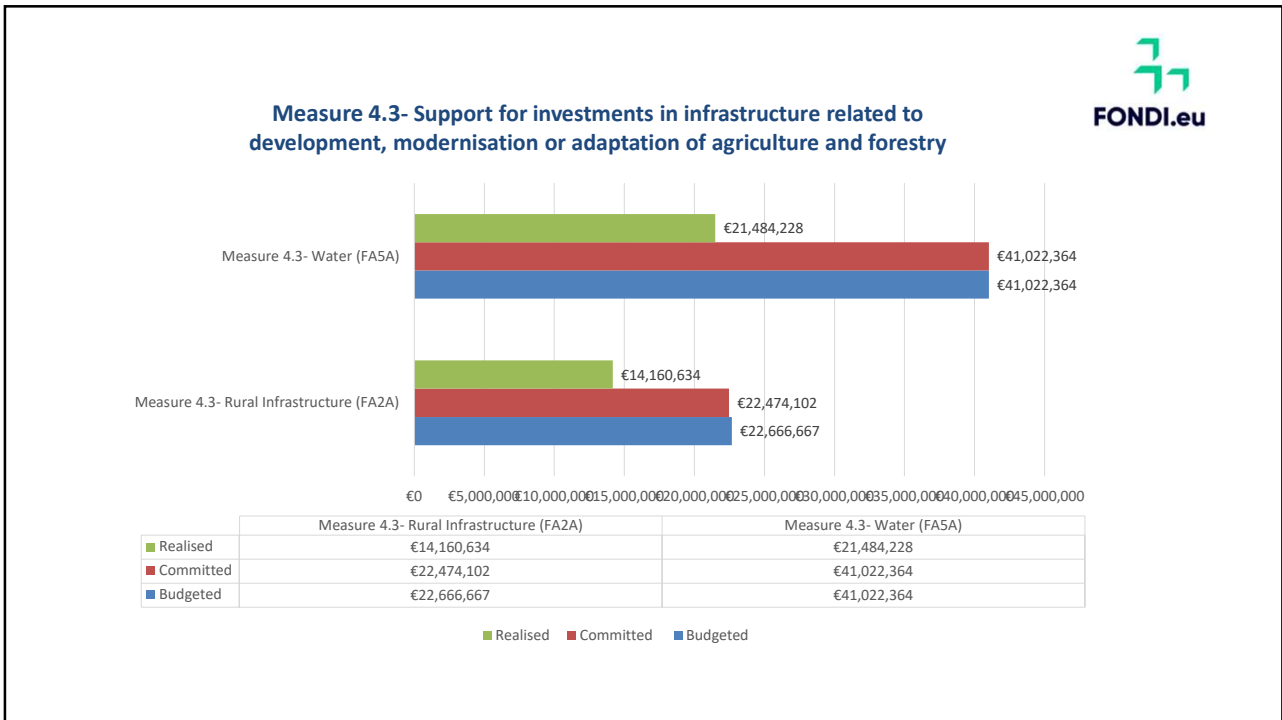
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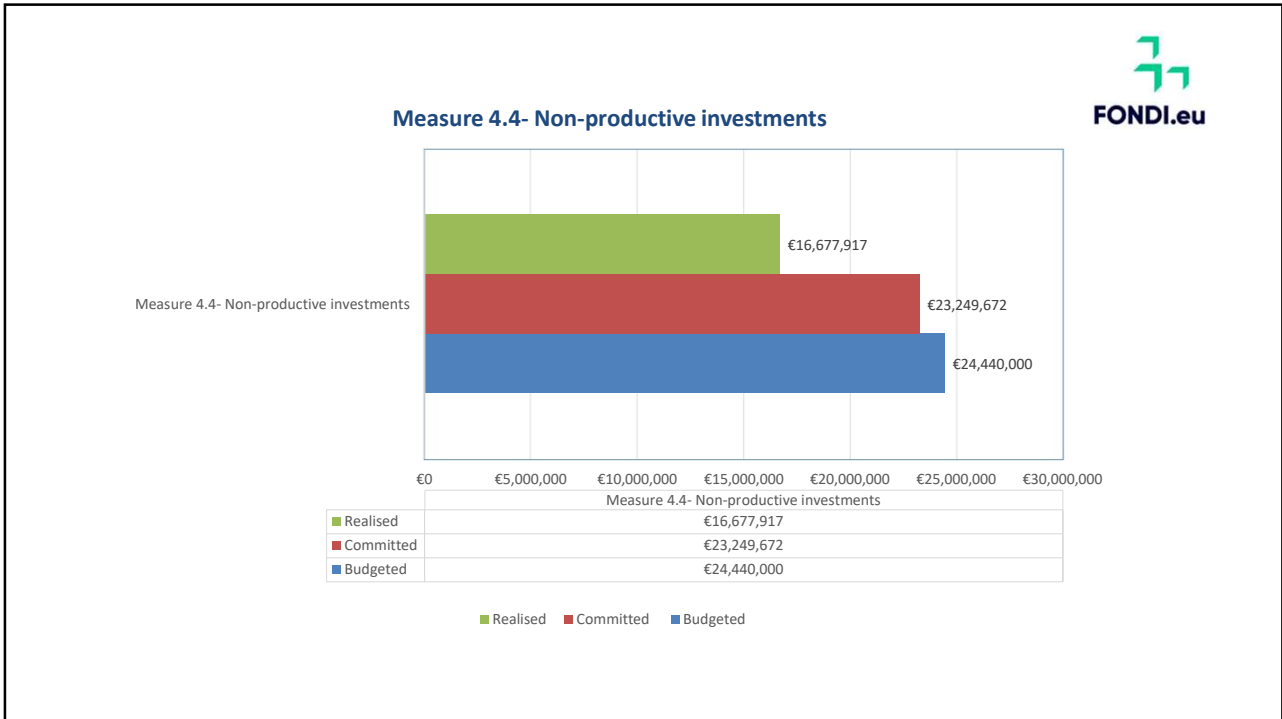
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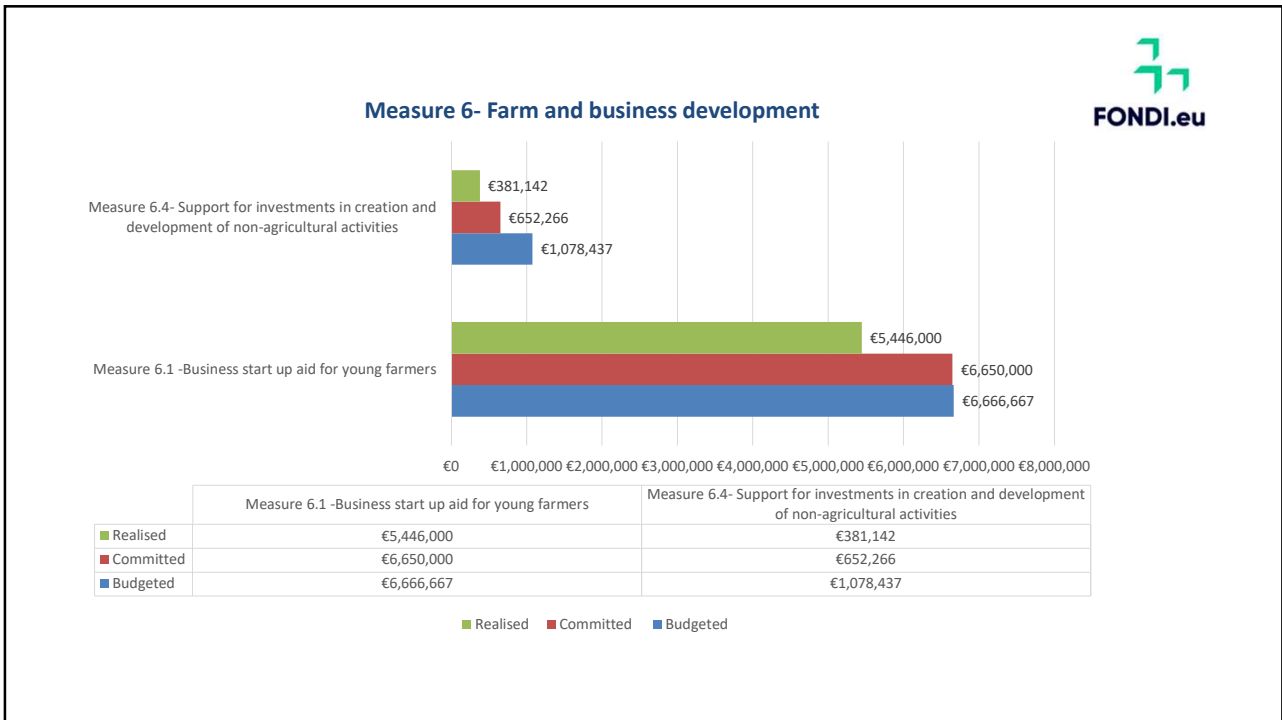
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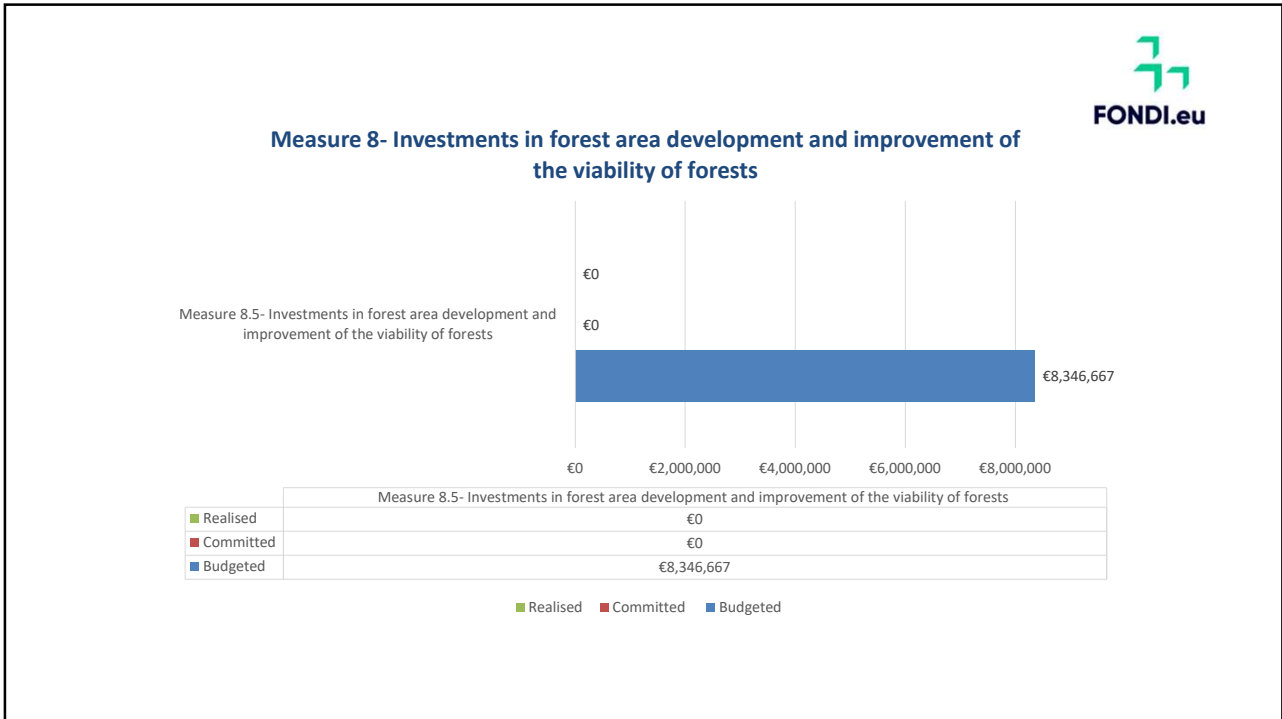


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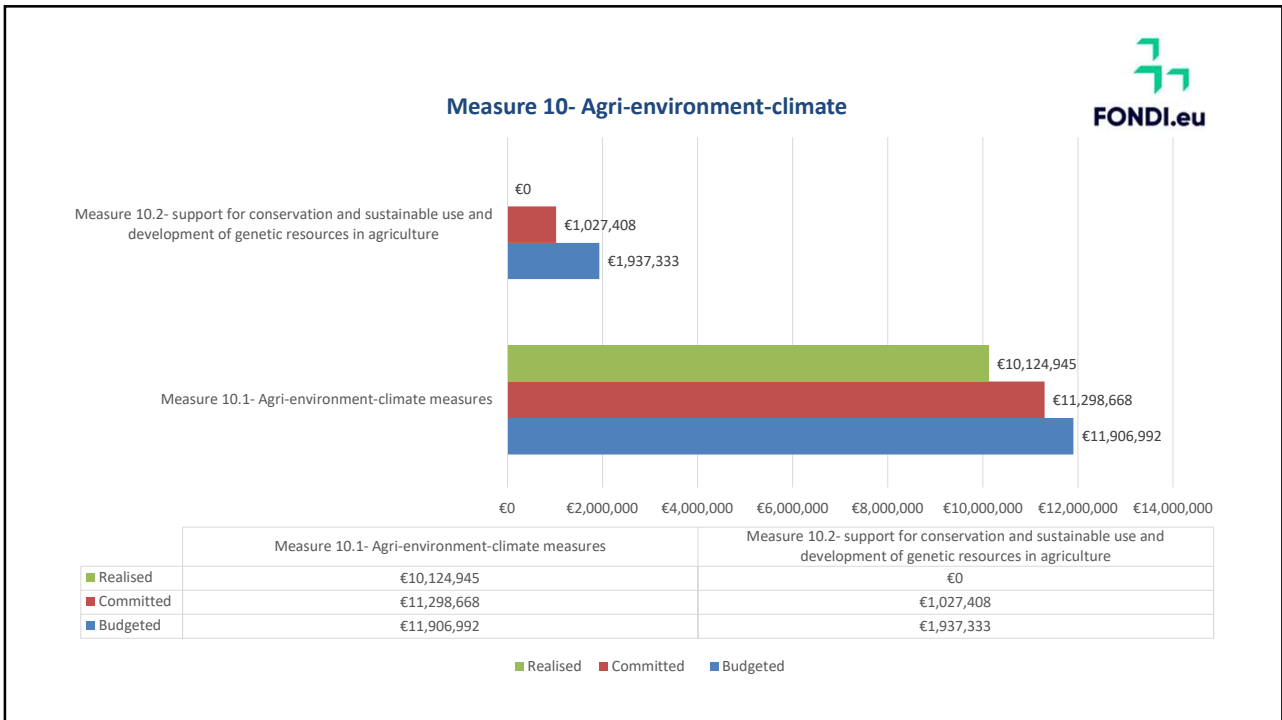


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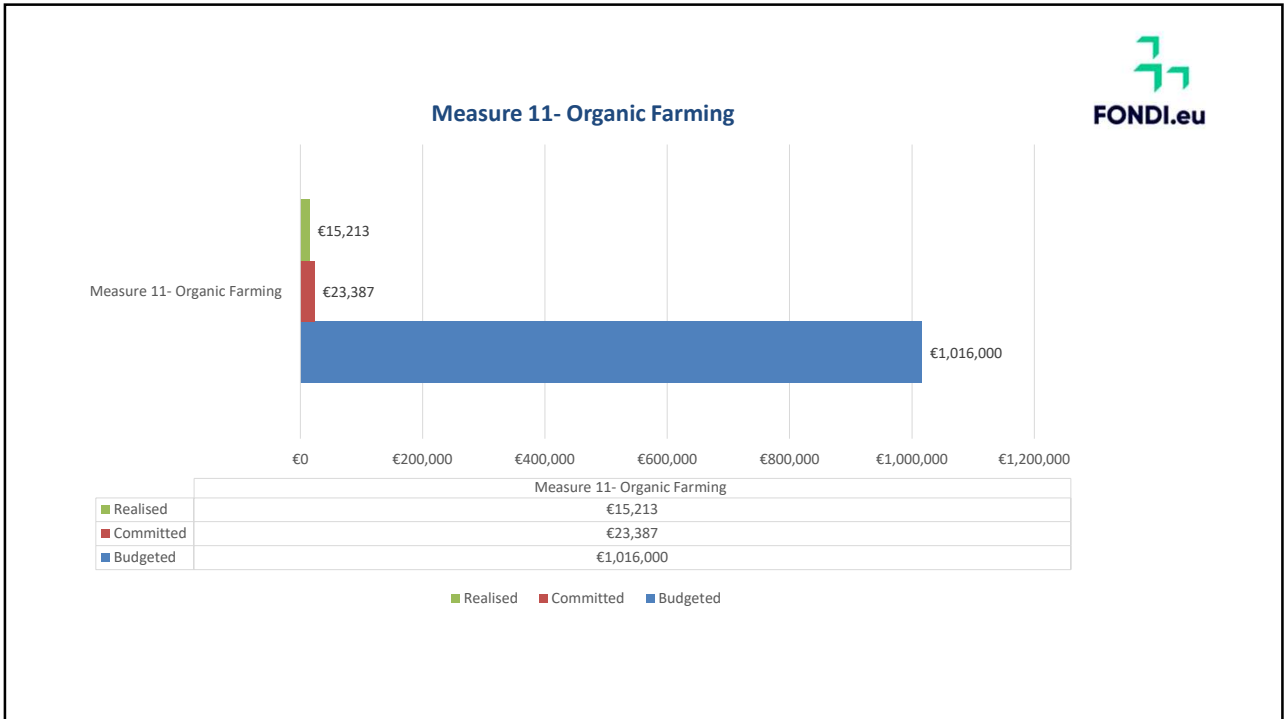




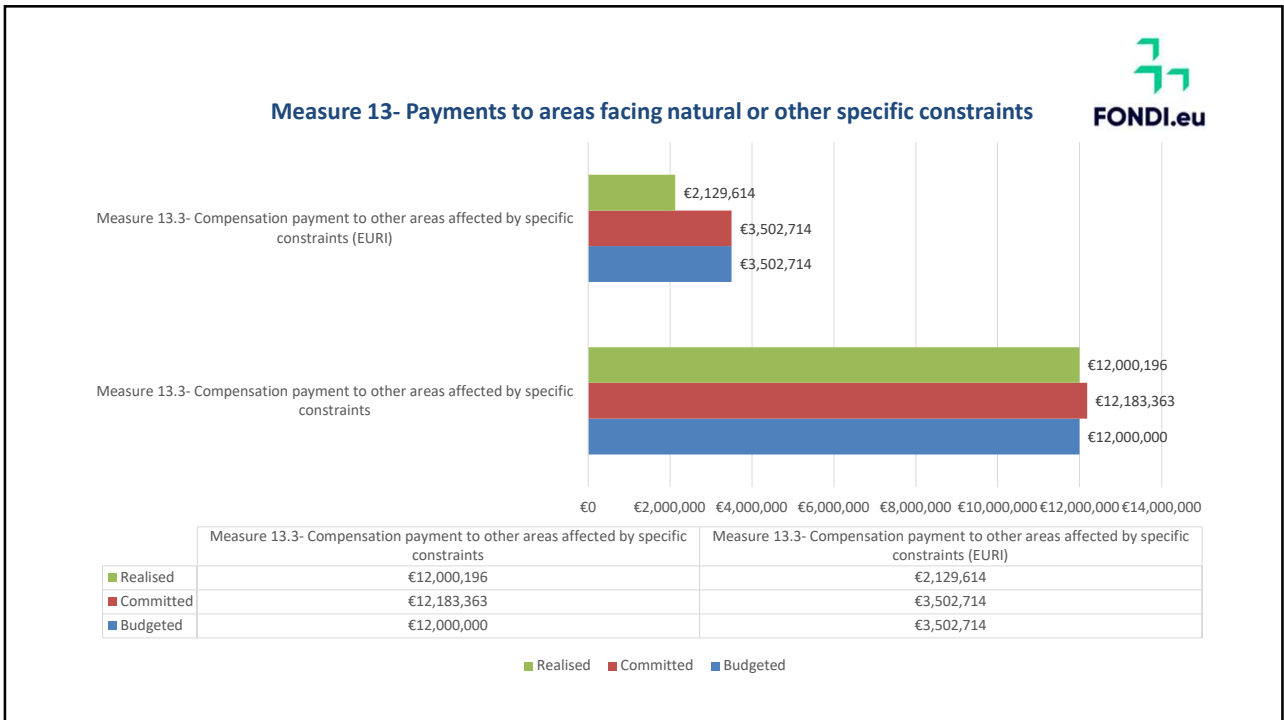
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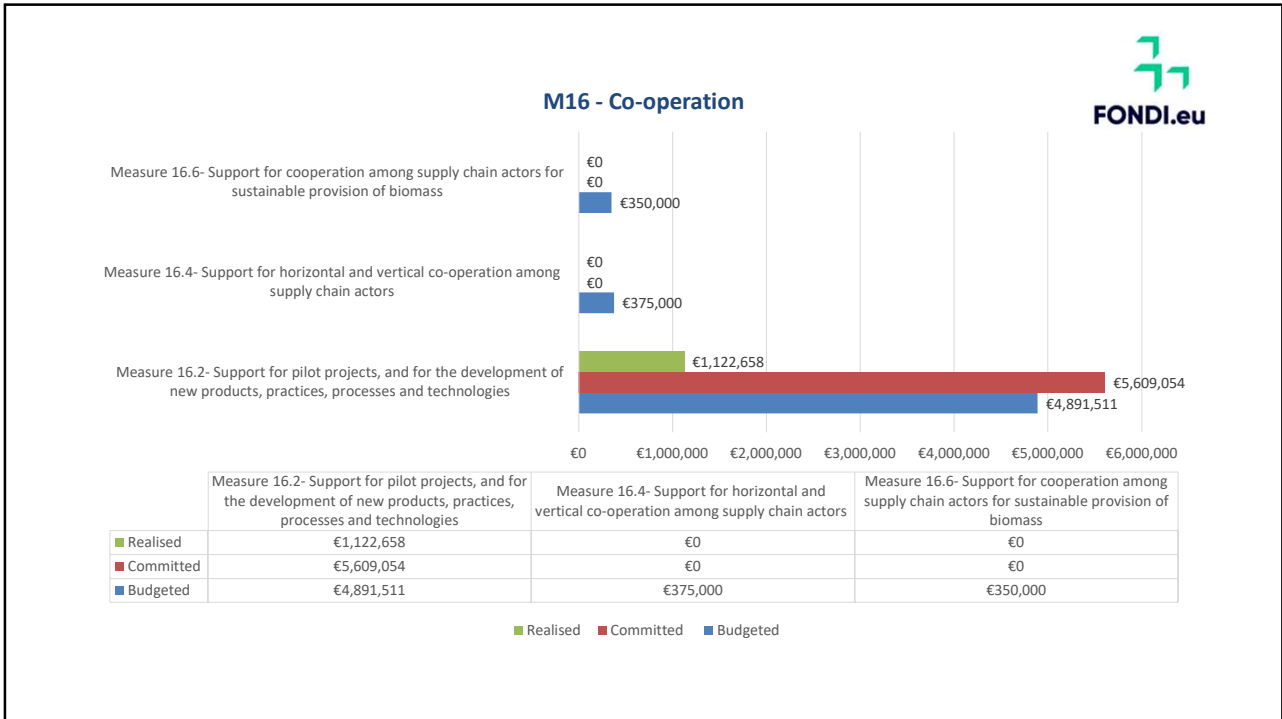
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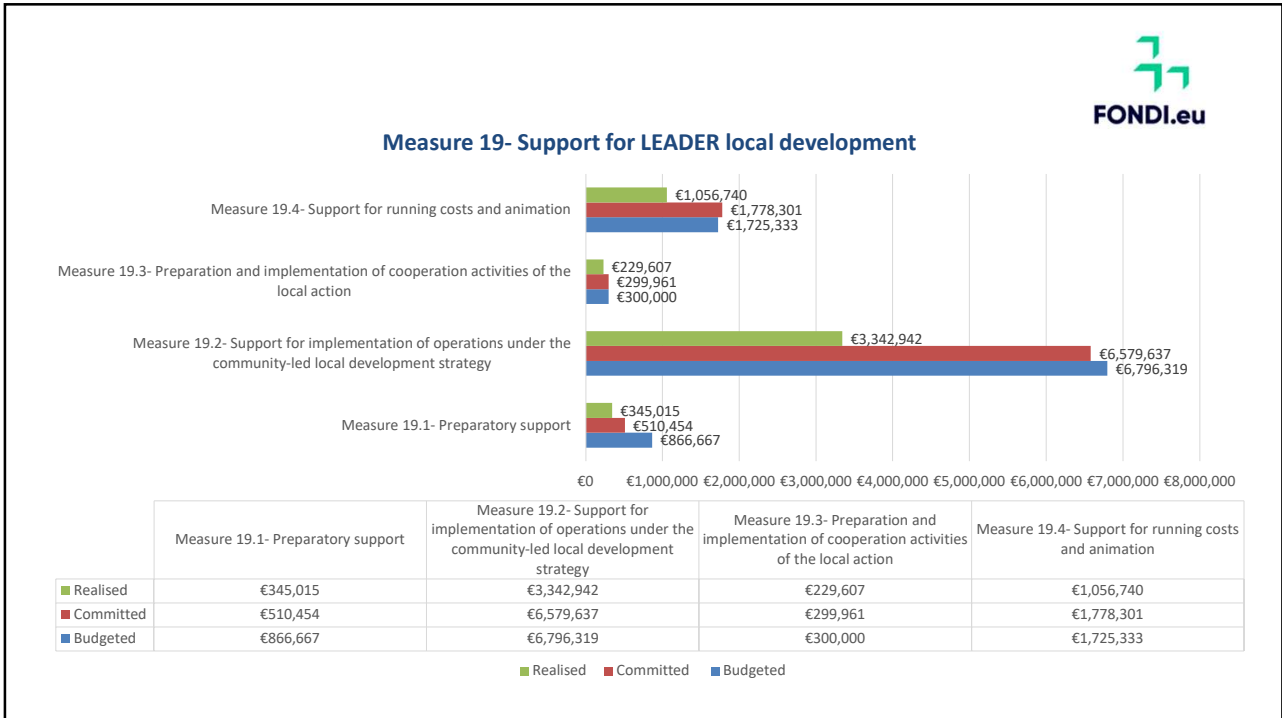
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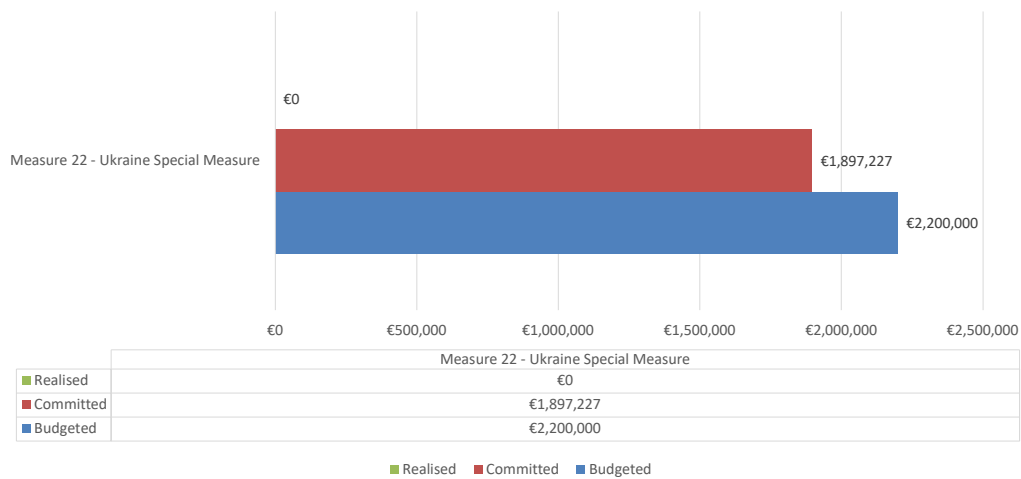
**Implementation of the Local Development Strategies (M19.2)**

Local Action Group	M19.2 budget, including Transitional (€)	Committed (€)	% committed	Realised (€)	% Realised
GAL Xlokk	2,242,785.14	2,253,040	100.5%	1,263,489	56%
GAL Majjstral	2,310,748.34	2,100,697	90.9%	973,226	42%
Gozo Action Group	2,242,785.14	2,258,99	99.2%	1,080,381	48%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6,796,318.62</b>	<b>6,579,636</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>3,317,093</b>	<b>49%</b>

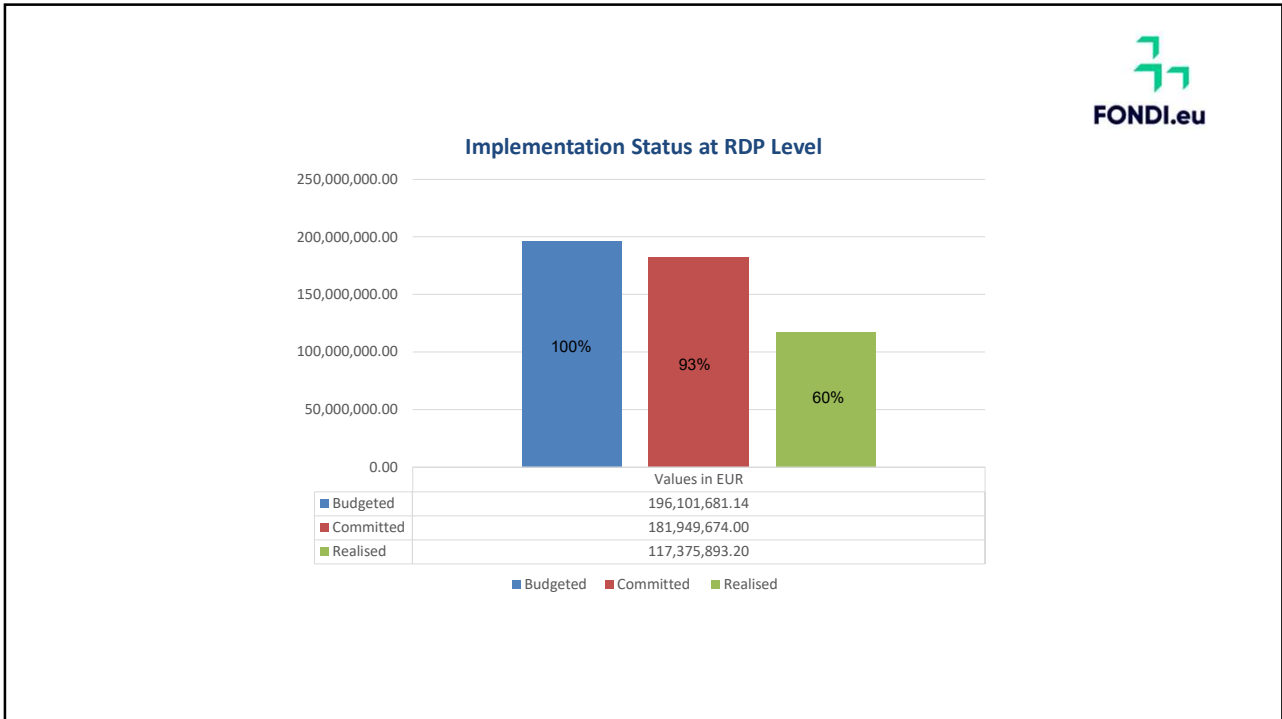
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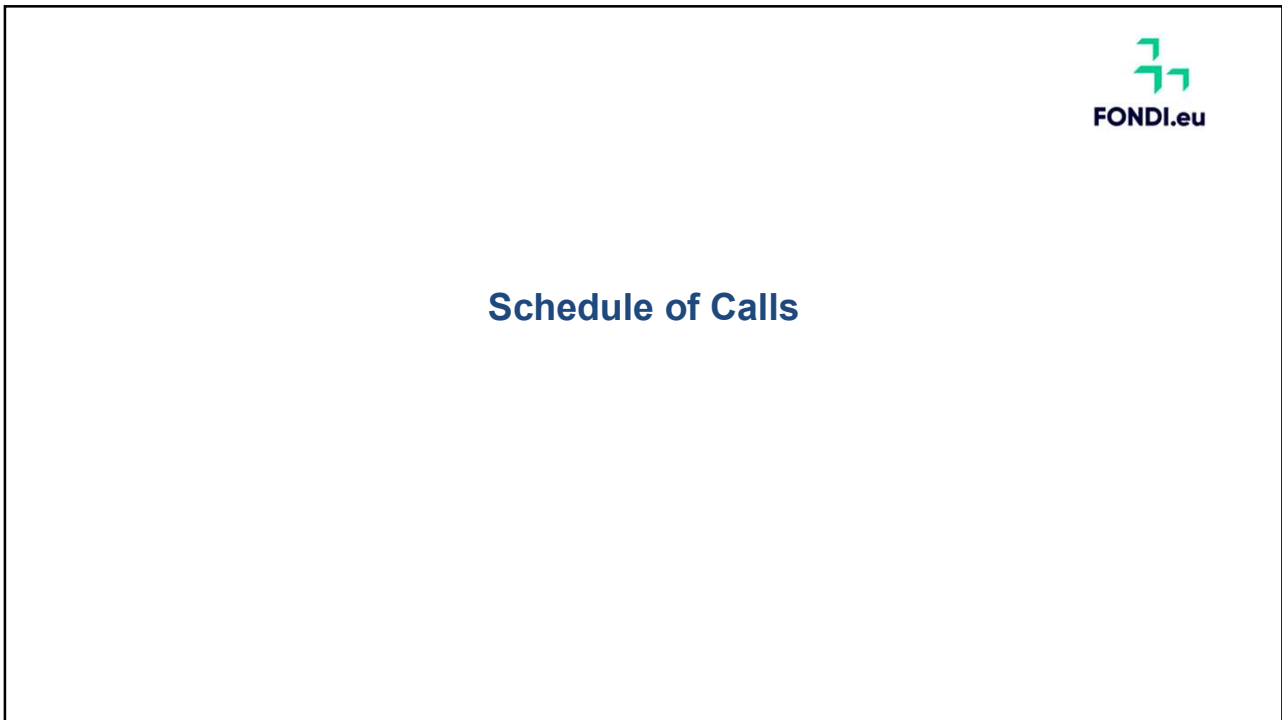
**Measure 22- Exceptional temporary support to farmers and SMEs particularly affected by the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine**



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## Schedule of Calls



- Applications for M4.1 were received between April and September 2023. A total of 57 applications were received, requesting €8.1M. Applications are currently being reviewed by the PSC.
- Applications for M4.4 were received between April and July 2023. A total of 81 applications were received, requesting €13.0M. Applications are currently being reviewed by the PSC.
- Applications for M8.5 were received between April and July 2023. A total of 5 applications were received, requesting €20.3M. Applications are at an advanced stage of review by the PSC.
- In addition, payments related to M22, impact of Ukraine invasion, will be paid this October.
- M10.2 was re-launched this October.

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## RDP Projects

Support for investments in agricultural holdings  
Sub-Measure 4.1



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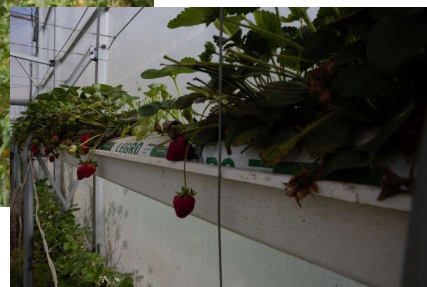


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## RDP Projects

Young Farmers  
Sub-measure 6.1



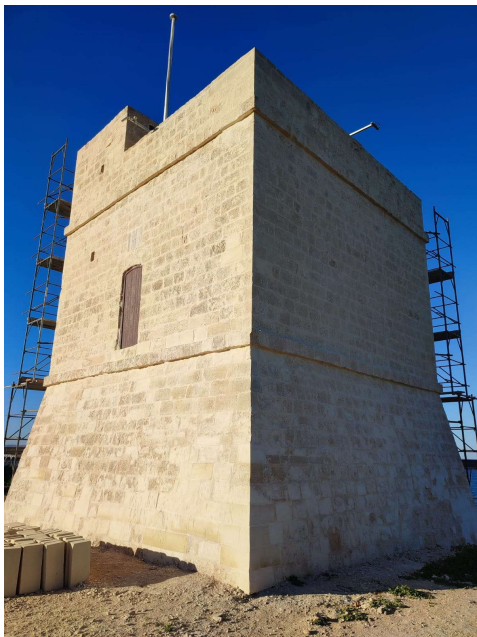
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## RDP Projects

Investments in processing of agricultural products  
Sub-Measure 4.2



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## RDP Projects

LEADER  
Sub-measure 19.2



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## Forecasts of N+3 and Performance Framework Milestones

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### N+3 assessment 2023

MT is expected to achieve the N+3 target for 2023.

–Almost 60% of the 2023 target has been utilised, being €7,474,383.64 out of €13,027,128.18 (EAFRD share only).

–However, in the coming days, payments of circa €10M will be disbursed.

–This disbursement, along with other disbursements to be made by the end of 2023, will give an important roll over of disbursement to the N+3 target for 2024, which is the steepest target in terms of N+3 throughout the lifetime of the programming period.

–N+3 for EURI's target of 2024 has already been achieved.

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## Performance Framework (including Alternative Indicators)



Priority	Indicator	RDP 2025 Target	Indicative Progress (Commitments)	Indicative Percentage progress (Commitments)
2	Public expenditure (€)	43,471,358.00	42,860,679	99%
2	Number of holdings supported	261	287	110%
2	Surface area upgraded farm access roads (sqm)	460,000.00	258,878	56%
3	Public expenditure (€)	8,604,879.34	6,847,254	80%
3	Number of holdings supported (M4.2)	16	21	131%
4	Public expenditure (€)	66,608,326.52	49,668,258	75%
4	Area under specific constraints (ha)	9,312.10	9,905	106.37%
4	Number of operations supported by M04	203	187	92%
5	Public expenditure (€)	55,646,373.00	46,012,269	83%
5	Agricultural and forest land (ha)	962.00	1,645.28	171.03%
6	Total Public Expenditure (€)	13,491,771.00	9,670,618	72%
6	Population covered by LAG	268,733	268,733.00	100.00%

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

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## 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	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

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## Reduction of administrative burden on beneficiaries



**Throughout 2023, there were ongoing efforts to simplify and harmonise the application format and process. These efforts also reflect considerations from previous Evaluations.**

- M4.1 and LEADER 14 – 20 calls issued in Q3 2023 already used a simplified and harmonised version of the application
- Further efforts are ongoing to simplify and harmonise all application forms

### **Online system enhancements**

- Completion and submission of applications, Project Progress Reports, Project Closure Reports and Change Requests will (also) be received online starting as early as this calendar year.

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## Reporting and Evaluation Activities

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### Annual Implementation Report 2022

- The Annual Implementation Report covering implementation year 2022 was drafted by the Managing Authority and submitted to the European Commission by the end of June 2023.
- This AIR was approved by the European Commission in July 2023.

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## Evaluation 2014 – 2020



- During the Monitoring Committee Meeting held in March 2023, evaluators presented two Thematic Evaluations related to Soil – Erosion and Management and LEADER.
- Work is underway on another Thematic Evaluation on Biodiversity, as well as an ad-hoc report covering secondary contributions to Focus Areas.

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## Communication and Events

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## Participation in Events by the Managing Authority and the National Rural Network Malta (NRNM)

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### Participation during Festa Gheneb, 16-17 Sep 2023



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## Information Sessions – NRN

- The NRN assisted in the organisation of various information sessions in order to disseminate information concerning various RDP measures.
- Two sessions were held with regards to M4.1, M4.4 and M8.5 in March 2023
- Another 2 sessions related to direct payments were held August 2023.



## Communication tools

- SMSs used to inform registered farmers about new calls, information sessions and project deadlines;
- Info sessions
- Website, social media platforms and one-to-one meetings (virtual or in-person);
- BiedjaCam app;
- Periodical NRN newsletter



**NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK MALTA**

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

€2 million were allocated for M4.1 'Support for investments in agricultural buildings', €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 20th September 2022 at 12.00pm.

More information on these calls can be found the website:  
<https://ruralnet.gov.mt/en/Pages/Home.aspx>

Rural Development Programme for Malta 2014-2020  
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## Press Releases

Measure 4.3 – Water  
Water Services Corporation



PR231053  
05/07/2023

STQARRIJA MILL-MINISTERU GHALL-AMBJENT, L-ENERGIJA U L-INTRAPRIZA U MIS-SEGRETARJAT PARLAMENTARI GHALL-FONDI EWROPEJ

**Espansjoni tan-netwerk tan-New Water fin-Nofsinhar ta' Malta biex tissahhah il-provvista u titnaqqas il-pessjoni mill-użu tal-groundwater**

*Il-progett, li hu kofinanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea, jindirizza erba' aspetti ewlenin biex tissahhah l-infrastruttura tan-New Water*

Investiment ta' €24.5 miljun mill-Korporazzjoni ghas-Servizzi tal-Ilma (WSC), kofinanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea, se jwassal għall-estensjoni fin-netwerk ta' New Water fir-regjuni tan-Nofsinhar u tal-Lbic ta' Malta, kif ukoll zieda fl-ammont.

L-investment thabbar mill-Ministru għall-Ambjent, L-Energija u L-Intrapriza Miriam Dalli u mis-Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Fondi Ewropej, Chris Bonett, waqt zjara fl-impjant tat-Trattament tal-Wastewater f'Ta' Barkat, flimkien mal-Kap Ezekuttiv tal-WSC, Karl Cilia.

L-investment multimiljunarju jikkumplementa l-impenn tal-gvern biex titnaqqas il-pessjoni mill-użu tal-groundwater. L-użu mill-gdid tal-ilma huwa parti mill-istrategija tal-ekonomija cirkolari fejn ir-rizorsi jergghu jintuzaw.

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## Press Releases

Measure 4.2  
Delicata Winery



PR230875  
08/06/2023

STQARRIJA MILL-MINISTERU GHALL-AGRIKOLTURA, IS-SAJD U D-DRITTIJET TAL-ANIMALI U S-SEGRETARJAT PARLAMENTARI GHALL-FONDI EWROPEJ Inawgurat investiment ta' €2.2 miljun minn Delicata Winery

Il-Ministru għall-Agricoltura, is-Sajd u d-Drittijet tal-Animali Anton Refalo, flimkien mas-Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Fondi Ewropej Chris Bonett, inawguraw investiment ta' aktar minn €2.2 miljun, minn Delicata Winery.

Il-progett, li hu ko-finanzjat minn fondi Ewropej, jikkonsisti f'makkinarju tal-aqwa kwalità u li minnu jghaddu l-flieken tal-hgjeg qabel jigu mimlija bl-inbid.

Waqt l-inawgurazzjoni gew spjegati l-beneficji ta' dan l-investment, li hu meqjus bhala wiehed ambjentalment sostenibbli u li jopera b'mod effiċjenti fl-energija. Fost l-ohrajn, l-investment jinkludi sistema fotovoltajka u l-insulazzjoni tal-mahzen tal-inbid fl-flieken.

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# Press Articles



**EUROPEAN UNION**  
EU funding opportunities for Agricultural and Rural Development

April 13, 2023



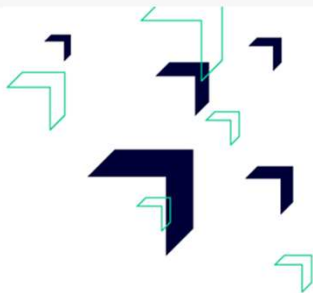
**Aqra bil-Malti**

For an island state such as Malta, the agriculture and rural sector is essential for its sustainability. This was made evident during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, which brought about significant disruptions to food imports and exports, globally. This crisis highlighted more than ever the need to invest in the agriculture and rural sector to ensure Malta and Gozo's food security.

Since joining the European Union, Malta has benefited from several EU funds that are specifically earmarked towards investing in the agriculture and rural sector. Primarily, these funds aim to ensure that the sector is profitable and sustainable for farmers while promoting environmentally friendly farming practices and other conservation operations with respect to water and soil.



## Thank you for your attention.



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