

## **A checklist for NGOs on direct greening related payments, measures and initiatives for the 2014-2020 NRDPs**

In the light of the post-2013 CAP reform and the new Rural Development Plans Member States need to elaborate for 2014-2020, CEEweb has compiled a checklist guiding document with some of the main pointers for NGOs on greening related payments, measures and initiatives.

These recommendations are based on the review of the experience of [CEEweb's members](#), [CEEweb-ADEPT-EEB high level conference](#) on the CAP reform and on research carried out so far by relevant European institutions.

- Promote additional environmental criteria for measures on Areas of Natural Constraint;
- Ensure that Natura 2000 payment interventions are evidence based and aimed at specific, clearly defined environmental objectives;
- Support top-up payments for more specific habitat/species related targets for agri-environment measures;
- Promote measures that allow for extension and greater utilisation of buffer zones;
- Promote measures that provide additional habitat space for pollinators;
- Promote inclusion of Article 36 in your RDPs, for Cooperation Measure and European Innovation Partnership (EIP, read more [here>>](#)), key measures to support joint projects in all fields among groups of farmers, NGOs and rural development movements;
- Allocate sufficient budget resources to guarantee on-the-ground advice and support for farmers and foresters in order to achieve effective uptake and implementation;
- Farmers are generally tempted to apply for modernisation of their holdings, but sometimes this might prove difficult - positive incentives for small farmers would be an easier access to credit and a lower co-financing rate;
- Set up and use evaluation and monitoring systems to improve effectiveness;
- Support the setting up of producer groups (e.g. organic production);
- Training and support for young farmers should be highlighted in the new RDPs, and access made easier for smaller farm sizes;