

Ireland Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Ireland

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Ireland's statutory agri-environment PES under the 2023-2027 EU CAP: EUR 150M/yr for 54,000+ farm families managing 1.1M ha for biodiversity, peatland carbon and water quality, including 130,000 ha of peat grassland and 285,000 ha of commonage.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
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 2026-06-21

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