

Conservation and use of FGR in European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas

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Period EAFRD (EU) 2014-2020

Regulation (EU) 1305/2013 (EAFRD):

Art. 34. "Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation"

"34.4. Support may be provided to public and private entities for the conservation and promotion of forest genetic resources for operations not covered under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3."

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 807/2014 (EAFRD):

Art. 8. Conservation of genetic resources in agriculture and in forestry:

It describes different elegible operations for support and divides them in 3 groups:

- Targeted actions
- Concerted actions
- Accompanying actions

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 808/2014 (EAFRD):

SUBMEASURE 15.2: Support for the conservation and promotion of forest genetic resources

• Art. 59.4.b) Regulation (EU) 1305/2013 (EAFRD): Contribution 75 % for operations contributing to the objectives of environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation under Article 17, points (a) and (b) of Article 21(1), Articles 28 29, 30 31 and 34. a) y b), 28, 29, 30, 31, y 34;

Activities in Spanish National Rural Development Program 2014-2020

Submeasure 15.2. Support for the conservation and promotion of forest genetic resources: Activities developed directly by central Government. Focus area 4A (Environmental)

Funds: 4,000,000 € (75% EAFRD costs) + 1,333,333 € (Spain) = 5,333,333 € total





Conservation and breeding program on elms against Dutch Elm Disease

Conservation and breeding program on holm and cork oaks against Phytophtora cinnamomi



Activities related to Spanish Strategy of FGR (Data Bases, trials network, GCUs information, National Plans, Gene Banks network, etc.



Improvement of facilities and machinery in National Centres of FGR (nurseries, buildings, conservation chambers, etc.)

New Period EAFRD (EU) 2021-2027

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) 1305/2013 and Regulation (EU) 1307/2013

EU Member States are preparing their Strategic Plans and deciding their types of interventions: any intervention must be connected with only one article from the Regulation

Possibility for FGR activities: Article 65: (...) For animal welfare commitments, for <u>commitments for the conservation</u>, <u>sustainable use and</u> <u>development of genetic resources</u>, for conversion to organic farming, for new commitments directly following the commitment performed in the initial period, ...

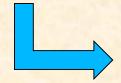
Is this article going to be developed as it happened in period 14-20 with article 34?



Problem with indicators

Each article is connected with some result indicators that will be used for monitoring the interventions

Indicator R.25 Supporting sustainable forest management: Share of forest land under management commitments to support forest protection and management.



Article 65 (environmental commitments)

Indicator R.23a Environment-/climate-related performance through investment in rural areas: Number of operations contributing to environmental sustainability, climate mitigation and adaptation goals in rural areas.

Article 68 (investments) It doesn't fit with all FGR activities

Our suggestion for EU Commission is to extend the indicator R.23a to article 65 (environmental commitments)

CONCLUSIONS

1. EAFRD 2014 -2020 has been a good tool to get funds for conservation and sustainable use of FGR activities, despite ir requires a lot of dedication, bureaucracy and controls.

2. EAFRD 2021 – 2027 seems to be a good oportunity too, but there is still to many questions on the table: development of the regulation regarding genetic resources, changes in the indicators, elegible activities, etc.

3. Indicator R25 (art. 65) can suit with GCUs management but it couldn't cover the rest of activities related to FGR (ex situ activities, data bases, facilities, etc.) Proposal to extend art. 65 to indicator R23a.