

Estonia Natura 2000 Compensation Payments — Private Forest and Farmland Management

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Estonia's EAFRD-funded Rural Development Plan pays private landowners €60–134/ha for Natura 2000 management restrictions. By 2019: €4.3 M/year for 64,000 ha of private forests; €0.55 M/year for 20,000 ha of farmland. Total EAFRD 2014–2020: €73 M.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
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

[PRIA / Erametsakeskus \(Estonian Rural Development\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Natura 2000 subsidy for private forestland — loodusveeb.ee](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Natura 2000 subsidy for agricultural land — loodusveeb.ee](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[EC RDP Factsheet Estonia 2014-2022](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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