Wallonia CAP PLAN 2023-2027

Landscape Features – Dec. 22

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PAC 14 – 20 Landscape Features

- AECM for landscape features
  - Basic AECM: Declared by the farmer himself
    (no technical report done by an expert)
  - Hedges, trees, bushes, little woods, ponds
  - Three different amounts of aid
    - Hedges: 25€ / 200m
    - Bushes and trees: 25€ / 20 trees (packages)
    - Ponds: 100€ / per pond

More info:
[MAEC (wallonie.be)](wallonie.be)

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PAC 14 – 20 Landscape Features

- AECM for landscape features
  - Number of farmers
    - 1 farmer out of 4 declared landscape features

  - Satisfaction
    - Farmer interest decreasing
    - Administration work pretty high
    - Pluri-annuality: too risky for the farmer

PAC 23 – 27 GAEC 8

- % of arable land to be used as non-productive surface
  - Turning uncertainties into opportunities!
    - Increase the number of features for biodiversity
    - Promote the declaration of non-declared features in arable lands when it's possible.
    - Promote the establishment of landscape features (regional project (YES WE PLANT).
    - Possibility to focus and go beyond (for instance, focus on birds) with the help of AECM Advisers.

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PAC 23 – 27 : Eco-scheme Ecological Network

- Eco-Scheme uses Article 31(7)(a) of the 2115/2021 EU Regulation.
  - No distinction between arable lands, permanent grasslands, …
- Aid designed with the agricultural and environmental sector
  - what has worked in greening and AECM, what does not, what are your needs, what could be used …

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PAC 23 – 27 : Eco-scheme Ecological Network

- Our goal: to encourage the maintenance and development of biodiversity-friendly areas

- Basic eligibility condition: compliance with GAEC 8 (%).

- Various environmental devices: Hedges, copses, bushes, trees, ponds, field border strips, melliferous fallows, classic fallows, Natura 2000 sites.

PAC 23 – 27 : Eco-scheme Ecological Network

- A bonus is given for:
  - Landscape features in [Natura 2000](#) and on the [SGIB](#) zones.
  - In the future:
    - Ornithological observation database.
    - Other animals observation database.

PAC 23 – 27 : Eco-scheme Ecological Network

- Our initial idea:
  - To give money also for AECM because strong constraints.
  - To give additional compensation for some Natura 2000 zones.

- COM remarks
  - AECM and Natura 2000 extra financing: Not possible because double payment without additional constraints.

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- Our final idea:

ELEMENT	CONVERSION COEFFICIENT (to points)	AMOUNT PER UNIT	EXAMPLES	OUT NATURA OR SGIB	IN NATURA OR SGIB
Trees (per tree)	0.003	1.35 €/tree	10 trees	13.50 €	27.00 €
Hedges (per meter)	0.001	0.45 €/ meters	200 m	90.00 €	180.00 €
Bushes and woods (per sq meter)	0.00015	0.067 €/m^2	100m^2	6.75 €	13.50 €
Ponds (per pond)	0.6	270 €/ pond	1 pond	270.00 €	540.00 €
Melliferous fallow (per ha)	1.5	675 €/ha	1 ha	675.00 €	1 350.00 €
Annual bands (per ha)	1.5	675 €/ha	1 ha	675.00 €	675.00 €
Fallows (per ha)	1	450 €/ha	1 ha	450.00 €	450.00 €
Natura 2000_UG05 – light constraints (per ha)	0.4	180 €/ha	1 ha	180.00 €	180.00 €

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PAC 23 – 27 : Eco-scheme Ecological Network

- Institutional changes, monitoring or capacity building have been / will be necessary?
    - New cartographical referential layer
    - Adaptation of IT applications
    - Communication with farmers via the AECM Advisors and the Administration offices
    - Changes on the control and sanction system (penalisation only for the non-eligible element).

- How it will be evaluated?
    - Specific indicators linked to the intervention
    - Specific biological evaluation in a farm-based network
    - Specific indicators built within the administration.

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An example

- Farm of 85 ha of arable land, 15 ha of permanent grasslands (2 in Natura 2000).
  - 4 ha of land laying fallow with additional constraints.
  - 2 ha of melliferous fallows (1 ha in Natura 2000) with additional constraints.
  - 1 ha of hedgerows (0.5 ha in Natura 2000)

  Total of environmental points: $4 + 1 + 1 + 1*2 + 0.5*2 + 1 = 10$ points
  Total of eco-scheme: $10 * 450 = 4,500€$

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Thank you