

Liechtenstein's Ecological Compensation Payments — Two Decades of Tracked Farmland Habitat Growth

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Liechtenstein pays farmers under its Compensation Act to manage 'ecologically valuable' habitat -- meadows, hedges, wildflower strips -- that grew from 13.5% of farmland in 2000 to 16.9% in 2020, 654 hectares by 2024, alongside Alpine-grazing and organic-conversion payments.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Government of Liechtenstein \(Office for Environment / agricultural direct-payments scheme\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

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[Government of Liechtenstein: agricultural subsidy programme](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

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