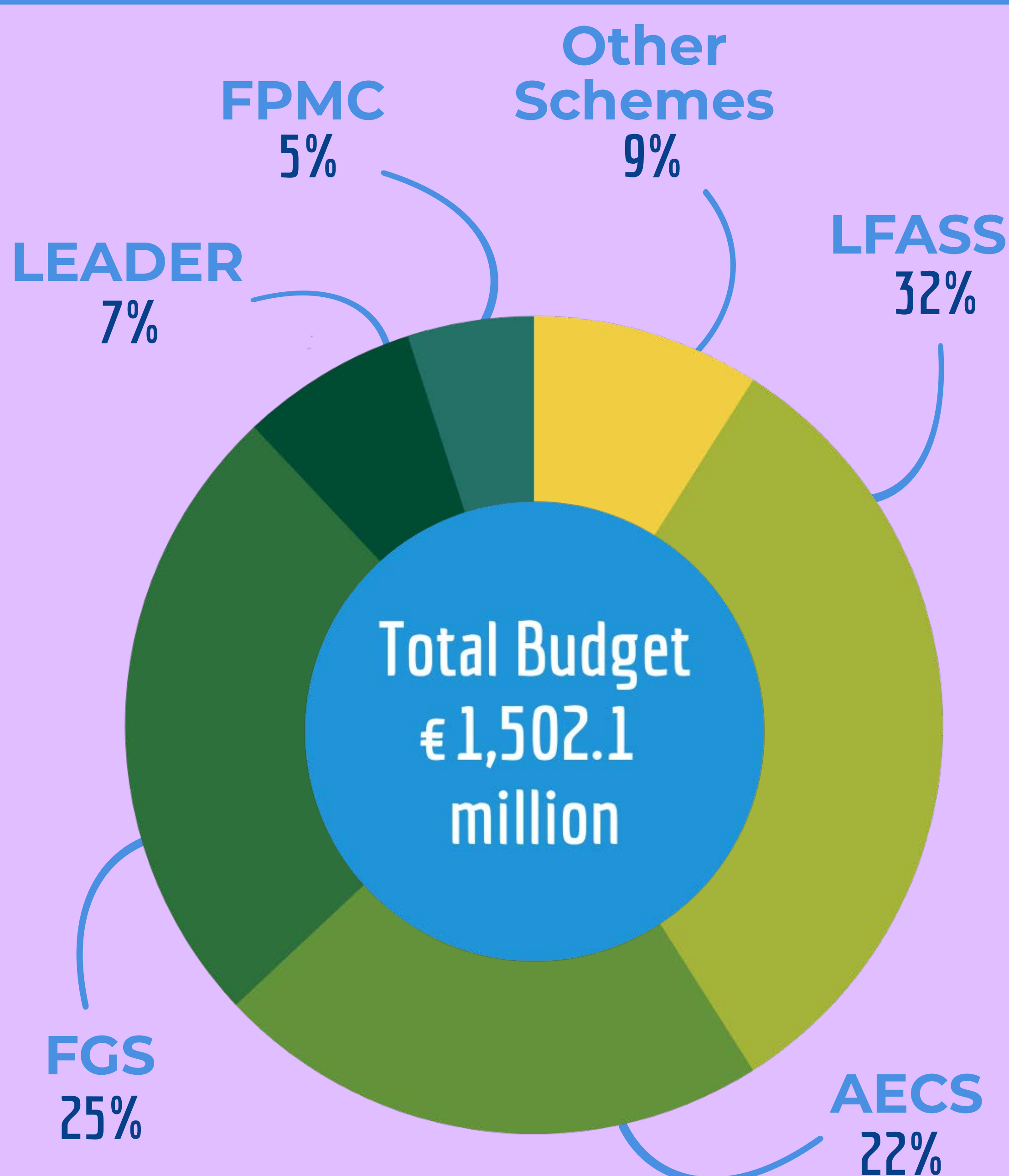


The **Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)** allocates EU and Scottish Government funding to economic, environmental and social measures for the benefit of rural Scotland. It does so through a comprehensive range of bespoke schemes designed to enhance the rural economy, support agriculture and forestry, improve the environment, address climate change and support rural communities.

The **Annual Implementation Report (AIR)** monitors and reports on progress in the SRDP in detail and is submitted to the EU every year.

## STRUCTURE of SCHEME BUDGETS



### Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) €484m

Provides essential income support to farming businesses in remote and constrained areas.

### Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) €369m

Supporting creation and sustainable management of woodlands.

### Agri-Environment Climate Scheme €336m

Promoting land management practices to protect and enhance natural heritage, water quality, manage flood risk and respond to climate change.

### LEADER €98m

Bottom-up support to local rural communities and business networks to build knowledge and skills, and encourage innovation and cooperation in order to promote rural development

### Food Processing, Marketing & Co-operation (FPMc) €79m

Provides grants for the construction of buildings, market research, product development and co-operation

### Other Schemes €135m

Beef Efficiency Scheme, Farm Advisory Service, Technical Assistance, Young Farmers Start-Up Grant Scheme, Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme, Legacy Commitments, Broadband Scheme, New Entrants Capital Grant Scheme, Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund, Improving Public Access, Small farms Grant Scheme, New Entrants Start-Up Grant Scheme



Following the EU referendum the UK Government has guaranteed the EU element for all contracts entered into by the end of 2020, for the lifetime of those contracts. Scottish Ministers continue to seek further assurance for funding beyond the date of an EU exit.

Evaluation activities increased during 2019. While evaluations on a number of schemes were started in 2019, evaluations were completed and published on the **Farm Advisory Service** and the **Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Scheme**.

To view the AIR 2019 for the SRDP 2014 - 2020 and the concise Summary for Citizens, visit the [gov.scot](https://gov.scot) website or scan the QR code.



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# PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE to the end of 2019

- Total public expenditure (EU and Scottish Government Funding) paid in 2019 was **€229.8 million**
- Since the start of the programme the total public expenditure has been **€1,012.0 million**
- Almost **80%** of the programme expenditure has been delivered through 3 schemes: **LFASS (€380.3m)**, **FGS (€220.1m)** and **AECS (€189.0m)**
- The programme has been modified **6 times since 2015**, to ensure that each scheme continues to work effectively against its objectives. The 6th modification, approved in December 2019, included the closure of the broadband scheme due to the launch of Scottish Government's R100 broadband initiative.
- These modifications have resulted in a decrease to the overall indicative programme budget due to a reduction in Scottish Government contribution, while still allowing the **full allocation of EU funds** to be accessed.



In 2019 around 13% of Scotland was under management through **Agri-Environment Contracts**.



Over **100,000** of the rural population benefited from improved pathways due to the **Improving Public Access scheme** in 2019.



12,772 beneficiaries received advice in 2019 through the **Farm Advisory Service**, which is almost equal to the population of Fraserburgh.



**1,024** projects across Scotland have been supported through the **LEADER programme**, from tea gardens to Alpaca trekking.



Since 2014, **13.6 trees** have been planted for every person living in Scotland through **SRDP 2014-2020 afforestation projects**.



1,826 participants were trained through the **Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund** in 2019, which is just more than the population of **Stromness**

## Communications & Events

- In 2019 the SRDP Network Support Unit (**Scottish Rural Network**) produced and promoted **27 SRDP case studies**, including 12 videos.
- The **Rural Innovation Support Service** attracted more than **2,370 visits** to their website promoting a bottom up approach to rural innovation and addressing the needs of land managers.
- Updates on SRDP 2014-2020 schemes were provided directly to stakeholders at the **Agriculture and Rural Development Stakeholder Group** throughout 2019, as well as the wider rural community at the Royal Highland Show where a newly produced SRDP brochure was handed out to attendees