



Agroforestry in the EU Common Agricultural Policy and in the new EU Forest Strategy

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Overview

- *Overall policy context*
- *2007-2013(2014) rural development programmes*
- *New EU Forest Strategy*
- *New CAP 2014 – 2020*
- *2014-2020 rural development programmes*



Overall policy context

- **SAFE : Silvoarable Agroforestry For Europe**

European Union Contract n° QLK5-CT-2001-00560 August 2001-January 2005

- **Rural Development Regulation 2007-2013**

CR (EC) No 1698/2005,

- **Communication from the Commission on an EU Forest Action Plan**, COM(2006) 302 final

- **Mid-Term Evaluations of Rural Development Programmes 2007-2013**

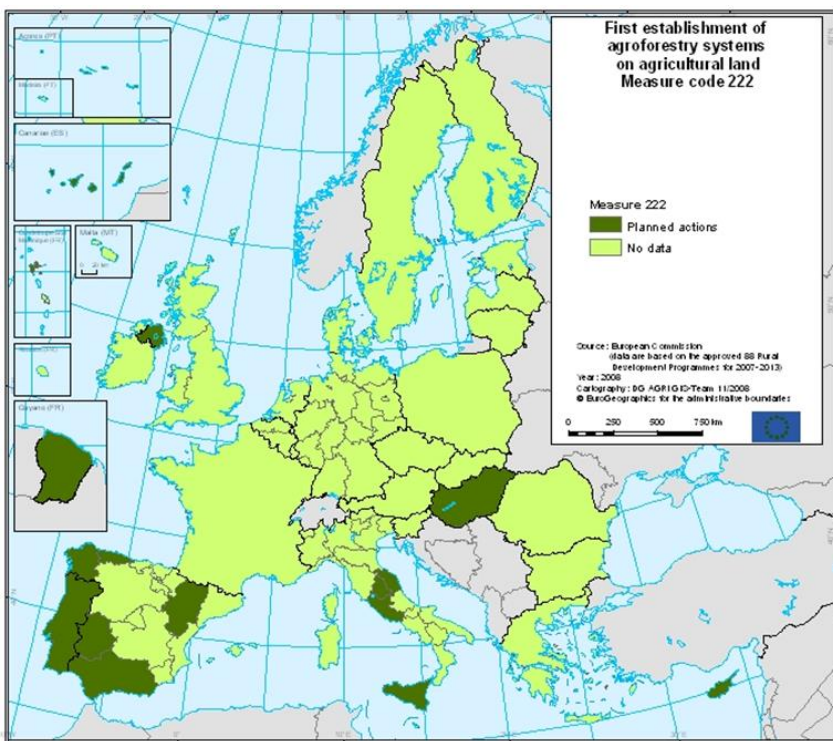
- **Rural Development Regulation No 1305/2013** (OJ L 347 of 20/12/2013)

- **Direct payments for farmers: Regulation No 1307/2013**

- **A new EU Forest Strategy** COM(2013) 659 final

- **AGFORWARD project FP7 2014**

2007-13 New measure 222: First establishment of agroforestry systems on agricultural land



- Initially programmed in 19 Rural Development Programmes, than abandoned in 8 of them, now only minimal allocation left (9 million euro EAFRD for 11 programmes)
- Reported expenses* by the end of 2014 0,8 million euro from 5 Member States from 6 programmes

New EU Forest Strategy

- Communication from the Commission to the Council and Parliament COM(2013)659 **“A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector”**
- Accompanied by 2 Staff Working Documents:
 - Staff WD accompanying the Communication on a New EU Forest Strategy
 - Staff WD on a blueprint for forest-based industries

New EU Forest Strategy

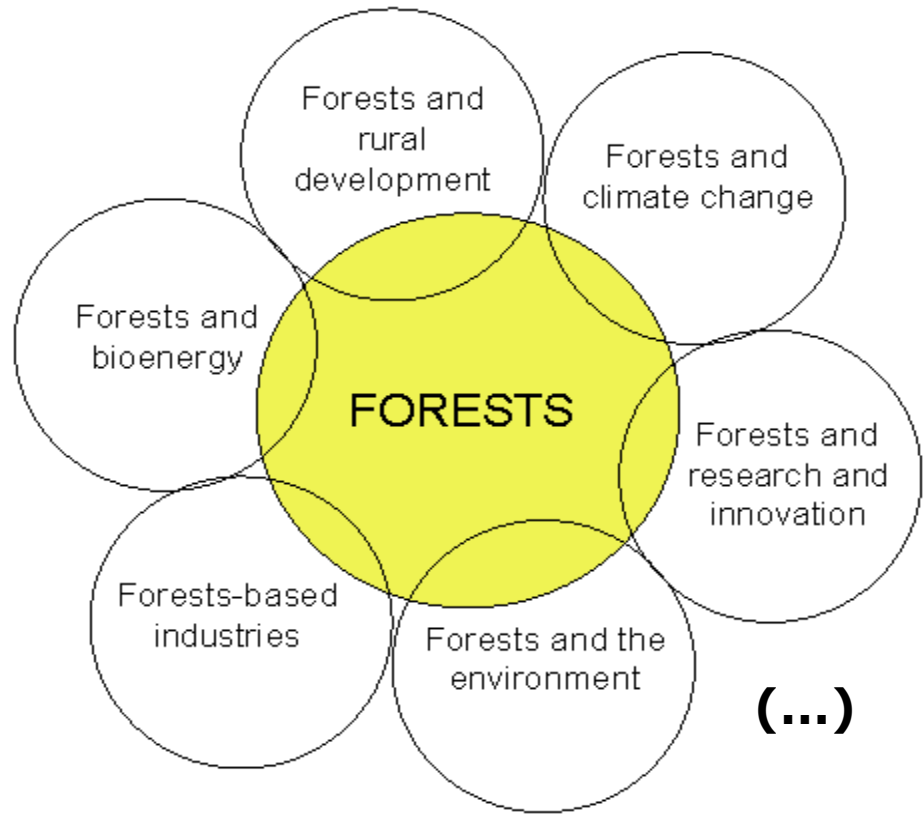


Forest Strategy (for forests and the forest-based sector)

A holistic view of forests and all related policies, addressing also the value chain.

"Europe has a unique heritage of traditional agroforestry systems with a high environmental and cultural value, and a high potential for innovative modern agroforestry systems as developed by research centres across Europe during the last two decades."

Scope of the Forest Strategy





Agroforestry in the CAP and Rural development

- **Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013** on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014** supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on support for rural development by EAFRD and introducing transitional provisions.
- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014** laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on support for rural development by EAFRD
- **Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 (Direct payments for farmers..)**
- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014** supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 with regard to the integrated administration and control system
- *Relevant environmental legislations; e.g. Natura 2000, IPM, Water...*



Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 Rural development

Art. 23: Establishment of agroforestry systems

Support available for:

- Costs of establishment 80% (maximum rate).
- Annual premium per hectare to cover the costs of maintenance for a maximum period of 5 years.
- **"Agroforestry systems"** means land use systems in which trees are grown in combination with agriculture on the same land.
- The minimum and maximum number of trees per hectare shall be determined by the Member States taking account of local pedo-climatic and environmental conditions, forestry species and the need to ensure sustainable agricultural use of the land.



Eligible costs

Establishment costs may include;

- **Establishment of agroforestry system *by planting trees***: costs of the plantation material and plantation, including transport, storing and treatments of seedlings with necessary prevention and protection materials. Applicable shrub and tree species should be listed in the Rural Development Programme.
- **Establishment of agroforestry system *by converting existing forests*** or other wooded land: costs of felling trees, thinning, pruning and protection of trees against grazing animals, if applicable.
- **Complementary investments** connected to the establishment (such as fences or individual protection tubes, watering facilities in case of grazing...).



Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014

*Parcels with landscape features and trees; **Article 9***
Eligibility of parcels with scattered trees for Basic Payment Scheme:

- **Option 1** – *maximum tree density, provided that*
 - (1) agricultural activities can be carried out in a similar way as on parcels without trees in the same area, and
 - (2) the maximum tree density is not exceeded. Hence, if the **maximum tree density** (to be fixed by the Member State but shall not exceed **100 trees per hectare**) is exceeded, the parcel should not be considered eligible.



Eligibility of parcels with scattered trees for BPS:

- ***Option 2 – pro-rata system Article 10***
 - **For parcels of permanent grassland, MS have the choice** to apply a pro-rata system for assessing the eligibility of parcels with scattered trees and other ineligible features (e.g. groups of trees). *In this context, where trees and other ineligible features do not constitute more than 10% of the area of the parcel, even the whole parcel may be considered eligible.*

Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 (Direct payments for farmers..)

- Article 46 on **Ecological focus area**

1. Where the arable land of a holding covers more than 15 hectares, the farmer shall ensure that, from 1 January 2015, an area corresponding to at least 5 % of the arable land of the holding that the farmer declared...

2. By 1 August 2014, Member States shall decide that one or more of the following are to be considered to be ecological focus area:

- (e) **hectares of agro-forestry** that receive, or have received, support under Article 44 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and/or Article 23 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013;

2014-2020 rural development programmes

- *8 Member States; BE(1), FR(16), EL, HU, IT(5), PT(3), ES(5), UK(3)*
- *+/- 35 programmes (some are still under negotiation)*
- *Planned (based on the approved and draft RDPs)*
 - **~ 20.000 ha new agroforestry area**
 - **~ 100 million € covering the establishment costs and up to 5 years of maintenance costs**



- *Implementation of the programmes*
- *Role of The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) <https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/>*
- *Agforward <http://www.agforward.eu/index.php/en/home-redirect.html>*
- *Pilot Project on Agroforestry – An Opportunity for European Agriculture http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/calls-for-tender/2015-269603_en.htm*
 - **The purpose of the pilot project is to analyse the specificities of agricultural and food products from agroforestry production systems and to assess the possibilities for branding and labelling those products considering current schemes in the European Union.**
- *Evaluation of forestry measures in rural development*
- *...preparation of the new period....*

Thank you for your attention



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