

Hungary Natura 2000 Grassland Compensation Scheme

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Hungary pays ~€115/ha/yr (Decree 269/2007, updated under CAP 2023–27) for Natura 2000 grassland maintenance. 250,000 ha enrolled; 7,500+ farmers paid; €19M disbursed in 2025. Covers iconic Pannonian steppe (puszta) and high-nature-value wet meadows.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture \(Agrárminisztérium\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[EU Biodiversity Information System — Hungary country page](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Trademagazin.hu — 2025 Natura 2000 grassland payments announcement](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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