Agri-environmental subsidies in Hungary

Suggestions

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Agri-environmental subsidies in general

- zonal: for certain sites
- horizontal: independent from the status of the site, general instructions
- main problem: not nature protection but complementary subsidy => not global thinking
e.g. mowing, grazing with indigenous or alien animal breeds get the same amount, however
Natura 2000 instructions for grasslands

- grazing or mowing
  - cattle, sheep, horse, goat, donkey, buffalo
  - overgrazing is forbidden
  - permanent damage of the coverage is forbidden
  - adding further nutrients besides natural fertilizer is forbidden
- 5-10 % of the grassland should not be mowed
- external water supply is not allowed
- work with machines from sunset till sunrise is forbidden
Natura 2000 instructions for grasslands II

- permission is needed for cutting the reed, and grazing between 31st Oct- 23rd April from the responsible authority
- mowing
  - from the middle or from the edge of the parcel
  - using alarm chain is compulsory
  - only mechanical and special chemical usage is allowed in the protection against invasive species
- 5 days in advance in written form to the NPD
- fodder can be stored in the grassland not longer than 30 days
Suggestions I.

- differentiated payment

- e.g. Dévaványa ÉTT – Otis tarda (Great bustard)
Suggestions II.

- maximized size of plots
  - e.g. Boronka-project
Suggestions III.

- 7-10% of balks, edges, stepping stones, other ecological corridor function
- Subsidy for the rare or local species
  - e.g. wheat, barley, corn, rape, sunflower, lucerne
Thank you for your attention!