

Eco-Schemes State of Play

- Annual voluntary Pillar 1 agri-environmental scheme (20-30%) – funded by a linear cut
- An eco-scheme can consist of one or several agricultural practices beneficial for climate and the environment
- Actions must go beyond conditionality/legislative requirements to receive payment
- Payment based on environmental benefit OR cost incurred/income foregone

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- Current proposals outline flat rate payments per hectare or action completed – not related to or based on type or volume of production (to ensure WTO compliance)
- Will lead to further convergence if flat-rate payment structure is adopted
- Receiving BISS is not a pre-condition for the scheme
- Payment on eligible hectares covered by scheme only
- Likely to be integrated with BISS application process