

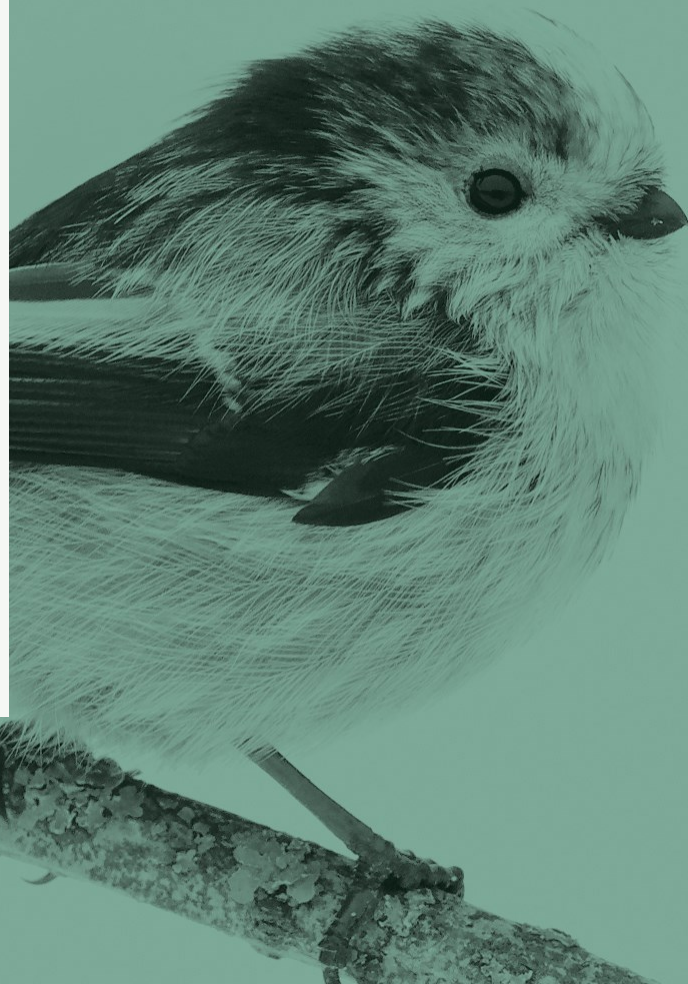


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Too few wetland protection and restoration measures in Polish CAP strategic plan

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... and some important numbers

18.4 mln ha of agricultural land

3.1 mln ha of permanent grasslands → **16.8%** of agricultural land

0.3 mln ha of peatlands rewetted by 2032 (according to the draft Strategy for Wetlands Protection in Poland, Jablonska et al 2021) → **9.7%** of permanent grasslands

CAP green architecture

Obligatory (still) standards

Facultative measures

Standards for good
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Ecoschemes

Agri-
environment-
climate Measures
(AECM)

CAP green architecture and wetland protection actions

Obligatory (still) standards

Standards for good agricultural and environmental conditions of land (GAECs)

GAEC 2 Appropriate protection of wetland and peatland

- **Delayed until 2025**
- Protection of organic soils with organic matter content $\geq 30\%$ with a total thickness of at least 40 cm, including:
 - mires with active carbon accumulation and partially drained organic soils currently on agricultural land and not yet converted to arable land;
 - non-peat wetlands, not yet converted to arable land.

CAP green architecture and wetland protection actions



CAP green architecture and wetland protection actions



[The-paper-tigers-of-the-Common-Agricultural-Policy-SMR-analysis.pdf \(birdlife.org\)](#)

Report on implementation of statutory management requirements for biodiversity (BLI 2023)



CAP green architecture and wetland protection actions

Facultative measures



Ecoschemes

Water retention on permanent grassland

- The only **result-based** measure in the Polish CAP SP
- **Limited** to grassland where an agri-environment-climate scheme is implemented
- Flooding of the meadow between 1 May and 30 September, for at least 12 successive days verified by Sentinel images
- Payment rate: 63.15 Euro/ha



CAP green architecture and wetland protection actions

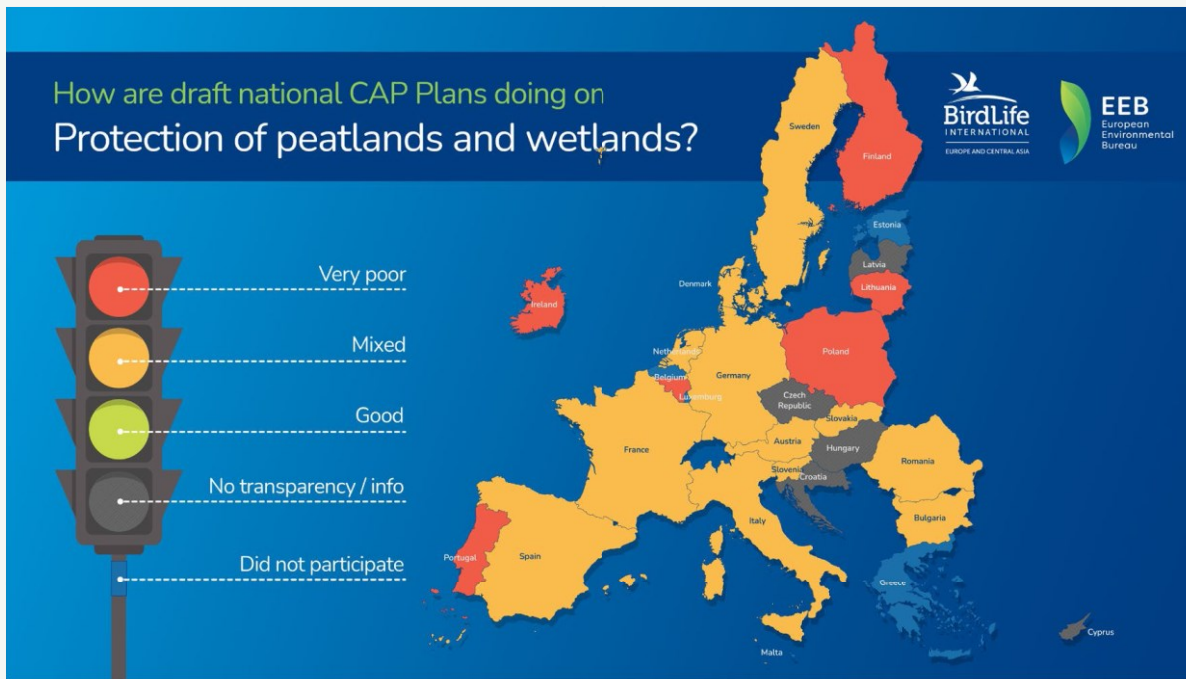
Facultative measures

Agri-environment-climate
Measures (AECM)

Protection of valuable habitats and endangered species in or outside Natura 2000 sites

- Two options for the protection of peatlands - a basic one and one supplemented by a mowing requirement
- Protection of Aquatic warbler breeding habitats
- Protection of relatively well-preserved habitats, no requirement or incentive to improve water conditions in hydrogenic habitats, including peatlands
- AECMs implemented in the wrong way, which is unfortunately the case, can be harmful for the habitats

Draft CAP Strategic Plans Assessment in 2022



[Analysis-Peatlands-Wetlands-CAP-strategic-plans-April2022.pdf \(birdlife.org\)](https://www.birdlife.org/analysis/Peatlands-Wetlands-CAP-strategic-plans-April2022.pdf)




Farmers' attitude to the climate and biodiversity crises

What impact, if any, do you think agriculture has on...?

Environment

Climate

Air

		NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	POSITIVE	I DON'T KNOW
		NEGATYWNY	NEUTRALNY	POZYTYWNY	NIE WIEM
	Środowisko przyrodnicze (jego czystość, bioróżnorodność, poziom wód, żyzność gleb)	20%	21%	54%	4%
	Zmianę klimatu (temperaturę, ilość i częstość opadów oraz siłę wiatru)	27%	25%	41%	4%
	Czystość powietrza	18%	21%	57%	4%

Source: Institute of Public Affairs 2023, N= 207

Farmers' attitude to the climate and biodiversity crises

5 February 2024

Meadows flooded again in the municipality of Leczyca. Farmers from Kozuby vilage are depressed!

The only way the farmers see to solve the situation is to regulate the Bzura river.



Farmers' attitude to the climate and biodiversity crises

27 February 2024

Bad news for agriculture. The EP has passed the Nature Restoration Law

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Zła informacja dla rolnictwa. PE przyjął ustawę o odtwarzaniu przyrody (NRL)

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Przyjęto ustawę o odtwarzaniu przyrody NRL, fot. H. Kędra

Parlament Europejski przegłosował nowe prawo odtwarzania przyrody tzw. Nature Restoration Law (NRL). Ma ono na celu przywrócenie 20 proc. powierzchni łądów i mórz UE do 2030 r. oraz wszystkich ekosystemów wymagających

Farmers' attitude to the climate and biodiversity crises

Topagrar.pl, 28 February 2024

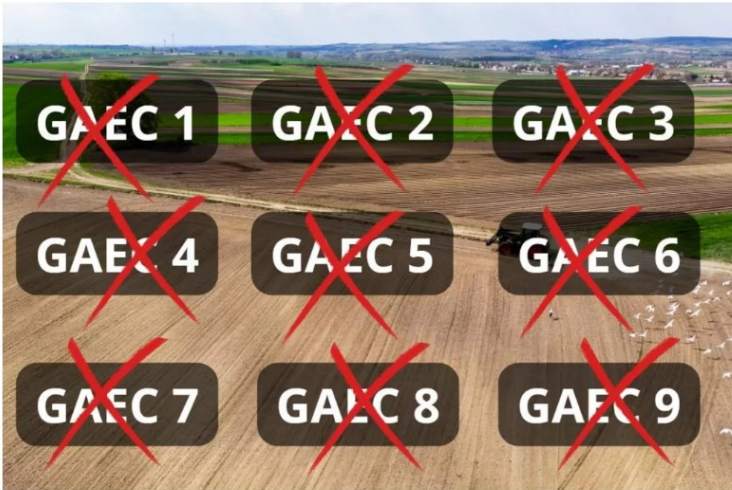
Permanently abolish GAEC standards and other regulations that restrict agricultural production

Marian Sikora (Federation of Agricultural Producers Union):

It must not be the case that farmers who have drained peatlands must now flood them. This is another idea that will lead to a reduction in agricultural production and undermine the EU's food sovereignty.

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"Trwale zlikwidować normy GAEC i inne przepisy ograniczające produkcję rolną". Mocny głos polskich rolników w Brukseli



Nie wprowadzać rocznych derogacji, ale trwale zlikwidować niepotrzebne normy GAEC i inne unijne przepisy, które ograniczają produkcję rolną. - Czy co roku mamy organizować protesty, żeby Komisja Europejska się opamiętała? - podczas spotkania w Brukseli na forum Copa-Cogeca mocno wybrzmiał głos polskich organizacji rolniczych. Co na to komisarz Janusz Wojciechowski?

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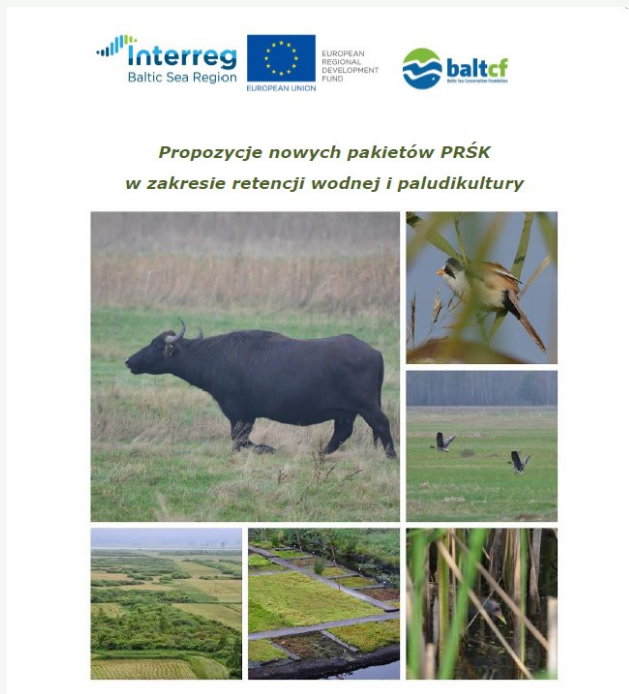
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Patryk Kokociński farm in Poznańskie region - west of Poland, dominated by intensive farming

The conventional farm implements environmentally-friendly practices with tangible benefits. One of these is water retention in meadows.



Solutions



Proposals for new AEC measures on water retention and paludiculture (2021)



Protection of water and wetlands in agricultural landscapes (2023)

Conclusions

- We need to work with farmers and agricultural advisors on nature-based solutions;
- The standards and optional measures to protect and restore wetland require clarification of requirements and estimation of payment levels. Pilot programmes may help with this;
- Farmers need to be rewarded for the public goods they provide, not just for the benefits they lose, as is currently the case;
- The high social acceptance of bearing the costs of wetland restoration and protection should be taken into account when we talk about spending public money.



Chroniąc ptaki,
chronimy
znacznie więcej.

Thank you!

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