

Slovenia's Agri-Environmental Payments for Corncrake & Wet-Grassland Habitats (VTR Scheme)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

An EU LIFE project (2004–2007, €809,024) in Slovenia's Ljubljansko barje and Cerkniško wetlands produced a national Corncrake Action Plan and, crucially, a new Natura 2000 payment scheme (VTR) that has paid farmers roughly €109–336 per hectare per year ever since to manage wet gr

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
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 2026-08-09

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