

## WALLOON RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AGRI-ENVIRONMENT-CLIMATE MEASURES [2014 - 2020]

Title		N°	Partial specifications		
"Ecological netw	ork elements" section	n	Min. €100/MB1 method		
Hedgerows and rows of trees	ME	В1.а	<ul> <li>Uninterrupted alignment of indigenous shrubs and trees, including gaps of max. 5 m</li> <li>Hedgerows cannot exceed a 10-m-width</li> <li>Rows of indigenous deciduous trees, excluding poplars, 10 metres maximum from each other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No fertilizers or pesticides¹ at less than 1 m away</li> <li>No pruning from 1/04 to 31/07 (conditionality element)</li> </ul>	€25/200 m
Trees, shrubs and copses	ME	B1.b	<ul> <li>High stem fruit trees</li> <li>Indigenous deciduous trees 40 cm minimum in circumference located more than 10 m from any other tree or hedgerow</li> <li>Shrubs min. 1.5 m high and at a min. distance of 2 m from any wooded element</li> </ul>		€25/20 elements
Ponds	ME	B1.c	<ul> <li>Body of standing water of min. 25 m² from 1/11 to 31/05</li> <li>6 m non-tilled strip</li> <li>Fence 2 m from the banks in the case of grazing, except in a watering area of max. 25% of the perimeter of the pond</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No fertilizers or pesticides at least 12 m from the banks</li> <li>Dredging in case of siltation or alluviation</li> <li>Introduction of waste, fish or waterfowl prohibited</li> <li>Environmental interest report needed if more than 10 ponds</li> </ul>	€100/pond
"Grassland" section			Permanent grasslands		
Natural grasslands	ME	В2	<ul> <li>Total commitment for min. 50 ares, with min. 10 ares plots</li> <li>Maximum 50% of the permanent grassland area of the farm (the first 10 hectares are exempted)</li> <li>No intervention before 15/06 inclusive, except for molehills leveling control or repair of damage caused by wild boars</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Farming only between 16/06 and 31/10 by grazing and/or by mowing (with harvest and maintenance of 5% as unmown refuge zone)</li> <li>Organic fertilization only from 16/06 to 15/08</li> <li>Forage or concentrates feed supply and pesticides¹ prohibited</li> </ul>	€200/ha
Flooded grasslands	MC	C3	<ul> <li>AECM-advisor report required (targeted measure)</li> <li>River flood extended in the grassland through a green hydraulic infrastructure</li> <li>Naturally flooded grasslands not eligible</li> <li>Min. 50 ares</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Periods and farming practices (mowing and/or grazing) provided in the AECM-advisor report</li> <li>No fertilizers or soil improvement within the floodable including a 6-m buffer zone</li> <li>Pesticide use is prohibited¹</li> </ul>	€200/ha
High-nature-value grasslands	MC	C4	<ul> <li>AECM-advisor expert required (targeted measure)</li> <li>Min. 10 ares</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Periods and management practices provided in the AECM-advisor report</li> <li>Min. 10 % of unmown refuge zone in case of mowing</li> <li>Fertilizers, soil improvement, forage or concentrates feed supply and pesticides prohibited,¹ safe for some restricted exceptions</li> <li>High stem orchard eligible under specifications</li> </ul>	€450/ha
"Animals" section	on				₩
Threatened local animal breeds	ME	B11	<ul> <li>Bovine breeds (&gt; 2 years): Belgian mixed white-blue; Eastern Red breed</li> <li>Equine animals (&gt; 2 years): Belgian Ardennes draught horse<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Ovine animals (&gt; 6 months): Belgian milk sheep, Entre-Sambreet-Meuse, Mergelland, Ardennes speckled, Ardennes red<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animals corresponding to the standards of the breed and registered in the herd book</li> <li>Bovine and ovine animals are registered in Sanitrace</li> </ul>	€120/bovine animal €200/equine animal €30/ovine animal

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 1}$  Only local treatments against thistles and rumex are authorized with a selective product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Belgian draught horses and Ardennes shee must belong to the main section of the herd book (born from parents and grandparents belonging to the breed).

"Arable land" section			MB5 + MC7 + MC8 methods = Max 9% of arable land area					
Grass margins <u>Financial revaluation</u>		MB5	<ul> <li>Total commitment min. 200 m, in sections of minimum 20 m</li> <li>12 m wide at any point, at the margin of the arable field</li> <li>Cannot be bordered by a grassland, except if separated by a hedge, path or ditch</li> <li>Not accessible to motor vehicles for recreational or farming purposes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eligible diversified mix (grasses + legumes and other dicotyl plants), packaging has to be kept as proof.</li> <li>Mowing between 16/07 and 15/10, forage harvest mandatory An unmoun strip of min. 2m wide must be maintained at each cutting</li> <li>Fertilizers or other soil improvement, pesticides¹, stockpiling and grazing prohibited. If Himalayan Balsam (Impatiens glandulifera) is present, it must be destroyed through mowing, crushing or uprooting</li> </ul>	€24/20-m section, i.e. €1000/ha			
Ecological crops Financial revaluation and adaptation		MB6	The crop in place on 31st May determines the eligible crop:  Hemp  Forage legumes: clover, alfalfa, black medick (Medicago lupulina), sainfoin, broad and field peas, protein peas, trefoil and other protein fodder  Cereal – legume mixes: at least 20% of the second species  Spring cereals, buckwheat, sorghum, quinoa, malting barley and winter rye  Overwintering cereals: winter wheat, winter triticale or spelt  Mixed weed control in row crops: beetroot, chicory, maize  Or a mix of these different variants (in modifiable proportion every year)	Common conditions:  Grow one or more eligible crops on min. 1 ha and max. 30 ha The location may change each year (rotational method) Insecticides prohibited except for plots committed to overwintering cereals Committed plots not covered by a permanent grassland the previous year Specific main conditions: Feed legumes: unmown refuge zone of 10% of the surface except cutting after 1 October Overwintering cereals: 10% of the plot are not harvested and left standing without intervention until the end of February (block of 50 ares max., min. 100 m from each other) Mixed weed control: min. 2 mechanical weeding operations / year	€240/ha			
Targeted plots	4	MC7	<ul> <li>Surface area between 0.1 and 1.5 ha</li> <li>Cannot be bordered by a targeted strip or grass margin</li> <li>Not accessible to motor vehicles for recreational or farming purposes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AECM-advisor report required (targeted method)</li> <li>Different variants: erosion-control, arable plant conservation, perennial wildflowers, strips/plots for pollinators, strips/plots for arable land</li> </ul>	€1200/ha			
Targeted strips		MC8	<ul> <li>3 to 21 m width.</li> <li>Commitment of min. 200 m on a standard width of 12 m</li> <li>Alongside an arable crop</li> <li>Not accessible to motor vehicles for recreational or farming purposes</li> <li>Tractor authorized to cross it if specified in the AECM-advisor report</li> </ul>	fauna  Plant species composition and management regime depending on the targeted aim  No fertilization or other soil improvement, except where specified and justified in the AECM-advisor report  Pesticides¹ and stockpiling prohibited	€36/2-m section for a standard width of 12 m, i.e. €1500/hectare			
"Global approach at farm level" section								
Feed autonomy  Financial revaluation		MB9	<ul> <li>Load up to 1.4 LU/hectare of land under grass and/or dedicated to feed crops.<sup>3</sup>         If ≤ 0.6 LU/ha, subsidy is reduced</li> <li>Outside PGDA (nitrogen sustainable management programme) vulnerable area: load up to 1.8 LU/ha, with reduced payment</li> <li>Subsidy paid for permanent grassland hectares only</li> <li>Commitment to min. €250</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Spreading of organic fertilizers limited to farm animal droppings         (possibility to use other farm fertilizers up to LS &lt; 0.6 if no mineral         nitrogen is used)</li> <li>Pesticides¹ prohibited in eligible grasslands         (except for local treatment under electric fences)</li> </ul>	€120/ha if < 1.4 LU/ha Outside PGDA vulnerable zone: €60/ha if < 1/8 LU/ha			
Agri-environmental plan	Addition to the	MC10	<ul> <li>AECM-advisor report required (targeted method)</li> <li>Farming using ecological agricultural practices</li> <li>Environmental diagnosis of farming and practices to be carried out (management of biodiversity, landscape, fertilization and soil management, pesticides use, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>List of actions and schedule pending</li> <li>Short-, medium- and long-term objectives pending</li> <li>Annual monitoring of the commitment</li> </ul>	Payment according to a dedicated formula and level of commitment			

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> **Load calculation:** Ovine and caprine animals: 0.15 LU. Equine animals > 6 months: 1 LU. Bovine animals > 6 months: 0.4 LU. Bovine animals > 2 years: 1 LU. The load to be taken into consideration is the average annual load for the calendar year in question. The load is calculated on the basis of all the feed areas as entered under the category "feed meadows and crops" in organic agriculture (in particular: permanent meadows, clover, alfalfa, other feeds (code 743), corn silage).