

**Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020**
**Opportunities under the Socio Economic Measures**

| <b>Measure / Sub Measure</b> | <b>Scheme or Fund</b>                    | <b>Brief Description</b>  | <b>Indicative Allocation</b> | <b>Examples</b>  |
|------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1                            | Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Scheme | Knowledge transfer and information actions  | £50,000,000                  | Farming Connect Initiative for farm business training and mentoring; Forestry skills training; Food Business KT support; Community Grown Food Initiative     |
| 2                            | Rural Business Advisory Scheme           | Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services   | £12,165,475                  | Farming Connect Initiative for farm business and technical advice; food businesses technical advice; rural businesses advice                                 |
| 4.1                          | Sustainable Production Grant Scheme      | Support for investments in agricultural holdings  | £64,000,000                  | Capital investments by agricultural businesses and commercial beekeepers   |
| 4.2                          | Food Business Investment Scheme          | Support for investments in processing/marketing and/or development of agricultural products                               | £40,000,000                  | Capital investments by food processing businesses using raw and/or first stage processed agricultural products   |
| 4.3                          | Farm and Forestry Infrastructure Scheme  | Support for investments in infrastructure related to development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry | £5,500,000                   | Strategic roads (more than one business); national grid connections (to support several installations); water conservation and management; land improvements |
| 6.1                          | Young Farmer's Start up Scheme           | Business start up aid for young farmers   | £10,500,000                  | Working capital investment for young farmers (40 years of age or younger) taking control of a farm business for the first time                               |

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| 6.2                              | Rural Business Start up Scheme                   | Business start up aid for non agricultural activities in rural areas  | £4,000,000                | Working capital investment for sole traders; micro and small enterprises; farmers and/or members of a farm household setting up non-agricultural enterprises                |
| 6.4                              | Rural Business Investment Scheme                 | Support for investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities                              | £11,000,000               | Capital investments for sole traders; micro and small enterprises; farmers and/or members of a farm household; agricultural contractors                                     |
| 8.3                              | Forest Monitoring and Risk Management Scheme     | Support for prevention of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events     | £16,000,000               | Firebreaks; small scale prevention activities; establishing and improving forest fire, pest and diseases monitoring and communication equipment                             |
| 8.6                              | Timber Business Investment Scheme                | Support for investments in forestry technologies and in processing, mobilising and marketing of forest products | £8,000,000                | Capital investments for SMEs in timber processing (prior to industrial scale processing); other timber contractors eg wood fuel suppliers ; forestry harvesting contractors |
| 16                               | Co-operation and Supply Chain Development Scheme | Co-operation European Innovation Partnership  | £40,000,000<br>£2,700,000 | Pilot projects; the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors; support for agriculture EIPs          |
| 7                                | Rural Community Development Fund                 | Basic services and village renewal in rural areas   | £47,666,126               | Support for small scale infrastructure (including for renewal energy); improvement or expansion of local basic services and/or public amenities                             |
| 19                               | LEADER   | Support for LEADER local development (CLLD)   | £57,199,350               | Support for LEADER Local Action Groups and delivery of Local Development Strategies   |
| <b>Total Funding Opportunity</b> |  |   | <b>£368,730,951</b>       |   |