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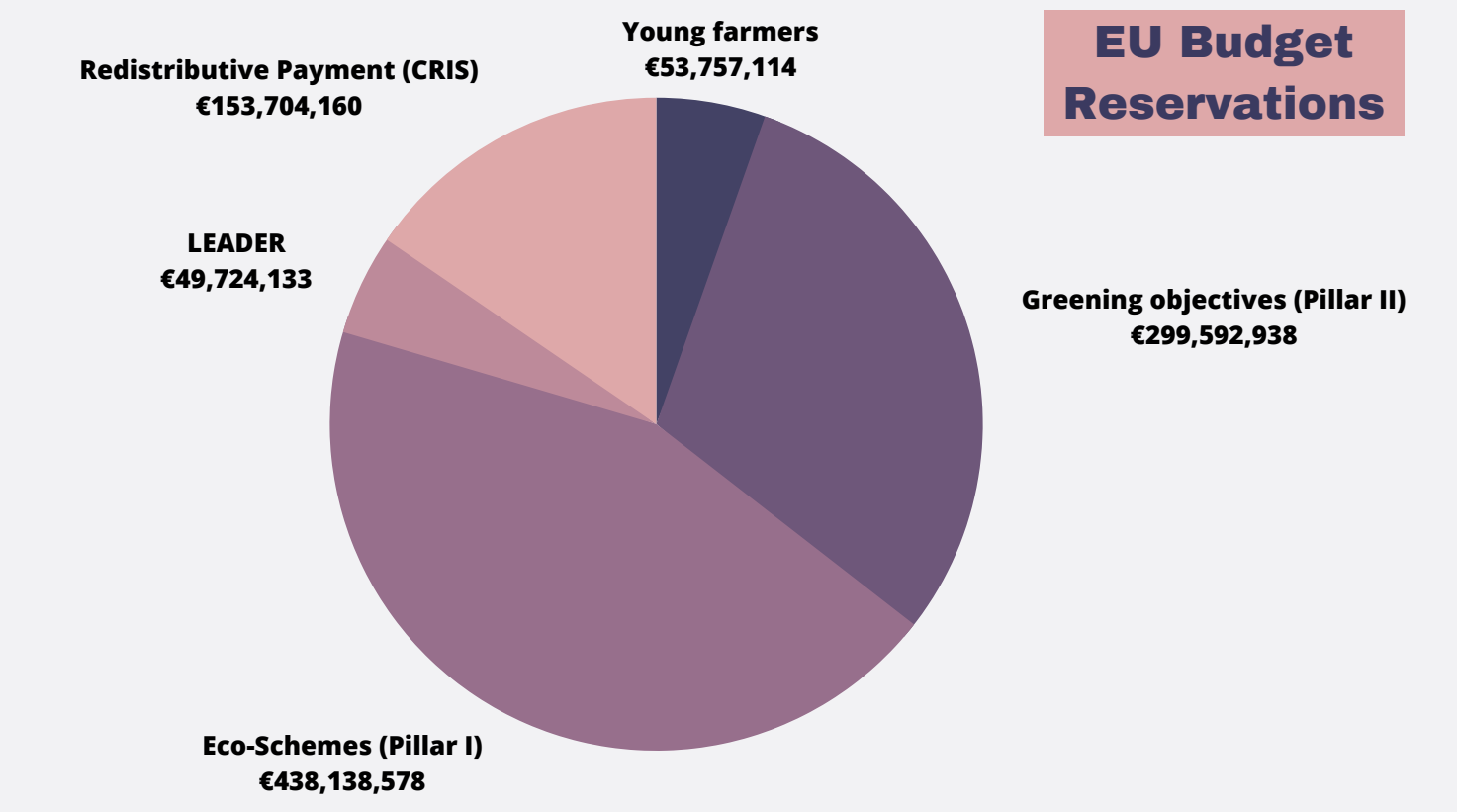


Key Highlights

Latvia's utilised agricultural area (UAA) more than doubled in the previous 20 years.

- 67% of the population of Latvia lives in rural and intermediate regions
- 52% of Latvia's land is covered by forests

	EU Budget (€)	National Budget (€)	Total (€)
Direct payments	1,713,584,517	n/a	1,713,584,517
Sectoral support	5,579,699	1,579,699	7,159,398
Rural development	687,045,151	96,785,594	783,830,745
Total	2,406,209,367	98,365,293	2,504,574,660



Economics & Payments

Supporting farmers at the forefront of the plan

- Small farms (below average) receive 106% of the amount per/ha compared to above-average farms
- €257 million earmarked for coupled income support
- €32 million allocated risk mitigation and support potential losses of farmers

Greening

Strong environmental goals embedded in the plan

- Push for 18.8% of agriculture to be organic by 2027
- Commitments to protecting and improving soil quality cover 70% of farmland
- Support for to reduce the use of pesticides covers 682,000 hectares (about 35%)
- 24% of the utilised agricultural area will contribute 24% (460,000 hectares) UAA contribute to the conservation and restoration of biodiversity

Social Dimension

- Start-up grants of €40,000 set up for 900 young farmers
- 56% units under commitment to improve animal welfare & limit antimicrobials

Innovation

- Focus on advisory services, knowledge sharing and upskilling
- Training 23,000 farmers in the use of smart digital technologies

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