



## **01** I GENERAL INFORMATION



GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

28 748 km²



RURAL POPULATION **964 791**33.9% of the total population



AGRICULTURAL AREA **1 174 081 ha**24 2%



AGRICULTURE EMPLOYMENT IN TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

**461 000** 37.1%



AGRI SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL GDP

19.12%



AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTION TO GREENHOUSE GASES EMISSION

**23.1%** (2016)



AVERAGE FARM SIZE

1.04 ha



AGRICULTURE AREA UNDER ORGANIC FARMING

**622 16 ha** 



NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

321 462







## 02 EXAMPLES OF THE MAIN CHALLENGES IN ALBANIA

- Low level of technology and equipment used by an average farmer, insufficient storage facilities, low level of knowledge about modern agriculture techniques and processing, and low quality plant varieties and breeds;
- Small and fragmented farm sizes, high informality and often still unclear land ownership situation in the agricultural sector are unfavourable conditions for investment in diversification;
- Degradation of agricultural land and soil erosion in some parts of the country due to inadequate farming techniques, non-application of crop rotation, low and unbalanced use of organic and mineral fertilizers, ineffective measures for plant protection;
- Increased pollution due to intensification of agriculture, industrial activities, transport and tourism;

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Depopulation of rural areas and declining labour force (particularly, among young, women and economically active population) along with high unemployment rate due to the lower educational level:



- Limited internal financial resources to support investments in quality and new technologies (difficult access to credit /high cost of credit) in rural areas;
- Underdeveloped rural infrastructure, roads, communication lines, business services.





# O3 | SOME OF THE EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS & TARGETS

#### **NUMBER OF:**

Farms and agri-food processing enterprises supported by IPARD in modernization:

930

Jobs created:

2180

Young farmers receiving IPARD support for investment:

160

IPARD recipients with support in investments related to care for the environment or climate change:

42

IPARD recipients with support in investments in renewable energy production:

65

Producer organisations supported:

268

Recipients of IPARD investment support in rural diversification and business development:

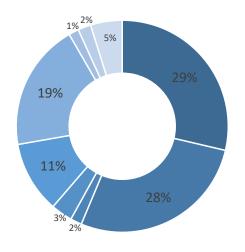
250

Population covered by LEADER Local Action Groups:

300 000

## 04 | PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE

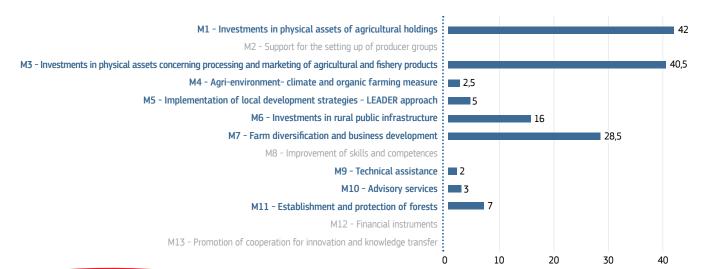
The following charts show the indicative planned total public expenditure per measure (comprising the EU support and the national contribution). The measures illustrated in the charts are the complete list of measures selected within the IPARD programme based on the analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), which led to identifying the needs to be addressed by the IPARD III programme.



# PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE % IN THE TOTAL BUDGET

- M1 Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings (29%)
- M3 Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products (28%)
- M4 Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure (2%)
- M5 Implementation of local development strategies LEADER approach (3%)
- M6 Investments in rural public infrastructure (11%)
- M7 Farm diversification and business development (19%)
- M9 Technical assistance (1%)
- M10 Advisory services (2%)
- M11 Establishment and protection of forests (5%)

### PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE - IN MILLION €



<sup>\*</sup> measures in grey are not included in IPARD III programme of Albania

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