

Belgium - Flanders

July 2024

1. General information



Total number of farms:	23 318 ⁽¹⁾
Total utilised agricultural area (UAA) (ha):	621 702 ⁽¹⁾
Total forest area (ha):	140 729 ⁽¹⁾
Total agricultural area and forest area in Natura 2000 sites (ha):	166 322 ⁽²⁾
Total number of livestock units:	2 843 594 ⁽²⁾
Total rural population - for LEADER:	1 962 216 ⁽³⁾
Total rural population - for services and infrastructure:	1 962 216 ⁽³⁾
Total number of beehives notified to the EU Commission ⁽⁴⁾ :	34 690 ⁽²⁾

Data source: Belgium - Flanders 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan (CSP).
Note: (1) 2019 data; (2) 2020 data; (3) 2021 data; (4) Average of the latest three years available at the time of establishing the CSP.

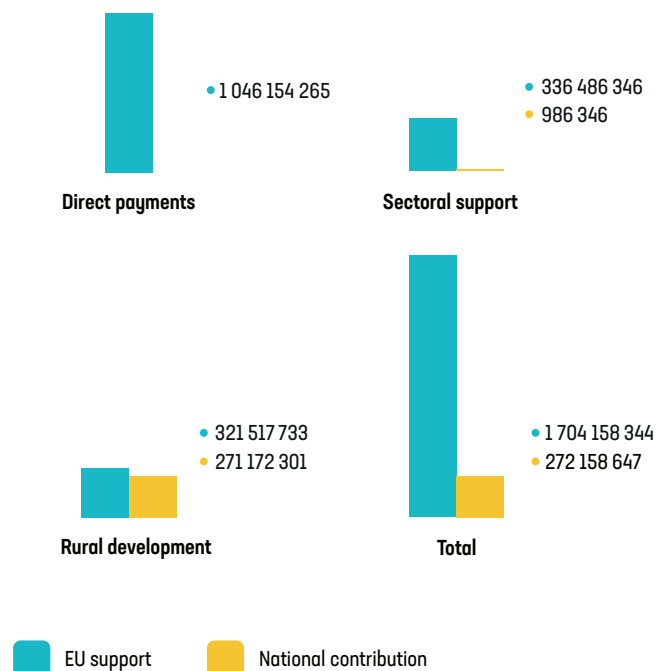
3. National CAP Network

- Belgium has two regional CAP networks, one in Wallonia and one in Flanders with one unique contact point, the Flemish Rural network.
- The Flemish Rural network has an informal membership, which means that all interested stakeholders and citizens can participate in activities or call on the network for specific questions.
- The technical assistance budget of the CSP allocated to the network for the programming period 2023-2027 is about EUR 3 000 000.

Official website: www.vlaamsruraalnetwerk.be/
Data source: Section 4.4 of the first approved version of the CSP.

2. CSP financial information (in EURO)

The following chart shows the indicative planned EU support (comprising the EAFRD and EAGF allocations) and the national contribution.



Data source: Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 of the first approved version of the CSP.

4. Rural areas definition

Rural areas or rural municipalities in Flanders are municipalities with a population density of a maximum of 350 inhabitants/km² or with a land take of a maximum of 30%, excluding central cities.

Data source: Section 4.7.2 of the first approved version of the CSP.



5. CSP strategy per CAP specific objective

The following table shows the interventions activated in the CSP under each of the specific objectives.

Interventions		Specific objectives									
		S01	S02	S03	S04	S05	S06	S07	S08	S09	Cross-cutting
		Viable farm income and resilience	Market orientation and competitiveness	Farmers' position in the value chain	Climate change and sustainable energy	Natural resources water, soil, air	Biodiversity, ecosystems habitats, landscapes	Young farmers and business development	Employment, social inclusion, local development, bio-economy and forestry	Food and health, and animal welfare	Knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture
Direct payments	Art. 21 - BISS	●									
	Art. 29 - CRISS	●									
	Art. 30 - CIS-YF	●						●			
	Art. 31 - Eco-scheme				●	●	●			●	●
	Art. 32 - CIS	●			●	●	●				
Sectoral	Art. 47 - Fruit and vegetables	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
	Art. 47 - Hops										
	Art. 47 - Olive oil & table olives										
	Art. 47 - Other										
	Art. 55 - Apiculture		●					●		●	●
	Art. 58 - Wine										
Rural development	Art. 70 - ENVCLIM				●	●	●			●	
	Art. 71 - ANC										
	Art. 72 - ASD										
	Art. 73-74 - INVEST		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
	Art. 75 - INSTAL		●			●		●			
	Art. 76 - RISK										
	Art. 77 - COOP			●			●		●	●	●
	Art. 78 - KNOW										●

Data source: Section 2 of the first approved version of the CSP.



6. CAP Specific objectives and indicators

This section illustrates the planned targets for each specific objective. The indicators presented below are a selection of the most commonly selected result indicators under each specific objective by the Member States. Some Member States have selected additional result indicators to the ones presented below. More information can be found in the specific CSPs.

SO	Result indicator	Target value
SO1 – Viable farm income and resilience	R.4 – Linking income support to standards and good practices: % of Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA) covered by income support and subject to conditionality	99.73 %
	R.5 – Risk management: % of farms with supported CAP risk management tools	12.01 %
	R.6 – Redistribution to smaller farms: % of additional direct payments per hectare for eligible farms below average farm size (compared to average)	101.50 %
	R.8 – Targeting farms in specific sectors: % of farmers benefitting from coupled income support for improving competitiveness, sustainability or quality	10.94 %
SO2 – Market orientation & competitiveness	R.3 – Digitalising agriculture: % of farms supported for digital agricultural technology under the CAP	80.71 %
	R.9 – Farm modernisation: % of farms receiving support for investments in restructuring and modernisation, including improving resource efficiency	35.40 %
SO3 – Farmer value chain	R.10 – Better supply chain organisation: % of farms participating in producer groups, producer organisations, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes supported by the CAP	25.82 %
	R.11 – Fruit and Vegetables – Concentration of supply: % of value of marketed production by producer organisations or producers' groups with operational programmes in certain sectors	108.73 %
SO4 – Climate change and sustainable energy	R.12 – Adaptation to climate change: % of UAA under supported commitments to improve climate adaptation	36.80 %
	R.13 – Reducing emissions in the livestock sector: % of livestock units (LU) under supported commitments to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and/or ammonia, including management	2.81 %
	R.14 – Carbon storage in soils and biomass: % of UAA under supported commitments to reduce emissions or to maintain or enhance carbon storage	27.87 %
	R.16 – Investments related to climate: % of farms benefitting from CAP investment support contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to the production of renewable energy or biomaterials	17.55 %
SO5 – Natural resources water, soil, air	R.19 – Improving and protecting soils: % of UAA under supported commitments beneficial for soil management to improve soil quality and biota	19.34 %
	R.21 – Protection of water quality: % of UAA under supported commitments for the quality of water bodies	25.00 %
	R.22 – Sustainable nutrient management: % of UAA under supported commitments related to improved nutrient management	36.51 %
	R.24 – Sustainable and reduced use of pesticides: % of UAA under supported specific commitments which lead to a sustainable use of pesticides in order to reduce risks and impacts of pesticides such as pesticides leakage	13.53 %
	R.26 – Investment related to natural resources: % of farms benefitting from CAP productive and non-productive investment support related to care for natural resources	17.57 %



SO	Result indicator	Target value
S06 - Biodiversity, ecosystems habitats, landscapes	R.29 - Development of organic agriculture: % of UAA supported by the CAP for organic farming with a split between maintenance and conversion	5.00 %
	R.31 - Preserving habitats and species: % of UAA under supported commitments supporting biodiversity conservation or restoration including high-nature-value farming practices	9.55 %
	R.33 - Improving Natura 2000 management: % of total Natura 2000 area under supported commitments	34.95 %
	R.34 - Preserving landscape features: % of UAA under supported commitments for managing landscape features, including hedgerows and trees	0.07 %
S07 - YF & business	R.36 - Generational renewal: number of young farmers benefitting from setting up with support from the CAP, including a gender breakdown	1 665
	R.37 - Growth and jobs in rural areas: new jobs supported in CAP projects	1 713
S08 - Local development, bio-economy & economy	R.38 - LEADER coverage: % of rural population covered by local development strategies	81.59 %
	R.39 - Developing the rural economy: number of rural businesses including bio-economy businesses, developed with CAP support	39
S09 - Food, health, animal welfare	R.43 - Limiting antimicrobial use: % of livestock units (LU) concerned by supported actions to limit the use of antimicrobials (prevention/reduction)	5.20 %
	R.44 - Improving animal welfare: % of LU covered by supported actions to improve animal welfare	7.02 %
Cross-cutting - Knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture	R.1 - Enhancing performance through knowledge and innovation: number of persons benefitting from advice, training, knowledge exchange, or participating in European Innovation Partnership (EIP) operational groups	365 013
	R.2 - Linking advice and knowledge systems: number of advisors receiving support to be integrated within the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)	3 600
	R.3 - Digitalising agriculture: % of farmers benefitting from support for digital farming technology through CAP	80.71 %
	R.28 - Environmental or climate-related performance through knowledge and innovation: number of persons benefitting from advice, training, knowledge exchange, or participating in EIP operational groups supported by the CAP related to environmental or climate-related performance	187 842

Data source: Section 2 of the first approved version of the CSP.

7. Indicative planned expenditure for Belgium - Flanders' eco-schemes


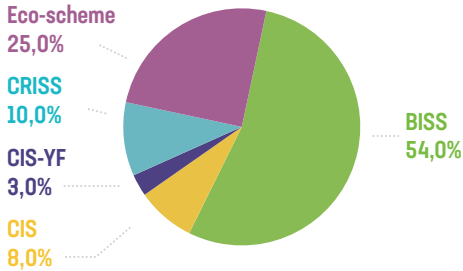
The following table shows how the indicative financial allocation (EAGF contribution in EUR) is allocated between eco-schemes.


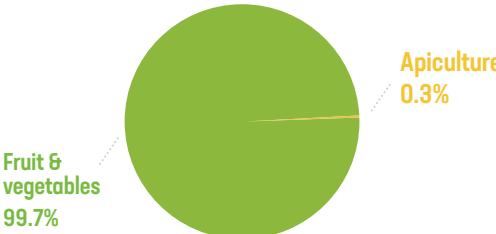
Eco-schemes	Financial allocation per eco-scheme (EUR)	% of eco-scheme compared to MS total eco-scheme
Buffer strips	35 086 350	13%
Mechanical weed control	8 308 620	3%
Cultivation techniques for combating erosion	20 904 750	8%
Crop rotation (crop rotation with leguminous plants)	33 242 400	13%
Precision agriculture 1.0	4 001 400	2%
Precision agriculture 2.0	1 795 500	1%
Eco-scheme "Soil passport for sustainable soil management at farm level" (abbreviated: Soil passport)	2 461 448	1%
Adjustments to farm level feed management in cattle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (abbreviated: Feed management in cattle)	8 000 000	3%
Maintenance of multiannual grassland	47 665 776	18%
Ecologically managed grassland	24 490 620	9%
Eco-regulation soil organic carbon content in arable land (abbreviated: Organic carbon content of cropland)	49 275 440	19%
Cultivation of environmentally, biodiversity-friendly and/or climate-resilient crops (abbreviated: Eco-cropping)	20 186 280	8%
Continuation of organic farming (abbreviated: Continuation bio)	5 982 600	2%
	261 401 185	100%


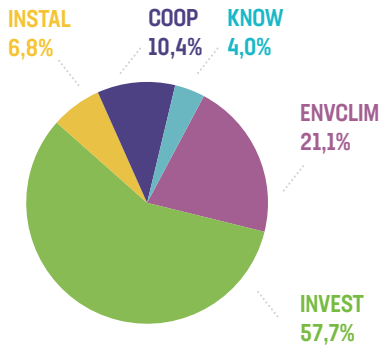
Data source: Section 6.2.1 of the first approved version of the CSP.

8. Indicative financial allocation per pillar and intervention

The following table shows how the indicative EU and total public financial allocation is allocated between pillar, sector and type of intervention. The data presented below has been accumulated by the CAP Implementation Contact Point from Section 6 of the initially approved CAP Strategic Plan of Flanders. The data represents the planning of Flanders for the entire duration of the CAP Strategic Plan.

 Direct payments	EU contribution	National contribution	Distribution of the planned budget per type of direct payment
Basic income support for sustainability (BISS)	564 621 718	n/a	
Coupled income support (CIS)	83 647 985	n/a	
Complementary income support for young farmers (CIS-YF)	31 367 848	n/a	
Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (CRISS)	105 115 530	n/a	
Schemes for the climate and the environment (Eco-Scheme)	261 401 185	n/a	
Total 2023-2027:	1 046 154 265	n/a	

 Sectoral support	EU contribution	National contribution	Distribution of the planned budget per sector
Fruit and vegetables	335 500 000	n/a	
Apiculture	986 346	986 346	
Total 2023-2027:	336 486 346	986 346	

 Rural development	EU contribution	National contribution	Distribution of the planned budget (EU contr.) per type of rural development intervention
Environmental, climate and other management commitments (ENVCLIM)	67 735 579	65 978 331	
Areas with Natural or other area-specific Constraints (ANC)	n/a	n/a	
Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements (ASD)	n/a	n/a	
Investments (INVEST)	185 505 207	122 893 995	
Installation of young farmers and rural business start-up (INSTAL)	21 810 692	28 911 848	
Risk management tools (RISK)	n/a	n/a	
Cooperation (COOP)	33 490 890	36 188 226	
Knowledge exchange and information (KNOW)	12 975 365	17 199 902	
Total 2023-2029:	321 517 733	271 172 301	

Data source: Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 of the first approved version of the CSP.



9. Additional information

Date of CSP approval	05/12/2022
Coordination of Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Systems (AKIS)	Agency of Agriculture and Fisheries
Managing authority	Agency of Agriculture and Fisheries
Paying agency	Flemish Paying Agency
Competent authority	Flemish Minister for the Economy, Innovation, Work, Social Economy and Agriculture
CAP Strategic Plan Regulation 2023-2027	Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) [PDF en]

Source of information: All data and the figures presented in this summary come from the Belgium - Flanders 2023-27 CAP Strategic Plan approved on 05/12/2022.

Disclaimer: This document, prepared by the CAP Implementation Contact Point of the EU CAP network, aims to provide an accessible summary of selected CSP content. The information provided should not be considered a comprehensive account of the original CSP content.

CSP summary version: Version 1

Last update of the CSP summary fiche: June 2024

Corresponding CSP: Belgium - Flanders, code 2023BE06AFSP001, version 1.2, approved 05/12/2022.

More information about the CSP 2023-27 of Flanders can be found [here](#)

CAP Implementation Contact Point

Rue de la Loi, 38 Boîte n.4 - 1040

Brussels, Belgium

implementation@eucapnetwork.eu

eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu



Funded by
the European Union