

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Greening (ecological compensation areas and crop diversification) were introduced under the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in 2015. The aim of these measures is to ensure that farmers enhance their contribution to maintaining environmental and natural resources. Those who apply for direct payments (SAPS – single area payment scheme) are obligated to implement greening rules. Organic farms are exempt of this regulation, as the standards of organic farming already include such diversification measures.



Although greening slightly improved the diversity of land use, the practical bases of agrobiodiversity are still not overall widespread in Europe. These are the use of a higher number of species and breeds, the sufficient (organic) seed supply, the knowledge of specific cultivation methods (e.g. intercropping), the proper equipment, and the market integration of diversified products.

- After the keynote presentations the following questions will be discussed:
- How sustainable is our current agricultural practice?
- Is there enough information available on the cultivation of alternative arable crops?
- Are there adequate marketing and processing possibilities for diversified farms?
- Is the (organic) seed supply (demand and offer) consistent with diversification aims in Hungary and in Europe?
- Do agricultural advisors help only to achieve CAP demands, or do they rather promote a real transition to a more sustainable agriculture?

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