



AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Farmer's perspective
Croatia



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GREENING

CAP GREENING MEASURES:

- Crop diversification
- Ecological Focus Areas
- Maintenance of permanent grassland

Payment for a 'greening measures' 2015-2018:

392,5 mil €

87.493 beneficiaries



RDP MEASURES ON ENVIRONMENT

Payment for agri-environment-climate commitments (M10) comprises 16 types of operations:

- Tilling and sowing on the terrain with slope for arable annual plants;
- Grassing of permanent crops;
- Preservation of high nature value grasslands;
- Pilot measure for the protection of corncrake (*Crex crex*);
- Pilot measure for the protection of butterflies;
- Establishment of field strips;
- Maintaining extensive orchards;
- Maintaining extensive olive groves;
- Preservation of endangered native and protected breeds of domestic animals;
- Preservation of dry stone walls;
- Preservation of hedges;
- Installing pheromone, visual and feeding traps;
- Confusion technique in permanent crops pest protection;
- Improved management of inter row area in permanent crops;
- Organic fertilizers in permanent crops;
- Mechanical weed control within rows of permanent crops.

All above mentioned represents new environmental practises in Croatia



RDP MEASURES ON ENVIRONMENT

Payment to convert organic farming practices and methods (M11.1.)

Payment to maintain organic agricultural practices and method (M11.2.)

Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints (M13)



PAYMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

Croatian payments and beneficiaries for:

- M10 – 11,2 mil € (2015-2018)
Beneficiaries in 2018. 3.357
- M11 – 78,8 mil € (2015-2018)
Beneficiaries in 2018:
M11.1. – 2.344
M11.2. – 1.832
- M13 – 144,9 mil € (2015-2018)
Beneficiaries in 2018. 63.105



MY EXPERIENCE

5 ha intensive orchard (cherries, apples), 0,16 ha extensive orchard

- Ecological Focus Area
- Maintaining extensive orchards (payment request)
- Preservation of hedges
- Installing pheromone, visual and feeding traps
- Organic fertilizers in permanent crops (payment request)
- Mechanical weed control within rows of permanent crops (payment request)



OTHER FARMER'S EXPERIENCE

Husbandman (101 ha clover grass mixture):

Payment to convert organic farming practices and methods

Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints

Ecological Focus Areas

Fruit grower (20 ha apples):

Installing pheromone, visual and feeding traps

Confusion technique in permanent crops pest protection



KARST PASTURES IN CROATIA



- Karst relief is 44% of Croatian territory
- 1,6 mil ha of karst pastures
- Only 72.000 ha are registered in LPIS
- Area of high nature value farming



CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATIONS

- Significant progress in last few years (amount spent on environmental measures, increased number of beneficiaries and area involved)
- Growth in the total organic area of over 200 % between 2012 and 2017 (from 31.904 to 96.618 ha)
- Still lack of proper education
- Need for integrated eco-scheme
- Find solution to integrate karst pastures in eco-scheme as area of high nature value farming



Thank you for
your attention!

