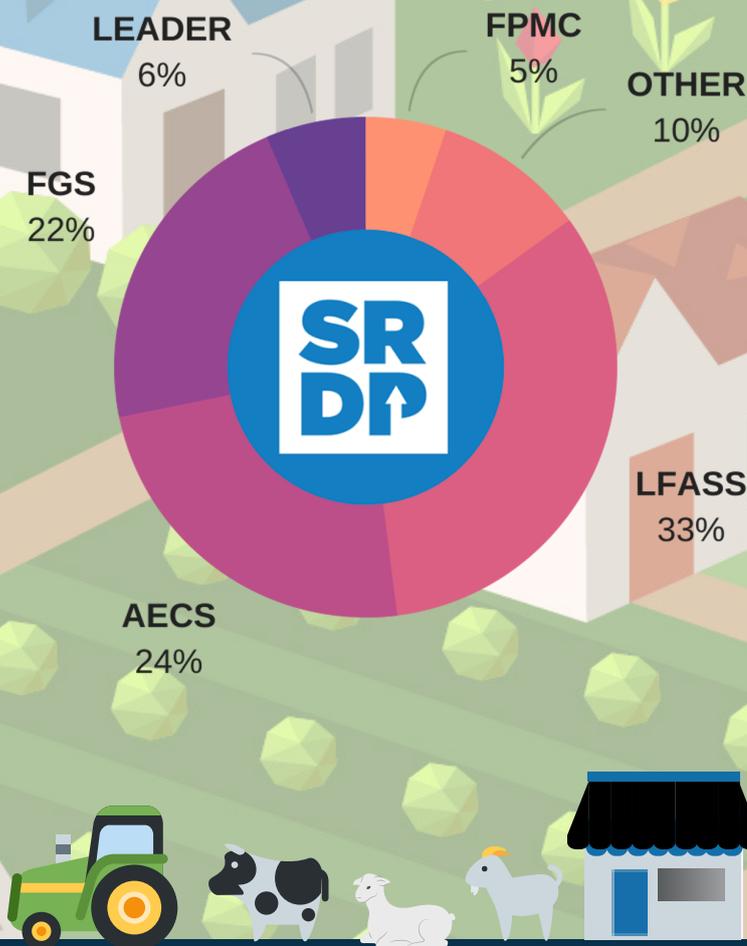




The **Scottish Rural Development Programme (SDRP)** allocates EU and Scottish Government funding to economic, environmental and social measures for the benefit of rural Scotland. It does so through a comprehensive range of bespoke schemes, designed to enhance the rural economy, support agriculture and 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. It is presented to the EU every year.

Structure



Food Processing, Marketing & Co-operation (FPMC)

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

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS)

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

Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS)

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

Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS)

Supporting creation and sustainable management of woodlands.

LEADER

Bottom-up support to communities for rural development.

Other

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



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To view the **full Annual Implementation Report** for the SRDP 2014-2020 for 2014 to 2017, and the concise **Summary for Citizens**, visit bit.ly/SRDPAIR

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE



- Total public expenditure (EU and Scottish Government funding) incurred and paid in 2017 was **€188.4 million**
- Total expenditure since the start of the Programme in 2014 is **€585.1 million**
- **80% of total expenditure** in the first four years of the Programme has been delivered through three schemes: **LFASS** (€230.6m), **Forestry Grant Scheme** (€122.9m) and **Agri-Environment Climate Scheme** (€114.9m)
- In 2017, money was paid out under the **Beef Efficiency Scheme**, the **Improving Public Access Scheme** and for advice delivered under the **Farm Advisory Service** for the first time

NOTES



- The Programme has been modified **three times** since 2015
- As part of the third modification, carried out during 2017, the co-financing rate and the financial plans were **revised**. This resulted in a decrease to the overall indicative Programme budget due to
- a reduction in the Scottish Government contribution, while still allowing the **full allocation** of EU funds to be accessed.
- The referendum on **Brexit** has created uncertainty for communities across Scotland
- The **Scottish Government** has confirmed that it will be passing on the current UK Government guarantees in full to Scottish stakeholders to provide **stability and certainty**. This means that all contracts entered into by the point of a UK exit from the EU will be **honoured in full**

COMMUNICATIONS



- The Scottish Rural Network (SRN) produced **20 short films** publicising the SRDP as part of the **SRDP on Film** series in 2017: bit.ly/srdponfilm
- The **LEADER Communications Working Group** was convened to coordinate comms activity across the LEADER Programme in Scotland, producing the **LEADER Communications Toolkit**
- Target promotion campaign for the **Agri-Environment Climate Scheme**



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