



Planned forestry related interventions under the CAP Strategic Plans 2023-2027

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Forestry related interventions under the CAP Strategic Plans for 2023-2027 period (based on the adopted versions of the plans)

- 28 CAP Strategic Plans (SP) were submitted by the 27 Member States (Belgium submitted two CAP SP). Five MS (FI, IE, LU, NL, SE) haven't included any forestry specific interventions in the CAP SP, but they indicated that forestry will be supported out of the CAP, e.g., through State aids, national forest funds, etc.
- All CAP SPs have been adopted before end of 2022 – implementation started as of 1 January 2023!
- The CAP SP submitted by 23 Member States foresee approximately 180 forest-related interventions or sub-interventions for the period 2023-2027 (i.e., 5 years) and the planned total public expenditure allocation is EUR 4.2 billion.

Types of intervention for rural development

- (a) environmental, climate-related and other management commitments;
- (b) natural or other area-specific constraints;
- (c) area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements;
- (d) investments, including investments in irrigation;
- (e) setting-up of young farmers and new farmers and rural business start-up;
- (f) risk management tools;
- (g) cooperation;
- (h) knowledge exchange and dissemination of information.

“New delivery model”

- There are no fixed “measures” covering specific activities or investments – more flexibility for MS.
- There are 3 main articles for forestry interventions under the rural development section under the new CAP SP Regulation .
 - Article 70 for management commitments,
 - Article 72 for Natura 2000 related compensations and
 - Article 73 for investments,

Art. 77. Cooperation

- (a) prepare and implement the projects of the EIP operational groups referred to in Article 127(3);
- (b) prepare and implement LEADER;
- (c) promote and support quality schemes recognised by the Union or by the Member States and their use by farmers;
- (d) support producer groups, producer organisations or interbranch organisations;
- (e) prepare and implement smart-village strategies, as determined by Member States;
- (f) support other forms of cooperation.
- MS may only grant support under this Article to promote new forms of cooperation, including existing ones if starting a new activity. That cooperation shall involve at least two actors and shall contribute to achieving one or more of the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1) and (2) of the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation.

Art 78. Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information

- support for knowledge exchange and dissemination of information...
- ... specifically targeting the protection of nature, environment and climate, including environmental education and awareness actions and the development of rural businesses and communities.
- The general objectives shall be complemented and interconnected with the cross-cutting objective of modernising agriculture and rural areas by fostering and sharing of knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas and by encouraging their uptake by farmers, through improved access to research, innovation, knowledge exchange and training.
- Support may cover the costs of any relevant action to promote innovation, training and advice and other forms of knowledge exchange and dissemination of information, including through the drawing up and updating of plans and studies with the aim of knowledge exchange and dissemination of information.

Table X1. Allocation of total public expenditure for forestry interventions

Article 70 “Environmental, climate – related and other management commitments”	€671,943,129	16.0%
Article 72 “Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements” (Natura 2000)	€242,124,998	6%
Article 73 “Investments”	€3,282,041,993	78%
Total public expenditure planned (for the period 2023-2027)	€4,196,110,121	100%

- With a certain level of underestimation. Because there are also other interventions, which are not specific to forestry, but that target forest and the forestry sector (without separated and explicit expenses). This concerns for example the interventions related to “Cooperation”, “European Innovation Partnership”, “Knowledge exchange actions and investments”, which are also important for forestry. Or in some cases the forestry infrastructure related investments are not separated from the agricultural ones.

Forestry related interventions under the CAP Strategic Plans: challenges for assessment

- The examination is more challenging than under the previous Rural Development Programmes, because the new Regulation gives more flexibility for developing interventions.
- There are no “pre-fabricated” measures, the CAP Strategic Plans may include ”tailor made” interventions with various combinations of the activities.
- E.g., there are “*vertical*” and “*horizontal*” combinations of the forestry related interventions. It (typically) means for “*horizontal combinations*” that in some cases one intervention covers the management/maintenance of afforested and the established/regenerated agroforestry areas under **Article 70**, without providing separated target for the area to be covered or concerning the relevant allocated expenses.

Challenges in assessment, (continuation)

Investment interventions under **Article 73**. (*“Horizontal”*)

- Investments in afforestation and agroforestry or even together with restoration can be found in one intervention, without providing breakdown.
- The prevention and restoration interventions are designed under one single intervention in several cases. In the case of Hungary, prevention, restoration and improving resilience related activities covered by one investment intervention.

Challenges in assessment, (*“vertical combinations”*)

- The *“vertical”* combination of management commitments or investment represent the situation when there are more intervention planned for a certain type of intervention in one CAP Strategic Plan. Usually, the regionalized countries used this method by designing separate interventions for their regions. For example, separate afforestation investments for Portugal Continent, Azores and Madeira.
- In some cases, *“productive investments”* cover investments both in forest area (increasing the value of the forest stand) and the support of the necessary technology and processing, while in other cases these are separately designed.
- The situation is similar for the *“non-productive investments”*, where the biodiversity or climate resilience related investments are planned together with other non-productive, e.g., recreation related investments, but in other cases these are planned under individual interventions.

Afforestation and agroforestry (Article 70 and 73)

- Afforestation establishment, **as investments**, Article 73
 - BG, CY, CZ, DK, EL, HU, IT, LV, LT, MT, PL, PT, SK, ES. (in 14 MS 18 interventions)
- Afforestation maintenance commitments **as management commitments**, Article 70
 - CY, CZ, DE, EL, HU, IT, LT, PL, PT, RO, SK, ES (in 12 MS, 19 interventions)
- Agroforestry establishment/restoration, **as investments**, article 73
 - BE-FL, CZ, HU, IT, PL, PT, SK, ES. (In 8 Ms, 11 interventions)
- Agroforestry maintenance commitments **as management commitments**, Article 70
 - BE-FL, CZ, IT, PL, PT, SK. (in 6 MS, 7 interventions)

Investments (Article 73)

- Investments in forestry **infrastructure**
 - AT, BE-W, CY, CZ, HR, FR, DE, IT, LV, PT, SK, SI, (12 Ms, 13 interventions)
- **Productive, technological investments** in forest, including first processing and marketing
 - BE-W, BG, CZ, HR, FR, EL, IT, PT, RO, SK, SI, ES. (12 MS, 18 interventions)
- **Productive investment in forest management**
 - AT, BG, EE, FR, EL, HU, IT, LV, SK, ES (10 MS and interventions)
- **Prevention**
 - BG, CY, DE, EL, HU, IT, LV, PT, ES. (9 MS, 10 interventions)
- **Restoration**
 - BG, CY, CZ, EL, HU, IT, LV, LT, PT, SK, SI, ES. (12 MS, 13 interventions)

Investments (Article 73)

- **Non-productive investments improving resilience, biodiversity, climate**
 - BG, CY, CZ, HR, EE, FR, DE, HU, IT, LT, MT, PL, PT, SK, ES. (15 MS, 20 interventions)
- **Non-productive other investments e.g., public amenity, recreation, protective, etc.**
 - CZ, HR, IT, PT, SK. (5 MS, 7 interventions)
- **Forest genetic resources investments**
 - EL (1 MS/1 intervention)

Commitments and compensations

- **Management commitment, Article 70**

- Forest environmental commitments – biodiversity oriented
 - BG, CZ, DK, DE, EL, HU, IT, LV, PT, RO, SK, ES (12 Ms, 14 interventions)
- Forest environmental commitments, others, e.g., forest genetic related
 - CZ, HU, IT, PT, ES. (5 MS, 6 interventions)

- **Natura 2000 compensation, Article 72**

- BE-W, BG, HR, EE, DE, EL, HU, IT, LV, LT, PT, SK, ES. (13 MS, 14 interventions)

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