

Portugal's National Extensive-Grazing Payment Scheme for Rural Fire Fuel Reduction

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

In February 2026 Portugal launched a €30M/year national payment scheme — €120/ha for baldio (commons) fuel management plus per-head grazing subsidies (€150/suckler cow, €30/sheep or goat) — paying farmers to graze down wildfire fuel loads, building on AGIF's existing 86,000 ha of

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-06

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