



Facts & Figures



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Budget for advisory

10,767,257.00¹ €



Number of farms

51,157²

A brief history of national/regional farm advisory policies

Farm Advisory Services are treated as devolved policy matters and as such, all 4 countries that make up the UK (Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales) have their own rural development program setting their own priorities. This also means there is no overarching national policy concerning rural policy or FAS.

In Scotland, the Scottish Rural Development Program (SRDP) which is responsible for national advisory

policies is funded by both the Scottish Government and EU funds. The SRDP is administered through the 'One to One' program delivered by Ricardo Energy & Environment, and the 'One to Many' program led by SAC Consultancy. Whilst Brexit continues to provide a source of uncertainty for the agricultural sector in the UK, the current RDPs in England and Scotland are set to continue until the end of 2020.

Key objectives of current Regional farm advisory policies

In Scotland, the key aim of the SRDP is to *"provide information and resources aimed at increasing the profitability and sustainability of farms and crofts."* Scottish FAS is delivered by SAC Consultancy delivering the "One to Many" Program and Ricardo Energy &

Environment, delivering the "One to One" Program. All farmers have access to advice regardless of farm size or type with a designated service for crofts and small farms.

¹ Budgetary figure from Scottish Government (06 Mar 2018) Approved SRDP 2014-2020 Programme. Available at www.gov.scot/publications/srdp-programme-document-march-2018/ [Accessed 06 Jan 2020].

² Farm statistics for 2018, available from 'Agricultural Facts and Figures: 2019' published by Scottish Government (11 Jun 2019). Available at: www.gov.scot/publications/agriculture-facts-figures-2019/pages/3/ [Accessed on 06 Jan 2020].

Overview of advisory public policies and of their impact on regimes

The table below showcases the main advisory policy tools and their impacts on the advisory regimes in the region/country of study. Agrilink partners identified the most relevant policy tools as well as their funding, competent authority in charge

and type of instrument. The effects of the policy tools in the advisory regime of the regions/country are described in terms of boundaries, identities, attributes, financing and control.

	Main national policy tools	Policy tools linked to EU policies	
What?	<p>Scottish Rural Development Program (SRDP)</p>	<p>One to One Program</p>	<p>One to Many Program</p>
How?	<p>Funding: Scottish Government & EU funds Authority: Scottish Government – contracted to SAC Consultancy & Ricardo Energy & Environment (both organisations bid for the contract 2016-2020). Two programs: 'One to One' Program led by Ricardo Energy & Environment and 'One to Many' Program led by SAC Consultancy.</p>	<p>Offering one-to-one advice on: Carbon audits Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMPS) Mentoring for new entrants Specialist advice</p>	<p>Advice telephone service, podcasts, online publications and toolkits and workshops and events throughout the year delivering advice on: Cross compliance Water Framework Directive Climate change A specialist crofter and small farm service is also offered.</p>
Impact	<p>Programs designed to reach all farmers in all areas, with a dedicated small farm and crofter service. There is also a special advisor training service to allow accredited advisors delivering EU-FAS to receive latest information.</p>	<p>Grants available to cover up to 80% of the costs, and small farm and crofter discount for the same application on their farms. ILMPS are the most popular advisory tool as these encompass the whole farm. Advisors have their own advisor newsletter to be kept up to date on latest developments. Regular reporting and feedback from all services to both Scottish Government and EU. Training provided for advisors delivering EU-FAS.</p>	<p>High participation at events and workshops organized by SAC Consultancy. Oversubscription at many events. Regular reporting and feedback from all events & services to both Scottish Government and EU.</p>

