



The Hungarian Eco-Scheme model

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Main characteristics of our model



HU opted for an Eco-Scheme model that

- Is based on a **whole-farm-approach**;
- Requires the farmer's choice in **every single land use category** (with really minor exceptions);
- Is executed as an **additional payment to BISS**;
- Is available for EVERY farmer due to the **menu of optional practices**;
- Can be carried out on ANY farm, since the optional practices offer a wide range of **fine-tuning**;
- Features a **scoring system** to level out the different ambitions the various practices represent;
- Provides a **uniform unit amount payment** for the participating farmers on the entire territory of their farms.

Optional practices in the whole-farm model



On arable land

- Providing soil cover for an extended period (1 point);
- Crop diversification (1 point);
- Increased amount of non-productive features or land (2 points);
- Maximized parcel size for a diverse landscape (1 point);
- Pollinator-friendly pest control (1 point);
- Environmentally friendly application of carbamide/urea fertilizers (1 point);
- Application of microbiological products (2 points);
- Application of soil and plant conditioners (1 point);
- Reduced or no-till soil management (2 points).

Optional practices in the whole-farm model



On grassland

- Preserving grassland on farm and parcel level (1 point);
- Applying enhanced grazing practices (pastoral or sequenced) (2 points);
- Managing extensive grasslands (1 point);
- Using nature-friendly mowing devices (2 points).

On permanent crops

- Application of micro-irrigation technologies (2 points);
- Pollinator-friendly pest control (1 point);
- Application of bioagents (2 points);
- Application of microbiological products (2 points);
- Application of soil and plant conditioners (1 point);
- Environmentally friendly application of carbamide/urea fertilizers (1 point);
- Soil cover in mid-rows (1 or 2 points).

Main figures of our model



In the **approved HU CSP**, Eco-Scheme was estimated to be chosen on **2.5 million hectares** with a uniform unit amount of **80 euros per hectare** (min: 60, max: 105 euros) and a **202 million euro envelope**.

In **claim year 2023**, Eco-Scheme was applied for...

- ... By more than 62 thousand farmers;
- ... On more than **4 million hectares**, of which
 - 3.5 million hectares arable land,
 - 240 thousand hectares of Natura 2000 grassland,
 - 247 thousand hectares of other grassland, and
 - 4 thousand hectares of permanent crops.

The administrative and on-the-spot checks are underway.

The uniform unit amount will be 60 euro/hectare for this claim year.

Due to the increased application figures, the envelope will have to be extended.

Main challenges faced. Next steps.



Eco-Scheme is a brand new payment type in Pillar I.

Harmony with Pillar II payments had to be provided.

Farmers had to be persuaded that it is their own interest to participate.

With the 1st amendment of our CSP, we intend to introduce additional practices.

A progressive sanction system is being introduced.

More ambitious practices shall be promoted.

Thank you for your attention!

