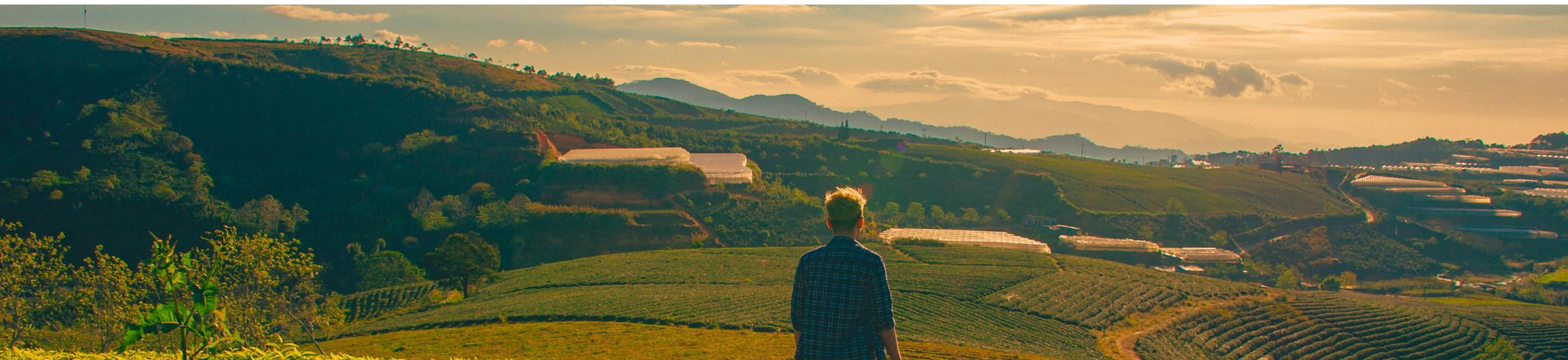




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## **Bridging Agricultural and Water Policies:**

### **Linking CAP SP 2023 - 2027 Environmental Conditionality and Payments with the Nitrate Directive in Romania**

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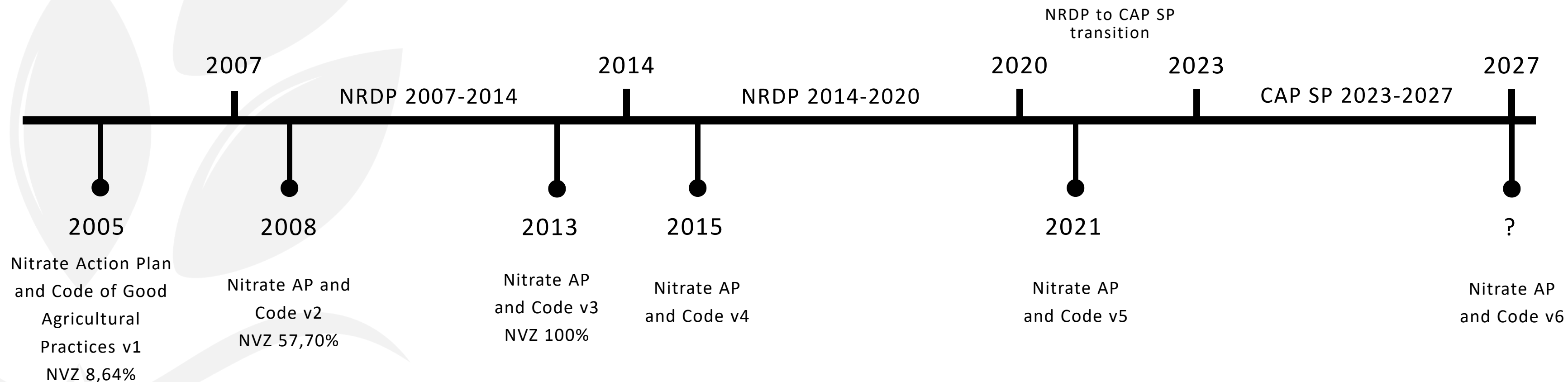
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# Interaction of the Nitrates Directive with NRDP and CAP SP



2012 - Report on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive in RO (2008-2011)

2016 - Report on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive in RO (2012-2015)

2020 - Report on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive in RO (2016-2020)

2024 - Report on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive in RO (2021-2023)

\* NVZ = Nitrate vulnerable zones



# CAP SP 2023-2027 environment and climate objectives

2<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL OBJECTIVE of the CAP policy for 2023-2027:  
to support and strengthen environmental protection, including biodiversity, and climate action and contribute to the Union's environmental and climate objectives

## 3 EU SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE



SO4: contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation, including by reducing GHG emissions and enhancing carbon sequestration, as well as to promote sustainable energy



SO5: foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air



SO6: contribute to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes

*> 35% of EAFRD allocation – Environmental, climate and animal welfare interventions*  
*> 40% of total CAP SP allocation (EAGF + EAFRD) – Climate and climate change interventions*  
*= > CAP SP budget for environment, climate and animal welfare: **2,4 bil. EUR***



# Cross-compliance vs. Conditionality

NRDP 2014-2020  
and transition period

CAP SP 2023-2027

Pillar II

Pillar I

Environmental and climate  
measures

Voluntary for farmers

Greening  
Mandatory

Cross-compliance

Standards of good agricultural and environmental conditions  
of land (GAEC standards) +

Statutory management requirements (SMRs)

7 GAEC + 13 SMRs



Level of ambition

Environmental and climate interventions

Voluntary for farmers

Eco-schemes  
Voluntary

Conditionality

Consolidated cross-compliance + Greening

10 GAEC + 11 SMRs

Pillar II

Pillar I

Nitrates,  
Phosphates  
and PPP

SMR 1 (Nitrate Directive),  
GAEC 1 (buffer strips along water courses)  
SMR 10 (PPP usage)

SMR 1 (Water Directive - mandatory requirements to control diffuse sources  
of pollution by phosphates),  
SMR 2 (Nitrate Directive - measures from Nitrates AP and Code),  
GAEC 4 (buffer strips along water courses with a ban for PPP and fertilisers  
application)  
SMR7 + SMR 8 (PPP usage)



# Interventions with direct contribution to N Directive and WF Directive

## **ENVCLIM(70) - Environmental and climate commitments and other management commitments**

- DR-01 - Agri-environment and climate on permanent grassland
- DR-02 - Agri-environment and climate on arable land
- DR-03 - Agri-environment and climate - Raising of local breeds of livestock at risk of abandonment
- DR-04 - Organic farming - conversion
- DR-05 - Organic farming - maintenance of certification
- DR-07 - Silvo-environment and climate

## **Eco-schemes(31) - Schemes for climate, environment and animal welfare**

- PD-04 - Environmentally beneficial practices applicable to arable land
- PD-05 - Practicing environmentally friendly agriculture on small farms (traditional households)
- PD-06 - Grassing between rows in fruit plantations, vineyards, nurseries and hop fields
- PD-27 - Increasing the welfare of cattle through extensive grazing on grasslands under optimal sustainability conditions



# Interventions with indirect contribution to N Directive and WF Directive

## **INVEST(73-74) - Investments, including investments in irrigation**

- DR-19 - Non-productive investments at farm level
- DR-24 - Investments in forestry technologies that improve the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems
- DR-25 - Modernization of irrigation infrastructure
- DR-26 - Establishment of irrigation systems

## **COOP(77) - Cooperation**

- DR-34 - Cooperation and innovation in agriculture through EIP operational groups

## **KNOW(78) - Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information**

- DR-37 - Knowledge transfer
- DR-38 - Agricultural business advice





## AECM & OF interventions with highest impact on Nitrate Directive

- **DR-01 & DR-02** - Agri-environment and climate interventions on permanent grassland and arable land (**490,96 mil. Euro**);
- **DR-04 & DR-05** - Organic farming - conversion and maintenance of certification (**389,12 mil. Euro**);

### **Commitment type:**

- voluntary,
- for a period of 5 years (AECC & OF), or 2-3 years (OF conversion).
- farmers must submit an annual payment request.

**Conditionality** - mandatory at the level of the entire holding and throughout the entire calendar year;

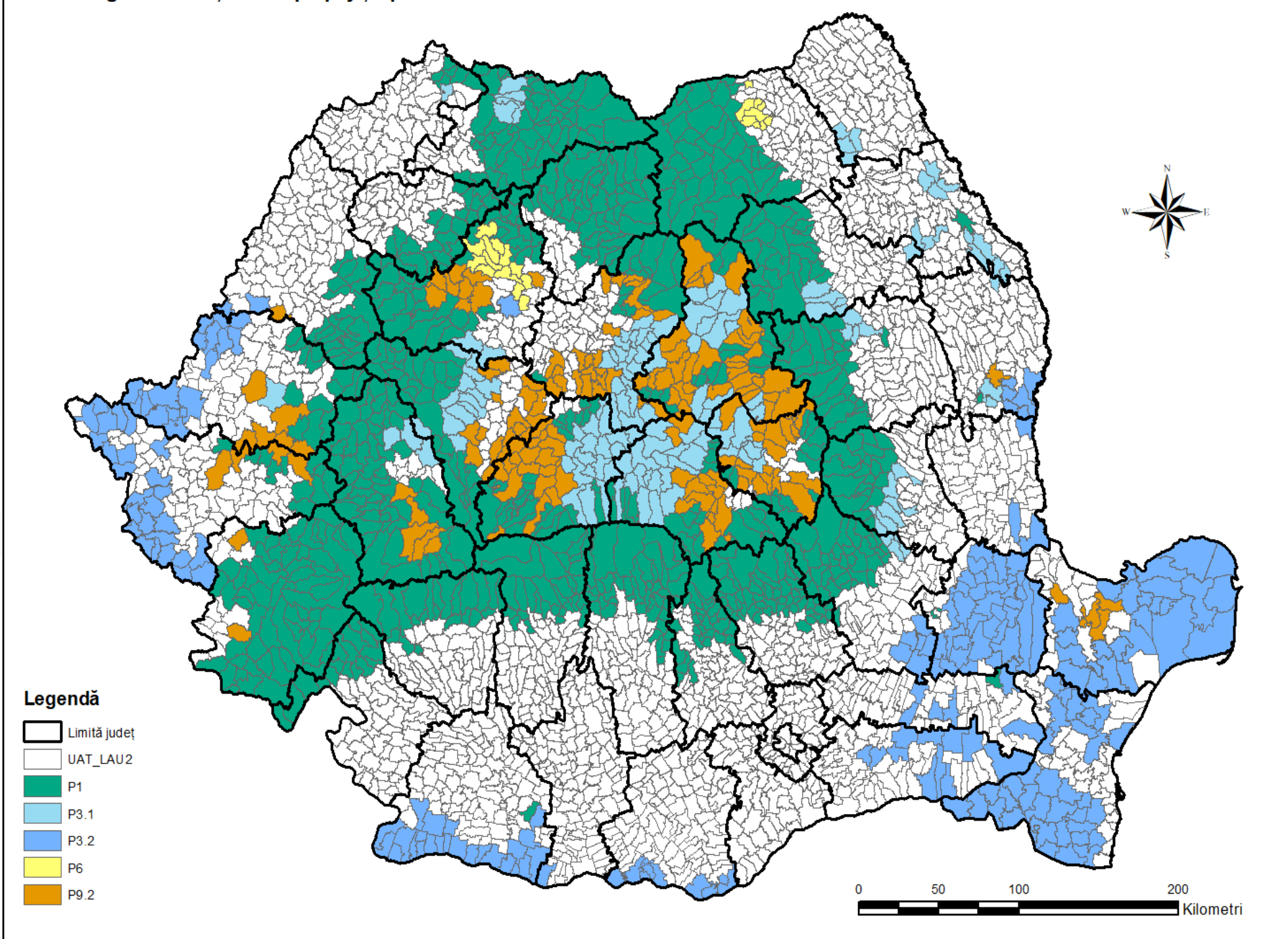
### **Specific requirements that are going beyond conditionality:**

- prohibited use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides (DR01, DR02, DR03 and DR04);
- grazing with a reduced load, max. 0.7 - 1 LSU/ha (DR01);
- the use of manure limited to max. 40 - 50 kg N/ha (DR01);
- establish green crops/N fixation crops (e.g. alfalfa, peas, soybeans, lentils) (DR02, package 4 - green crops);
- pesticides and fertilizers cannot be used between the sowing of the autumn crop and February 28 (DR-02, package 7 - arable land important as feeding areas for the red-necked goose (*Branta ruficollis*)).



# Delineation of DR-01 - Agri-environment and climate intervention on permanent grassland

DR-01 - Agro-mediu și climă pe pajiști permanente



	Nr. ATU LAU2	Eligibile area (ha.)	Anual target (ha.)	Financial allocation (€)
P1 - high natural value (HNV) grassland	779	1,370M	422,5K	224,99M
P3.1 - <i>Crex crex</i>	146	351K	110K	106,24M
P3.2 - <i>Lanius minor</i> și <i>Falco vespertinus</i>	207	188K	49K	21,89M
P6 - butterfly ( <i>Maculinea sp.</i> )	22	29K	12,5K	17,20M
P9.2 - lesser spotted eagle ( <i>Aquila pomarina</i> )	153	344K	16,6K	15,95M
Total	1.307	2,282M	610,6K	386,27M





# Eco-schemes with highest impact on Nitrate Directive

Eligible area and minimum farm size	PD-04 - Environmentally beneficial practices applicable to arable land	PD-05 - Practicing environmentally friendly agriculture in small farms (traditional households)
	Arable land Farms ≥ 10.01 ha	Arable land, Permanent grasslands, Permanent crops Farms ≥ 1 ha, max. 10 ha
<b>Mandatory requirements</b>		
Land coverage between June 15 - October 15, on at least 85% of AL	x	
Grazing with max. 2 LSU/ha		x
Min. 10% of AL cultivated with N fixing crops		x
<b>Specific requirements to chose from:</b>		
Crop diversification	x	
Apply conservative technology (min. till/no till/strip till) on min. 50% of AL	x	
Min. 2% of AL cultivated with N fixing crops	x	
Planting at least 2 trees/ha, at farm level		x
Land coverage between June 15 - October 15, on at least 85% of AL, 100% on PC		x
<b>Requested area on payment for 2025</b>	<b>aprox. 6.1M ha (62% of BISS area)</b>	



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# Thank you!

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