

Occitanie's MAEC-DFCI Pastoral Grazing Contracts — Paying Farmers to Graze Wildfire Fuel Breaks (Gard, France)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

France's MAEC scheme pays Occitanie farmers €153–204/ha in five-year contracts to graze wildfire fuel breaks; one Gard farmer earns ~€9,000/year for 60ha, though enrolment has fallen from ~60 to ~20 farmers per department since funding was cut.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[DRAAF Occitanie \(French Ministry of Agriculture\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[MAEC catalogue 2023-2027 Occitanie \(DRAAF\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[La France Agricole — farmer case study](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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