

Annex 1a: EFA weighting matrix proposed in draft delegated act

Features	Conversion factor (m/tree to m ²)	Weighting factor	EFA area
Land lying fallow (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1	1 m ²
Terraces	2	1	2 m ²
Landscape features:			
Hedges (per 1m)	3	1.5	4.5 m ²
Wooded bank (per 1m)	8	1.5	12 m ²
Isolated tree (per tree)	20	1.5	30 m ²
Trees in line (per 1m)	4	1.5	6 m ²
Group of trees/Field copses (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1.5	1.5 m ²
Field margin (per 1m)	6	1.5	9 m ²
Ponds (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1.5	1.5 m ²
Ditches (per 1m)	3	1	3 m ²
Traditional stone walls (per 1m)	1	1	1 m ²
Buffer strips (per 1m)	6	1.5	9 m ²
Hectares of agro-forestry (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1	1 m ²
Strips of eligible hectares along forest edges (per 1m)	6	1.5	9 m ²
Areas with short rotation coppice (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1	1 m ²
Afforested areas supported under SRDP (per 1m ²)	n.a.	1	1 m ²
Areas with catch crops or green cover (per 1m ²)	n.a.	0.3	0.3 m ²
Areas with nitrogen fixing crops (per 1m ²)	n.a.	0.3	0.3 m ²

Annex 1b: List of equivalent practices for each Greening requirement

I. Practices equivalent to crop diversification:

1) Crop diversification

Requirement: at least three crops, the main crop covering a maximum of 75 %, and any one or more of the following applying:

- there are at least four crops,
- lower maximum thresholds apply,
- there is a more appropriate selection of crops, such as, for example, leguminous, protein crops, crops not requiring irrigation or pesticide treatments, as appropriate,
- regional varieties of old, traditional or endangered crop types are included on at least 5 % of the rotated area.

2) Crop rotation

Requirement: at least three crops, the main crop covering a maximum of 75 %, and any one or both of the following applying:

- a more environmentally beneficial multiannual sequence of crops and/or fallow is followed
- there are at least four crops.

3) Winter soil cover

4) Catch crops

II. Practices equivalent to maintenance of permanent grassland:

1) Management of meadows or pastures

Requirement: maintenance of permanent grassland and any one or more of the following:

- Cutting regime or appropriate mowing (dates, methods, limits)
- Maintenance of landscape features on permanent grassland and control of scrub
- Specified grass varieties and/or seeding regime for renewal depending on the grassland type, with no destruction of high nature value
- Evacuation of forage or hay
- Appropriate management for steep slopes
- Fertiliser regime
- Pesticide restrictions

2) Extensive grazing systems

Requirement: maintenance of permanent grassland and any one or more of the following:

- Extensive grazing (timing, maximum stocking density)
- Shepherding or mountain pastoralism
- Using local or traditional breeds for grazing the permanent grassland

III. Practices equivalent with ecological focus area:

Requirement: application of any of the following practices on at least the 5% of arable land (or 7% if the required EFA area increases in 2017)

- 1) Ecological set-aside.
- 2) Creation of "buffer zones" for high nature value areas, Natura 2000 or other biodiversity protection sites, including along hedgerows and water courses.
- 3) Management of uncultivated buffer strips and field margins (cutting regime, local or specified grass varieties and/or seeding regime, re-seeding with regional varieties, no use of pesticides, no disposal of manure and/or mineral fertilisers, no irrigation, no soil sealing).
- 4) Borders, in-field strips and patches managed for wildlife or specific fauna (herbaceous border, protection of nests, wildflower strips, local seed mix, unharvested crops).
- 5) Management (pruning, trimming, dates, methods, restoration) of landscape features (trees, hedgerows, riparian woody vegetation, stone walls (terraces), ditches, ponds).
- 6) Keeping arable peaty or wet soils under grass (with no use of fertilisers and no use of plant protection products).
- 7) Production on arable land with no use of fertiliser (mineral fertiliser and manure) and/or plant protection products, and not irrigated, not sown with the same crop two years in a row and on a fixed place.
- 8) Conversion of arable land into permanent grassland extensively used.