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FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)**

**2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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## 1. BUDGET PROCEDURE

### 1.1. Financial framework

Rural development expenditure in 2021 is funded within the multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2021-2027. The financial framework is provided by Council Regulation (EU) No 2020/2093<sup>1</sup>. Additional resources stemming from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)<sup>2</sup> have also been made available for years 2021 and 2022 to address the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and the consequences for the Union agricultural sector and rural areas.

The allocation for rural development and the allocation for market related expenditure and direct payments after the annual technical adjustment of the MFF are presented in table 1.

Table 1 – Financial framework 2021-2027

| HEADING 3   | In million EUR; current prices |                    |                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | 2021 <sup>a)</sup>             | 2022 <sup>b)</sup> | 2023 <sup>c)</sup> | 2024            | 2025            | 2026            | 2027            |
| Natural Resources and Environment related to the CAP  |                                |                    |                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>55 713.0</b>                | <b>53 365.9</b>    | <b>53 626.9</b>    | <b>53 757.9</b> | <b>53 890.9</b> | <b>54 021.9</b> | <b>54 155.9</b> |
| of which :  |                                |                    |                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Market related expenditure and direct aids  | 40 368.0                       | 40 638.2           | 40 692.2           | 41 649.0        | 41 782.0        | 41 913.0        | 42 047.0        |
| Rural development   | 15 345.0                       | 12 727.7           | 12 934.7           | 12 108.9        | 12 108.9        | 12 108.9        | 12 108.9        |
| Additional resources from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) (external assigned revenue) | <b>2 387.7</b>                 | <b>5 682.8</b>     |                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |

a) After net transfer of EUR 557.0 million between EAGF and EAFRD for the financial year 2021

b) After net transfer of EUR 618.8 million between EAGF and EAFRD for the financial year 2022

c) After net transfer of EUR 825.8 million between EAGF and EAFRD for the financial year 2023

<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027  
OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 11–22

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 of 14 December 2020 establishing a European Union Recovery Instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 23

Since the legislative procedure regarding the Commission's legislative proposals on CAP beyond 2020 could not be concluded on time, a transitional regulation<sup>3</sup> has been adopted extending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 up to 2022 in order to avoid disruption of support to farmers and other CAP beneficiaries. The transitional regulation extended most of the CAP rules that were in place during the 2014-2020 period and the EAFRD allocation for the years 2021 and 2022 were added (following the 'old rules – new money' principle). This ensured a smooth transition to the future framework of the CAP strategic plans. It also included the reinforcement by an additional EUR 8 070.5 million (in current prices) from the EURI for the period 2021-2022 in the form of external assigned revenue.

## **1.2. Draft Budget 2021**

The initial draft budget for the financial year 2021 was adopted and presented by the Commission to the Budgetary Authority on 27 July 2020. It included EUR 15 002.9 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 14 715.1 million in payment appropriations for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) 2014-2022 programming period. The Council adopted its position on the original draft budget on 7 September 2020. The European Parliament's amendments on the Council's position on the original draft budget were adopted by the European Parliament on 12 November 2020.

On 13 November 2020 the Commission presented the Letter of Amendment No 1/2021 to the draft budget. This Letter of Amendment included for the EAFRD :

- the agreement reached between the Council and the European Parliament for a two-year transitional period, including the implementation of Next Generation EU as of 2021;
- the revised amounts for the transfers between the EAGF and EAFRD following the notifications received from Member States, and
- the financial impact of the decision of the co-legislators for a lump-sum exceptional support that Member States can provide to farmers in response to COVID-19

This led to an increase in commitments to EUR 15 345 million and in payments to EUR 15 022.2 million compared to the draft budget. An amount of EUR 2 387.7 million in commitment appropriations from European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) was included in the form of external assigned revenue. As in previous years, the Conciliation Committee had to be convened. However, it was not in a position to agree on a joint text within the conciliation period of 21 days.

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<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/2220 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 laying down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the years 2021 and 2022 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards resources and application in the years 2021 and 2022 and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and the distribution of such support in respect of the years 2021 and 2022; OJ L 437, 28.12.2020, p. 1–29

In the absence of formal agreement in the Conciliation Committee, in accordance with Article 314(8) of the TFEU, the Commission submitted on 10 December a second draft budget for 2021. The Council and the European Parliament approved the text respectively on 14 December and 18 December 2020.

### 1.3. The adoption of the 2021 Budget

The 2021 Budget adopted on 18 December 2020 was, as regards the EAFRD, equal to the Commission's second draft budget both in commitment and payment appropriations.

Table 2

| <b>Adopted Budget 2021</b>   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Budget Item</b>   | <b>Commitment appropriations<br/>(in EUR)</b> | <b>Payment appropriations<br/>(in EUR)</b> |
| <b>EAFRD 2014-2022</b>   |   |  |
| 08.030102 Rural Development types of interventions - 2014-2022 programmes  | 15 308 020 100                                | 14 996 000 000                             |
| 08.010200 Support expenditure for the "European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)  | 1 850 000                                     | 1 850 000                                  |
| 08.0302 EAFRD – Operational technical assistance   | 35 119 860                                    | 17 153 750                                 |
| 08.039902 Completion of the "European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) - Operational technical assistance" (prior to 2021) assistance | 0   | 7 196 250                                  |
| <b>EURI 2021-2022 (External Assigned Revenue)</b>  |   |  |
| 08.030103 Rural development types of interventions financed from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)                                       | 2 381 748 705                                 | 595 437 176                                |
| 08.0303 EAFRD – Operational technical assistance financed from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)   | 5 969 295                                     | 1 492 324                                  |

#### 1.4. The adoption of the Amending Budgets

The Amending Budget No 6/2021<sup>4</sup> decreased the payment appropriations for EAFRD rural development programmes by EUR 450 million. This was in addition to the EUR 219.83 million that were made available through the global transfer (EUR 167 million) and the end-of-year transfer (EUR 52.83 million).

Table 3

| <b>Budget 2021 after the Amendments</b>  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Budget Item</b>   | <b>Commitment appropriations<br/>(in EUR)</b> | <b>Payment appropriations<br/>(in EUR)</b> |
| <b>EAFRD 2014-2022</b>   |   |  |
| 08.030102 (Rural Development types of interventions - 2014-2022 programmes)  | 15 308 020 100                                | 14 546 000 000                             |
| 08.0102 (Support expenditure for the "European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD))  | 1 850 000                                     | 1 850 000                                  |
| 08.030200 (EAFRD – Operational technical assistance)   | 35 119 860                                    | 17 153 750                                 |
| 08.039902 (Completion of the "European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) - Operational technical assistance" (prior to 2021) assistance) | 0   | 7 196 250                                  |
| <b>EURI 2021-2022 (External Assigned Revenue)</b>  |   |  |
| 08.030103 Rural development types of interventions financed from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)   | 2 381 748 705                                 | 595 437 176                                |
| 08.0303 EAFRD – Operational technical assistance financed from the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)   | 5 969 295                                     | 1 492 324                                  |

<sup>4</sup> Official Journal L 460/9: Definitive adoption (EU, Euratom) 2021/2221 of Amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2021

## 2. MANAGEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

### 2.1. Management of commitment appropriations

#### 2.1.1. EAFRD and EURI rural development programmes

As regards commitment appropriations for the EAFRD rural development programmes, the 2021 voted budget amounted to EUR 15 308 million. On top of this, the EAFRD benefited from EURI in the form of external assigned revenue, for an amount of EUR 2 382 million for rural development types of interventions. All in all, total commitment appropriations for the EAFRD in 2021 amounted to EUR 17 690 million.

Table 4

| <b>Management of commitments appropriations in 2021<br/>(in EUR)</b> |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>EAFRD (2014-2022)<br/>Budget Item - 08.030102</b>                 |                       |
| Appropriations at the beginning of 2021                              | 15 308 020 100        |
| <b>Appropriations available in 2021</b>                              | <b>15 308 020 100</b> |
| Appropriations used in 2021  | 15 308 020 100        |
| <b>EURI (2021-2022)<br/>Budget Item - 08.030103</b>                  |                       |
| Appropriations at the beginning of 2021                              | 2 381 748 705         |
| <b>Appropriations available in 2021</b>                              | <b>2 381 748 705</b>  |
| Appropriations used in 2021  | 2 365 670 558         |

#### 2.1.2. Technical assistance

Article 51(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 provides that the EAFRD may use up to 0.25% of its annual allocation to finance technical assistance actions at the initiative of the Commission. In the 2021 budget, the initial amount available for this purpose was EUR 1.8 million for non-operational technical assistance, EUR 35.1 million for operational technical assistance and EUR 6.0 million for operational technical assistance financed from EURI.

## **2.2. Management of payment appropriations**

### *2.2.1. EAFRD and EURI rural development programmes*

For the EAFRD rural development programmes 2014-2022, the payment appropriations of the voted budget 2021 amounted to EUR 14 996 million. In addition, the available assigned revenue transferred from the previous year amounted to EUR 240 million and the assigned revenue collected during the year amounted to EUR 162 million. The assigned revenue related to both 2014-2022 EAFRD and pre-2014 EAFRD programmes. The payment appropriations were decreased by the Amending Budget No 6/2021 in the amount of EUR 450 million, by the Global transfer in the amount of EUR 167 million and by the end-of-the year transfer for an amount of EUR 52.8 million. Taking into account all transfers and assigned revenue, the total amount of payment appropriations available in 2021 amounted to EUR 14 728 million. In total, EUR 14 566 million of payment appropriations were used and the remaining EUR 162 million of assigned revenue were automatically carried over from 2021 to 2022.

As regards the payment appropriations for rural development types of interventions financed from EURI, the total amount forecasted in B2021 was EUR 595 million. Out of it EUR 65.5 million were consumed in 2021.



Table 5

| <b>Management of payment appropriations in 2021<br/>(in EUR)</b> |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
|  |                       |
| <b>EAFRD (2014-2022)<br/>Budget Item - 08.030102</b>             |                       |
| Appropriations at the beginning of 2021                          | 14 996 000 000        |
| Amending Budget No 6/2021  | -450 000 000          |
| Global transfer  | -167 000 000          |
| End-of-the year transfer   | -52 830 000           |
| Assigned revenue carried over from 2020                          | 240 278 320           |
| Assigned revenue collected in 2021                               | 161 580 418           |
| <b>Appropriations available in 2021</b>                          | <b>14 728 028 738</b> |
| Appropriations used in 2021                                      | 14 566 447 176        |
| <b>EURI<br/>Budget Item - 08.030103</b>                          |                       |
| Appropriations at the beginning of 2021                          | 595 437 176           |
| <b>Appropriations available in 2021</b>                          | <b>595 437 176</b>    |
| Appropriations used in 2021                                      | 65 479 075            |

### 2.2.2. *Technical assistance*

As regards the EAFRD technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, total payment appropriations in the 2021 budget included EUR 1.8 million for non-operational technical assistance, EUR 24.4 million for operational technical assistance and EUR 1.5 million for operational technical assistance financed from EURI. Out of this, EUR 1.8 million for non-operational technical assistance and EUR 17 million for operational technical assistance were consumed. No payment for the operational technical assistance financed from EURI took place in 2021.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 BUDGET

#### 3.1. Implementation of commitment appropriations

##### 3.1.1. EAFRD and EURI rural development programmes

Table 6 shows, per Member State, the allocation established by Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/399<sup>5</sup> to reflect the transfers between the pillars, as well as the amounts committed in 2021.

Table 6

| <i>Envelopes for 2021 vs. amounts committed by the end of 2021</i> |                 |                           |  |                           |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| EAFRD (2014-2022)  |                 |                           | EURI (2021-2022)                       |                           |
| Budget item: 08.030102 <i>(in EUR)</i>                             |                 |                           | Budget item: 08.030103 <i>(in EUR)</i> |                           |
| MS   | 2021 Allocation | Amounts committed in 2021 | 2021 Allocation                        | Amounts committed in 2021 |
| BE   | 101 120 350     | 101 120 350               | 14 246 948                             | 14 246 948                |
| BG   | 276 362 304     | 276 362 304               | 59 744 633                             | 59 744 633                |
| CZ   | 317 532 230     | 317 532 230               | 54 879 960                             | 54 879 960                |
| DK*  | 155 064 249     | 155 064 249               | 0                                      | 0                         |
| DE   | 1 635 145 136   | 1 635 145 136             | 209 940 765                            | 209 940 765               |
| EE   | 107 500 074     | 107 500 074               | 18 636 494                             | 18 636 494                |
| IE   | 380 591 206     | 380 591 206               | 56 130 739                             | 56 130 739                |
| GR   | 776 736 956     | 776 736 956               | 108 072 886                            | 108 072 886               |
| ES   | 1 320 014 366   | 1 320 014 366             | 212 332 550                            | 212 332 550               |
| FR   | 2 342 357 917   | 2 342 357 917             | 256 456 603                            | 256 456 603               |
| HR   | 320 884 794     | 320 884 794               | 59 666 188                             | 59 666 188                |
| IT   | 1 654 587 531   | 1 654 587 531             | 269 404 179                            | 269 404 179               |
| CY   | 29 029 670      | 29 029 670                | 3 390 542                              | 3 390 542                 |
| LV   | 143 740 636     | 143 740 636               | 24 878 226                             | 24 878 226                |
| LT   | 238 747 895     | 238 747 895               | 41 393 810                             | 41 393 810                |
| LU   | 13 190 338      | 13 190 338                | 2 606 635                              | 2 606 635                 |
| HU   | 476 870 229     | 476 870 229               | 88 267 157                             | 88 267 157                |
| MT   | 23 852 009      | 23 852 009                | 2 588 898                              | 2 588 898                 |
| NL   | 161 088 781     | 161 088 781               | 15 513 719                             | 15 513 719                |
| AT   | 635 078 708     | 635 078 708               | 101 896 221                            | 101 896 221               |
| PL   | 1 297 822 020   | 1 297 822 020             | 279 494 858                            | 279 494 858               |
| PT   | 575 185 863     | 575 185 863               | 104 599 747                            | 104 599 747               |

<sup>5</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/399 of 19 January 2021 amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the amounts of Union support for rural development in the year 2021, OJ L 79, 8.3.2021, p. 1–3

|              |                       |                       |                      |                      |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| RO           | 1 181 006 852         | 1 181 006 852         | 204 761 482          | 204 761 482          |
| SI           | 134 545 025           | 134 545 025           | 21 684 662           | 21 684 662           |
| SK           | 318 199 138           | 318 199 138           | 48 286 370           | 48 286 370           |
| FI           | 432 995 097           | 432 995 097           | 61 931 116           | 61 931 116           |
| SE           | 258 770 726           | 258 770 726           | 44 865 170           | 44 865 170           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15 308 020 100</b> | <b>15 308 020 100</b> | <b>2 365 670 558</b> | <b>2 365 670 558</b> |

\* According to Decision C(2022)464 of 21/01/2022 DK has programmed all EURI amounts in 2022.

### 3.1.2. Technical assistance

The amount of commitment appropriations for operational technical assistance in the budget 2021 was EUR 35.1 million for EAFRD 2014-2022 rural development programmes and EUR 6 million for EURI. Table 7 shows the consumption of the commitment appropriations available for operational technical assistance in 2021 which reached EUR 29.1 million. A quarter of the committed amount relates to the European Network for Rural Development and information technology. No commitments from EURI has been used in 2021. These have been automatically carried over to 2022 as external assigned revenue.

Table 7

| <b>Technical assistance – Implementation of commitment appropriations</b>        |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Budget Item: 08.030200</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(in EUR)</i></span> |                         |
| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount committed</b> |
| European Network for Rural Development   | 7 388 711               |
| Information technology   | 6 686 051               |
| Technical Advisory Platform for Financial Instruments                            | 6 200 000               |
| Corporate Communication  | 3 191 000               |
| European Innovation Partnership  | 2 880 690               |
| European Evaluation Network  | 1 508 887               |
| Audit and Controls   | 658 190                 |
| Organic agriculture database   | 480 000                 |
| Other  | 150 000                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>29 143 530</b>       |

### 3.2. Implementation of payment appropriations

#### 3.2.1. EAFRD and EURI rural development programmes

For the EAFRD programming period 2014-2022, EUR 14 566.4 million of the payment appropriations were implemented out of EUR 14 728,0 million available. For the EURI 2021-2022, EUR 65.5 million of the payment appropriations were implemented out of EUR 595.4 million foreseen. Table 8a, 8b and 8c respectively show the breakdown of payments made in 2021 by declaration period for EAFRD, for EURI and cumulated for both.

Table 8a

| <i>Payments in 2021 for <u>EAFRD 2014-2022</u> rural development programmes<br/>(in million EUR)</i> |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Pre-financing 2014-2022  | 0                     |
| Reimbursement of payment claims prior to Q4 2020   | 3 723 578             |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q4 2020  | 6 428 277 135         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q1 2021  | 2 915 035 248         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q2 2021  | 2 959 735 315         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q3 2021  | 2 259 675 901         |
| <b>Total 2021</b>  | <b>14 566 447 176</b> |

Table 8b

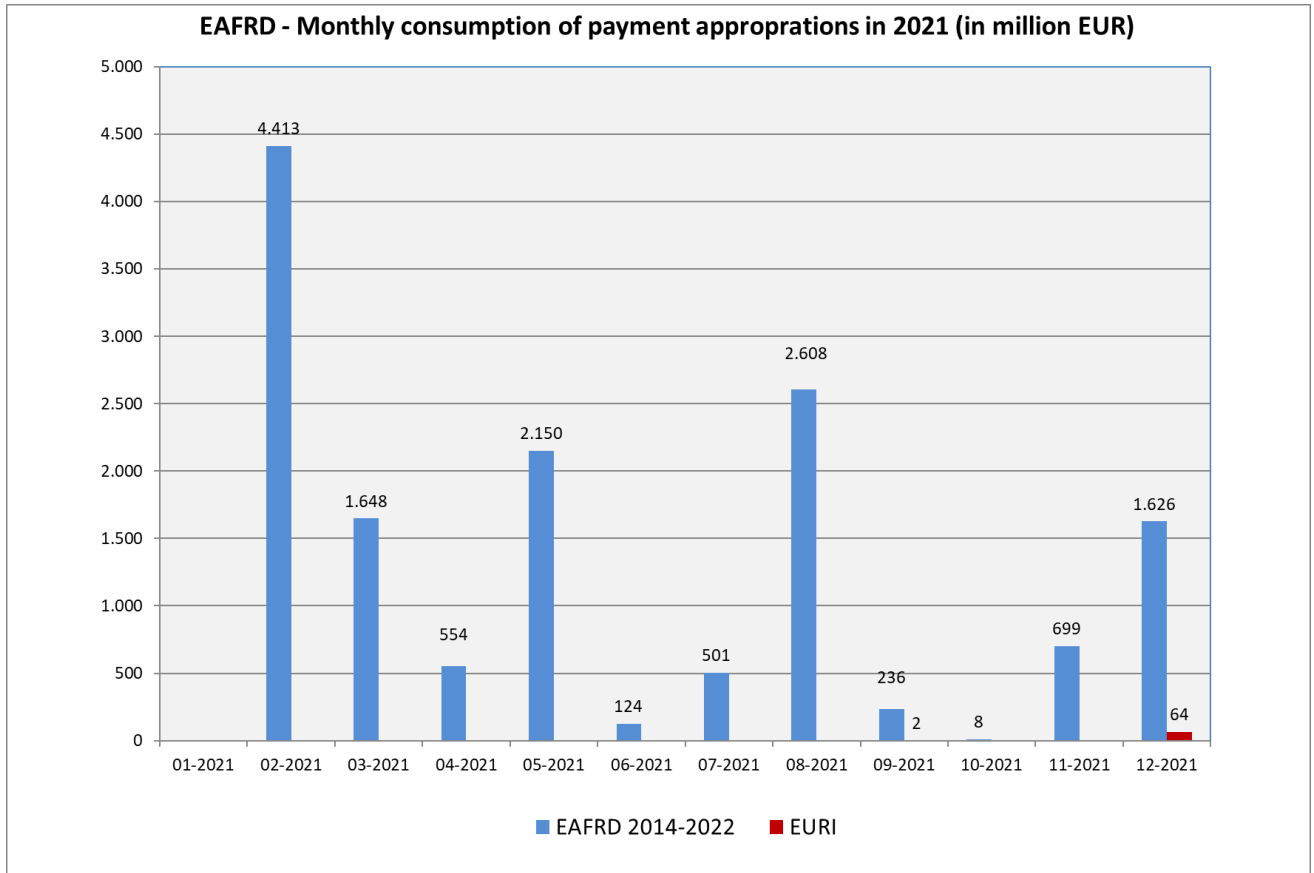
| <i>Payments in 2021 for <u>EURI 2021-2022</u> rural development programmes<br/>(in million EUR)</i> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q2 2021   | 1 595 781         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q3 2021   | 63 883 294        |
| <b>Total 2021</b>   | <b>65 479 075</b> |

Table 8c

| <i>Payments in 2021 for <u>EAFRD 2014-2022 and EURI 2021-2022</u> rural<br/>development programmes<br/>(in million EUR)</i> |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Pre-financing 2014-2022   | 0                     |
| Reimbursement of payment claims prior to Q4 2020  | 3 723 578             |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q4 2020   | 6 428 277 135         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q1 2021   | 2 915 035 248         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q2 2021   | 2 961 331 096         |
| Reimbursement of payment claims Q3 2021   | 2 323 559 195         |
| <b>Total 2021</b>   | <b>14 631 926 251</b> |

The monthly consumption of payment appropriations during the year (January to December 2021) is shown in the graph below.

Graph 1



The breakdown per Member State and per declaration period of the amounts paid by the Commission in budget year 2021 is shown in tables 9a, 9b and 9c.

Table 9a

| <b>Payments effectively made between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021</b> |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>EAFRD 2014-2022 - Budget item 08.030102</b>                     |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
| <i>(in EUR)</i>  |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
| <b>MS</b>  | <b>Pre-financing</b> | <b>Prior to Q4 2020</b> | <b>Q4 2020</b>       | <b>Q1 2021</b>       | <b>Q2 2021</b>       | <b>Q3 2021</b>       | <b>Total</b>          |
| <b>BE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 16 305 557           | 7 968 392            | 50 783 967           | 8 142 312            | <b>83 200 228</b>     |
| <b>BG</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 130 553 008          | 55 875 629           | 106 736 837          | 61 490 910           | <b>354 656 384</b>    |
| <b>CZ</b>  | 0                    | 35 831                  | 75 162 751           | 177 459 342          | 69 025 532           | 35 429 034           | <b>357 112 490</b>    |
| <b>DK</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 31 836 619           | 41 175 683           | 32 040 326           | 11 659 096           | <b>116 711 724</b>    |
| <b>DE</b>  | 0                    | 127 088                 | 615 994 801          | 350 691 286          | 243 755 103          | 143 513 248          | <b>1 354 081 524</b>  |
| <b>EE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 13 583 353           | 57 081 723           | 9 892 879            | 11 088 214           | <b>91 646 169</b>     |
| <b>IE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 159 253 565          | 24 948 321           | 36 889 388           | 122 303 208          | <b>343 394 482</b>    |
| <b>GR</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 416 823 745          | 51 138 235           | 89 353 019           | 78 498 400           | <b>635 813 400</b>    |
| <b>ES</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 485 496 869          | 143 853 124          | 354 973 522          | 165 002 677          | <b>1 149 326 192</b>  |
| <b>FR</b>  | 0                    | 2 740 258               | 1 016 670 228        | 504 045 737          | 206 694 417          | 183 025 698          | <b>1 913 176 336</b>  |
| <b>HR</b>  | 0                    | 5 448                   | 64 466 585           | 152 187 918          | 92 160 972           | 73 336 166           | <b>382 157 088</b>    |
| <b>IT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 724 325 649          | 169 929 429          | 333 376 448          | 243 258 558          | <b>1 470 890 084</b>  |
| <b>CY</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 7 725 582            | 4 703 001            | 6 836 074            | 2 989 797            | <b>22 254 455</b>     |
| <b>LV</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 53 150 277           | 32 650 476           | 20 368 857           | 17 919 094           | <b>124 088 704</b>    |
| <b>LT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 48 516 906           | 50 798 088           | 45 767 798           | 43 915 261           | <b>188 998 052</b>    |
| <b>LU</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 5 730 115            | 6 300 161            | 1 121 093            | 2 261 751            | <b>15 413 120</b>     |
| <b>HU</b>  | 0                    | 696 819                 | 182 774 809          | 97 604 281           | 171 968 297          | 123 536 976          | <b>576 581 182</b>    |
| <b>MT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 5 389 174            | 2 064 623            | 5 750 345            | 1 755 945            | <b>14 960 087</b>     |
| <b>NL</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 33 792 407           | 88 683 652           | 16 192 326           | 24 521 095           | <b>163 189 480</b>    |
| <b>AT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 316 981 284          | 49 818 363           | 139 036 804          | 74 900 711           | <b>580 737 161</b>    |
| <b>PL</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 664 660 948          | 233 808 441          | 312 027 091          | 208 520 925          | <b>1 419 017 405</b>  |
| <b>PT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 174 777 230          | 100 242 065          | 57 386 535           | 61 308 434           | <b>393 714 264</b>    |
| <b>RO</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 545 658 795          | 153 740 143          | 256 743 860          | 259 033 520          | <b>1 215 176 318</b>  |
| <b>SI</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 40 365 194           | 11 400 849           | 49 386 259           | 17 964 295           | <b>119 116 597</b>    |
| <b>SK</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 55 731 665           | 40 103 644           | 34 805 949           | 8 323 772            | <b>138 965 031</b>    |
| <b>FI</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 128 917 073          | 19 694 684           | 55 610 235           | 184 122 727          | <b>388 344 719</b>    |
| <b>SE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 229 435 016          | 29 483 906           | 40 915 639           | 19 874 454           | <b>319 709 015</b>    |
| <b>UK</b>  | 0                    | 118 134                 | 184 197 930          | 257 584 053          | 120 135 746          | 71 979 622           | <b>634 015 485</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b>             | <b>3 723 578</b>        | <b>6 428 277 135</b> | <b>2 915 035 248</b> | <b>2 959 735 315</b> | <b>2 259 675 901</b> | <b>14 566 447 176</b> |

Table 9b

| <b>Payments effectively made between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021</b> |                  |                   |                   |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>EURI</u> - Budget item 08.030103</b>                         |                  |                   | <b>(in EUR)</b>   |
| <b>MS</b>  | <b>Q2 2021</b>   | <b>Q3 2021</b>    | <b>Total</b>      |
| <b>BE</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>BG</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>CZ</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>DK</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>DE</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>EE</b>  |                  | 14 171 391        | <b>14 171 391</b> |
| <b>IE</b>  |                  | 1 258 205         | <b>1 258 205</b>  |
| <b>GR</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>ES</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>FR</b>  |                  | 1 413 035         | <b>1 413 035</b>  |
| <b>HR</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>IT</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>CY</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>LV</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>LT</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>LU</b>  | 1 595 781        | 424 686           | <b>2 020 467</b>  |
| <b>HU</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>MT</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>NL</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>AT</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>PL</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>PT</b>  |                  | 6 956 099         | <b>6 956 099</b>  |
| <b>RO</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>SI</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>SK</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>FI</b>  |                  | 39 659 878        | <b>39 659 878</b> |
| <b>SE</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>UK</b>  |                  |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1 595 781</b> | <b>63 883 294</b> | <b>65 479 075</b> |



Table 9c

| <b>Payments effectively made between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021</b>             |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>EAFRD 2014-2022 and EURI 2021-2022 Budget items 08.030102 and 08.030103</b> |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |                      | <i>(in EUR)</i>       |
| <b>MS</b>  | <b>Pre-financing</b> | <b>Prior to Q4 2020</b> | <b>Q4 2020</b>       | <b>Q1 2021</b>       | <b>Q2 2021</b>       | <b>Q3 2021</b>       | <b>Total</b>          |
| <b>BE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 16 305 557           | 7 968 392            | 50 783 967           | 8 142 312            | <b>83 200 228</b>     |
| <b>BG</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 130 553 008          | 55 875 629           | 106 736 837          | 61 490 910           | <b>354 656 384</b>    |
| <b>CZ</b>  | 0                    | 35 831                  | 75 162 751           | 177 459 342          | 69 025 532           | 35 429 034           | <b>357 112 490</b>    |
| <b>DK</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 31 836 619           | 41 175 683           | 32 040 326           | 11 659 096           | <b>116 711 724</b>    |
| <b>DE</b>  | 0                    | 127 088                 | 615 994 801          | 350 691 286          | 243 755 103          | 143 513 248          | <b>1 354 081 524</b>  |
| <b>EE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 13 583 353           | 57 081 723           | 9 892 879            | 25 259 605           | <b>105 817 560</b>    |
| <b>IE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 159 253 565          | 24 948 321           | 36 889 388           | 123 561 414          | <b>344 652 688</b>    |
| <b>GR</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 416 823 745          | 51 138 235           | 89 353 019           | 78 498 400           | <b>635 813 400</b>    |
| <b>ES</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 485 496 869          | 143 853 124          | 354 973 522          | 165 002 677          | <b>1 149 326 192</b>  |
| <b>FR</b>  | 0                    | 2 740 258               | 1 016 670 228        | 504 045 737          | 206 694 417          | 184 438 733          | <b>1 914 589 372</b>  |
| <b>HR</b>  | 0                    | 5 448                   | 64 466 585           | 152 187 918          | 92 160 972           | 73 336 166           | <b>382 157 088</b>    |
| <b>IT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 724 325 649          | 169 929 429          | 333 376 448          | 243 258 558          | <b>1 470 890 084</b>  |
| <b>CY</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 7 725 582            | 4 703 001            | 6 836 074            | 2 989 797            | <b>22 254 455</b>     |
| <b>LV</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 53 150 277           | 32 650 476           | 20 368 857           | 17 919 094           | <b>124 088 704</b>    |
| <b>LT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 48 516 906           | 50 798 088           | 45 767 798           | 43 915 261           | <b>188 998 052</b>    |
| <b>LU</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 5 730 115            | 6 300 161            | 2 716 873            | 2 686 437            | <b>17 433 587</b>     |
| <b>HU</b>  | 0                    | 696 819                 | 182 774 809          | 97 604 281           | 171 968 297          | 123 536 976          | <b>576 581 182</b>    |
| <b>MT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 5 389 174            | 2 064 623            | 5 750 345            | 1 755 945            | <b>14 960 087</b>     |
| <b>NL</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 33 792 407           | 88 683 652           | 16 192 326           | 24 521 095           | <b>163 189 480</b>    |
| <b>AT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 316 981 284          | 49 818 363           | 139 036 804          | 74 900 711           | <b>580 737 161</b>    |
| <b>PL</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 664 660 948          | 233 808 441          | 312 027 091          | 208 520 925          | <b>1 419 017 405</b>  |
| <b>PT</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 174 777 230          | 100 242 065          | 57 386 535           | 68 264 533           | <b>400 670 363</b>    |
| <b>RO</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 545 658 795          | 153 740 143          | 256 743 860          | 259 033 520          | <b>1 215 176 318</b>  |
| <b>SI</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 40 365 194           | 11 400 849           | 49 386 259           | 17 964 295           | <b>119 116 597</b>    |
| <b>SK</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 55 731 665           | 40 103 644           | 34 805 949           | 8 323 772            | <b>138 965 031</b>    |
| <b>FI</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 128 917 073          | 19 694 684           | 55 610 235           | 223 782 605          | <b>428 004 597</b>    |
| <b>SE</b>  | 0                    | 0                       | 229 435 016          | 29 483 906           | 40 915 639           | 19 874 454           | <b>319 709 015</b>    |
| <b>UK</b>  | 0                    | 118 134                 | 184 197 930          | 257 584 053          | 120 135 746          | 71 979 622           | <b>634 015 485</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b>             | <b>3 723 578</b>        | <b>6 428 277 135</b> | <b>2 915 035 248</b> | <b>2 961 331 096</b> | <b>2 323 559 195</b> | <b>14 631 926 251</b> |

Table 10 compares, for each Member State, the EAFRD 2014-2022 payments made in 2021 with the payments made in 2020. Overall, the payments slightly decreased by 0.02% compared to year 2020 (EUR 14.566 billion vs. EUR 14.569 billion).

Table 10

| Payments made to Member States - Comparison 2021 vs 2020 - <u>EAFRD 2014-2022</u> <span style="float: right;">(in EUR)</span> |                       |               |                       |                       |               |                       |                          |               |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| MS  | 2020                  |               |                       | 2021                  |               |                       | Difference 2021 vs. 2020 |               |
|   | Interim payments      | Pre-financing | Total                 | Interim payments      | Pre-financing | Total                 | (in €)                   | (in %)        |
| BE  | 88 584 037            | 0             | 88 584 037            | 83 200 228            | 0             | 83 200 228            | -5 383 809               | -6.08%        |
| BG  | 303 027 096           | 0             | 303 027 096           | 354 656 384           | 0             | 354 656 384           | 51 629 288               | 17.04%        |
| CZ  | 404 124 382           | 0             | 404 124 382           | 357 112 490           | 0             | 357 112 490           | -47 011 892              | -11.63%       |
| DK  | 95 833 669            | 0             | 95 833 669            | 116 711 724           | 0             | 116 711 724           | 20 878 055               | 21.79%        |
| DE  | 1 356 476 457         | 0             | 1 356 476 457         | 1 354 081 524         | 0             | 1 354 081 524         | -2 394 933               | -0.18%        |
| EE  | 101 341 372           | 0             | 101 341 372           | 91 646 169            | 0             | 91 646 169            | -9 695 202               | -9.57%        |
| IE  | 333 834 915           | 0             | 333 834 915           | 343 394 482           | 0             | 343 394 482           | 9 559 567                | 2.86%         |
| GR  | 528 268 504           | 0             | 528 268 504           | 635 813 400           | 0             | 635 813 400           | 107 544 896              | 20.36%        |
| ES  | 1 221 601 180         | 0             | 1 221 601 180         | 1 149 326 192         | 0             | 1 149 326 192         | -72 274 988              | -5.92%        |
| FR  | 1 934 227 583         | 0             | 1 934 227 583         | 1 913 176 336         | 0             | 1 913 176 336         | -21 051 246              | -1.09%        |
| HR  | 359 224 921           | 0             | 359 224 921           | 382 157 088           | 0             | 382 157 088           | 22 932 168               | 6.38%         |
| IT  | 1 526 134 448         | 0             | 1 526 134 448         | 1 470 890 084         | 0             | 1 470 890 084         | -55 244 363              | -3.62%        |
| CY  | 22 041 064            | 0             | 22 041 064            | 22 254 455            | 0             | 22 254 455            | 213 391                  | 0.97%         |
| LV  | 149 973 725           | 0             | 149 973 725           | 124 088 704           | 0             | 124 088 704           | -25 885 021              | -17.26%       |
| LT  | 189 905 805           | 0             | 189 905 805           | 188 998 052           | 0             | 188 998 052           | -907 753                 | -0.48%        |
| LU  | 14 153 119            | 0             | 14 153 119            | 15 413 120            | 0             | 15 413 120            | 1 260 000                | 8.90%         |
| HU  | 565 477 931           | 0             | 565 477 931           | 576 581 182           | 0             | 576 581 182           | 11 103 251               | 1.96%         |
| MT  | 18 058 042            | 0             | 18 058 042            | 14 960 087            | 0             | 14 960 087            | -3 097 954               | -17.16%       |
| NL  | 129 324 063           | 0             | 129 324 063           | 163 189 480           | 0             | 163 189 480           | 33 865 417               | 26.19%        |
| AT  | 573 115 163           | 0             | 573 115 163           | 580 737 161           | 0             | 580 737 161           | 7 621 998                | 1.33%         |
| PL  | 1 206 122 592         | 0             | 1 206 122 592         | 1 419 017 405         | 0             | 1 419 017 405         | 212 894 812              | 17.65%        |
| PT  | 579 760 866           | 0             | 579 760 866           | 393 714 264           | 0             | 393 714 264           | -186 046 602             | -32.09%       |
| RO  | 1 151 121 193         | 0             | 1 151 121 193         | 1 215 176 318         | 0             | 1 215 176 318         | 64 055 125               | 5.56%         |
| SI  | 125 726 538           | 0             | 125 726 538           | 119 116 597           | 0             | 119 116 597           | -6 609 940               | -5.26%        |
| SK  | 193 701 890           | 0             | 193 701 890           | 138 965 031           | 0             | 138 965 031           | -54 736 859              | -28.26%       |
| FI  | 305 132 363           | 0             | 305 132 363           | 388 344 719           | 0             | 388 344 719           | 83 212 357               | 27.27%        |
| SE  | 326 138 276           | 0             | 326 138 276           | 319 709 015           | 0             | 319 709 015           | -6 429 261               | -1.97%        |
| UK  | 767 049 393           | 0             | 767 049 393           | 634 015 485           | 0             | 634 015 485           | -133 033 908             | -17.34%       |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>14 569 480 584</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>14 569 480 584</b> | <b>14 566 447 176</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>14 566 447 176</b> | <b>-3 033 408</b>        | <b>-0.02%</b> |

### 3.2.2. *Technical assistance*

The amount of payment appropriations available in budget year 2021 for the operational technical assistance was EUR 24.4 million and EUR 1.5 million for EURI. The final implementation amounted to EUR 17.0 million. No EURI payment appropriations have been consumed in 2021.

Table 11 hereafter presents the payments grouped by main activities. The most important part relates to information technology and the European Network for Rural Development.

Table 11

| <b><i>Technical assistance – Implementation of payment appropriations</i></b>               |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Budget Item: 08.030200, 08.039902</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(in EUR)</i></span> |                    |
| <b>Description</b>  | <b>Amount paid</b> |
| Information technology*   | 4 591 250          |
| European Network for Rural Development  | 4 514 777          |
| Technical Advisory Platform for Financial Instruments                                       | 2 449 751          |
| European Innovation Partnership   | 1 891 751          |
| European Evaluation Network   | 1 453 872          |
| Corporate Communication   | 696 550            |
| Organic agriculture database  | 577 167            |
| Audit and Controls  | 517 946            |
| European Solidarity Corps   | 259 375            |
| Other   | 75 234             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>17 027 673</b>  |

\* Including BCO (Broadband Competence Offices)

### **3.3. Analysis of expenditure declared by measure**

Tables 12a, 12b and 12c show respectively for EAFRD, EURI and cumulated for both, the payment claims declared by measure in 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021), the cumulative declared expenditure from the beginning of the programming period and also the financial plans of 2014-2022 EAFRD and 2021-2022 EURI programmes.

The expenditure for EAFRD 2014-2022 in 2021 was concentrated mainly in Measure 04 (Investments in physical assets), in Measure 13 (Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints) and in Measure 10 (Agri-environment-climate). The expenditure for EURI 2021-2022 in 2021 was concentrated mainly in Measure 11 (Organic farming) and Measure 4 (Investments in physical assets).

Table 12a

| <b>EAFRD declared expenditure 2021 (Q4 2020-Q3 2021) &amp; Total cumulative expenditure (Q4 2014 to Q3 2021)</b> |   |   |               |   |               |                                  |               |
|--|---|---|---------------|---|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>compared with Financial Plans</b>   |   |   |               |   |               |                                  |               |
|  |   | <b>Declared expenditure 2021<br/>(Q4 2020 to Q3 2021)</b> |               | <b>Cumulative declared<br/>expenditure (Q4 2014 to<br/>Q3 2021)</b> |               | <b>Financial Plans 2014-2022</b> |               |
| <b>EAFRD Measure</b>   |   | <b>(million €)</b>  | <b>(%)</b>    | <b>(million €)</b>  | <b>(%)</b>    | <b>(million €)</b>               | <b>(%)</b>    |
| Measure 01   | Knowledge transfer and information actions  | 87.1  | 0.6%          | 433.7   | 0.6%          | 1 047.8                          | 0.8%          |
| Measure 02   | Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services   | 56.8  | 0.4%          | 180.8   | 0.2%          | 566.1                            | 0.4%          |
| Measure 03   | Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs  | 36.2  | 0.2%          | 176.8   | 0.2%          | 461.8                            | 0.4%          |
| Measure 04   | Investments in physical assets  | 2 917.6   | 20.0%         | 13 921.7  | 18.2%         | 28 572.0                         | 22.4%         |
| Measure 05   | Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions                                 | 79.9  | 0.5%          | 390.0   | 0.5%          | 1 008.3                          | 0.8%          |
| Measure 06   | Farm and business development   | 959.2   | 6.6%          | 4 734.8   | 6.2%          | 8 368.1                          | 6.6%          |
| Measure 07   | Basic services and village renewal in rural areas   | 906.3   | 6.2%          | 4 309.6   | 5.6%          | 7 987.4                          | 6.3%          |
| Measure 08   | Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests  | 408.3   | 2.8%          | 2 243.8   | 2.9%          | 4 735.5                          | 3.7%          |
| Measure 09   | Setting-up of producer groups and organisations   | 38.2  | 0.3%          | 143.4   | 0.2%          | 310.6                            | 0.2%          |
| Measure 10   | Agri-environment-climate  | 2 352.7   | 16.1%         | 14 758.4  | 19.3%         | 20 558.6                         | 16.1%         |
| Measure 11   | Organic farming   | 1 177.7   | 8.1%          | 6 698.9   | 8.8%          | 10 414.3                         | 8.2%          |
| Measure 12   | Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments  | 111.4   | 0.8%          | 540.1   | 0.7%          | 781.4                            | 0.6%          |
| Measure 13   | Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints  | 2 707.5   | 18.5%         | 17 464.7  | 22.9%         | 22 885.0                         | 17.9%         |
| Measure 14   | Animal Welfare  | 333.1   | 2.3%          | 1 804.3   | 2.4%          | 2 596.3                          | 2.0%          |
| Measure 15   | Forest environmental and climate services and forest conservation   | 40.7  | 0.3%          | 124.7   | 0.2%          | 273.4                            | 0.2%          |
| Measure 16   | Co-operation  | 200.8   | 1.4%          | 607.9   | 0.8%          | 1 905.0                          | 1.5%          |
| Measure 17   | Risk management   | 315.3   | 2.2%          | 1 535.8   | 2.0%          | 2 565.2                          | 2.0%          |
| Measure 18   | Financing of complementary national direct payments for Croatia   | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 108.1   | 0.1%          | 108.2                            | 0.1%          |
| Measure 19   | Support for LEADER local development — community-led local development (CLLD)   | 906.9   | 6.2%          | 3 677.3   | 4.8%          | 8 486.1                          | 6.6%          |
| Measure 20   | Technical assistance Member States  | 333.5   | 2.3%          | 1 434.3   | 1.9%          | 2 870.7                          | 2.2%          |
| Measure 21   | Exceptional temporary relief to farmers and SMEs active in processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis (art 39b) | 616.3   | 4.2%          | 616.3   | 0.8%          | 711.4                            | 0.6%          |
| Measure 113  | Early retirement  | 13.4  | 0.1%          | 442.0   | 0.6%          | 480.4                            | 0.4%          |
| Measure 131  | Meeting standards based on Community legislation  | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 341  | Skills acquisition, animation and implementation  | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.5   | 0.0%          | 0.6                              | 0.0%          |
| <b>Grand total</b>   |   | <b>14 598.7</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>76 348.0</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>127 694.3</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b> |

\*Member States declare their expenditure quarterly. However, for year n, Q4 declarations are submitted in January of year n+1. Consequently, the corresponding reimbursements by the Commission to the Member States in year n go from Q4 of year n-1 until Q3 of year n.

Table 12b

| <b>EURI declared expenditure 2021 (Q4 2020-Q3 2021)</b> |   |   |               |                                  |               |
|---|---|---|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>compared with Financial Plans</b>                    |   |   |               |                                  |               |
|   |   | <b>Declared expenditure 2021<br/>(Q4 2020 to Q3 2021)</b> |               | <b>Financial Plans 2021-2022</b> |               |
| <b>EAFRD Measure</b>                                    |   | <b>(million €)</b>  | <b>(%)</b>    | <b>(million €)</b>               | <b>(%)</b>    |
| Measure 01  | Knowledge transfer and information actions  | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 1.7                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 02  | Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services   |   | 0.0%          | 6.3                              | 0.1%          |
| Measure 03  | Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs  |   | 0.0%          | 5.6                              | 0.1%          |
| Measure 04  | Investments in physical assets  | 11.7  | 17.8%         | 2 677.7                          | 33.3%         |
| Measure 05  | Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions                                 |   | 0.0%          | 1.1                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 06  | Farm and business development   | 4.9   | 7.5%          | 1 018.6                          | 12.7%         |
| Measure 07  | Basic services and village renewal in rural areas   |   | 0.0%          | 863.2                            | 10.7%         |
| Measure 08  | Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests  |   | 0.0%          | 191.1                            | 2.4%          |
| Measure 09  | Setting-up of producer groups and organisations   |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 10  | Agri-environment-climate  | 7.2   | 11.1%         | 787.7                            | 9.8%          |
| Measure 11  | Organic farming   | 41.0  | 62.6%         | 1 251.4                          | 15.5%         |
| Measure 12  | Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments  |   | 0.0%          | 75.1                             | 0.9%          |
| Measure 13  | Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints  |   | 0.0%          | 630.5                            | 7.8%          |
| Measure 14  | Animal Welfare  |   | 0.0%          | 121.4                            | 1.5%          |
| Measure 15  | Forest environmental and climate services and forest conservation   |   | 0.0%          | 6.5                              | 0.1%          |
| Measure 16  | Co-operation  | 0.1   | 0.2%          | 186.0                            | 2.3%          |
| Measure 17  | Risk management   |   | 0.0%          | 9.5                              | 0.1%          |
| Measure 18  | Financing of complementary national direct payments for Croatia   |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 19  | Support for LEADER local development — community-led local development (CLLD)   |   | 0.0%          | 101.7                            | 1.3%          |
| Measure 20  | Technical assistance Member States  | 0.6   | 0.9%          | 115.3                            | 1.4%          |
| Measure 21  | Exceptional temporary relief to farmers and SMEs active in processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis (art 39b) |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 113   | Early retirement  |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 131   | Meeting standards based on Community legislation  |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 341   | Skills acquisition, animation and implementation  |   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| <b>Grand total</b>                                      |   | <b>65.5</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>8 050.3</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b> |

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Table 12c

| <b>EAFRD and EURI declared expenditure 2021 (Q4 2020-Q3 2021)</b> |   |   |               |   |               |                                  |               |
|---|---|---|---------------|---|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>compared with Financial Plans</b>                              |   |   |               |   |               |                                  |               |
|   |   | <b>Declared expenditure 2021 (Q4 2020 to Q3 2021)</b> |               | <b>Cumulative declared expenditure (Q4 2014 to Q3 2021)</b> |               | <b>Financial Plans 2014-2022</b> |               |
| <b>EAFRD Measure</b>  |   | <b>(million €)</b>                                    | <b>(%)</b>    | <b>(million €)</b>  | <b>(%)</b>    | <b>(million €)</b>               | <b>(%)</b>    |
| Measure 01  | Knowledge transfer and information actions  | 87.1  | 0.6%          | 433.7   | 0.6%          | 1 049.5                          | 0.8%          |
| Measure 02  | Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services   | 56.8  | 0.4%          | 180.8   | 0.2%          | 572.4                            | 0.4%          |
| Measure 03  | Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs  | 36.2  | 0.2%          | 176.8   | 0.2%          | 467.4                            | 0.3%          |
| Measure 04  | Investments in physical assets  | 2 929.3   | 20.0%         | 13 933.4  | 18.2%         | 31 249.6                         | 23.0%         |
| Measure 05  | Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions                                 | 79.9  | 0.5%          | 390.0   | 0.5%          | 1 009.4                          | 0.7%          |
| Measure 06  | Farm and business development   | 964.1   | 6.6%          | 4 739.7   | 6.2%          | 9 386.7                          | 6.9%          |
| Measure 07  | Basic services and village renewal in rural areas   | 906.3   | 6.2%          | 4 309.6   | 5.6%          | 8 850.7                          | 6.5%          |
| Measure 08  | Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests  | 408.3   | 2.8%          | 2 243.8   | 2.9%          | 4 926.6                          | 3.6%          |
| Measure 09  | Setting-up of producer groups and organisations   | 38.2  | 0.3%          | 143.4   | 0.2%          | 310.6                            | 0.2%          |
| Measure 10  | Agri-environment-climate  | 2 359.9   | 16.1%         | 14 765.6  | 19.3%         | 21 346.4                         | 15.7%         |
| Measure 11  | Organic farming   | 1 218.6   | 8.3%          | 6 739.9   | 8.8%          | 11 665.6                         | 8.6%          |
| Measure 12  | Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments  | 111.4   | 0.8%          | 540.1   | 0.7%          | 856.5                            | 0.6%          |
| Measure 13  | Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints  | 2 707.5   | 18.5%         | 17 464.7  | 22.9%         | 23 515.5                         | 17.3%         |
| Measure 14  | Animal Welfare  | 333.1   | 2.3%          | 1 804.3   | 2.4%          | 2 717.7                          | 2.0%          |
| Measure 15  | Forest environmental and climate services and forest conservation   | 40.7  | 0.3%          | 124.7   | 0.2%          | 279.9                            | 0.2%          |
| Measure 16  | Co-operation  | 200.9   | 1.4%          | 608.0   | 0.8%          | 2 091.0                          | 1.5%          |
| Measure 17  | Risk management   | 315.3   | 2.1%          | 1 535.8   | 2.0%          | 2 574.7                          | 1.9%          |
| Measure 18  | Financing of complementary national direct payments for Croatia   | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 108.1   | 0.1%          | 108.2                            | 0.1%          |
| Measure 19  | Support for LEADER local development — community-led local development (CLLD)   | 906.9   | 6.2%          | 3 677.3   | 4.8%          | 8 587.8                          | 6.3%          |
| Measure 20  | Technical assistance Member States  | 334.0   | 2.3%          | 1 434.8   | 1.9%          | 2 986.0                          | 2.2%          |
| Measure 21  | Exceptional temporary relief to farmers and SMEs active in processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis (art 39b) | 616.3   | 4.2%          | 616.3   | 0.8%          | 711.4                            | 0.5%          |
| Measure 113   | Early retirement  | 13.4  | 0.1%          | 442.0   | 0.6%          | 480.4                            | 0.4%          |
| Measure 131   | Meeting standards based on Community legislation  | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.0                              | 0.0%          |
| Measure 341   | Skills acquisition, animation and implementation  | 0.0   | 0.0%          | 0.5   | 0.0%          | 0.6                              | 0.0%          |
| <b>Grand total</b>  |   | <b>14 664.2</b>                                       | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>76 413.5</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>135 744.7</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b> |

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### **3.4. Implementation of EAFRD and EURI programmes**

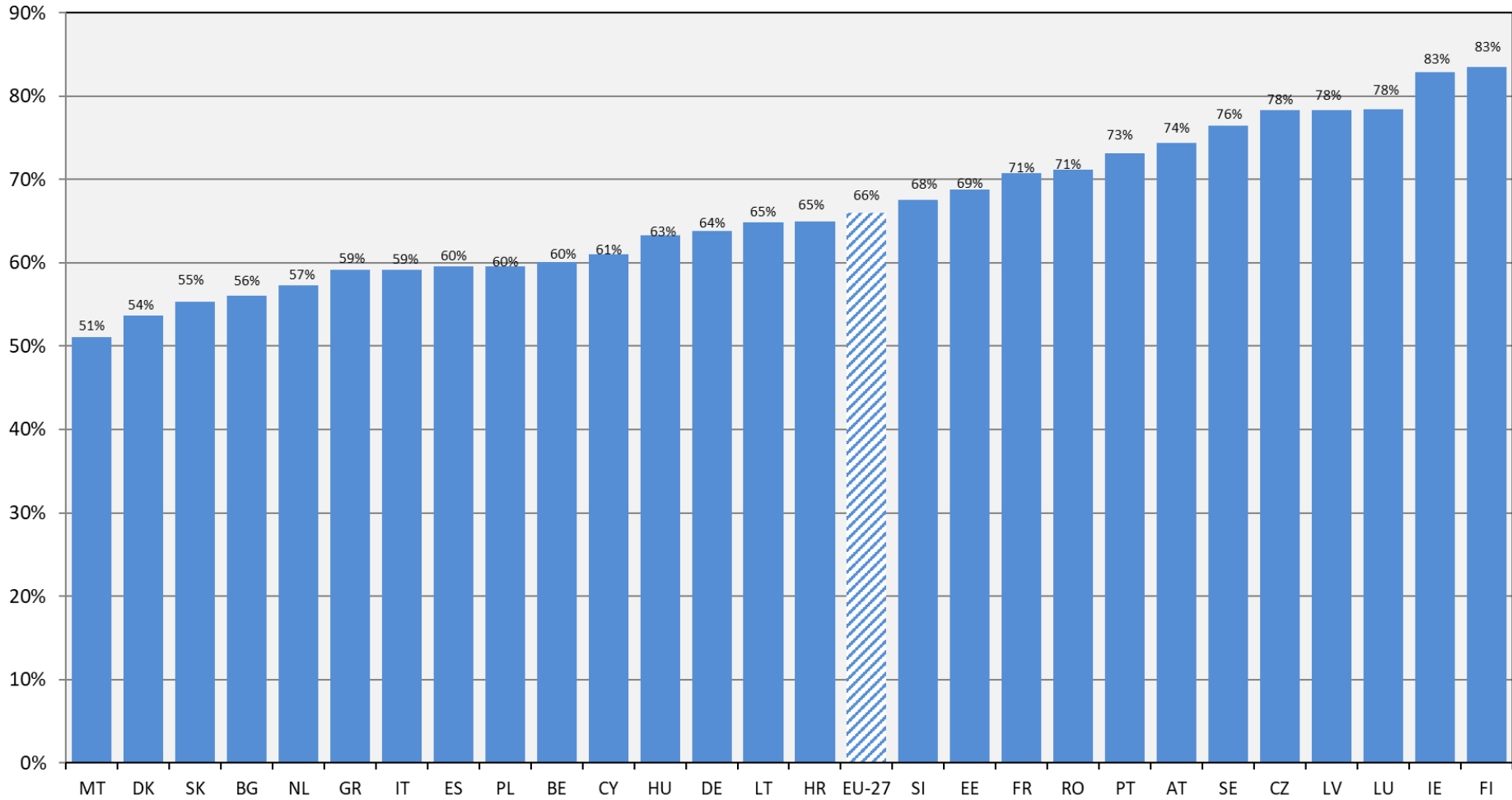
Graphs 2a, 2b and 2c present respectively for EAFRD, EURI and cumulated for both, the absorption rate of rural development programmes 2014-2022 per Member State: payments from the beginning of the programming period including payments made for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 that are reimbursed in financial year 2022 compared to the total 2014-2022 allocation.

There were no new de-commitments done in 2021. The total amount of decommitment since the beginning of the programming period 2014-2020 equals EUR 16.5 million.

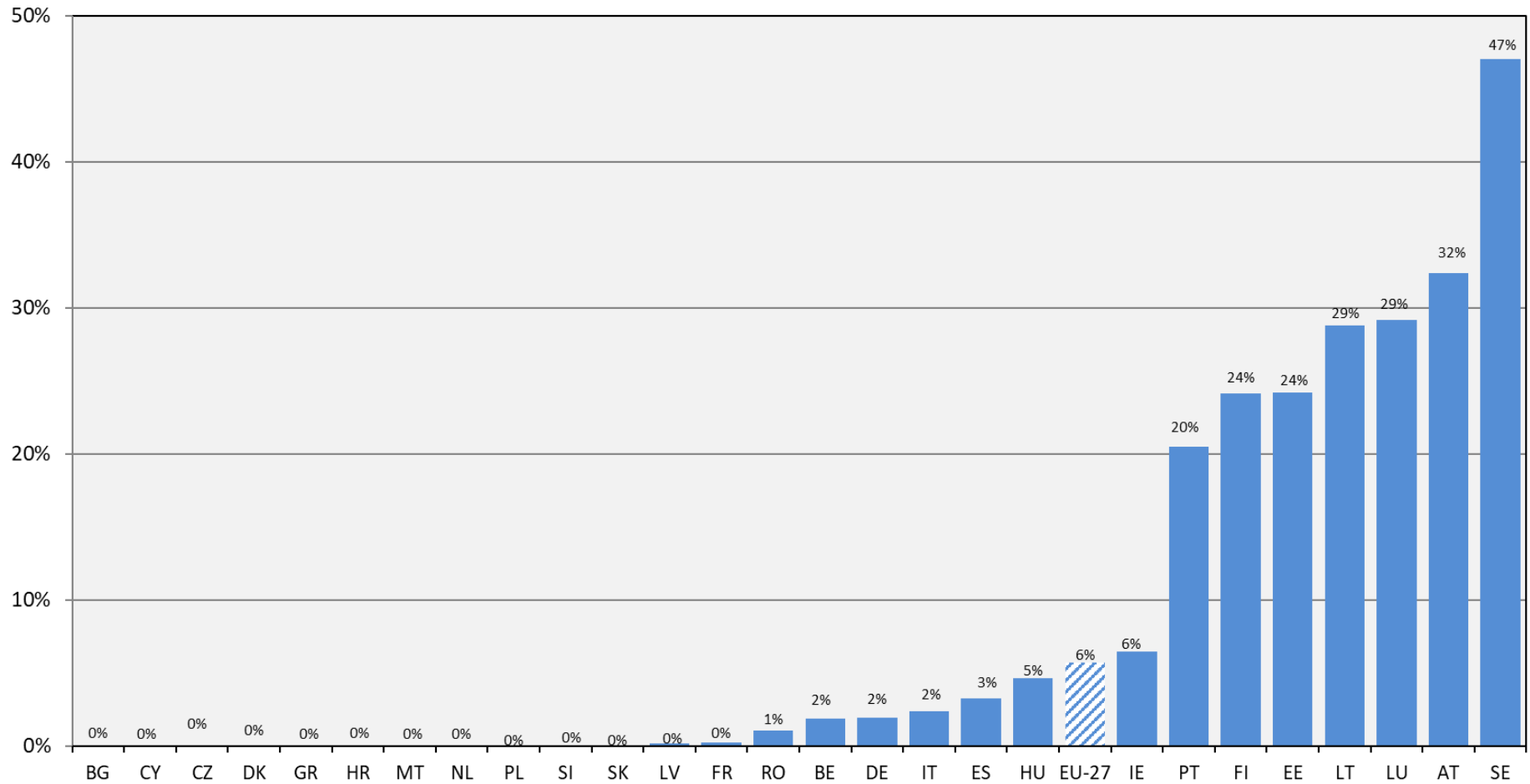
Overall, the implementation of the EAFRD 2014-2022 rural development programmes reached by end 2021 on average an absorption rate of 66%. Programmes are generally well on track in terms of implementation, with the variation in the averages per Member State illustrated in the graphs below.



**Graph 2a - Absorption rate of EAFRD 2014-2022 by Member State**  
 (% of the EAFRD payments including payment claims Q4' 2021 compared to 2014-2022 allocations)



**Graph 2b - Absorption rate of EURI 2021-2022 Rural development measures by Member State  
(% of the EURI payments including payment claims Q4'2021 compared to 2021-2022 allocations)**



**Graph 2c - Absorption rate of EAFRD and EURI Rural development measures by Member State**  
 (% of the EAFRD and EURI payments including payment claims Q4'2021 compared to 2014-2022 allocations)

