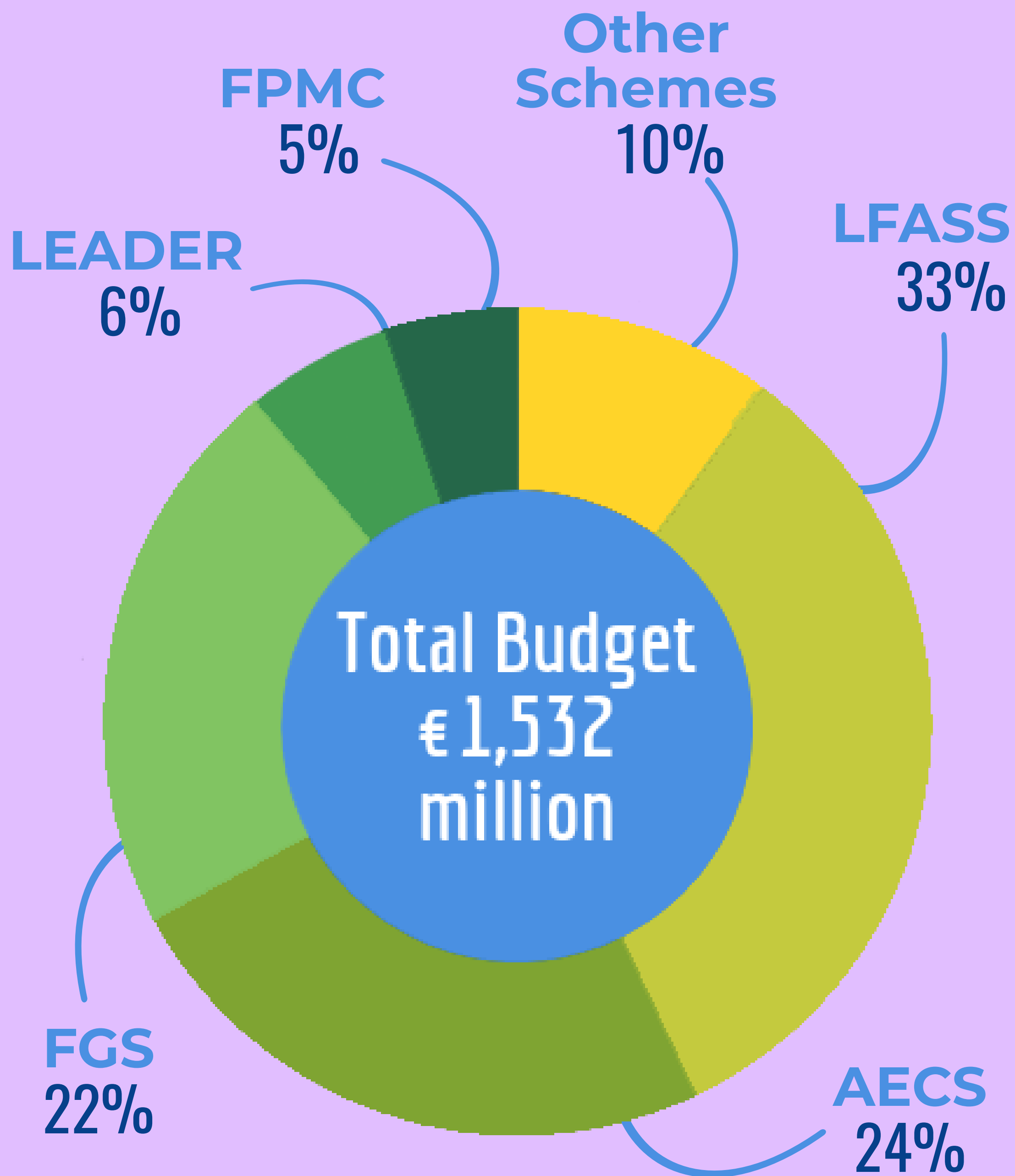




The **Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)** allocates EU and Scottish Government funding to economic, environmental and social measures for the benefit of rural Scotland. It does so through a comprehensive range of bespoke schemes designed to enhance the rural economy, support agriculture and forestry, improve the environment, address climate change and support rural communities. The **Annual Implementation Report (AIR) monitors** and reports on progress in the SRDP in detail and is submitted to the EU every year.

STRUCTURE



Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) €503m

Provides essential income support to farming businesses in remote and constrained areas.

Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS) €363m

Promoting land management practices to protect and enhance natural heritage, water quality, manage flood risk and respond to climate change.

Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) €332m

Supporting creation and sustainable management of woodlands.

LEADER €98m

Bottom-up support to local rural communities and business networks to build knowledge and skills, and encourage innovation and cooperation in order to promote rural development

Food Processing, Marketing & Co-operation (FPMC) €79m

Provides grants for the construction of buildings, market research, product development and co-operation

Other Schemes €150m

Beef Efficiency Scheme, Farm Advisory Service, Technical Assistance, Young Farmers Start-Up Grant Scheme, Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme, Legacy Commitments, Broadband Scheme, New Entrants Capital Grant Scheme, Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund, Improving Public Access, Small farms Grant Scheme, New Entrants Start-Up Grant Scheme



Following the EU referendum the UK Government has guaranteed the EU element for all contracts entered into by the end of 2020, for the lifetime of those contracts. Scottish Ministers continue to seek further assurance for funding beyond the date of an EU exit.

To view the AIR 2018 for the SRDP 2014 - 2020 and the concise Summary for Citizens, visit bit.ly/AIR_2018 or scan the QR code.

The **AIR** contains an **independent assessment** of the SRDP from 2014 to 2018. We will not be able to measure the success of the schemes in full until after the current programme concludes, but the assessment shows that they are currently on target for successfully meeting their objectives and the goals they were set out to achieve.



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€ PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE €

- Total public expenditure (EU and Scottish Government Funding) paid in 2018 was **€197.1 million**
- Since the start of the programme the total public expenditure has been **€782.2 million**
- Almost **80%** of the programme expenditure has been delivered through 3 schemes: **LFASS (€503m)**, **FGS (€332m)** and **AECS (€363m)**
- The programme has been modified **5 times since 2015**, to ensure that each scheme continues to work effectively against its objectives.



In 2018 around 10% of Scotland was under management through **Agri-Environment Contracts**.



Over **25km of footpaths** were created in 2018 through the **Improving Public Access scheme**, taking the total created to over **40km** since 2014.



15,101 beneficiaries have received advice through the **Farm Advisory Service**, which is almost equal to the population of Galashiels.



962 projects across Scotland have been supported through the **LEADER programme**, ranging from Alpaca Trekking to Tea Gardens.



Since 2014, almost **10 trees** have been planted for every person living in Scotland through **SRDP 2014-2020 afforestation projects**.



14,384 participants have been trained through the **Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund**, which is as many people as the population of Troon.

Communications & Events

- OECD Rural Development conference in Edinburgh in April 2018. Delegates from 27 countries came to Edinburgh to discuss rural innovation and sign the Edinburgh Policy Statement on Enhancing Rural Innovation.
- Promotion of the newly launched Rural Innovation Support Service as a bottom up approach to rural innovation, addressing the needs of land managers.
- Rural Transport Convention in Inverness, collecting input from a rural audience to the Scottish Government's National Transport Strategy 2.