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# Labeling interventions to farm practices for the CAP post-2027

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# Motivation

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- Transparency
- Comparability
- Evaluability

# History of JRC farm practice classification and labeling of CAP interventions

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## CAP 2014-20

- Info on environmental commitments available only in national and regional RD-programs. Official data very aggregated.
- JRC collects data directly from Member States and regions for research purposes and labels measures to a first inofficial version of the fram practice classification with 78 farm practices.

## CAP 2023-27

- Detailed info on environmental commitments available directly in the CAP Strategic Plans (CSPs)
- Approval of CSPs linked to objectives
- JRC develops an extended farm practice classification for DG AGRI with 3 Tier levels and a total of 366 labels (T1: 45, T2: 164, T3: 157)
- The Evaluation Helpdesk and the JRC label all interventions and planned unit amounts of the CAP to the farm practices (published in the farm practice Catalogue and the JRC DataM portal).
- JRC collects meta-analyses to establish an Evidence data base, which allows to link labels to environmental impacts.

## CAP post-27

- Detailed info on environmental commitments will again disappear from National and Regional Partnership plans ( NRPPs). Member States are supposed to provide directly the farm practice labels.
- JRC has worked on an improved farm practice classification with a total of 392 labels (T1: 55, T2: 191, T3: 146). A simplified version with 205 labels shall be used for the CAP planning.

## *Evolutions NRPP Regulation*
## *Specific requirements for CAP interventions* in the NRP Plans

**- COMM proposal - Article 36**

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**(d)** A description of the design of the intervention, including the eligibility conditions, and for agri-environmental and climate actions referred to in Article 10 of Regulation XX [CAP], **a description of farming practices covered by the intervention based on the Joint Research Centre classification of farming practices**

**- PCY text** Sept 2026 - **Article 20g**

(…)

**(e)** for agri-environmental and climate actions referred to in Article 10 of this Regulation **a selection of the relevant farming practice or practices;**

## *Draft NRPP guidance*

In addition to Annex V, Table 2.1 and as far as the interventions of the Common Agricultural Policy are concerned, the Member States should also submit the Table 3.1 of Annex V. In this table the member states should give a meaningful description of the practice supported.

**For this purpose the JRC catalogue of farming practices should be used, at *Tier 2 [2/3] level*, through a drop-down menu and specific conditions needed for the implantation of the action should be given.**

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# Sections and Tier approach of JRC farm practice classification

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| | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 | sum |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| OX Organic farming | | 2 | | 2 |
| IX Integrated production | 1 | | | 1 |
| PX Plant ptotection | 1 | 6 | 3 | 10 |
| FX Fertilisation and soil amendments | | 19 | 11 | 30 |
| MX Manure management | | 5 | | 5 |
| SX Soil management | 2 | 8 | 3 | 13 |
| RX Crop rotation and diversification | | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| LX Landscape | 2 | 8 | 20 | 30 |
| YX Forestry | | 4 | | 4 |
| GX Grassland and grazing | | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| AX Animals | 2 | 22 | 4 | 28 |
| ZX Other species | | 13 | | 13 |
| WX Water | 1 | 9 | 3 | 13 |
| BX- Bio-economy, energy efficiency and production, and on-farm waste reduction | 2 | 7 | | 9 |
| DX Knowledge management | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| EX Precision agriculture | | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| CX Certification schemes | 1 | | | 1 |
| | **14** | **133** | **58** | **205** |

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**Tier 1**

- S1X Tillage
- S2X Soil cover
- S3X Restricted machinery use (including timing) to avoid soil compaction
- S4 Other practices to combat soil erosion

**Tier 2**

- S21X Mulching
- S22X Crop residues management
- S23X Cover crops with legumes incorporated into the soils (green manure)
- S24X Other cover and catch crops
- S25 Green cover on permanent crops

**Tier 3**

- S221 Crop residues left on soil, leaving stubbles on the field
- S222 Crop residues incorporated into the soil
- S223 No burning of crop residues

# How to use the classification for labeling interventions

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## Example 1: Slovenia, Eco-scheme INP08.06 Winter cover on arable land

Support commitments

1) The soil must be covered by a ***green winter cover*** from 15 November of the current year until at least 15 February of the following year.
2) For the greening of arable land, a mixture of at least two winter crops shall be taken into account.
3) Cultivation of the greened cropland is permitted after 15 February of the following year, the use of ***herbicides*** for the destruction of the ***winter green cover is not permitted*** in this treatment.
4) After the date referred to in the previous indent, the green cover established for the purpose of greening arable areas may be used for production purposes.
5) The green cover must be ***ploughed under or mulched*** prior to the sowing of the main crop.
6) The use of ***herbicides is not allowed*** on the surface covered by the scheme.
7) The beneficiary must keep a record of the work done.

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- OX Organic farming
- IX Integrated production
- PX Plant ptotection
- FX Fertilisation and soil amendments
- MX Manure management
- **SX Soil management**
- RX Crop rotation and diversification
- LX Landscape
- YX Forestry
- GX Grassland and grazing
- AX Animals
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1) The soil must be covered by a ***green winter cover*** from 15 November of the current year until at least 15 February of the following year.
5) The green cover must be ***ploughed under or mulched*** prior to the sowing of the main crop.

| Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
|---|---|---|
| S1X Tillage | S21X Mulching | |
| **S2X Soil cover** | S22X Crop residues management | |
| S3X Restricted machinery use (including timing) to avoid soil compaction | S23X Cover crops with legumes incorporated into the soils (green manure) | |
| S4 Other practices to combat soil erosion | **S24X Other cover and catch crops** | No further differentiation |
| | S25 Green cover on permanent crops | |

S24X- Other cover and catch crops- **Cover crops are grown to provide vegetative cover of the soil in the period between two main crops.** A catch crop is a fast-growing crop that is grown between successive plantings of a main crop. It scavenge the remaining nitrogen after the main crop is harvested, thereby reducing nutrient losses from leaching. **The cover or catch crop must subsequently be incorporated into the soil.** If the cover crop requires the cultivation of legumes, use the respective labels under S23X. If the cover or catch crop is harvested (including grazing), use label R14 for intermediate crops.

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3) …the use of ***herbicides for the destruction of the winter green cover is not permitted*** in this treatment.
6) The use of ***herbicides is not allowed*** on the surface covered by the scheme.

| Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
|---|---|---|
| P1X Non-chemical control | P21X No use of plant production products on productive areas other than along water courses | P211 No use of herbicides, haulm destructors and moss killers |
| P2X Limitation in the use of plant protection products | P22 Limitation in quantity of plant protection products on productive areas other than along water courses | P212 No use of fungicides and bactericides |
| P3X Adoption of integrated pest management principles (IPM) | P23 Limitation in timing and other limitations for plant protection products on productive areas other than along water courses | P213 No use of insecticides and acaricides |
| | P24 No or restricted use of plant protection products along water courses | |
| | P25 No or restricted use of plant protection products on limited areas of the field other than along water courses | |

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# How to use the classification for labeling interventions

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## Example 2 alt: Croatia, Eco-scheme 31-02 Extensive management of pastures

Support commitments

1. Maintenance of pastures and karst pastures through mandatory grazing by livestock owned and/or possessed by the beneficiary, at a stocking density of 0.3 to 1.0 LU/ha (sheep, goats, cattle, and/or equines).
2. Mandatory grazing until 1st October of the current year.
3. Preparation of an annual grazing plan for each ARKOD parcel designated as pasture or karst pasture; this plan may be prepared as part of individual advisory services for farmers.
4. Keeping records regarding the implementation of the intervention.
5. Seeding of pastures and karst pastures is not permitted.
6. The use of mineral fertilizers or manure is prohibited.
7. The use of plant protection products is prohibited.
8. Hydro-melioration works are prohibited.
9. Manual removal of unwanted vegetation on karst pasture areas for maintenance purposes.

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- OX Organic farming
- IX Integrated production
- PX Plant ptotection
- FX Fertilisation and soil amendments
- MX Manure management
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- RX Crop rotation and diversification
- LX Landscape
- YX Forestry
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1. Maintenance of pastures and karst pastures through **mandatory grazing by livestock** owned and/or possessed by the beneficiary, **at a stocking density of 0.3 to 1.0 LU/ha** (sheep, goats, cattle, and/or equines).
2. Mandatory **grazing until 1st October** of the current year.

| Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
|---|---|---|
| G1X Grazing management | G11X Grazing obligation | No further differentiation |
| | G12X None or restricted grazing (timing, animal species etc.) | G121 Ban of Grazing |
| | | G122 Timing restrictions for grazing |
| | | G123 Grazing restrictions for animal species |
| | | G124 Maximum livestock density |
| | | G125 Rotational grazing |
| G2X Grassland management | G13 Livestock seasonal movement | |

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- LX Landscape
- YX Forestry
- GX Grassland and grazing
- AX Animals
- **ZX Other species**
- WX Water
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1. Preparation of an **annual grazing plan** for each ARKOD parcel designated as pasture or karst pasture; this plan may be prepared as part of individual advisory services for farmers.
2. Keeping records regarding the implementation of the intervention.
3. **Seeding of pastures** and karst pastures is **not permitted**.

| Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Z1X Wildlife | Z11 Cultivation of rare/local arable crop species and varieties | |
| **Z2X Agrobiodiversity** | Z12 Cultivation of rare/local tree crop species and varieties | |
| Z3X Management of agricultural areas important for biodiversity | Z13 Conservation of rare/local livestock breeds | |
| | **Z14 Conservation of rare/local grassland species** | No further differentiation |
| D1X On-farm environmental assessment or analysis | | |
| **D2X Management plans** | No further differentiation | |
| D3X Training and consultation of advisory services | | |
| D4X Cooperation with research institutions | | |

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- OX Organic farming
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1. The use of mineral fertilizers or manure is prohibited.

### Tier 1

- **F1X Limitations on the use of fertilizers**
- F2X Fertilization practices to reduce nutrient losses
- F3X Soil amendments
- F4X Use of specific fertilizer types or manure

### Tier 2

- **F11X No use of organic fertilizers on productive areas other than along water courses**
- **F12X No use of mineral fertilizers on productive areas other than along water courses**
- F13X Limitation on fertiliser quantity
- F14 Limitations on fertilizer timing on productive areas other than along water courses
- F15 No or restricted fertilization along water courses
- F16 No or restricted use of fertilisers on limited areas of the field other than along water courses

### Tier 3

- F111 No organic fertilizer on soils (grazing not allowed)
- **F112 No application of organic fertilizers (grazing allowed)**
- F113No application of liquid manure (slurry)
- No further differentiation

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1. The use of plant protection products is prohibited.

### Tier 1

- P1X No chemical control
- P2X Limitation in use of plant protection products
- P3X Adoption of integrated pest management principles (IPM)

### Tier 2

- P21X No use of plant protection products on productive areas other than along water courses
- P22 Limitation in quantity of plant protection products on productive areas other than along water courses
- P23 Limitation in timing and other limitations for plant protection products on productive areas other than along water courses
- P24 No or restricted use of plant protection products along water courses
- P25 No or restricted use of plant protection products on limited areas of the field other than along water courses

### Tier 3

- P211 No use of herbicides, haulm destructors and moss killers
- P212 No use of fungicides and bactericides
- P213No use of insecticides and acaricides

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1. Hydro-melioration works are prohibited

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| GX Grassland and grazing | | | |
| AX Animals | | | |
| ZX Other species | | | |
| **WX Water** | W1X Other bans, restrictions and obligations on productive land along water courses, expect for fertilizers and plant protection products | | |
| | W2X Measures related to irrigation | | |
| | W3X Infrastructure to store water | | |
| | W4X Sustainable water management on paddy rice fields (e.g. late drying up of paddy rice fields) | | |
| | **W5X Drainage** | **W51 No drainage** | No further differentiation |
| | | W52 Drainage restrictions | |
| | | W53 Drainage maintenance | |
| | | W54 Drainage installation | |
| BX- Bio-economy, energy efficiency and production, and on-farm waste reduction | | | |
| DX Knowledge management | | | |
| EX Precision agriculture | | | |
| CX Certification schemes | | | |

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## Example 2 alt : Croatia, Eco-scheme 31-02 Extensive management of pastures

1. Manual removal of unwanted vegetation on karst pasture areas for maintenance purposes

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|---|---|---|
| OX Organic farming | | |
| IX Integrated production | | |
| PX Plant ptotection | | |
| FX Fertilisation and soil amendments | | |
| MX Manure management | | |
| SX Soil management | | |
| RX Crop rotation and diversification | | |
| LX Landscape | | |
| YX Forestry | | |
| GX Grassland and grazing | | |
| AX Animals | | |
| **ZX Other species** | Z1X Wildlife | Z11 Measures related to wildlife nests/boxes |
| | | Z12 Measures to improve coexistence with large carnivores and other wildlife with potential to cause damage |
| | | **Z13 Measures against the spread of invasive species** → No further differentiation |
| | | Z14 Non-harvested crops for wildlife |
| | | Z15 Overseeding for wildlife |
| | | Z16 Restriction of timing of activities (seasonal or daily) for wildlife |
| | | Z17 Other interventions targeted to wildlife but not covered |
| WX Water | Z2X Agrobiodiversity | |
| BX- Bio-economy, energy efficiency and production, and on-farm waste reduction | Z3X Management of agricultural areas important for biodiversity | |
| DX Knowledge management | | |
| EX Precision agriculture | | |
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| FX Fertilisation and soil amendments | | |
| MX Manure management | | |
| SX Soil management | | |
| RX Crop rotation and diversification | | |
| LX Landscape | | |
| YX Forestry | | |
| **GX Grassland and grazing** | G1X Grazing management | |
| | **G2X Grassland management** | G21 Mowing obligations |
| | | **G22X Mowing restrictions** |
| | | G23 Idling/resting of grassland |
| | | G24 Reseeding on grasslands |
| | | G25 No ploughing of grassland |
| | | G26 No conversion of grassland into other uses |
| | | G27 Conversion of arable land to grassland |
| | | G28X Bans, restrictions or obligations of grazing, mowing or ploughing along water courses |
| | | G29X Bans, restrictions or obligations on grazing, mowing or ploughing of grassland on limited areas of the field other than along water courses |
| AX Animals | | |
| ZX Other species | | |
| WX Water | | |
| BX- Bio-economy, energy efficiency and production, and on-farm waste reduction | | |
| DX Knowledge management | | |
| EX Precision agriculture | | |
| CX Certification schemes | | |
| | | G221 Mowing restriction on timing |
| | | G222 Mowing restriction of number of cuts |
| | | **G223 Other mowing restrictions** |

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