

Austria Agri-Environmental Programme (ÖPUL) 2015–2027

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Austria's ÖPUL pays 110,200 farms — 74.6% of all holdings — to adopt voluntary agri-environmental measures on 2.2 million hectares, with €614M/year budgeted to 2027. Austria has the highest agri-environment scheme participation rate in the EU, with 210,000 ha of dedicated biodive

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management \(BMLUK\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[ÖPUL 2023 programme guidelines \(BMLUK\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[ÖPUL 2015 programme document \(FAO Lex\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[EU CAP Network evaluation of ÖPUL](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Factsheet: Austrian ÖPUL \(VITO/Biobased\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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