

Ireland

September 2024

1. General information



Total number of farms:	137 560 ⁽¹⁾
Total utilised agricultural area (UAA) (ha):	4 524 150 ⁽²⁾
Total forest area (ha):	996 291 ⁽³⁾
Total agricultural area and forest area in Natura 2000 sites (ha):	147 614 ⁽³⁾
Total number of livestock units:	6 195 640 ⁽¹⁾
Total rural population - for LEADER:	3 762 043 ⁽¹⁾
Total rural population - for services and infrastructure:	3 762 043 ⁽¹⁾
Total number of beehives notified to the EU Commission ⁽⁵⁾ :	26 251 ⁽⁴⁾

Data source: Ireland - 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan (CSP).
Note: (1) 2016 data; (2) 2019 data; (3) 2018 data; (4) 2020 data; (5) Average of the latest three years available at the time of establishing the CSP.

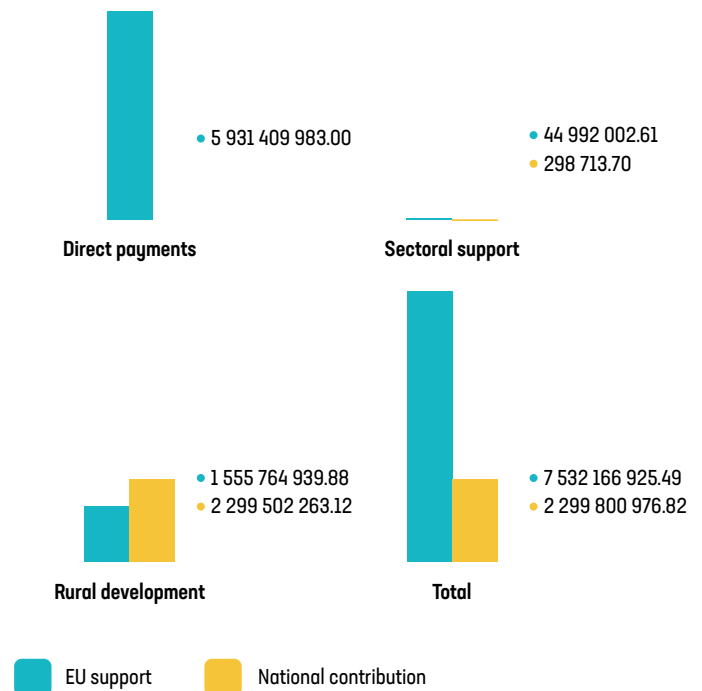
3. National CAP Network

- > The CAP Network Ireland plays an instrumental role in facilitating the increased involvement of a range of stakeholders in improving the quality of the implementation of the interventions outlined in the CAP Strategic Plan.
- > The Network is supported by a Network Support Unit (NSU), which is functionally independent of, but managed by the Managing Authority of the CSP and is part of the coordinated approach to AKIS. The NSU was selected through a competitive tendering process.
- > Membership is based on partnership principles and there is no formal or payment process to gain membership.

Official website: www.capnetworkireland.eu/
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.

- > The indicative technical assistance budget of the CSP allocated to CAP Network is EUR 3 300 000.

4. Rural areas definition

- > The Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA) defined rural Ireland as 'all areas located beyond the administrative boundaries of the five largest cities' - therefore the term 'rural areas' was used to encompass open countryside, as well as small, medium and large towns.

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.

		S01	S02	S03	S04	S05	S06	S07	S08	S09	Cross-cutting	
		Specific objectives										
		Interventions	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 - CRIS	●							●			
	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 on the specific CSPs.

SO	Result indicator	Target value
S01 - 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	97.41%
	R.6 - Redistribution to smaller farms: % of additional direct payments per hectare for eligible farms below average farm size (compared to average)	105.42%
	R.7 - Enhancing support for farms in areas with specific needs: % of additional support per hectare in areas with higher needs (compared to average)	104.25%
S02 - Market orientation & competitiveness	R.3 - Digitalising agriculture: % of farms supported for digital agricultural technology under the CAP	0.91%
	R.9 - Farm modernisation: % of farms receiving support for investments in restructuring and modernisation, including improving resource efficiency	3.63%
S03 - 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	0.76%
	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	72.18%
S04 - Climate change and sustainable energy	R.12 - Adaptation to climate change: % of UAA under supported commitments to improve climate adaptation	4.76%
	R.14 - Carbon storage in soils and biomass: % of UAA under supported commitments to reduce emissions or to maintain or enhance carbon storage	8.88%
	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	15.05%
S05 - 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	10.61%
	R.21 - Protection of water quality: % of UAA under supported commitments for the quality of water bodies	31.83%
	R.22 - Sustainable nutrient management: % of UAA under supported commitments related to improved nutrient management	42.44%
	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	7.45%
	R.26 - Investment related to natural resources: % of farms benefitting from CAP productive and non-productive investment support related to care for natural resources	13.93%



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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	7.46%
	R.31 - Preserving habitats and species: % of UAA under supported commitments supporting biodiversity conservation or restoration including high-nature-value farming practices	38.73%
	R.33 - Improving Natura 2000 management: % of total Natura 2000 area under supported commitments	80.14%
	R.34 - Preserving landscape features: % of UAA under supported commitments for managing landscape features, including hedgerows and trees	4.69%
S07 - YF & business	R.36 - Generational renewal: Number of young farmers benefitting from setting up with support from the CAP, including a gender breakdown	7 000
	R.37 - Growth and jobs in rural areas: New jobs supported in CAP projects	7 000
S08 - Local development, bio-economy & forestry	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	297 928
	R.9 - Farm modernisation: % of farms receiving support for investments in restructuring and modernisation, including improving resource efficiency	3.63%
	R.38 - LEADER coverage: % of rural population covered by local development strategies	81.93%
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)	3.23%
	R.44 - Improving animal welfare: % of LU covered by supported actions to improve animal welfare	5.39%
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	297 928
	R.2 - Linking advice and knowledge systems: Number of advisors receiving support to be integrated within the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)	10 176
	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	234 898

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

7. Indicative planned expenditure for Ireland's eco-schemes

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


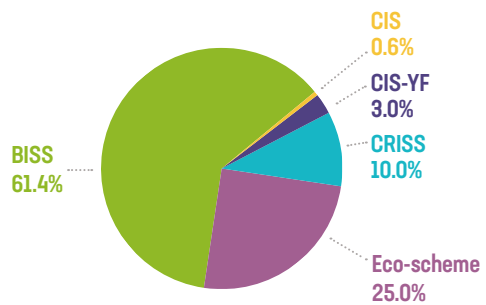
Eco-schemes	Financial allocation per eco-scheme (EUR)	% of eco-scheme compared to MS total eco-scheme
Eco-Scheme	1 482 852 495	100%
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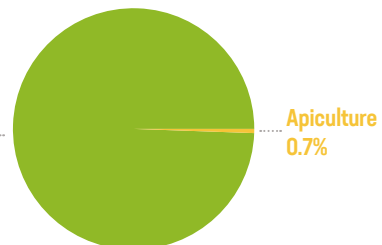
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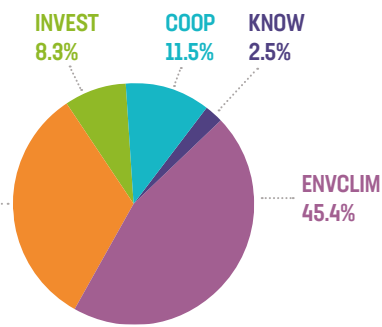


8. Indicative financial allocation per pillar and intervention

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 Ireland. The data represents the planning of Ireland 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)	3 642 474 190	n/a	
Coupled income support (CIS)	35 000 000	n/a	
Complementary income support for young farmers (CIS-YF)	177 942 300	n/a	
Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (CRISS)	593 140 998	n/a	
Schemes for the climate and the environment (Eco-scheme)	1 482 852 495	n/a	
Total 2023-2027:	5 931 409 983	n/a	

 Sectoral support	EU contribution	National contribution	Distribution of the planned budget per sector
Fruit and vegetables	44 693 289	n/a	
Apiculture	298 714	298 714	
Total 2023-2027:	44 992 003	298 714	

 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)	706 575 150	1 050 637 366	
Areas with Natural or other area-specific Constraints (ANC)	502 625 000	747 375 000	
Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements (ASD)	n/a	n/a	
Investments (INVEST)	128 651 806	191 297 973	
Installation of young farmers and rural business start-up (INSTAL)	n/a	n/a	
Risk management tools (RISK)	n/a	n/a	
Cooperation (COOP)	178 306 171	251 298 830	
Knowledge exchange and information (KNOW)	39 606 813	58 893 095	
Total 2023-2029:	1 555 764 940	2 299 502 263	

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	31/08/2022
Coordination of Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Systems (AKIS)	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Managing authority	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Paying agency	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Competent authority	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
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]

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