



# Nature conservation and the new CAP

## the Bavarian perspective



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## Financial needs:

### German cost estimate for Natura 2000

- **1.400 m € p. a. (nominal)** for Natura 2000 [findings of an expert group “costs of Natura 2000”]
- **1.542 m € p. a. (actual)** for nature conservation [estimate of the Federal Ministry for the Environment (2017)]
- less money in Pillar 2 (at least 15 % less than 2014-2020)  
→ **widening gap?**







## Public demands

- very successful petition for a referendum “Safe the bees!” (for a better nature conservation law)
- Bavarian parliament put this into law and supplemented the law
- → clear targets:
  - 15 % of our agricultural landscape shall be part of a wildlife corridor
  - 10 % of our permanent grassland shall be mowed not before June 15th.
  - 6 % of our agricultural land shall be managed according to the Bavarian conservation programme VNP
- society wants more bees, flowers, nature → push for the next CAP





## Bavarian conservation programme VNP

### modular system:

combination of about 60 different  
measures possible, e.g.:

mowing not before 1st July: 350 € / ha

+

no fertilizers and pesticides: 150 € / ha

+

additional requirements [400 € / ha]:  
sickle bar mower: 270 €, 5 – 20 %  
fallow land: 50 €, very wet area: 80 €

Σ 900 € / ha

- 20.000 farmers take part  
→ 60 m € p. a.
- a lot of workshops with many  
stakeholders to improve the  
programme

### advantages

- good adaptation to local  
requirements
- very targeted

### disadvantages (with the view to the proposals for the new CAP)

- EU-Commission wants
  - “easy” measures
  - (uniform) unit amounts







# New CAP: restrictions for a targeted approach

- **one strategic** plan in Germany
    - less regional and specific measures
    - less integration of the regional nature conservation administrations
  - **new concept of the uniform unit amount**
    - new default for the annual performance clearance
    - Bavarian nature conservation programme → 3.600 different unit amounts that have to be reported in the annual performance report
- “dark green” measures will lose
- **solution is necessary!!!!**

