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Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

Axis 2 : Improving the environment and the
countryside

Agri-environment measure

Priority Axis 2

Improving the environment and the countryside

Budget – around 760 mill.

Measure on priority Axis 2

Sustainable land management

- Payments for Less Favoured Areas to farmers in mountainous regions
- Payments to farmers in handicap regions, different from mountainous
- NATURA2000 for agricultural land
- **Agri-environmental payments**

Measure on priority Axis 2

Sustainable forest management

- First afforestation of agricultural land
- NATURA2000 payments for forests
- Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions

Compulsory requirements for supporting farmers

- To be registered in IACS and to own, take on lease or rent land
- To meet minimum requirements for good farming practice

Agri-environment payments are only for activities above these compulsory requirements

- To attend a course of basic education

Traditional animal husbandry

Traditional practices for seasonal grazing

PASTORALISM

The measure is applied only in pilot areas suitable for pastoralism, where:

- There exist big territories with abandoned mountain pastures;
- There are bears and wolfs that attack the animals
- There are possibilities for contracting the farmers and the land owners – ion this case national parks

PASTORALISM

Pilot areas – Central Balkan National Park and Rila National Park.
Farmers should have grazing permission in high mountainous areas of the national parks.



PASTORALISM

The owner of the herd is responsible for all requirements relating to the herd's management, although management is usually done by hired shepherds

- Farmers should own at least 50 sheep and 10 cattle or horses from local breeds – shepherd should meet the requirements for pastures maintenance.
- Farmers should own at least 2 karakachan dogs preventing the attacks from wild animals
- Karakachan dogs should be trained and integrated to the herds and should follow them all the time
- Farmers should bring for grazing his animals at the given pasture at least 3 months per year
- Maintain a density of head/ha according to the management plan of the park

100 EUR/ha



Agri-environment payments results

year	application	approved	played	sum, BGN
2008	1 462	1 021	1 021	4 867 543
2009	1 446	1 204	1 204	6 568 394
2010	1 781	1 438	1 438	11 197 032
	4 689	3 663	3 663	22 632 969