

ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRI- ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (AEP) IN MACEDONIA

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Agri-environmental policy in Republic of Macedonia

The Agri-environmental policy in Macedonia is quite developed on paper:

- The polluters pay principle is well elaborated, but not operational
- The providers get principle is not in place
- Several attempts to accreditation of the measures in IPARD programme were in place, but nothing was really accredited
- However there are some environmentally sound measures in first and second pillar
- As usual, data on agri-environmental indicators is not transparent

Cross compliance

- The cross compliance is established as set of Good Agricultural Practices for agricultural production
- The document is addressing the important environmental issues (soil, water, biodiversity, landscape...)
- Also the document address the important directives (ND, WFD) and conventions (climate change, biodiversity, land degradation and desertification)
- Measures are clearly set

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The polluter pays principle is set as control of the following of the GAP measures by farmers that are users of direct payment.

Period	Payment
The first year	
The second year	3% reduction
The third year	9% reduction
The fourth year	27% reduction
The fifth year	Excluding from the direct payment scheme

Cross compliance

- However no control and no implementation of these measures
- Direct payments are paid with no condition

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According to the agreement between the Government of Macedonia and the European Commission, the IPA II instrument for the period 2014-2020, in the frame of the policies for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPARD) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No 38/16), the 11 measures are available:

4. Agri-environmental measures and measures in organic agriculture

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However, the agri-environmental measures are not in place

Agri-environmental indicators

The agri-environmental indicators are not transparent and in this moment we can not say what is measured, the monitoring frequency etc...

Environmentally sound direct payments

- Additional direct payments for registered cattles of the autohtonic race Busha
- Additional direct payments for registered ships of the autohtonic races Pramenka (Ovchepolka, Sharplaninka and Karakachanska)
- Organic farming
- Direct payment for breeding of the autohtonic dog Sharplaninec
- Additional direct payments for registered goats of the autohtonic race Balkan Goat

Environmentally sound rural development measures

- Measure 121 - Investment in modernization of the agricultural holdings (sub measure for drip irrigation systems and protective nets)
- Measure 122 - Investments in increasing of the economic values of the forests
- Measure 211 – Support for the areas with lease favorable conditions for agricultural activities (LFA, ANC)
- Measure 213 – Support for protection of the rural areas and their traditional values
- Measure 214 – Support for conservation of the genetic diversity of the autochthonic varieties of crops, livestock races and organic farming

Thank You

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