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37% of surface of Slovenija in NATURA 2000

More than 22% all agricultural land in N2000

From 75,000 farm holdings, 60,000 apply for RDP subventions

37,000 farm holdings with at least one part in N2000

Type of land use in all protected areas in Slovenia around 20% of the land in agricultural use around 70% of the land covered by forests

AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT PARTNER IN THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY
Measures of RDP connected to NATURA 2000

2nd axis: Improving the environment and the countryside

- 214-I/7 organic farming – permanent grassland (EK T), - orchards (EK SD)
- 214-II/1 mountain pastures (PP/PPP)
- 214-II/2 steep slopes mowing (S35 in S50)
- 214-II/3 humpy meadows mowing (GRB)
- 214-II/4 meadow orchards, (TSA)
- 214-II/7 sustainable rearing of domestic animals (REJ)
- 214-II/8 extensive grassland maintenance (ETA)

- 214-III/2 preservation of special grassland habitats (HAB)
- 214-III/3 preservation of grassland habitats of butterflies (MET)
- 214-III/4 preservation of litter meadows, (STE)
- 214-III/5 bird conservation in humid extensive meadows in Natura 2000 sites (VTR).
Activities of FAS in promotion of submeasures

- Obligatory 4 hour/year education for farmers applying for subventions

1. Number of trainings with topic of submeasures for measures permanent grassland (250 - 305 per year)

2. Number of farmers informed about target (26,000 – 17,000 per year)
Ways of promotion target submeasures

- Informative and practical lessons for organic farming
- Workshops and demonstrations:
  - branch trimming in meadow orchards (TSA)
  - proper grass cutting (ETA, Natura 2000)
  - cleaning of pastures (PP / PPP)
  - fencing and grazing management (PP / PPP)
  - demonstration mowing of slopes (S35/S50, GRB)
- Excursions tours with best practices (EK, TSA, REJ, PP / PPP)
- Study groups of farmers (EK, PPP)
Ways of promotion target submeasures

- Promotion of submeasures at various events in the protected areas
- Lectures for agrarian communities, pasture communities, associations of organic farmers and other associations
- Promotion of the submeasures on general assemblies of various societies and associations of farmers
- Lectures and demonstrations in the context of municipal tenders
- Introductory meetings in the frame of subsidy campaign
- Personal counseling (presentation of pros and cons of measures to facilitate the decision to enter)
- Promotion through the media of CAFS (zelena dežela), Kmečki glas, local newspapers and local radio stations and media of various farmers associations and societies.
Coperation of FAS

- With others stakeholders in maintaining good status on Natura 2000 sites:
  - Institute of RS for nature conservation
    - Cooperation in projects (Communication of N2000, management plans,)
    - Zonation, and other terrain activities
    - Solving concrete problems of farmers on site
  
  - Protected areas operators
    - Promotion of target submeasures
    - Organization of events promoting N2000 sites
    - Help in professional questions
  
  - NGOs, local communities and associations of farmers
Activities of AFI Murska Sobota

- **Close cooperation with Goričko park:**
  - Promotion and demonstrations of target submeasures (20 – 40 workshops, demonstrations, educations, trainings)
  - Establishing complementary activities on farm
  - Advise for Goričko park on agricultural matters
  - Cooperation in organizing events

- **Good practice:**
  - Workshops, demonstrarions of manaininance of hedges as important habitats (yearly workshops, and demonstrations, international conference on hedges AGRA 2011)
  - Concurse “The most beautiful meadow” action for promotion of meadows as important habitats
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