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### What works well (for biodiversity)

- Several well-designed eco-schemes included across EU e.g. supporting flowering strips/buffer strips, creation and maintenance of landscape elements, extensive grassland management
- First positive data from biodiversity monitoring



# Outcome still to be seen (for biodiversity)

 High diversity in approaches to the design of ecoschemes: whole farm approach, menu approach, individual schemes, bonuses..



## The challenges (for biodiversity)

- Very low budget allocated to the well-designed eco-schemes so unlikely to deliver at the scale that is needed
- In most cases low/uncompetitive premia – impacts level of enrollment
- Inadequate advisory systems



### The way forward

- Progressive increase of the budget for ecoschemes, including those targeting biodiversity.
- Premiums for biodiversity eco-schemes must be competitive and adequate; more result-based schemes
- Quality advisory systems should be in place.
- Biological monitoring should be conducted.
- Improvements should be made to the design based on monitoring data and feedback from farmers.





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