Thematic Group
Landscape Features & Biodiversity

Group 3
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How do we increase the coverage of landscape features in the farmed countryside?

- Communicate with the farmers - CZ MA
- **Cooperation with the farmers** - attend farmers groups - CZ MA
- Include farmers in the conversation and design - CZ MA
- Include trees as a productive system - although not included as landscape features right now CZ MA
- **Clarify and communicate definition of Landscape Features** at EU and national level - EURAF
- Single set of indicators on LF & eligibility - EURAF
- Nature restoration law and other initiatives need to be standardised - EURAF
- Inclusion of LF in eligible hectares - GR MA
- **Farmers should have economic incentives** - CREA
- Agri-environmental support for next 20 years under the CAP - CREA
- Extra payments should be lucrative enough to be an incentive for farmers - the payment method should focus on added value - BE
- Attractive measures in the plan since MA are asking farmers to do more under these strategies - GR MA
- **Result based agri payment schemes** - successful measure in IE - including LF
- **Provide information about the benefits on the land** as an incentive- CREA
- Change the narrative from food production vs environmental measures to food production and environmental measures
- Stakeholders should have a clear way to identify LFs. IACS/LPIS can use existing tools to identify - GR MA
- Better data to calculate real benefits of new LF measures - EURAF
- MS change the system to make mapping simpler - less bureaucracy

→ Rewarding also the quality not only the quantity of LF
→ Help to identify the value of Landscape Features
→ Targeted regional areas with higher pressure
→ Coordination team in contact with advisory services and farmers - added value

How to overcome challenges and make best use of the CAP to deliver LF and biodiversity benefits?

- **Communication and coordination within different Ministries** - a cross sectional topic
- **Fluent and clear communication with farmers** and measures
- Lack of communication can be an incentive for farmers to get rid of landscape features
- **Collection of data & reliable information communicated to farmers** (CZ example) not declaring trees to avoid future issues - EURAF
- Complicated mapping - bureaucracy
- **Revisions to eligible hectare - but must be mapped also in LPIS**
- Change definition of eligible area
- **Motivate farmers to apply these measures** - BE-FL
- Right now paying extra money for the maintenance but not for the value of ecosystem-services - BE-FL
- The economic stress is not lucrative enough for farmers - BE
- Enough economic compensation - how to calculate it
- Farmers perception to the new measures - same money for the same work - GR MA
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- **Eco-schemes (incentive type) can reward beyond costs income and income forgone (i.e. ecosystem services) - DG AGRI**

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