



Thematic Group on Enhancing Biodiversity for Improved Resilience

1st TG meeting, 23 September 2024

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Composition of the Thematic Group

- › 40 Members selected from 142 expressions of interest (Eoi)
- › 21 Member States (& EU)
- › Variety of Stakeholders:
 - › Managing Authorities (national and regional)
 - › Farming organisations
 - › Research
 - › Civil society organisations
 - › National Networks
 - › Advisors
 - › Paying Agency





Objectives

The objectives of this TG are to:

- › Explore how to **improve biodiversity outcomes** on farmland through greater **spatial coordination** of actions for habitats and species, including improving the connectivity between farmland and the wider countryside (use of different interventions, scheme design, scheme implementation, measuring outcomes).
- › Discuss how to **incentivise uptake** by farmers of practices and investments to benefit biodiversity and increase the resilience of their farming systems, and the **benefits of working collaboratively** with other farmers **at the landscape scale**.
- › Examine the role of the **advisory services** and how these can best be deployed to achieve the outcomes required.





Aim for today

What will we accomplish today?

- › Share **good practice examples** of initiatives for delivering biodiversity outcomes on farmland at the necessary scale.
- › Explore the **success factors** as well as the **issues and challenges** facing the design and implementation of interventions for improving biodiversity outcomes on farmland
- › Identify the **main areas of interest** for further in-depth discussion.





Agenda

Time	Agenda point
13:00-13:30	Introduction & setting the frame
13:30-14:30	Good practice examples of initiatives for delivering biodiversity outcomes on farmland at scale
14:30-14:45	Coffee break
14:45-15:45	Parallel group session: Positive experiences, success factors and challenges in the design and implementation of interventions for improving biodiversity outcomes on farmland at scale
15:45-16:45	Harvesting from the parallel discussion: Key topics and reflections
16:45-17:00	Next steps





Setting the frame: Enhancing Biodiversity for Improved Resilience

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Context

State of biodiversity

- Biodiversity is declining at an alarming rate
- Agriculture is the main driver
- Also affects agricultural production through disruptions to ecosystem services



New commitments - NRL

- Restore at least 20% of the EU's land by 2030 and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050
- Specific commitments for specific habitats and species



Reversing declines – moving beyond the farm level

- Requires greater spatial coordination at landscape scale.
- Approach taken should be tailored to outcomes required:
 - Increase species numbers
 - Greater habitat connectivity
 - Habitat restoration





Scheme design options

- › Agglomeration bonus
- › Facilitation / collaboration between farmers
 - › but with individual agreements
- › Joint agreements – across contiguous parcels of land
- › Longer agreements – e.g. 20 years

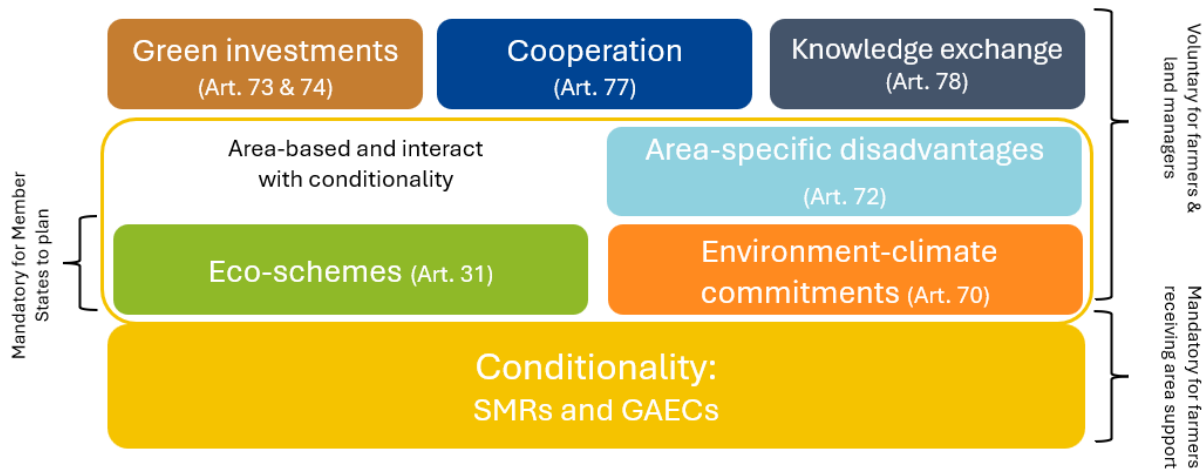


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Potential of multiple CAP interventions



- > Most MSs use only two:
 - > Eco-schemes
 - > Agri-environment





Ice-breaker activity

"How are these images linked to biodiversity in farmland?"

Go to www.menti.com, use the code **7113 129**, or the QR code below, and follow the instructions.



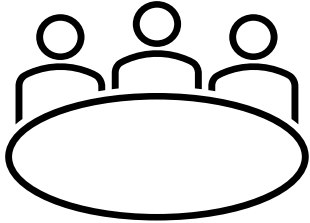
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Ice-breaker: Getting to know each other

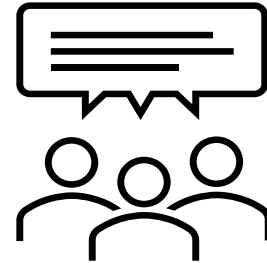
→ 10min of discussion



Split in small groups



Introduce yourself



What are the main biodiversity issues you struggle with in your country?

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