

Annex 1

# **National Inventories**



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Table AT.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	×	
	Axis 4	×	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	×	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	×
Action plan*		✓	×

- × Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Austria (national scale)

Table AT.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in and organisation of vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming – which are part of the national action plan. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	66 – 100% of the eligible expenses depending on the type of program.

Table AT.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support of constructional and technical investments to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Organic farmers investing in housing systems receive a bonus of 5% to the investment grant
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Adaption to higher requirements/standards in livestock systems (e.g. in view of the expiration of the derogation on tethering of cattle in buildings in 2013)
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Investment support varies between 20% and 50% of the eligible investment costs depending on the type of investment. Grants to investments in housing systems amount up to 25%. Grant to housing systems on organic farms amount up to 30%.



Table AT.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	<b>Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments to improve processing and quality of agricultural products as well as quality and marketing.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Projects related to organic processing and marketing receive a higher grant. Furthermore, organic farming is one of several selection criteria used to select applications. It has however not been identified to what extent this leads to an advantage for organic projects. Furthermore, projects related to organic processing and marketing receive a higher grant.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	A tiered support system is applied for determining the level of contribution. The basic grant ranges from 2.5–7.5% of the eligible costs depending on the size of the enterprise applying for a grant. Projects related to organic food may receive a bonus/higher grant: 5.0% for projects where more than 50% of the raw material is organic, 2.5% for projects where 10–50% of the raw material is organic, 2.5% for enterprises that process or sell very large volumes of organic products.

Table AT.5 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG and approved national food quality schemes. The level of grant varies depending on the quality scheme.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Organic farmers receive a grant of 80% of the eligible inspection and certification costs in the first year. After entering the scheme the contribution is decreased stepwise by 5% from 80% to 60%. The maximum contribution is EUR 700 per year. Conventional farmers receive a grant of 50% of the eligible inspection and certification costs in the first year. After entering the scheme the contribution is decreased stepwise by 5% from 50% to 30%. The maximum contribution is EUR 1500 per year.

Table AT.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Sub-measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments <sup>1</sup> (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable land	Except fodder crops and set-aside	285	285	285
	Fodder crops and soil recovery areas	Up to 25 % of the arable land	285	285	285
		More than 25 % of the arable land with $\geq 0.5$ LU/ha <sup>2</sup>	240	240	240
		More than 25 % of the arable land with $< 0.5$ LU/ha <sup>2</sup>	110	110	110
	Vegetables	Single crop per season	450	450	450
		Two or several crops per season	600	600	600
	Strawberries		450	450	450
	Medicinal plants and spices		450	450	450
	Grassland including permanent grassland (more than one cut)	$< 0.5$ LU/ha	110	110	110
		$\geq 0.5$ LU/ha	240	240	240
	Extensive grassland	Depending on number of cuts and LU/ha (more or less than 0.5 LU/ha)	110	110	110
			240	240	240
	Vineyards, fruits, hop and tree nurseries		750	750	750
	Protected cultivation	Plastic tunnel	2,900	2,900	2,900
Glasshouse		4,200	4,200	4,200	
Beehives (BH)		25	25	25	
		EUR/BH	EUR/BH	EUR/BH	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%			

<sup>1</sup> Payment depression: until 100 ha = 100%; 100-300 ha = 92.5%; 300-1,000 ha = 85%; > 1,000 ha = 75%

<sup>2</sup> No support for soil recovery areas for areas beyond 25 % of the arable land.

Table AT.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)																																				
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments																																				
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*Note on RDP measures*

Organic farmers are also supported through other RDP measures (see Table AT.8). However, these measures do not address organic farming specifically or are used for specific organic support programmes.

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Table AT.8 Key information on RDP expenditure related to organic farming and share in total expenditures per RDP measure

Measure	2007		2008		2009	
	Expenditure in organic farming (EUR)	Share in total expenditure (%)	Expenditure in organic farming (EUR)	Share in total expenditure (%)	Expenditure in organic farming (EUR)	Share in total expenditure (%)
111	99,688	1	142,707	2	66,599	1
112	1,603,450	19	4715,850	22	3,943,500	21
121	4,784,804	19	22,019,063	20	27,923,050	22
122	859,568	9	900,803	10	789,518	14
123	626,362	6	138,560	1	469,138	1
124 <sup>1</sup>	-		-		150,000	5
125	-		715,621	5	623,481	6
132	-		1,922,746	100	1,931,964	92
133 <sup>1</sup>	-		-		100,000	33
211	68,196,150	25	68,719,579	25	71,278,873	26
214	135,322,037	27	138,694,482	27	156,639,574	29
221	32,144	21	36,976	15	28,462	13
225	-		-		8,731	29
226	489,229	9	1,148,424	7	1,048,916	5
311	824,751	14	757,402	11	936,893	7
312	-		-		433	0
313	-		42,100	1	-	
321	583,618	3	283,292	2	414,640	1
322	314,011	50	41,155	12	73,648	5
323	40,490	1	35,092	0	338,952	2
331	-		30,058	1	30,147	1
411	-		-		309,816	238
412	-		-		16,290	
413	-	1	-	2	1,802,322	69

<sup>1</sup> Estimates

Source: Own calculation based on data from BMLFUW

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Table AT.9 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Organic farming can make a significant contribution towards reducing the use of certain fertilizers and pesticides. In addition, organic farming can help to protect habitats and biological diversity. The production of organic fruit and vegetables should therefore be supported through guidance and further training.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Advice and further training
<b>Remarks</b>	The actions can only be given support if they are implemented in the context of integrated production supported by the Austrian rural development programme, enhance the environmental effect of integrated production and correspond to the aims of the ÖPUL.

Source: BMLFUW (2009).

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table AT.10 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Further education of teachers and advisors	✓
	– Preparation of teaching and learning materials on organic farming for agricultural colleges and schools	✓
	– Compilation and distribution of information on organic farming for the public	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Coordination of and financial contribution to promotion campaigns	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farming associations for specific services provided	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants within the ERA-NET CORE Organic	✓
	– Additional research grants for specific national research projects (e.g. related to the usage of copper)	✓
	– Financial contribution to conferences (e.g. Bio-Academy in Lednice)	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and EU funded measures

Table AT.11 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

	National Organic Action Plan			
<b>Running period</b>	2011–2013			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	2001–2003 2003–2005 2005–2008 2008–2011			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	Share of 20% of the organic land area in the total UAA			
<b>Target year</b>	2013			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	✓	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	
Training & Advice	✓	-	-	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	✓	-	
Other	-	-	-	
<b>Budget / Expenditure</b>	No overall budget has been reported. Financial resources for activities related to advice, training and education are EUR 8.5 million for the period 2007 – 2013.			

Source: BMLFUW (2011).

## **Austria (regional scale)**

### **Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

### **Regional organic action plans or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and EU funded measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Belgium

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Flanders was provided by Diederik De Smedt, Flemish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries, Belgium. The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Wallonia was provided by Christian Mulders, Service Public de Wallonie (SPW), AD Agriculture, Ressources naturelles et Environment, Wallonia, Belgium. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table BE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures		x
	CMO Top ups		✓
Other measures		x	✓ <sup>R</sup>
Action plan *		x	✓ <sup>R</sup>

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## **Belgium (national scale)**

### **Rural development measures**

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### **Article 68 measure**

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### **CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### **National support measures not (co-)financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

### **National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Not available

## Belgium – Flanders (regional scale)

Table BE.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in and organisation of vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	For drawing up a conversion plan a farmer get a subsidy of up to 80% of the costs incurred (maximum amount EUR 900). For business assistance and education in organic farming, maximum annual subsidy amounts to EUR 500 up to 80% of the costs incurred.

Table BE.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support for investments aimed at improving the competitiveness and allowing farmers to adapt to changed circumstances
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Organic farmers receive a higher grant than conventional farmers
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Financial support is given as a grant to the eligible costs and/or in the form of an interest rate subsidy. The support rate for investments in organic holdings is 38% (in 2009: 40%). Depending on the type of investment, support rates for investments not related to organic livestock ranges from 8% to 28%.

### Note on RDP measure 132

The Flemish government intends to implement RDP measure 132-A (Participation of farmers in quality food schemes) specifically for organic farmers in 2011. The support to be granted is calculated on the basis of the farmer's actual costs connected to inspection and certification costs taking into account that the regional organic legislation contains some additional requirements compared to the European legislation for organic farming. The level of support depends on the size of the farm. The maximum annual contribution is EUR 3,000 per farm.

Table BE.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming.				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Annual crop farming and fodder crops	600	360	240	
	Grassland	450	150	120	
	Annual vegetable crops	≤ 2.5 ha	1,000	800	495
		> 2.5 ha	1,000	700	380
Greenhouse crops	1,650	990	790		
Perennial and biennial vegetables and fruit	900	900 <sup>1</sup>	620	555	
Level of compensation	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> EUR 900 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year

Table BE.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

RDP-Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On top-payment</b>	
	Use of non tillage soil systems	variable
	Use of leguminosae	275-600 EUR/ha
	Direct seeding (no plowing)	variable
	Green covering with clovers, rye grass, etc.	50 EUR/ha
	Environmental friendly ornamental horticulture	75-900 EUR/ha
	Little parcels for birds (alaudidae)	max. 30 EUR/ha
	Winter stubble	50 EUR/ha
	Grain borders	1,500 EUR/ha
	Bird feed crops	1,490 EUR/ha
	Flight borders for birds	variable
	Water management contract	max. 685 EUR/ha

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table BE.6 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The use of organically grown seed is mandatory in organic farming. The seed should not be disinfected or treated with synthetic chemical agents. For many crops, the availability of organically grown seeds, is however insufficient.
Eligible costs	Costs for organic seeds

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table BE.7 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Marketing & Processing	– Marketing programme aiming to develop the organic supply chain	✓
Certification & Regulation	– <i>Refunding of inspection costs:</i> In the years 2008 – 2010 a grant was given to refund inspection costs, since the regional organic legislation contains some additional requirements compared to the European legislation for organic farming. The aid was: – EUR 139 per farm in 2008 – EUR 250 per farm in 2009 – EUR 400 per farm in 2010	✓
Training & Advice	– <i>Support for drawing up conversion plans</i> Financial support is given to draw a conversion plan by a farm advisor. The maximum contribution is EUR 868 per farm. Farmers may apply only once for this measure. – Aid for advising holdings on organic farming	✓ No
Promotion campaigns	– Grants are given for the European Promotion Campaign for Organic Farming (EUR 125,000 for 3 years)	
Infra-structure (organic sector institutions)	– <i>Grant to BIOFORUM:</i> BioForum Vlaanderen is an umbrella organization of the organic sector (certified producers, processors, distributors, retailers and other organic actors). Grants are given for coordination activities and marketing support. The annual budget was: ○ EUR 617,500 in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 ○ EUR 634,000 in 2009 ○ EUR 599,000 in 2010 and 2011.	No
Research	– Flemish Practical Research Organic Farming by CCBT (EUR160,000 per year) – Participation in the Core-Organic (ERA-Net) in 2011 (EUR 200,000)	✓ No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and EU funded measures

Table BE.8 Key-information on the national organic action plan

Measure	Flemish Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2008–012			
Running periods of previous action plans	2000–2003 2004–2007			
Quantitative targets	None			
Characteristics	<p>The Flemish Organic Action Plan is a strategic framework programme that describes strategies to foster organic farming on the basis of a balanced growth of supply and demand. The current action plan is structured around six main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chain and market development</li> <li>○ Organic production</li> <li>○ Increase the profitability</li> <li>○ Research</li> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Broadening</li> </ul> <p>The action plan 2008 – 2012 does not contain any specific measures. It is implemented through annual programmes.</p>			
Activities Annual programme 2011	Financed through			
		public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds
	Area payments	-	-	-
	Farm investments	-	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	-	-	✓
	Certification & Regulation	-	-	✓
	Training & Advice	-	-	✓
	Information & Education	-	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓
	Research	-	-	✓
	Other	-	-	-
Budget / Expenditure	Information on annual expenditures is not available. The annual budget for the annual programme was approximately EUR 0.87 million in 2010 and is approximately EUR 0.47 million in 2011 (without co-financing resources).			

## Belgium – Wallonia (regional scale)

Table BE.9 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Support is given for the participation in food quality schemes in the framework of Regulation 2092/91 on organic production.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI and TSG. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Maximum annual contribution is EUR 3,000 per farm.

Table BE.10 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	<b>Group 1:</b>	≤ 32 ha	425	275	275
	Permanent pasture/grassland	> 32 and ≤ 64 ha	300	150	150
		> 64 ha	225	75	75
		<b>Group 2:</b>	≤ 32 ha	425	275
	Fallow land	> 32 and ≤ 64 ha	300	150	150
		> 64 ha	225	75	75
		<b>Group 3:</b>	≤ 14 ha	900	750
	Horticulture and arboriculture	> 14 ha	600	450	450
		<b>Group 4:</b>	≤ 32 ha	600	450
	Arable crops	> 32 and ≤ 64 ha	475	325	325
		> 64 ha	400	250	250
		<b>Level of compensation</b>	Grassland	31%	
		All other land use types	79%		



Table BE.11 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On top-payment</b>
	M1: Conservation of landscape features	25-60 EUR
	- Hedges = 50-60 EUR per section of 200m	per landscape
	- Trees = 25-30 EUR per 10 items	feature
	- Mares = 50-60 EUR per mare	
	M2: Grassland natural	200-240 EUR/ha
	- The grassland should not be used before the 15th of June.	
	M3: Extensive grassy borders	22-26 EUR
	- Width 12m	per section
	- Fertilizers prohibited	of 20 m
M4: Cover crops in autumn and winter	100 EUR/ha	
- Sowing until mid-September		
- Mulching not before end of December		
M6: Detention of animals of local threatened breeds	30-200 EUR	
- Horses = 200 EUR per horse	per head	
- Cattle = 120 EUR per cattle		
- Sheep = 30 EUR per sheep		
M7: Maintaining low LU ( $\geq 0.6$ and $\leq 1.4$ LU)	100 EUR/ha	
M8: Grassland of high biological value	450 EUR/ha	
- The grassland should not be used before the 31st of July		
M9: Borders of plots	30 EUR	
- Width 12m	per section	
- Fertilizers prohibited	of 20 m	
M10: Agri-Environmental Plan	+ 5% on all (M1 to M9) to 3,000 EUR per year	

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No detailed information identified

**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and EU funded measures*

In 2011 a study has been conducted on the implementation of a regional organic action plan. Based on this study, the regional government intends to implement an organic action plan in 2012. Programme details were not identified.

## National Inventory of Bulgaria

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Bulgaria was provided by DG-Agri, European Commission. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table BG.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2010

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		x	x
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
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- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
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- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Bulgaria (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table BG.2 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support for farm investments aiming to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> A minimum of 5% of the funds of this measures are reserved for investments required for conversion to organic farming, such as investments in specialised machinery, buildings and other immovable property (including perennial plants) and corresponding equipment required for a conversion.  There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	Minimum contribution is EUR 3,500 per project. The maximum contribution is EUR 1.5 million per beneficiary within the whole programming period.

Table BG.3 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments that are undertaken in order to improve processing and quality of agricultural products as well as quality and marketing
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farming (and in particular converting farms) is one of several key areas for support.  There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	Level of grant is 50% of the total eligible investment expenditure for micro, small and medium enterprises and 25% for enterprises which are no micro, small or medium enterprises but that have less than 750 employees or their annual turnover is less than EUR 200 million. The grant is 10% higher for special investments.  Minimum total eligible investment expenditure is EUR 10,000 per project; maximum support is EUR 4 million per beneficiary within the whole programming period.

Table BG.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2010)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2    Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha    EUR/ha		<b>Maintenance</b> EUR/ha
	Arable crops, including fodder crops	181	155	155
	Pastures and meadows	82	82	82
	Vegetable crops (including cultivated mushrooms and potatoes)	483	357	357
	Perennials, orchards and vineyards, including essential-oil roses	505	505 <sup>1</sup> 418	418
	Essential oil and medicinal crops	340	267	267
	Bee families (BF)	12 EUR/BF	12 EUR/BF	12 EUR/BF
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified			

<sup>1</sup> EUR 505 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

No information was identified, whether the organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures can be combined and payments can be accumulated.

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address organic farming

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Not available

### National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### National organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Table BG.5 Key-information on the national organic action plan

Measure	Organic Action Plan
Running period	2007–2013
Running periods of previous action plans	None
Quantitative targets	Share of 8% of the organic land area in the total UAA
Target year	2013
Characteristics	No information identified
Budget / Expenditure	No information identified

Source: Gonzalez et al. (2011).

## Bulgaria (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of national, regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Cyprus

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Cyprus was provided by Yiannos Mavrommatis, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, Cyprus. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table CY.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type	Policies addressing organic farming at	
	national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓
	Axis 2	✓
	Axis 3	×
	Axis 4	×
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	×
	CMO Top ups	×
Other measures	×	×
Action plan*	×	×

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- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Cyprus (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table CY.2 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support is given for tangible and/or intangible investments which improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Organic farming is one of several target groups of this measure. Furthermore applicants are selected on the basis of a scoring system under which organic farming is one of 6 criteria (7 criteria for the second call). Fully converted organic receive 48 points. Partly converted farms receive 35 points (>50% of the UAA) and 28 points (<50% of the UAA), respectively. The maximum score are 650 points. Applications are approved if they achieve at least 100 points (1 <sup>st</sup> call) and 108 points (2 <sup>nd</sup> call), respectively.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The production of organic products improves the competitiveness of the agricultural sector.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	40–60% of the eligible investment

Table CY.3 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments that are undertaken in order to improve processing and quality of agricultural products as well as quality and marketing. More specifically, priority support is given for organic olive oil production, organic vegetables (including potatoes) and organic poultry.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Organic farming is one of several target groups of this measure. Furthermore applicants are selected on the basis of a scoring system under which organic farming is one of 8 criteria. Projects related to organic farming receive 5 points. The maximum score are 100 points. Applications are approved if they achieve at least 60 points.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The production of organic products improves the competitiveness of the agricultural sector.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	40% of the eligible investment

Table CY.4 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Payments are paid as a compensation for the costs from participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farming, no other quality scheme is eligible for aid under this measure. <sup>1</sup>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The agricultural policy of Cyprus aims to provide consumers with certified domestic organic products, which is achieved by encouraging farmers to participate in food quality schemes.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Organic farmers receive an annual grant of EUR 17 per ha. The maximum contribution is EUR 3,000 EUR per year.

<sup>1</sup> Other food quality schemes have not been approved by the European Commission

Table CY.5 Information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes and to draw attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Besides organic farmers, only farmers registered as PGO producers are eligible for aid under this measure. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Organic producer groups receive a grant of up to 70% of the eligible costs. The maximum contribution is EUR 100,000 per beneficiary for three years.

Table CY.6 Key information on RDP measure 214

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Type of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Arable crops	380	380	380	
	Tree crops (fruit & olive) on arable land, vegetables, potatoes and annual herbs	750	750	750	
	Vineyards, perennial herbs, irrigated tree crops	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Grassland for stock farming	450	450	450	
Level of compensation	Grassland used for livestock farming	23%		Partial compensation is due to support ceiling laid down in Reg. (EC) No 1698/2005	
	Non-irrigated crops	100%			
	Potatoes	63%			
	Vegetables	40%			
	Tree crops	Irregated	50%		
		Non-irrigated	100%		
	Vineyards	75%			

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Article 68 measure**

Not available

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not available

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of national and EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## **Cyprus (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## National Inventory of the Czech Republic

The information on the current organic support scheme in the Czech Republic was provided by Andrea Hrabalova, Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information (UZEI), Czech Republic. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = CZK 24.511.

Table CZ.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	✓	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

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- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Czech Republic (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table CZ.2 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of point system under which organic farming is one of one selection criteria. Fully converted organic farms receive 15 points or at least 10 points if they manage at least 50% of their farm organically (maximum number of points: 82). In 2010, approx. 83% of approved applications were submitted by organic farms (share of 85% in the total expenditure).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified besides the general intention to increase domestic organic production.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Maximum contribution is approx. EUR 40,000 per beneficiary for the period 2007–2013. The support has a form of direct non-repayable grant and is provided in two repayments (after the approval of an application and after assessment of the implementation of business plan).

Table CZ.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support for investments related to agricultural production and processing (investments in buildings and technologies) aimed at improving the overall efficiency and therewith competitiveness of farms.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of point system under which organic farming is one 16 (investments for animal production) and 15 (investments for plant production) selection criteria, respectively. Since 2007, organic farmers received 27 extra-points if they manage a fully concerted farm. Only 15 extra points were given if the farm is not fully converted but at least 50% of the farm is managed organically. Maximum number of points: 178. In 2010, approx. 36% of approved applications were submitted by organic farms (share of 21% in the total expenditure).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified besides the general intention to increase domestic organic production.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Contributions vary between 40–60% of the project's eligible expenditure depending on the age of the farmer (aged below 40 years receive higher grants) and the region (areas with handicaps receive higher grants). The eligible expenditure (from which the support is calculated) is in the range of EUR 4,000 to EUR 1,200,000 per project. Maximum contribution is EUR 3.6 million per beneficiary for the period 2007–2013.



Table CZ.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural and food products (M 123)
<b>Scope and action</b>	<p>Support is given for investments and eligible expenditure aimed at improving the efficiency of processors, gaining new customers, marketing agricultural produce, improving the quality of products and introducing new products, methods and technologies.</p> <p>Beneficiaries are producers of foodstuffs or raw materials intended for human consumption or producers of feeding stuffs which meet the definition of micro, small or medium-sized enterprise.</p>
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<p><i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i></p> <p>Applicants are selected on the basis of point system under which organic farming is one of twelve different criteria. In 2010, organic farmers received 10 extra-points if the income share from sales of organic food/feed is above 75% or higher than EUR 1.0 million during a period of three years after submission of the application. Only 5 points are given if the income share is between 10–75% or EUR 0.4–1.0 million. The applicant also had to submit a valid certificate for a product (organic foodstuff/feedstuff). Maximum number of points: 123. In 2010, approx. 17% of approved applications were submitted by organic farms (share of 19% in the total expenditure).</p>
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	<p>No information identified besides the general intention to increase domestic organic production.</p>
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	<p>Maximum contribution is 50% of the project's eligible expenditure.</p> <p>The eligible expenditure (from which the support is calculated) is between EUR 4,000 and 1,200,000 per project. Maximum contribution is approx. EUR 3.6 million per beneficiary for the period 2007–2013.</p>

Table CZ.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Arable land		155	155	155
Grassland	Partially converted farms	71	71	71
	Fully converted farms	89	89	89
Permanent culture (vineyards, orchards, hops)		849	849	849
Permanent culture (extensive orchards)	Less than 200 trees/ha or less than 800 bushes/ha of defined types	510	510	510
Vegetable and herbs <sup>1</sup>		564	564	564
<b>Level of compensation</b>	Arable	100 %		
	Grassland (partially converted farms)	80 %		
	Grassland (fully converted farms)	100 %		
	Permanent culture (vineyards, orchards, hops)	62 %		
	Permanent culture (extensive orchards)	100 %		
	Vegetables and herbs	55 %		

<sup>1</sup> There is a list of allowed vegetables and herbs.

Table CZ.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)																																		
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments																																		
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>																																		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified																																		
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<p>The sub-measure „Grassland maintenance“ is a whole-farm approach, i.e. farmers must manage the whole grassland area according to one of the following scheme requirements:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On top-payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>B.1 Meadows</td> <td>75 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.2 Mesophilic and hygrophilic meadow (MHM):</td> <td>100-135 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>    fertilised MHM = 100 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    non-fertilised MHM = 116 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    MHM with unmowed belts = 135 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.3 Mountain and xerophilous meadows (MXM)</td> <td>120-150 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>    fertilised MXM = 120 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    non-fertilised MXM = 130 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    MXM with unmowed belts = 150 EUR/ha</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.4 Permanently waterlogged and peatland meadows</td> <td>417 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.5 Bird habitats on grassland – waders’ nesting site</td> <td>202 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.6 Bird habitats on grassland – corncrake’s nesting site</td> <td>183 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.7 Pastures (basic management)</td> <td>112 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.8 Species rich pastures</td> <td>169 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.9 Dry steppe grasslands and heathlands</td> <td>308 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Applicants farming in specially protected areas (more than 50 % grassland is in NPs, PLAs and Natura 2000) must choose always one of the schemes (they are predefined in LPIS per each plots).</td> <td>169 EUR/ha 308 EUR/ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Applicants farming outside of the above areas may choose basic schemes B.1, B.7 and voluntary also additional scheme B.4, B.5, B.6. or B.9.</p> <p><b>Common conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicant should keep at least 0.2 LU/ha of grassland and maximally 1.5 LU/ha of agricultural land (exception is B.4, B.5 or B.6).</li> <li>- Applicants may not use treated sludge for fertilisation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific conditions:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Basic B.1 scheme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The average annual application of fertilisers and farm manure on the total area of these meadows may be at most 60 kg N/ha. Application of slurry shall be prohibited, with the exception of cattle slurry.</li> <li>- The grassland shall be mowed at least twice a year (once a year in justified cases) within set deadlines (till 31.7. and till 31.10.). The grassland may be grazed by livestock but after 15.8.</li> </ul> <p>b) <i>B.2 scheme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The average annual application of fertilisers and farm manure on the total area may be at most 60 kg N/ha. Only farmyard manure or compost may be used for fertilisation (in the case of non-fertilised management – no fertilizers are allowed).</li> <li>- The grassland shall be mowed at least twice a year (once a year in justified cases) within set deadlines (the first cut 31.7. or 30.6. or from 15.7 till 31.8. and the second till 31.10.).</li> </ul>		On top-payment	B.1 Meadows	75 EUR/ha	B.2 Mesophilic and hygrophilic meadow (MHM):	100-135 EUR/ha	fertilised MHM = 100 EUR/ha		non-fertilised MHM = 116 EUR/ha		MHM with unmowed belts = 135 EUR/ha		B.3 Mountain and xerophilous meadows (MXM)	120-150 EUR/ha	fertilised MXM = 120 EUR/ha		non-fertilised MXM = 130 EUR/ha		MXM with unmowed belts = 150 EUR/ha		B.4 Permanently waterlogged and peatland meadows	417 EUR/ha	B.5 Bird habitats on grassland – waders’ nesting site	202 EUR/ha	B.6 Bird habitats on grassland – corncrake’s nesting site	183 EUR/ha	B.7 Pastures (basic management)	112 EUR/ha	B.8 Species rich pastures	169 EUR/ha	B.9 Dry steppe grasslands and heathlands	308 EUR/ha	Applicants farming in specially protected areas (more than 50 % grassland is in NPs, PLAs and Natura 2000) must choose always one of the schemes (they are predefined in LPIS per each plots).	169 EUR/ha 308 EUR/ha
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Table CZ.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures) (cont.)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)
Specific conditions (cont.)	<p>The grassland may be grazed by livestock after 15.8.), with the exception of grassland that is declared unsuitable for grazing by a nature conservation authority. Applicants can provide unmowed blets voluntary (6-12 m wide and 5-10 % grassland area).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On a grazed meadow it shall not be allowed to give supplementary feeding to livestock.</li> <li>- Mulching, rapid grassland restoration and supplementary sowing may be carried out only with a prior approval of a nature conservation authority.</li> <li>- Grasslands shall be mowed always from the centre to the edges or from one side of the parcel to another.</li> </ul> <p><i>c) B.3 scheme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The same condition as in B.2 scheme, only one cutting is required in different terms: till 31.7. or from 15.7. till 31.8. or from 15.8 till 30.9.</li> </ul> <p><i>d) B.4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No fertilisers or farm manure may be applied.</li> <li>- The grassland shall be mowed at least once a year within a set deadline (from 15.5. till 30.6., from 15.6. till 31.7., from 15.7. till 31.8. or from 15.8. till 30.9.). The mowing shall be carried out by light machinery. The grassland may not be grazed after the mowing.</li> <li>- Mulching, rapid grassland restoration, supplementary sowing, liming and draining of the grassland may not be carried out. Rolling and dragging may be carried out only with a prior approval of a nature conservation authority.</li> </ul> <p><i>e) B.5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No fertilisers or farm manure may be applied.</li> <li>- The grassland shall be mowed at least twice a year within set deadlines (first from 15.7. till 31.8., second from 30.9. till 15.11.). The mowing shall not be carried out by a group of mowers. The grassland may not be grazed after the mowing.</li> <li>- Mulching, rapid grassland restoration, and supplementary sowing may be carried out only with a prior approval of a nature conservation authority. Rolling and dragging may be carried out only with a prior approval of a nature conservation authority.</li> <li>- Grasslands shall be mowed always from the centre to the edges or from one side of the parcel to another.</li> </ul> <p><i>f) B.6</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the same condition as in B.5 scheme, only the grassland shall be mowed at least once a year within a set deadline (from 15.8. till 30.9.) and the grassland may be grazed after the mowing.</li> </ul> <p><i>g) B.7 Pasture</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The average annual application of fertilisers and farm manure on the total area of these pastures may be at most 80 kg N/ha. Application of slurry shall be prohibited, with the exception of cattle slurry. Minimum 5 kg N/ha and maximum 55 kg N/ha of each land block need to be supplied annually by grazing livestock (in their excreta).</li> <li>- The grassland shall be grazed at least once a year within a set deadline (till 31.10.). After the end of grazing, ungrazed patches shall be mowed, with the exception of parcels with a medium slope of 10° and more.</li> <li>- In the event of chemical weed control, only a spot application of herbicides shall be used (in the case of OF no herbicides are allowed).</li> <li>- In special protected areas mulching, rapid grassland restoration and supplementary sowing may not be carried out without approval of a nature conservation authority.</li> <li>- Watering shall be provided for the animals and technical or organisational arrangements shall be made on the pastures to prevent the animals from escaping.</li> </ul> <p><i>h) B.8</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The same condition as in B.7 scheme, only fertilisers or farm manure may not be applied. Minimum 5 kg N/ha and maximum 40 kg N/ha of the total area of these pastures shall be supplied annually by grazing livestock (in their excreta).</li> </ul> <p><i>i) B.9</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No fertilisers or farm manure may be applied. Minimum 5 kg N/ha and maximum 30 kg N/ha of the total area of these pastures shall be supplied annually by grazing livestock (in their excreta).</li> <li>- The grassland shall be grazed at least once a year within a set deadline (from 1.5. to 31.10., from 15.4. till 30.6., 15.7. till 30.9., from 15.4. till 30.6. and from 1.8. till 30.9.). The grazing shall be made by sheep and goats only. After the end of grazing, specified undesirable expansive weeds shall be mowed. The mowing of ungrazed vegetation shall not be obligatory, unless a nature conservation authority stipulates otherwise.</li> <li>- Herbicides may not be used for chemical weed control.</li> <li>- Mulching, rapid grassland restoration and supplementary sowing may not be carried out.</li> </ul>

Table CZ.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures) (cont.)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<p><b>Conversion of arable land to grassland</b></p> <p>The scheme is divided to four types of managements (Conversion of arable land to grassland; Conversion of arable land to grassland along water bodies, Conversion of arable land to grassland by a regional seed mixture and Conversion of arable land to grassland by a regional seed mixture along water bodies).</p> <p>Eligible is only arable land with specific characteristics (more than 50% of the land block are covered by soils that are shallow, sandy, waterlogged, very heavy, difficult to cultivate or are located in sensitive areas or slope is greater than 10° or in LFA).</p> <p>The conversion to grassland shall concern the whole land block or its part of a minimum area of 0.1 ha (in sum minimal 1 ha). In case of the water bodies, applicant is obliged to convert into grassland at least 15-metre wide belt along the boundary with water body.</p> <p>The conversion to grassland should be realized till 31.5. and in the first year after the grassing, the area concerned shall not be fertilised or grazed, but it shall be mowed at least twice a year and the mowed biomass shall be removed from the parcel. Starting from the second year the area shall be managed by mowing at least twice a year within set deadlines or by grazing within a set deadline.</p> <p>Application of nitrogen containing fertilisers, livestock manure and treated sludge shall be prohibited.</p> <p>If conversion to grassland is realized with help of undersowing, applicant should harvest the cover crop at least till 15.7.</p>
	<p>270 EUR/ha</p> <p>295 EUR/ha</p> <p>350 EUR/ha</p> <p>374 EUR/ha</p>
	<p><b>Growing of catch crops</b> 104 EUR/ha</p> <p>Applicant shall assure within the crop rotation that every year a specified catch crop (based on a recommended list) is sown on a specified area (minimum 3 % and maximum 10 % of arable land) in specified term. No chemical or mechanical operations leading to a liquidation of the catch crop or to a reduction of the area under the catch crop shall be made before 15.2.</p>

Table CZ.7 Key information on RDP measure 311

Measure	Diversification into non-agricultural activities (M 311) – Sub-scheme A
Scope and action	Support is given for particular business activities aiming at diversification of farm business into non-agricultural activities. Under scheme A support is given for the establishment and development of production and processing activities in rural areas (under 2,000 inhabitants) including support for traditional crafts. Support is provided only for projects of selected economic activities (according to CZ-NACE Classification).
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of point system under which organic farming is one of eight criteria. In 2010, organic farmers received 15 extra-points if they have fully converted their farm. Ten points were given if at least 50% of the farm land is managed organically. Maximum number of points: 100. In 2010, approx. 27% of approved applications were submitted by organic farms (share of 20% in the total expenditure).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified besides the general intention to increase domestic organic production.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Maximum contribution ranges between 30–60% of the eligible expenditure depending on the region as well as the size of the enterprise. Maximum total eligible expenditure (from which the support is calculated) is approx. EUR 600,000 per project; minimum expenditure amount to approx. EUR 2,000 per project.

Table CZ.8 Key information on RDP measure 313

Measure	Encouragement of tourism activities (M313) – Sub-scheme B
Scope and action	Support is given for the development of activities related to tourism in rural areas (under 2,000 inhabitants) – especially exploiting the potential of farms in the area of agro tourism. Within scheme a) support is given for the development and marking of hiking trails, wine paths, horse riding paths etc.; scheme b) mainly supports the construction of small-capacity accommodation and catering facilities as well as recreational facilities.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of scoring system under which organic farming is one of fifteen criteria. In 2010, organic farmers received 10 extra-points if they have fully converted their farm. Five points were given if at least 50% of the farm land is managed organically. Maximum number of points: 135. In 2010, approx. 56% of approved applications were submitted by organic farms (share of 53% in the total expenditure).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified besides the general intention to increase domestic organic production.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Maximum contribution ranges between 30–60% of the eligible expenditure depending on the region as well as the size of the enterprise. Maximum total eligible expenditure (from which the support is calculated) is approx. EUR 400,000 per project; minimum expenditure amount to approx. EUR 2,000 per project.

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address organic farming

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table CZ.9 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Support is given for the contribution of organic farming to environmental protection (reducing the amount of fertilisers and products used for plant protection, etc.)
Eligible costs	Actual costs for planting new organic orchards (100% compensation)

Source: Ministerstvo Zemědělství (2009).

## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table CZ.10 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Training for employees of control bodies	NA
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Contribution to publish the annual year book	NA
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– State promotional campaign 2008–2010	NA
	– Contribution to organic festivals (e.g. in Prague)	NA
	– Contribution to trade fairs (e.g. Biofach)	NA
	– Contribution to organic events (e.g. September-Organic Food Month)	NA
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Project on organic food in schools	NA
<b>Infra-structure (organic sector institutions)</b>	– Support to the Institute for Agricultural Economics and Information (IAEI) for OF data collection under regular thematic task (Eurostat purpose). – Support to the Czech technology platform for organic agriculture which was established (in 2009) to support the development of a knowledge system in the field of organic farming and production of organic foodstuffs.	NA
<b>Research</b>	– Research funds to three large projects under the program “Organic Farming”: i) introducing organic food to schools and pre-school facilities, ii) support for development of regional sale of organic produce, iii) organic farming and processing organic foods	NA
	– Contribution to the Bio-Academy	NA
<b>Other</b>	– Irregular support for Non-Governmental Organisations	NA
	– Area payments given to support restructuring of organic fruit orchards in order to improve health conditions and quality of produced fruits. (available in 2009 and 2010)	NA

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

NA Not applicable.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and EU funded measures

The Czech Organic Action Plan is not a scheme in a true sense since it has not specific budget, requirements, support rules or payment rate. The action plan is rather a strategic document with a long list of action points. The document is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture but organic farming stakeholders have to decide which of the existing measures are to be used to develop organic farming further.

Table CZ.11 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	National Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2011 – 2015			
Running periods of previous action plans	2004 – 2010			
Quantitative targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Share of 15% of the organic land area in the total UAA</li> <li>– Share of 20% of organic arable land in the total organic land area</li> <li>– Share of 3% of organic food in the total food market (related to the annual turnover)</li> <li>– Share of 60% of Czech origin organic food in the total organic food market</li> <li>– Annual increase of organic consumption by at least 20%</li> </ul>			
Target year	2015			
Activities	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds	
Area payments	-	-	-	
Farm investments	-	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	-	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	
Training & Advice	-	-	✓	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	✓	-	
Public procurement	-	-	✓	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	-	✓	
Other	-	-	✓	
Remarks	Contributions to promotional and educational activities are based on the “Plan of Education” and “Plan of Promotion” of the Ministry of Agriculture. Contributions to three large research projects and state promotional campaign are provided under the program “Organic Farming”.			
Budget / Expenditure	No specific budget has been allocated to the action plan. Activities are financed under other programs. The estimated expenditures for measure within the organic action plan were approximately EUR 760,000 in 2010.			



## Czech Republic (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## References

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## National Inventory of Denmark

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Denmark was provided by Lizzie Melby Jespersen, International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS), Denmark. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = DKK 7.449.

Table DK.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>p</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan <sup>*</sup>		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Denmark (national scale)

Table DK.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Support will be granted for participants in agricultural and food production training. The measures are aimed at spreading knowledge concerning producing high quality food products e.g. organic products by visiting producers and training them to be able to increase their level of knowledge to produce under an approved quality market scheme.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one possible target group. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Increasing the area under organic farming methods and the sale of organic food products
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	Support can be provided for expenses required to carry out to improve the level of information and skill-enhancing activities. These activities can include: courses, study groups, training/information visit, exchange of experiences, providing information materials, and other costs necessary for carrying out the project. Costs related to establishing mobile training teams, group-based exchange of experience and training/information visits at farms: Costs related to moveable property regarding establishing office facilities, Travelling costs related to the period of establishment of the activities, Expenses for assistance of experts, Other relevant expenditures. Support for training, information and educational activities and establishing the activities can be granted up to 100%.

Source: Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri (2010).

Table DK.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments in a) new environmentally efficient technologies for reduction of ammonia emission and odour from stables and storage of slurry, b)improvement of quality food products and products in the area of food food safety, c) tracing of products, d) improvement of animal health and welfare, e) investment in organic production, e) improvement of working conditions for the employees and f) Other investments in new processes and technologies
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are one of several target groups of this measure. Besides this, no special provisions are made, i.e. organic farmers are not per se prioritised or receive higher grants. If the sum of amounts applied goes beyond the available funds for the measure, projects will be prioritised on the basis of the following parameters in no particular order: a) creating new or retain jobs, b) strengthening the competitiveness, c) reducing the environmental effect and d) contribute to the development of the geographical area.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Projects with a minimum volume of EUR 40,000 carried out by farmers and horticulturalists, and groups of farmers and horticulturalists (all sizes) can receive support up to 40% of the eligible expenses.

Source: Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri (2010).

Table DK.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	<b>Adding value to agricultural and food products (M 123)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments and eligible expenditure aimed at promoting added value in the agricultural and forestry production and improving efficiency of processes and technologies promoting the processing of agricultural and forestry production for renewable energy, introducing new processes and technologies, opening new market opportunities for agricultural and forestry products, putting emphasis on food quality products, improving environmental protection, occupational safety, hygiene and animal welfare.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are one of several target groups of this measure. Besides this, no special provisions are made, i.e. organic farmers are not per se prioritised or receive higher grants. If the sum of amounts applied goes beyond the available funds for the measure, projects will be prioritised on the basis of the following parameters in no particular order: a) creating new or retain jobs, b) strengthening the competitiveness, c) reducing the environmental effect and d) contribute to the development of the geographical area.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	For investments in small and medium-sized enterprises support of up to 40 % may be granted. For enterprises which do not come under the definition of small or medium-sized enterprises, 20% is the maximum amount of support which can be provided, if the enterprise has fewer than 750 employees or a turnover of less than EUR 200 million.

*Not on RDP measure 124*

A new programme under Measure 124 (Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies in the agriculture and food sector and the forestry sector) aimed specifically at organic farmers will probably be implemented in 2012.

Table DK.5 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support to activities which promotes the knowledge and sale of the quality products specified, e.g. participation in promotion activities including exhibitions and fairs, advertising in media and on point of sale. The activities shall draw attention to the specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open only to organic producer groups as well as groups of farmers participating in the PGO food quality scheme. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Organic production receives special attention in this program in view of its benefits relating to the environment, climate, nature, animal welfare and quality food products.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Support based on the eligible costs for relevant producer groups activities (salary of staff, production of promotion and information material, costs for advertising in medias, fees for participation in exhibitions and fairs and other relevant costs. Support is offered up to a maximum of 70% of the eligible costs of the action.

Source: Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri (2010).

Table DK.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: organic farming/extensification scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	All agricultural land	141	13 101
<b>Remarks</b>	Maintenance payments for organic farmers (EUR 101 per ha) are provided under the Environmental Farming Scheme, which is open to all farmers fulfilling certain environmental requirements (see next table for details). Certified organic farmers have however the first priority. The Environmental Farming Scheme is also open to farmers during the conversion period. This means that the total area support for these farmers is EUR 243 per ha in year 1 and 2 and EUR 114 per ha in year 3-5, respectively. The extensification scheme is gradually removed to a similar CAP Pillar 1 measure under Article 68 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 73/2009 when old contracts expire.		
<b>Level of compensation</b>	All land use types	100 %	

Table DK.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M214)										
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments.										
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with partly special provisions Organic farmers have a first priority under these sub-measures. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.										
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified										
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On-top payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Environmental Christmas tree and decoration for production:</i> max 140 kg N/ ha or 75 % of the allowed N quota calculated for the field; no pesticides. Non-organic farmers may also get support but organic farmers have 1st priority</td> <td>101 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Caretaking of grass and natural areas (grazing or mowing of grass):</i> Concerns land within Natura 2000 areas or other permanent grass areas of high environmental quality grazing in the period 1 June – 31 August = 187.9 EUR/ha mowing for hay or silage making = 107.4 EUR/ha</td> <td>107-188 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Environmental Farming Scheme:</i> max 140 kg N/ha or 75% of the allowed N quota calculated for the field; no use of pesticides. Non- organic farmers may also get support but have 1st priority. The area must be utilised for some kind of agricultural production.</td> <td>101 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Island support scheme:</i> Minimum agricultural area of 5 ha on one of 31 named small islands. The applicant farmer must live on the island. Support for max. 100 ha per farmer.</td> <td>60 EUR/ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		On-top payments	<i>Environmental Christmas tree and decoration for production:</i> max 140 kg N/ ha or 75 % of the allowed N quota calculated for the field; no pesticides. Non-organic farmers may also get support but organic farmers have 1st priority	101 EUR/ha	<i>Caretaking of grass and natural areas (grazing or mowing of grass):</i> Concerns land within Natura 2000 areas or other permanent grass areas of high environmental quality grazing in the period 1 June – 31 August = 187.9 EUR/ha mowing for hay or silage making = 107.4 EUR/ha	107-188 EUR/ha	<i>Environmental Farming Scheme:</i> max 140 kg N/ha or 75% of the allowed N quota calculated for the field; no use of pesticides. Non- organic farmers may also get support but have 1st priority. The area must be utilised for some kind of agricultural production.	101 EUR/ha	<i>Island support scheme:</i> Minimum agricultural area of 5 ha on one of 31 named small islands. The applicant farmer must live on the island. Support for max. 100 ha per farmer.	60 EUR/ha
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<i>Island support scheme:</i> Minimum agricultural area of 5 ha on one of 31 named small islands. The applicant farmer must live on the island. Support for max. 100 ha per farmer.	60 EUR/ha										
Remarks	It is possible to combine the organic farming (conversion) scheme with one of these environmental schemes. It is however not possible to combine the different environmental schemes with each other - except for the island support scheme, which may be combined with all other support schemes. From 2010 the environmental support scheme under RDP measure 214 will gradually be phased out and replaced by a similar measure financed under Article 68 of Council Regulation 73/2009.										

*Note on RDP measure 311*

RDP measure 311/Sub-measure 2 provides support for investment in biogas production facilities. As a general rule support will only be granted to biogas production facilities based on a manure and slurry content above 50% for organic facilities. Due to the limited supply of manure and slurry for organic farmers, support may be granted to organic biogas production facilities with manure and slurry content lower than 50%. Support for investments in biogas production under this measure is currently up to 20% of eligible expenses.

## Article 68 measure

Table DK.8 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure
Scope and action	<p><i>Support for specific agricultural activities entailing additional agri-environmental benefits- Art. 68(1)(a)(v)</i></p> <p>Payments are given for specific types of farming which are important for the protection or enhancement of the environment. At present Denmark offers three Article 68 measure. Specifically one of the three measures provides area payments for the abandonment of pesticides and reduced application of nitrogen fertilisers. This measure is replacing stepwise the extensification scheme of RDP measure 214.</p>
Way of addressing organic farming	Area payments for organic and conventional farmers if they fulfil certain requirements (max 140 kg N/ ha or 75 % of the allowed N quota calculated for the field; no use of pesticides). Certified organic farmers have however a first priority.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Contribution to environmental protection
Level of payments (2011)	EUR 110 per hectare.

## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table DK.9 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The use of pesticides is particularly necessary in fruit production, and this makes organic production of fruit especially difficult, as no pesticides, except sulphur are allowed in this type of production. For that reason, producers wishing to convert to organic production will have to use species that are more resistant to pests. Also, they often have to establish grass lanes and hedgerows. All in all, conversion may be an expensive undertaking for producers. That is why special assistance is available to producers wishing to undertake these actions.
Eligible costs	Area payments based on additional costs or income forgone resulting from the organic management. At the moment no organic producer organisations are supported.

Source: Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri (2009).



## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DK.10 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– The Danish organic control system is free of charge to farmers, processors, canteens and restaurants. The control is carried out by Plantedirektoratet (Plant Directorate) and Fødevarestyrelsen (Veterinary and Food Agency).	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for the association of organic farmers, processors and consumers paid by the Danish GUDP programme running 2010–2012 (Green development and demonstration programme)	n.i.
<b>Research</b>	– Danish organic research programme + research in the FP7 ERA-net CORE Organic II project	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

n.i. No information identified

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table DK.11 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support scheme

Measure	Organic Vision
<b>Running period</b>	2011 – 2013/15
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	1995 – 1999 1999 – 2003
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	More than doubling the area under organic management (to a share of approx. 15% of the total UAA)
<b>Target year</b>	2020
<b>Characteristics</b>	There are four main areas to be supported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improvement of competition terms,</li> <li>2) Increasing the conversion to organic</li> <li>3) Marketing and export promotion</li> <li>4) Knowledge generation and information</li> </ol> <p>In view of the change of government in 2011, it is not clear at the moment what kind of activities will be funded under the Organic Vision programme in the coming years.</p>
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	Total budget for whole period is about EUR 13 million.

## Denmark (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Estonia

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Estonia was provided by Merle Kuris, Baltic Environmental Forum, Estonia. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table EE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Estonia (national scale)

Table EE.2 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	<b>Adding value to agricultural products (M 123, Sub-measure 2)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments in equipment and technologies as well as renovation of storage premises and production buildings to adapt the dairy sector and organic farming to the new challenges and enhancing the joint processing of agricultural products
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is specifically targeted at organic farmers and dairy farmers. Producer groups applying for support to start with organic processing and marketing are prioritised.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To adapt organic farmers to new challenges and enhancing the joint processing of agricultural products.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 50% of eligible costs related to investments related to processing of agricultural products and 60% to other eligible expenses. The maximum support is EUR 1,920,000 per application during programme period.

Table EE.3 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. This measure is used to cover costs related to organic inspection and certification. The scheme is only open to organic farmers.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 100% of eligible costs. The maximum support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years. The level of grant depends also on number of applications. If the annual budget is not enough to refund all inspection and certification costs, the paid sum for each application is decreased proportionally.

Table EE.4 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> The scheme is open only for organic producer groups (participating in eligible organic food quality scheme).
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Supporting joint information activities of organic farmers to raise public awareness about organic products.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs. The annual maximum support is EUR 191,735 per farm group.

Table EE.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable	119	119
	Grassland (in arable crop rotation)	119	119
Other grassland	77	77	
Vegetables, fruits, berries, herbs	350	350	
	<p>In addition to payments per grassland ha (not in crop rotation), there is an additional payment for organic grazing cattle (EUR 32 per LU). Livestock units are however slightly different from regular LUs: dairy cows = 1.0 LU, suckling cows = 0.6 LU, cattle (&lt;6 months old) = 0.2 LU, sheep and goat (&gt;6 months old) including lambs = 0.15 LU, horses = 0.2 LU, sows or boars (&gt;2 months old, including piglets) = 0.33 LU.</p> <p>Furthermore organic livestock payments are provided for breeding sows with piglets (211 EUR/sow) , young fattening pigs (128 EUR/pig), poultry (6.4 EUR/bird), rabbits (6.4 EUR/rabbit) and honeybees (32 EUR/bee family).</p>		
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

Table EE.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Environmentally-friendly Management Scheme (EMS), basic level: Farmers can apply for organic farming support and support under the basic level of the EMS. But EMS only provides support for land in arable rotation (incl. grassland up to 4 years in use). Permanent grassland (older more than 4 years) is not eligible for EMS. Several requirements need to be fulfilled to receive the basic level of the EMS (fertilisation plan; crop rotation plan and special requirements related to this; winter coverage in 30% of the agricultural land; use of at least 15 % of certified seed; soil and manure samples; protection of valuable landscape elements; establishment and maintenance of field strips (2-5 m) with permanent vegetation).	35 EUR/ha
	<p>Support for keeping animals of local endangered breeds. The list of local endangered breeds of Estonia includes Estonian native horse, Tori horse, Estonian heavy draught, Estonian native cattle and Estonian quail.</p> <p>Estonian native horse and Tori horse = 187 EUR/head  Estonian heavy draught = 199 EUR/head  Bovine of Estonian native cattle = 196 EUR/head</p>	187-199 EUR/head
Support for growing plants of local varieties. This support is available for farmers with an ongoing commitment of environmentally friendly management or organic farming. The applicant must follow in its entire holding the cross-compliance requirements and the minimum requirements for the use of fertilizers and plant protection products. Hectare-based support is granted for agricultural producers growing the winter rye variety "Sangaste". Applicant must within the 5-year commitment period grow the winter rye variety "Sangaste" in each year on at least 2 hectares.	32 EUR/ha	

## Article 68 measure

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Not available

## National measures not (co-)financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table EE.7 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Development of direct marketing/distribution	✓
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– Amending legal acts on organic farming	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Promotion of organic products in schools and kinder gardens	✓
	– Expand/include the topic of organic farming in the curricula of universities, vocational schools, schools	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Organising contest of the best organic producer/product	✓
	– Raising awareness of consumers, distributors and caterers on organic farming	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Support for applied research projects in the field of organic farming	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Table EE.8 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	National Organic Action Plan																							
Running period	2007 – 2013																							
Running periods of previous action plans	None																							
Quantitative targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Increase of the area under of organic management from 72,800 ha (in 2006) to 120,000 ha</li> <li>– Increase of the number of organic producers from 1,173 to 2,000</li> <li>– Increase of the number of enterprises dealing with processing of organic products from 14 to 75</li> <li>– Increase of the market share of Estonian organic products in the Estonian food market from 0.15% to 3%</li> </ul>																							
Target year	2013																							
Activities	Financed through																							
		public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds																				
Area payments	-	-	-	-																				
Farm investments	✓	-	-	-																				
Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-	-																				
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	✓																				
Training & Advice	✓	-	-	-																				
Information & Education	-	-	-	✓																				
Promotion campaigns	-	-	-	✓																				
Public procurement	-	-	-	-																				
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-	-																				
Research	-	-	-	✓																				
Other	-	-	-	-																				
Budget/Expenditure	<p>The organic action plan has a total budget of EUR 68.2 million for the period 2007 – 2013 from which EUR 66.3 million is co-financed through the EU.</p> <p>(in million EUR)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2007</th> <th>2008</th> <th>2009</th> <th>2010</th> <th>2011</th> <th>2012</th> <th>2013</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>6.4</td> <td>6.8</td> <td>7.1</td> <td>7.7</td> <td>13.2</td> <td>13.4</td> <td>13.3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>									2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total	6.4	6.8	7.1	7.7	13.2	13.4	13.3
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## **Estonia (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## National Inventory of Finland

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Finland was provided by Marjatta Kemppainen-Mäkelä, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland and Leila Lindström, The Government of Åland, Finland. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table FI.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		x
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Finland (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Not available

### National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table FI.2 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Aid to develop and improve marketing and production of agricultural products (in particular with respect to the knowledge of quality products, food culture and healthy nutrition). The total budget of this measure is about EUR 3.5 million from which EUR 0.6 million are foreseen for organic projects.	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Financial support for organic advisory/advisory organisations. The total annual budget for this measure varied between EUR 0.42 and 0.47 million in the years 2007 to 2011.	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	No
<b>Other</b>	– Financial support for projects that build up traceability along the food chain and enhance responsibility in the distribution of food stuffs. The total budget expenditure for this measure was <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EUR 45,000 in 2008</li> <li>○ EUR 24,800 in 2009</li> <li>○ EUR 132,500 in 2010</li> </ul>	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### National organic action plan

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Finland – Mainland (regional scale)

Note on RDP measures 111, 121, 123 and 124

References to organic farming are made under RDP measure 111, 121, 123 and 124 – however without really addressing organic farming or specific needs of the organic sector.

Table FI.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Agricultural land	Without livestock	141	141	141
	Agricultural land	With livestock (payment share is 126 EUR/ha <sup>1</sup> )	267	267	267
Level of compensation	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> If the stocking rate is below 0.5 LU/ha, livestock payment is only paid for the amount of hectare which would result in a stocking rate of 0.5 LU/ha.

Table FI.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	<p>Basic measures <sup>1</sup>:</p> <p>Basic measures are mandatory for all farmers who commit themselves to the agri-environment payments and the measures are differentiated according to arable crop and livestock farms. By definition, a livestock farm has at least 0.4 livestock units per hectare of eligible area or a total of 25 livestock units. The payment rate is higher on livestock farms (107 EUR/ha) than on arable crop farms (93 EUR/ha). Agri-environment payments are mainly paid based on hectares for the whole cultivated area.</p>	93 or 107 EUR/ha
	<p>In addition, specific basic measures have been established for horticulture and there is also a higher payment level for the area under horticultural crops (450 EUR/ha for group 1 horticultural crops and 438 EUR/ha for group 2 horticultural crops and 181 EUR/ha for certain seed species).</p>	181 or 438 or 450 EUR/ha
	<p>Additional measures <sup>2</sup>:</p> <p>In support areas A and B (roughly in southern and central Finland), the farmer cultivating arable crops must select at least 1, but no more than 4 additional measures. In support area C (northern Finland), the farmer may select 0-2 additional measures.</p>	0-100 EUR/ha
	<p>Different additional measures apply to ordinary arable crops and horticultural crops. In addition, horticultural farms are not required to select additional measures, but a horticultural farm in support area A or B may select 0-2 additional measures and a horticultural farm located in support area C may select 0-1 additional measures.</p>	0-400 EUR/ha
	<p>Special measures <sup>3</sup>:</p> <p>In addition to basic and additional measures, the Rural Development Programme for mainland Finland includes optional special measures of agri-environment payments.</p>	max. 140 EUR/ha

Table FI.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other AEM that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (cont.)

<sup>1</sup> In Finland, agri-environment payments (measure 214) include basic measures, additional measures and special measure contracts (including organic production and organic livestock production) as sub-measures. The basic measures are:

- Environmental planning and monitoring of farm practices
- Fertilisation of arable and horticultural crops,
- Headlands and filter strips, and
- Maintenance of biodiversity and landscapes.

<sup>2</sup> Additional measures complement the basic measures. An important goal of additional measures is to increase plant cover in winter especially in southern Finland, because the plant cover has proven an efficient way of preventing the runoff of phosphorus.

- Reduced fertilisation (10 EUR/ha) although farms that have a special measure for organic production cannot select this measure
- More accurate nitrogen fertilisation on arable crops (23 EUR/ha)
- Plant cover in winter and reduced tilling (11 EUR/ha)
- Plant cover in winter (30 EUR/ha, available in support areas A and B)
- Intensified plant cover in winter (45 EUR/ha, available in support areas A and B)
- Crop diversification (24 EUR/ha, available in support areas A and B)
- Extensive grassland production (55 EUR/ha, available in support areas A and B)
- Spreading of manure during the growing season (27 EUR/ha)
- Nutrient balance (18 EUR/ha)
- Cultivation of catch plants (13 EUR/ha, available livestock farms in support areas A and B)

The additional measures for horticultural plants are:

- More accurate nitrogen fertilisation on horticultural crops (90 EUR/ha, available for group 1 plants)
- Use of mulch in perennial horticultural crops (256 EUR/ha, available for group 2 plants)
- Use of pest monitoring methods (144 EUR/ha)

<sup>3</sup> In addition to organic production, the Rural Development Programme of Finland (Mainland) includes the following special measures of agri-environment payments:

- Establishment and management of riparian zones (max. 450 EUR/ha in support areas A and B, max. 350 EUR/ha in support area C)
- Management of multifunctional wetlands (max. 450 EUR/ha)
- Arable farming in groundwater areas (max. 156 EUR/ha). Farms that have concluded a special measure for arable farming in a groundwater area cannot conclude a contract for organic production and/or organic livestock production for the same agricultural parcels.
- Runoff water treatment methods (max. 140 EUR/ha)
- Management of traditional rural biotopes (max. 450 EUR/ha)
- Enhancing of biological and landscape diversity (max. 450 EUR/ha). Farms that have concluded a contract for organic production cannot conclude a contract for the promotion of biological and landscape diversity for the same agricultural parcels because the parcels contract for biological and landscape diversity cannot be part of the crop rotation required by the organic production contract.
- Raising local breeds (270-500 EUR/LU)
- Cultivation of local crops (450 EUR/ha)
- More efficient reduction in nutrient loading (max. 347 EUR/ha, available in support areas A and B)
- Incorporation of liquid manure into the soil (56 EUR/ha)
- Long-term grass cultivation on peaty arable lands (68 or 114 EUR/ha)

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Finland – Åland (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table FI.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Nature management fields (permanent grassland, biodiversity fields)	39	39
	Arable (field crops)	238	238
	Vegetables and potatoes	815	815
	Fruit and berries	891	891
	Organic livestock production <sup>1</sup>	224	224
Level of compensation	Nature management fields - perennial grass	31 %	
	Nature management fields - biodiversity fields	18 %	
	Field crops	100 % including transaction costs	
	Vegetables, potatoes	100 %	
	Fruit and berries	100 %	

<sup>1</sup> If the stocking rate is below 0.5 LU/ha, livestock payment is only paid for the amount of hectare which would result in a stocking rate of 0.5 LU/ha. Species and required LU/animal are defined.



Table FI.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified
Sub-measures and level of payments	<b>On-top payments</b>
(Yr. 2011)	General Agri-Environmental Protection Scheme (GAEPS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultivated land, field crops, crop farm = 120 EUR/ha</li> <li>- Cultivated land, field crops, livestock farm = 145 EUR/ha</li> <li>- Cultivated land, vegetables = 415 EUR/ha</li> <li>- Cultivated land, fruit and berries = 554 EUR/ha</li> </ul>
	120-554 EUR/ha
	Agri-environmental support for organic farming can be granted only to farmers whose arable land is covered by the GAEPS. The combined support provided for obligatory measures and voluntary measures may not exceed the amounts specified in the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

If the combined support under GAEPS and the SPS exceeds the ceiling stated in the Annex of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 the difference is paid as additional national support.

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available



## National Inventory of France

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in France was provided by Pierre Notabili, Agence Bio, France. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table FR.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2010/2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓ <sup>R</sup>
	Axis 2		✓ <sup>P</sup>
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>P</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		x	✓ <sup>R</sup>
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2010/2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## France (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### Article 68 measure

Table FR.2 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support for specific agricultural activities entailing additional agri-environmental benefits- Art. 68(1)(a)(v) Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Area payments specifically relating to organic farming.		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, organic support payments shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Legumes, fruit and olive trees	900	590
	Field legumes, wine, aromatic and medicinal plants	350	150
	Annual crops	200	100
	Meadows and chestnuts	100	80

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table FR.3 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Due to the abandonment of synthetic pesticides and mineral fertilisers, organic farming contributes to meet the objectives for water protection and biodiversity. Furthermore, conversion to organic farming shall be encouraged to triple the area under organic management in 2008 by the year 2012.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Additional costs resulting from the organic management (paid in form of a flat rate per hectare)
<b>Remarks</b>	Commitments must be undertaken for at least five years.

Source: Ministère de l'agriculture et de la pêche (2008).

## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of national and EU funded measures*

Table FR.4 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support scheme

	<b>National Organic Action Plan</b>
<b>Running period</b>	2011–2013
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	2008–2012
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	Share of 6% of the organic land area in the total UAA (tripling of the organic area between 2008 and 2012)
<b>Target year</b>	2012
<b>Characteristics/Activities</b>	No information identified
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	No information identified

## France – Hexagone (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table FR.5 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Sub-Measure	Organic farming		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2009, Yr. 2010) <sup>1</sup>		<b>Conversion</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Meadows and chestnut	100	100
	Annual crops	200	200
	Arboriculture	900	900
	Viticulture, vegetables, aromatic and medicinal plants + for perfumes	350	350
	Market gardening	900	900
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified		

<sup>1</sup> Maintenance payments refer to the year 2009; conversion payments to the year 2010 - since 2010 maintenance payments are financed under Art. 68 of Reg (EC) no 73/2009 (1<sup>st</sup> CAP pillar); since 2011 the same is also true for conversion payments. See also corresponding information under CAP Pillar 1 measures.

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table FR.6 Regional support measure not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2010

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	-
<b>Other</b>	Farms in conversion can apply for a tax credit: 2 400 EUR/farm plus 400 EUR/ha up to a limit of 4 000 EUR/farm and year. The tax credit cannot be combined with certification or maintenance support.	-

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## France – Corsica (regional scale)

Table FR.7 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Support is given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in other food quality schemes are eligible for aid (e.g. PGO/PGI). Organic farmers are not able to combine this measure with organic support payments of measure 214.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	The support rate is 100% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is EUR 3,000 per farm paid for five years.



Table FR.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Sub-measure	Organic farming (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2009, Yr. 2010) <sup>1</sup>		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Prairies	160	100
	Ways (parcours)	50	25
	Annual crops	200	110
	Vegetables	400	210
	Viticulture, arboriculture and multiannual aromatic and medicinal plants + for perfumes	400	210
	Extensive arboriculture (chestnut and walnut grove forests)	300	270
	Annual or biannual aromatic and medicinal plants + for perfumes	600	300
	Market gardening	600	300
Level of compensation	No information identified		

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#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

No information was identified, whether the organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures can be combined and payments can be accumulated.

#### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

#### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## France – Guadeloupe (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table FR.9 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Support is given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with partly special provisions This measure is used to cover costs related to organic inspection and certification. The scheme is also open for farmers participating in other food quality schemes (e.g. PGO/PGI).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Organic inspection and certification were not considered in the calculation of organic support payments under measure 214.
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	The support rate is 100% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is EUR 3,000 per farm paid for five years.

Table FR.10 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

No information was identified, whether the organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures can be combined and payments can be accumulated.

**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## France – Guyane (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table FR.11 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Support is given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	This measure is used to cover costs related to organic inspection and certification. The scheme is also open for farmers participating in other food quality schemes (e.g. PGO/PGI).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Organic inspection and certification were not considered in the calculation of organic support payments under measure 214.
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	The support rate is 100% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is EUR 3,000 per farm paid for five years.

Table FR.12 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## France – Martinique (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table FR.13 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Support is given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	This measure is used to cover costs related to organic inspection and certification. The scheme is also open for farmers participating in other food quality schemes (e.g. PGO/PGI).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Organic inspection and certification were not considered in the calculation of organic support payments under measure 214.
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	The support rate is 100% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is EUR 3,000 per farm paid for five years.

Table FR.14 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

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**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## France – Réunion (regional scale)

Table FR.15 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Sub-measure	Organic farming (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Area payments specifically relating to organic farming.			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2009, Yr. 2010) <sup>1</sup>		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Prairies	450	450	300
	Vegetables and field crops	600	600	400
	Banana, pineapple and arboriculture	900	900	600
	Aromatic and medicinal plants + for perfumes	900	900	600
	Market gardening	600	600	400
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified			

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### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

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### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available



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## National Inventory of Germany

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Germany was collated by Stefanie Metzke and Hiltrud Nieberg, Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut, Germany. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table DE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓ <sup>RP</sup>
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	✓
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Germany (national scale)

### Rural development measures

In general, the rural development policy is administered at regional scale. The Federal Government of Germany is only involved in those RDP measures that are co-financed within the Framework of the 'Joint Task for Improvement of Agricultural Structure and Coastal Protection (GAK, Gemeinschaftsaufgabe Verbesserung der Agrarstruktur und des Küstenschutzes). Regional RDP measures implemented by individual German federal states are only co-financed by the Federal Government if they are in line with the various GAK principles. Although it is possible for the federal states to design measures outside of the GAK framework, the consequence of using this option is loss of federal co-financing.

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address specifically organic farming.

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table DE.2 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Organic farming can make a significant contribution towards reducing the use of certain fertilisers and pesticides. In addition, organic farming can help to protect habitats and biological diversity. The production of organic fruit and vegetables should therefore be supported through guidance and further training.
Eligible costs	Guidance and support as well as further training
Specifics	Actions can be supported only if they are carried out in connection with organic production supported under EAFRD programmes and contribute to enhancing the environmental impact of organic production.

Source: BMELV (2008).

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF are mainly implemented in the framework of the German Organic Farming Scheme. These measures complement existing measures at regional level – in particular area payments for organic farming.

Table DE.3 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Grants to cover advisory costs for conversion planning	✓
	– Workshops on organic farm management and farm development	✓
	– Establishment of a network of demonstration farms	✓
	– Vocational training for advisors and veterinarians	✓
	– Advisory project for conventional farmers interested in conversion	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Central Organic Farming Internet portal with information for all supply-chain actors	✓
	– Distribution of information material on organic farming for different target groups (farmers, processors, consumers, schools, journalists, etc.)	✓
	– Trainee programme for graduates of universities	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Events on organic farming for (young) farmers	✓
	– Consumer information/promotion campaigns on organic farming	✓
	– Presentation of organic farming at different fairs	✓
	– Organisation of the competition “Organic Farming at School”	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for diverse research projects measures for the transfer of technology and knowledge in the organic farming sector	✓
	– Participation in the CORE Organic ERA net	No
<b>Other</b>	– Awarding the 'Organic Farming Award' for innovative organic farmers	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

The Federal Scheme for Organic Farming and Other Forms of Sustainable Farming (BÖLN, Bundesprogramm Ökologischer Landbau und andere Formen nachhaltiger Landwirtschaft) is a federal sector-specific support programme. The scheme has been developed to further improve the overall conditions for organic farming by supplementing existing support measures with the aim of improving the basic conditions necessary for expanding organic farming. At the same time, it strives to increase supply and demand on a balanced, sustainable basis. The programme was implemented in 2002 and has been used to support specifically organic farming until the end of 2010. Since 2011 the programme supports also other forms of sustainable farming. The support measures of the BÖLN address problems along the whole supply chain as indicated below and described in more detail above. Because it does not contain any specific targets with respect to the further development of organic farming and is not linked to the agricultural policies of the German federal states, it is not an organic action plan in a true sense.

Table DE.4 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Federal Scheme for Organic Farming and Other Forms of Sustainable Farming			
Running period	Since 2002			
Running periods of previous action plans	-			
Quantitative targets	None <sup>1</sup>			
Activities	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds	
Area payments		-	-	
Farm investments		-	-	
Marketing & Processing		-	✓	
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	
Training & Advice		-	✓	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-	
Research	-	-	✓	
Other	-	-	✓	

<sup>1</sup> No targets were set out in the Federal Organic Farming Scheme. However, as part of its national sustainability strategy (which was implemented in 2001) Germany aims to achieve a share of 20% of the organic area in the total UAA in the long-run.

Table DE.4 Key information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes (cont.)

Measure	Federal Organic Farming Scheme					
Budget /Expenditure	Annual expenditure between 2002 and 2010: (in million EUR)					
	<i>Type of measure</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
	Production and processing	3.10	4.08	2.18	1.09	0.74
	Trade, marketing and consumers	10.64	12.13	9.18	6.89	5.25
	RDT-projects <sup>a</sup>	5.51	12.71	4.99	7.41	6.90
	Overarching measures	4.27	4.64	2.54	2.68	2.39
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23.52</b>	<b>33.56</b>	<b>18.89</b>	<b>18.06</b>	<b>15.28</b>
	<i>Type of measure</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>Total 2002/10</i>
	Production and processing	1.20	1.51	1.76	1.56	<b>17.20</b>
	Trade, marketing and consumers	5.32	2.00	2.45	2.50	<b>56.35</b>
	RDT-projects <sup>1</sup>	4.90	6.07	8.44	7.38	<b>64.30</b>
	Overarching measures	2.13	2.27	2.10	2.24	<b>25.26</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13.54</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>14.74</b>	<b>13.68</b>	<b>163.12</b>

Source: Own calculation based on data from the BÖLN office

<sup>1</sup> Research, development and transfer of technologies and knowledge.

## Germany – Baden-Württemberg (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.5 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Organic farming scheme (M 214)</b>			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable	190	190	190
	Permanent pasture and grassland	190	190	190
	Horticulture	550	550	550
	Perennial crops (orchards, hops, vineyards etc.)	700	700	700
<b>Level of compensation</b>	All land use types	100%		

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 40 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 400 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.



Table DE.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Environmentally friendly manure application: Application of slurry with drag hoses, injection, etc. At least one analysis of the manure on total nitrogen and ammonia content.	30 EUR/ha of respective area
	Diverse crop rotation: At least four different crops with a minimum share of 15% in the arable area. The maximum share of maize may not exceed 40%.	20 EUR/ha arable land
	Conservation of genetically valuable grassland vegetation: Evidence of at least four indicator species from a county- or regionally specific catalogue of 20 to 40 herbaceous plants on the respective area. Recordings on type and time of cultivation measures.	60 EUR/ha of respective area
	Maintenance of steep pasture with a slope of more than 25%: Maintenance of good pasture care as long as no cutting is done. At least 5% of the grassland should not be used before the 15 <sup>th</sup> of June. Recordings on type and time of slurry application.	120 EUR/ha of respective area
	Management of meadow fruit orchards: Maintenance of typical meadow fruit orchards (up to 100 trees per hectare). Management/maintenance between and under the trees	2.5 EUR per tree
	Management of steep vineyards (in specific mapped zones)	350 EUR/ha of respective area
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting: Direct drilling of main crops (zero till) in the organic matter from the previous crop, which remains on the surface.	60 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Cover crops in autumn and winter: Cropping with underseeds and intercrops (at least on 5% of the arable land) Sowing until mid-September. Crops remain at the field (no use). Mulching not before end of November.	90 EUR/ha cover cropped

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.7 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	<b>Other regional measures</b>	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Financial support for presentations at exhibitions and fairs	No
	– Financial support for promoting the organic logo of Baden-Württemberg	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– State organic advisory service	No
	– Financial support for private organic advisory services	No
	– Training courses in organic farming at agricultural schools	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Study courses in organic farming and in organic food chain management at universities and universities of applied sciences	No
	– Consumer information on organic farmers	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Quality and origin scheme 'Organic Logo Baden-Württemberg'	No
	– Financial support for the campaign 'Organic Summer Baden-Württemberg' which comprises various activities such as organic court festivals and guided tours on organic farms	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farmers' associations for services provided in the field of organic farming	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research projects in the field of organic farming at state research centres	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plans or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Germany – Bavaria (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.8 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support of constructional and technical investments to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Until 2010, organic farmers investing in housing systems received a bonus of 5% to the investment grant. This bonus was also given to conventional farmers improving animal welfare.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2010/2011)	Until 2010, financial support was 15% of the eligible investment costs for non-organic farmers and 20% for organic farmers as well as farmers improving animal welfare. Investments in loose housing stables were supported with a grant of 25% (irrespective of the farming system).  Since 2011, the level of grant is 20% without a bonus for organic farming. For specific investments alpine farmers may receive a grant of 25% of the eligible investments.

Table DE.9 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to improve the quality of agricultural products, to improve the profitability of the agricultural and food sector and to protect the environment.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Until 2010, the level of grant was higher for investment projects related to organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2010)	The Level of grant for project related to organic farming was 25% of the eligible costs. The minimum investment level was EUR 100,000.  The Level of grant for project not related to organic farming was 20% of the eligible costs. The minimum investment level was EUR 250,000.  In 2010, the support scheme has been closed.

Table DE.10 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	285	200
	Permanent pasture and grassland	285	200
	Perennial crops (orchards, hops, vineyards etc.) and horticulture	475	400
Level of compensation	No information identified		

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha for up to a maximum of 15 ha as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.11 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Environmentally friendly manure application: Application of slurry with drag hoses, injection, etc. At least one analysis of the manure on total nitrogen and ammonia content. Payment: 1.50 EUR per m <sup>3</sup> slurry or max. 22.5 EUR per LU or max. 45 EUR per ha of respective area	max. 45 EUR/ha of respective area
	Extensive crop rotation: The share of intensively managed crops (maize, wheat, field vegetables, sugar and field beets) may be in total less than one-third of the arable area. Maximum share of maize amounts 20 % of the arable area.	25-90 EUR/ha (depending on crop) of respective area
	Diverse crop rotation: Cultivation of at least five different main crops on the arable land; each main crop < 30% of arable area; each main crop group > 10% of arable area; share of grain < 66% of arable area; legumes > 5% of arable area. An over-wintering crop has to follow legumes.	50 EUR/ha arable land
	Cover crops in autumn and winter: Cropping with underseeds and intercrops (at least on 5% of the arable land) after harvest of the main crop. Intercrops remain on the field (it is not allowed to use the plants). Mulching not earlier than the 15 <sup>th</sup> of February of the following year.	50 EUR/ha cover cropped
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting: Direct drilling of main row crops (maize, beets, potatoes, sunflowers, field beans, field vegetables) in the organic matter from the cover crops which remains on the surface.	60 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Conversion of arable land to grassland along riversides or other ecological sensible areas (in specific mapped zones)	400 EUR/ha of respective area
	Management of meadow fruit orchards: Maintenance of typical meadow fruit orchards (up to 100 trees per hectare). Management/maintenance between and under the trees.	5 EUR/tree, max. 500 EUR/ha
	Summer grazing of cattle: Daily grazing of cows, young stock and fattening cattle for at least three months between the 15 <sup>th</sup> of May and the 15 <sup>th</sup> of November. Grazing area must have a size of at least of 0.2 hectare per LU.	30 EUR/LU of respective animal

**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.12 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Financial support for presentations at exhibitions/fairs	No
	– Financial support for marketing concepts for agricultural organic or regional quality products (De-minimis aid)	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– State organic advisory service	No
	– Financial support for advisory services	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Technical college school for organic farming which also holds an organic educational farm	No
	– Teaching, Research and Technical Centre for Organic Agriculture	No
	– Training courses in organic farming at vocational schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming at the university and universities of applied sciences	No
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Public procurement project of the city of Nurnberg (10% share of organic food at public local institutions)	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Financial support for the promotion campaign 'Organic field days', which comprise various activities such as an organic market in Munich, an organic feast in Passau and various court festivals.	No
	– Awarding of the 'Public Medal' for persons who made special efforts to promote organic farming	No
	– Quality and origin scheme 'Guaranteed organic quality – Bavaria'	No
<b>Infra-structure (organic sector institutions)</b>	– Financial support for organic farmers' associations for services provided in the field of organic farming	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research activities related to organic farming at the state research centre of Bavaria.	No
	– Research activities related to organic farming at the Technical University of Munich-Weihenstephan	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plans or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – Brandenburg and Berlin (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.13 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable	150	150	137
	Permanent pasture/grassland	150	150	131
	Vegetables including herbs, medicine plants, soft fruit/ berries and ornamental plants	340	340	308
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.)	640	640	588
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%		

Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Brandenburg/Berlin closed the organic farming scheme for farms that started conversion in 2011.

Table DE.14 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Late and restricted grassland use	75 EUR/ha
	Restricted use of double knife mower and finger bar mower on grassland	95 EUR/ha
	Preservation of typical regional crops	150 EUR/ha, 400 EUR/farm
	Cultivation of small-seeded legumes on wasteland of former mining sites	70 EUR/ha



**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.15 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	<b>Other regional measures</b>	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Financial support for presentations at trade fairs (Bio-Fach)	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Degree course in "Organic farming and marketing" (BSc) and "Ecological and Agricultural Management" (MSc) at the University of Applied Sciences in Eberswalde	No
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Procurement project in the city of Berlin (share of 10% of the expenditure for organic food in school canteens)	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion activities at the fair "International Green Week" in Berlin	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farming associations for the realization of projects related to organic farming in Berlin/Brandenburg	No
<b>Research</b>	– Financial support for the „Innovation Network Climate Adaptation Brandenburg Berlin“ (INKA BB) which coordinates/conducts – among others – research projects related to the development of new management systems for organic farming	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic actions plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Germany – Hamburg (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.16 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)	Conversion		Maintenance	
	Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Arable	262	137	137
	Permanent pasture/grassland	262	137	137
Vegetables, including herbs	693	271	271	
Perennial crops (orchards etc.) and ornamental plants	1,107	662	662	
Level of compensation	All land use types	No information identified		

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.17 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Environmentally friendly manure application: Application of slurry with drag hoses, injection, etc. At least one analysis of the manure on total nitrogen and ammonia content.	max. 30 EUR/ha
	Cover crops in autumn and winter	45 EUR/ha cover cropped
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting	54 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Summer grazing of cattle	34 EUR/LU

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.18 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– Cooperation between the chamber of agriculture and the private 'Advisory Circle of Organic Fruit Growers in North Germany' (ÖON), which offers advice and seminars for organic issues	No
Information & Education	– Publishing of brochures on organic farming for consumers	No
Research	– Occasional research studies related to organic farming	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### Regional organic actions plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – Hesse (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.19 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)	Conversion		Maintenance	
	Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Arable	210	170	170
	Permanent pasture/grassland and extensive meadow orchards	210	170	170
Vegetables including herbs, medicine plants, asparagus, soft fruits/berries	480	360	360	
Perennial crops (orchards etc.)	630	630	630	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%		

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.20 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Cover crops in autumn and winter	35-50 EUR/ha
	Additional measures for nature protection	25-75 EUR/ha
	Management of steep vineyards	1,500 - 2,300 EUR/ha
	Management of designated habitats	max. 440 EUR/ha
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting	55 EUR/ha

**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.21 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Administration of the regional organic logo of Hesse and diverse marketing activities	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– State organic advisory service	No
	– Organisation of 'Field Day Organic Farming' as well as symposia and information events relating to organic farming	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Training courses in organic farming at agricultural technician schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming universities (Kassel/Giessen) and universities of applied sciences	No
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Procurement project of the city of Frankfurt aiming to promote the use of organic food in public canteens.	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Administration of the regional organic logo of Hesse and diverse promotion activities	No
	– Awarding of the organic prize 'Good things from Hesse – best marketing ideas 2011'	No
<b>Infra-structure (organic sector institutions)</b>	– Financial support for organic farming associations	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research in organic farming and processing at state universities	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic actions plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Germany – Lower Saxony and Bremen (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.22 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	262	137
	Permanent pasture and grassland	262	137
	Vegetables	693	271
	Perennial crops (orchards, etc.)	1,107	662
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.23 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	<p><i>Cover crops in autumn and winter:</i></p> <p>Cropping with underseeds and intercrops (at least on 5 % of the arable land) after harvest of the main crop (sowing until mid-September).</p> <p>Mulching not earlier than the 15<sup>th</sup> of February of the following year.</p>	<p>45 EUR/ha cover cropped</p>
	<p><i>Winter hardy undersown crops on arable land (in specific area):</i></p> <p>Eligible crops are: gras, feeding rye, marrowstem kale, winter rape, turnip rape</p> <p>Use of fertilisers not earlier than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March of the following year.</p> <p>Mulching not earlier than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March of the following year.</p>	<p>85 EUR /ha</p>
	<p><i>Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting (in specified areas):</i></p> <p>Direct drilling of crops (at least on 5% of the arable land) in the organic matter from the cover crops which remains on the surface.</p>	<p>40 EUR/ha direct drilling</p>
	<p><i>No tillage after maize (in specified areas):</i></p> <p>No tillage after harvesting until 15<sup>th</sup> of March of the following year</p> <p>Use of fertilisers not earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> of March of the following year.</p>	<p>30 EUR/ha</p>
	<p><i>No tillage after rape (in specified areas):</i></p> <p>No tillage after harvesting rape</p> <p>Use of fertilisers not earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> of November</p> <p>Ploughing not earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> of October</p>	<p>50 EUR/ha</p>
	<p><i>Turnip rape before winter cereals (in specified areas):</i></p> <p>Cropping of turnip rape before winter cereals</p> <p>Use of fertilisers not earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> of November</p> <p>Sowing turnip rape until the 15<sup>th</sup> of August</p> <p>Ploughing not earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> of October</p>	<p>70 EUR/ha</p>
	<p><i>Conservation of wild birds and their habitats:</i></p> <p>No land management activities between the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov and 31<sup>st</sup> of March</p> <p>Special provisions for specific regions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Winter cereals (sowing until the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Permanent grassland</p>	<p>290 EUR/ha 175 EUR/ha</p>
	<p><i>Ground water protecting management for organic farms</i></p> <p>Max. 80 kg N per ha UAA</p> <p>No storage of farm manure in zone 2 of water protection areas</p> <p>Ploughing of legumes at the earliest four weeks before the subsequent crop</p>	<p>146 EUR/ha</p>



**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.24 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	<b>Other regional measures</b>	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Organic advisory service by chamber of agriculture	No
	– Financial support for the private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 'Advisory Circle of Organic Fruit Growers in North Germany' (ÖON)</li> <li>○ 'Competence Centre of Organic Farming Lower Saxony' (KÖN); funding for specific projects</li> </ul>	No
	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Study courses in organic farming at the universities	No
	– Financial support for organising the event 'Field days organic farming'	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Marketing and promotion activities of the 'Marketing Society for Agricultural Products of Lower Saxony' for organic products	No
	– Research in organic farming at state universities and other research institutes	No
<b>Research</b>	– <i>Advisory board 'Organic farming'</i> The advisory board gives advice to the agricultural ministry of Lower Saxony on various issues related to organic farming. Board members are farmers, processors, retailers, farm advisors and scientists.	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Germany – Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.25 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support of investments to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings and animal welfare on farms
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Since 2009, organic livestock farmers (as well as conventional dairy farmers) receive a higher grant.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Support of animal-friendly husbandry systems
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Investments related to animal welfare are supported on organic farms (but also on non-organic dairy farms) with 35% of the eligible costs. The level of grant for non-organic farms is 25% (with the exception of dairy farmers).

Table DE.26 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	150	150
	Permanent pasture/grassland and extensive meadow orchards	150	150
	Vegetables including herbs, medicine plants, asparagus, rhubarb, strawberry	308	308
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.)	588	588
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%	

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 40 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.27 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Soil conservation and erosion measures in arable fodder production	70 EUR/ha arable land
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting combined with intercropping	95 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Environmentally and animal-friendly livestock systems	ca. 32 to max. 183 EUR/LU (depending on type of livestock and management system)

*Note on RDP measure 215*

Organic farmers may also use RDP measure 215 (animal welfare). Payment levels are however reduced by 10% for organic farms.

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.28 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Financial support for the 'Advisory Circle of Organic Fruit Growers in North Germany' which offers advice and seminars in the field of organic fruit production	No
	– Financial support for private advisory service 'LMS – Agricultural advisory'	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Study courses in organic farming at universities (Neubrandenburg, Rostock)	No
	– Information portal "BIO-MV.de" which comprise information on organic farming and food	No
	– Financial support for symposiums on organic farming	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Administration of the regional organic logo	No
	– Guide for organic restaurants in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (until 2010 financed through regional funds; since 2011 financed under the Federal Organic Farming Scheme)	Partly
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for the association 'Agricultural Marketing Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania' which carries out promotion activities for organic products	No
	– Support for the association 'Ländlich Fein' (Fine Rural) for promotion activities in restaurants	No
	– Financial support for the association 'Agricultural Marketing Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania' which carries out promotion activities for organic products	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research at the 'State Research Institute of Agriculture and Fishing'	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – North Rhine-Westphalia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.29 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support of investments to improve investments in long-lived assets to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Since 2011, organic farmers receive higher grants.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Investments in long-lived assets on organic farms are funded with 25% of the eligible costs. The level of grant for non-organic farms is 15%.

Table DE.30 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	324	180
	Permanent pasture/grassland	270	170
	Vegetables and ornamental plants	900	300
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.) and tree nursery plants	1,404	720
	Greenhouse crops	5,500	4,500
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 525 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs. New payment rates have been notified in 2011 but are not yet approved by the European Commission.

Table DE.31 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Intercropping in protected areas which fall under the Water Framework Directive	84 EUR/ha
	Summer grazing Organic farmers	30 EUR/LU
	Conventional farmers	25 EUR/LU

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.32 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Financial support for presentations at the organic fair Bio-Fach in Nuremberg	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Organic advisory service of the chamber of agriculture	No
	– Organic demonstration farms of the chamber of agriculture	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming at universities (e.g. Bonn)	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Organisation of 'Organic Action Days North Rhine-Westphalia': various activities such as organic feasts and various court festivals	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farming associations	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research in organic farming at universities	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – Rhineland-Palatinate (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.33 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	240	140
	Permanent pasture/grassland	240	140
	Vegetables, including herbs	480	300
	Pip and stone fruits	715	715 <sup>1</sup> 610
	Vineyards	660	660 <sup>1</sup> 560
	Steep slopes > 30% <sup>2</sup>	1,020	1,020
	Very steep slopes > 50% <sup>2</sup>	2,810	2,810
<b>Level of compensation</b>	Arable	98 %	
	Vegetables	99 %	
	Fruits and vineyards	99 %	

<sup>1</sup> Paid in the 3rd year

<sup>2</sup> Payment is cumulated with the agri-environmental measure "Environmentally friendly cultivation of steep and very steep slopes", on top-payment for organic vineyards is 255 EUR per hectare, respectively.

Table DE.34 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting with cover crops in autumn and winter	80 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Mulch/direct drilling with stubble fallow	50 EUR/ha
	Biological control of the European grapevine moth	40-125 EUR/ha of respective area
	Biological control of the European corn borer, codlin moth and winter moth	50-380 EUR/ha of respective area
Vineyards: Environmentally friendly cultivation of steep and very steep slopes Can be taken up together with the organic payment for vineyards on steep and very steep slopes. Payment rates (next column) will be increased by 255 EUR/ha (is included in the organic payment levels).	765 EUR/ha (steep slopes), 2,555 EUR/ha (very steep slopes)	



**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table DE.35 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	<b>Other regional measures</b>	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– State advisory service 'Competence Centre Organic Farming' (KÖL)	No
	– Financial support for private advisory services	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming at universities	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Publishing a guide for organic buyers (by KÖL)	No
	– Organisation of various promotion events by the KÖL such as organic feasts, visiting of organic farms for school children, exhibitions	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research in organic farming at KÖL	No
<b>Other</b>	– An organic working group is advising the regional ministry of agriculture on topics related to organic farming	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Germany – Saarland (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.36 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable	230	145	145
	Permanent pasture/grassland	230	145	145
	Vegetables	638	255	255
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.) and ornamental plants	995	612	612
Level of compensation	No information identified			

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.37 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Environmentally friendly manure application	15 EUR/LU
	Application of slurry with drag hoses, injection, etc. At least one analysis of the manure on total nitrogen and ammonia content.	max. 30 EUR/ha
	Cover crops in autumn and winter	45 EUR/ha cover cropped
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting	54 EUR/ha direct drilling

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.38 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– Financial support for private advisory services	No
Information & Education	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

The regional Ministry of Agriculture has developed an internal action plan to coordinate activities related to organic farming. Public information on the action plan is not available.

## Germany – Saxony (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

*Note on RDP measure 132*

Organic farmers that are not supported under RDP measure 214 (e.g. partial converted farms) receive a grant of 80% of their certification and inspection costs. The maximum contribution is EUR 3,000 for five years.

Table DE.39 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is only open for farmers of approved quality schemes. Saxony has approved the following schemes: organic production, products registered as PDO, PGI and TSG. Thus, organic producer groups are one of three target groups of this measure. Besides this, no special provisions are made.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To improve the added value and sales of organic products (as one of other quality products) and therewith to give a positive impulse for a further expansion of organic farming in Saxony.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Producer groups receive up to 70% of the eligible costs.

Table DE.40 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	324	204
	Permanent pasture/grassland	324	204
	Vegetables including herbs, medicine plants	900	360
	Orchards and ornamental plants	1,404	864
	Vineyards	1,404	864
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified		

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs. The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.41 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– State advisory service	No
	– Organisation of 'Organic Field Days' to inform farmers about organic farming	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming at the University of Dresden	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Financial support of the participation at fairs/exhibitions	No
	– Various additional promotion activities	
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for research projects in the field of organic farming	No
<b>Other</b>	– Financial support for a regional organic network of supply chain actors	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – Saxony-Anhalt (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.42 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	200	200
	Permanent pasture/grassland	170	170
	Vegetables	300	300
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.)	720	720
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 530 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.43 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Diverse crop rotation	45 EUR/ha arable land
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting	55 EUR/ha direct drilling

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.44 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Financial support for marketing projects and consumer information	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Technician schools of agriculture offer modules related to organic farming	No
	– Some universities and universities of applied sciences offer study courses containing modules related to organic farming	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Organisation of 'Organic Actions Days' and other events including activities such as organic feasts and court festivals	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for the organic farming association 'Organic Farm Communities Saxony-Anhalt' for services provided in the field of organic farming	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available



## Germany – Schleswig-Holstein (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.45 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable	262	137
	Permanent pasture/grassland	262	137
	Vegetables, including herbs	693	271
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.) and ornamental plants	1,107	662
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

Schleswig-Holstein closed the organic farming scheme in 2011.

Table DE.46 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Environmentally friendly manure application: Application of slurry with drag hoses, injection, etc. At least one analysis of the manure on total nitrogen and ammonia content.	max. 30 EUR/ha
	Cover crops in autumn and winter: (in specified areas like water protection areas)	80 EUR/ha cover cropped

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.47 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– Financial support for the 'Advisory Circle of Organic Fruit Growers in North Germany'	No
	– Cooperation between the chamber of agriculture and the private advisory service 'Organic Circle Schleswig-Holstein'	No
Information & Education	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools	No
	– Study courses in organic farming at the University of Kiel	No
Research	– Research in organic farming at the University of Kiel	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Germany – Thuringia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table DE.48 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Organic farming scheme (M 214)</b>			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2    Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha    EUR/ha		<b>Maintenance</b> EUR/ha
	Arable	210	210	170
	Permanent pasture/grassland and extensive meadow orchards	210	210	170
	Vegetables including herbs, medicine plants	480	480	300
	Perennial crops (orchards etc.)	900	900	720
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified			

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

In addition to these area payments, organic farmers receive a payment of EUR 35 per ha up to a maximum of EUR 500 per farm as a contribution to inspection and certification costs.

Table DE.49 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Diverse crop rotation: Cultivation of at least six different main crops on the arable land; each main crop < 30% of arable area; each main crop group >10 % of arable area; share of grain < 66 % of arable area; legumes >5 % of arable area. An over-wintering crop has to follow legumes.	32 EUR/ha arable land
	Cover crops in autumn and winter: Cropping with underseeds and intercrops (at least on 5 % of the arable land) after harvest of the main crop (sowing until 10 <sup>th</sup> of September). Mulching not earlier than the 10th of March of the following year.	54 EUR/ha cover cropped
	Mulch/direct drilling, direct planting (in specified areas): Direct drilling of crops (at least on 5 % of the arable land) in the organic matter from the cover crops which remains on the surface.	54 EUR/ha direct drilling
	Use of soil friendly production processes in fodder cultivation: Cultivation of forage plants (no silage corn, grain or fodder beet); at least 10 % of the arable land and min. 2 ha has to be used	70 EUR/ha arable land

## Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table DE.50 Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Support scheme for high quality products (not restricted to organic farming)	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Financial support for the private advisory services	No
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Training courses in organic farming at technician schools – Study courses in organic farming at the University of Erfurt	No No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Publication of a shopping guide for organic products	No
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farming associations for services provided in the field of organic farming	No
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for research projects in the field of organic farming	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Greece

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Greece was provided by George Vlahos, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table GR.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>P</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		x	x
Action plan *		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Greece (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table GR.2 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to subsidize costs for inspection and certification according to Reg. (EC) No 834/2007. Besides organic farming, also two national quality schemes (integrated crop production and pork production) are eligible for support.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To cover additional costs resulting from the organic management (not considered in the payment calculation of RDP measure 214)
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Organic farmers receive a grant of up to EUR 1,700 for vineyards and permanent crops, up to EUR 1,500 for annual crops and up to EUR 1,800 for livestock production. The level of grant of the national quality schemes is up to 1,400 EUR (crops) and EUR 3,000 (pork), respectively.



Table GR.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic farming'

Sub-measure	Organic farming (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Pasture <sup>1</sup>	Sheep and goats	180	180	151
		Dairy bovine	339	339	273
		Meat bovine	166	166	166
	Olive trees		756	756	415
	Vineyards		900	900	900
	Corn <sup>2</sup>	Feedstuff	600	600	600
	Alfalfa <sup>3</sup>		600	600	425
	Cotton <sup>4</sup>		534	534	525
	Cereals, rice, legumes, helianthus & other annual crops		320	320	247
	Other crops for non human consumption <sup>5</sup>		360	360	288
	Aromatic plants		320	320	247
	Saffron		900	900	900
<b>Level of compensation</b>	Vineyards, corn, alfalfa, saffron	Partial	Due to support ceiling laid down in Reg. (EC) No 1698/2005		
	All other land use types	Full			

<sup>1</sup> Based on a stocking rate of 1 LU/ha. Payment rates are reduced if stocking rates are below 1 LU/ha by multiplying the basic amount times LU.

<sup>2</sup> Includes certification costs of EUR 64.

<sup>3</sup> Includes certification costs of EUR 36.

<sup>4</sup> Includes certification costs of EUR 60.

<sup>5</sup> Includes certification costs of EUR 40.

Table GR.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Promotion of farming practices for wildlife protection (in cases of organic farmers, there is preference)	Up to the maximum level of payment of AEMs
	Protection of National Sea Park of Zakynthos (one of the options available to farmers in order to be eligible)	Up to the maximum level of payment of AEMs

## Article 68 measure

Table GR.5 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure
Scope and action	<i>Support for improving the quality of agricultural products - Art. 68(1)(a)(ii)</i> Payments are provided for the production of olive oil and table olives with specific quality characteristics and producers implementing marketing measures for olive products.
Way of addressing organic farming	This measure is open to organic farmers but also to farmers participating in PGO or PGI food quality schemes or deliver their products to processing plants working under HACCP (hazard analysis and critical points control).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To promote quality production in the olive oil sector
Level of payments (2011)	The amount per ha is defined every year depending on the number of farmers applying for the scheme. The total budget for the years 2010 – 2012 amounts EUR 10 million.

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not implemented yet

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## **Greece (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

### **Regional organic action plans or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Hungary

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Hungary was provided by Kürthy Gyöngyi, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Hungary. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table HU.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	✓	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		x	x
Action plan *		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Hungary (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table HU.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as a target group of this measure. Furthermore the measure is used to support vocational training programs that are specifically related organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses.

Table HU.3 Key information on RDP measure 114

Measure	Use of advisory services by farmers (M 114)
Scope and action	Support is given to farmers to compensate for the cost of the use of advisory services.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as a target group of this measure. Furthermore the measure is used to support vocational training programs that are specifically related organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Support is 80% of the costs of advisory services up to EUR 700 per year.

Table HU.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments to improve primary processing and marketing of products from agriculture and forestry.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as a target group of this measure. Furthermore the measure is used to support vocational training programs that are specifically related organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Contributions vary between 40–50% of the project's eligible expenditure depending on the type of investment.

Table HU.5 Key information on RDP measure 313

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Encouragement of tourism activities (M313)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for the development of activities related to tourism in rural areas
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Maximum contribution ranges between 60-65% of eligible investment costs. Maximum total eligible expenditure is approx. EUR 200,000 per project for 3 years.

Table HU.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Sub-measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Vegetables	359	203	203	
	Arable crops	212	161	161	
	Special vegetables (some protected varieties)	485	274	274	
	Special arable crops (protected varieties)	301	217	217	
	Pastures, not under Nature 2000 Programme <sup>1</sup>	Grazing	116	116	116
		Mowing	79	79	79
	Pastures, under Nature 2000 Programme <sup>1</sup>	Grazing	85	85	85
		Mowing	48	48	48
	Orchards, apple type varieties	900	900 <sup>2</sup>	722	
	Orchards, stone-fruits	859	859 <sup>3</sup>	557	
	Orchards, berries	757	757 <sup>4</sup>	365	
Orchards, vineyards, mixed plantation	859	859 <sup>5</sup>	557		
Vineyards	827	827 <sup>6</sup>	525		
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

<sup>1</sup> Organic pastures are only supported by a maintenance payment, but farmers receive the payment from the first year of conversion.

<sup>2</sup> EUR 900 per hectare is paid for the 3rd year

<sup>3</sup> EUR 859 per hectare is paid for the 3rd year

<sup>4</sup> EUR 757 per hectare is paid for the 3rd year

<sup>5</sup> EUR 859 per hectare is paid for the 3rd year

<sup>6</sup> EUR 827 per hectare is paid for the 3rd year



*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

Applications were possible only in 2009. Approved applications will receive payment until the 5-year contract expires (in 2013). Farmers who started conversion in 2010 (or later) are not receiving support.

The organic farming scheme can be combined with RDP measure 213 (Natura 2000). The support amounts to EUR 38 per ha.

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming.

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No information identified whether organic producer organisations are supported.

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Hungary (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Ireland

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Ireland was provided by James Mc Donnell, Teagasc - Agriculture and Food Development Authority and Jim Carew, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ireland as well as Susanne Padel and Martina Niggli, Organic Research Centre, United Kingdom. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table IE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	x	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Ireland (national scale)

## Rural development measures

Table IE.2 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion <sup>1</sup>		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Horticultural holdings <sup>2</sup>	1 ≤ 6 ha	283	142	142
		6 - 55 ha	212	106	106
		> 55 ha	30	15	15
All other holdings	3 - 55 ha	212	106	106	
	> 55 ha	30	15	15	
Level of compensation	All land use types	50%			

<sup>1</sup> Stockless non-REPS (Rural Environment Protection Scheme) farmers applying green cover during the conversion period may qualify for an additional payment of EUR 240 per ha per year up to a maximum of 40 ha. Producers must register with an approved control body.

<sup>2</sup> At least 50 % of the area eligible for payment must be cropped

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme can be combined with RDP measure 213 (Natura 2000, Priority Wild Bird Habitat). The support amounts to EUR 314 per ha.

Table IE.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Commonage land outside Natura network	75 EUR/ha
	Establishment and maintenance of habitats: Capital investment - fencing 3.3 EUR/linear metre	8 EUR/ 100 metre
	Animal genetic resources	200 EUR/LU
	Traditional orchards: Capital investment - 15-75 EUR/tree equivalent	5 EUR/tree
	Wild bird cover	869 EUR/ha
	Hedgerow planting: Capital investment 6.4-32 EUR/metre	2.5 EUR/metre
	Hedgerow coppicing	1-5 EUR/metre
	Hedgerow laying	1.6-8 EUR/metre
	Traditional dry stone wall maintenance	50 EUR/100 metres
	Green cover establishment from a sown crop	80 EUR/ha
	Use of new technologies for slurry spreading	0.77 EUR/cubic metre
	Min Till	23 EUR/ha

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming.

## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table IE.4 Key information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Organic farming support is justified in relation to Ireland's environmental needs and priorities as its objective is to reduce the use of pesticides and fertilisers.
Eligible costs	Real costs for investments in equipment and facilities necessary for the production, preparation, grading, packing and storing of organic products. Other costs related to the application of organic production methods are not eligible.

Source: Department of Agriculture, Fishers and Food (2008).

## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table IE.5 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Farm investment	– <i>Schemes of Grant Aid for the Development of the Organic Sector:</i> The Grant Scheme supports investment by both producers and processors, was launched in 2007. The scheme was closed temporarily in mid-2009 because applications on hands at that point were enough to use up the funding provided for the year. The on-farm scheme provides grant aid of 40% of the cost up to a maximum grant of EUR 60,000. For off-farm investments, the maximum grant is EUR 500,000. The number of successful applications increased from 82 in 2007 to 123 in 2009, an increase of 50%, while expenditure under the schemes went from EUR 594,000 in 2007 to EUR 1.5 million in 2009, an increase of over 150%.	No
Marketing & Processing	– A Marketing Conference, which is normally held bi-annually and attendance at BioFach is subsidised	No
Certification & Regulation	– Payment of an annual subsidy of EUR 121 per operator to each of the five control bodies	✓
Training & Advice	– <i>Rural Innovation Programme:</i> This programme delivers advice on alternative enterprises and businesses, including rural tourism, artisan food, organic farming, sport horse production, deer production, free range poultry, and goat farming. A service is provided to assist rural people starting their own business, which includes training and mentoring services and assistance in financing, business planning marketing and public relations. Clients with significant developmental or financial viability issues to tackle are supported through a formal planning process to deal with the challenges which confront them	No
Information & Education	– Financing of the Organic Demonstration Farm programme (approx. 20 farms @ EUR 3,000 each	No
Promotion campaigns	– Payments towards National Organic Week and National Organic Week awards	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

The Organic Farming Action Plan 2008-2012 has four main objectives: increase production in line with market trends, increase the knowledge base, develop the organic market at home and abroad, and encourage the development of public procurement opportunities for organic products. Some of the 64 actions listed in the Plan have already been completed and significant progress has been made on a number of others. The plan was reviewed by Forás Orgánach prior to the end of its term in August, 2011 and ten key priorities have been identified.

Table IE.6 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support scheme

<b>Organic Farming Action Plan 2008 - 2012</b>																																																				
<b>Running period</b>	2008-2012																																																			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None																																																			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	Share of 5% of the organic land area in the total UAA																																																			
<b>Target year</b>	2012																																																			
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<b>Budget / Expenditure</b>	No information identified																																																			

## **Ireland (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Italy

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Italy was provided by Filippo Chiozzotto, National Institute of Agricultural Economics (INEA), Italy. Other sources are indicated below the table where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table IT.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓ <sup>R</sup>
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>P</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Organic action plan *		✓	x

x Policies not available or not identified

✓ Policies available

✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions

(✓) Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011

\* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Italy (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Not applicable - Administered at regional scale

### Article 68 measure

Table IT.2 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure
<b>Objective and scope</b>	<i>Support for improving the quality of agricultural products - Art. 68(1)(a)(ii)</i> A premium is provided for bovine livestock slaughtered between 12 and 26 months aiming to support farmers participating in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	This measure is open to organic livestock farmers but also to farmers participating in one of the following quality schemes: PGI and voluntary labelling systems.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of payments (2001)</b>	EUR 90 per head

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table IT.3 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Organic farming constitutes the ultimate level of environmental sustainability in farming methods. It can achieve several aims linked to an array of environmental goals. Italy is seeing substantial pressure from agriculture (use of fertilisers and toxic plant protection products) on water quality, albeit with significant regional variations. The same agricultural contamination also affects soil quality, compounded by the fact that the level of organic matter in the soil is now at average-to-low levels. The main response to these issues is to reinforce and expand farming techniques in more environmentally-sustainable ways. In the fruit and vegetable sector, organic farming methods are also a technical and commercial factor of high potential.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Aid to beneficiaries is provided in the form of annual payments per hectare of utilised agricultural area (UAA). For identical levels of commitment, the same level of support may be provided as that available under the rural development plan of the competent autonomous region or province. Payment for the commitment in the form of an annual per-hectare payment has no bearing on funding for technical assistance.
<b>Remarks</b>	Commitments must be undertaken for at least five years.

#### Note on CMO top-ups

The decision whether to implement this measure is delegated to the single RDP's Managing Authority. So far known, all managing authorities have decided to finance organic farming through the RDP.

## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF/EAGF

Table IT.4 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Marketing analysis of strategic positioning of the national organic logo	✓
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– Scientific support for development and implementation of Community legislation	✓
	– Strengthening analytical controls	✓
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Improvement in logistics and food quality - Chain projects	✓
	– Support of producer organizations	✓
	– Training courses on topics of strategic interest	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Dissemination of general information on organic farming	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion of organic products in public catering	✓
	– Promotion of organic products to citizens-consumers	✓
	– Promotion of Italian organic products on international markets	✓
	– Create and reinforce networks at international level	✓
	– Promotion event "Le piazze del Bio"	✓
<b>Institutional support</b>	– Communication support for coordinated participation in international events	✓
	– Technical and administrative support for the organic sector	✓
	– Improving the efficiency of the institutional system for the organic sector	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	✓
	– National Organic Seed Plan	✓
	– Research - Organic Livestock, Soil Management, Crop Protection	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Regional data management platforms	✓
	– Computerized management of organic data	✓
	– Data management on technical issues	✓
	– Organisation of events (e.g. "Stati Generali del Bio")	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table IT.5 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	National Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2008-2009			
Running periods of previous action plans	2005-2007			
Quantitative targets	None			
Activities	Financed through			
		public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds
	Area payments	-	-	-
	Farm investments	-	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	-	-	✓
	Certification & Regulation	-	-	✓
	Training & Advice	-	-	✓
	Information & Education	-	-	✓
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓
	Research	-	-	✓
	Other	-	-	✓
Budget	EUR 20.000.000 for the period 2008–2009			

## Italy – Abruzzo (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.6 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) as well as wine products registered under a national quality scheme. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 70% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable land	180	150
	Forage crops	120	100
	Vegetables, potatoes, sugar-beet and other annual herbaceous crops	500	400
	Olive trees	600	500
	Vineyards	700	600
	Orchards and other agricultural tree-like crops	700	600
	Dairy farming <sup>1</sup>	380	350
	Beef cattle <sup>1</sup>	330	300
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

<sup>1</sup> Livestock payments are granted per ha of forage area, but can not be combined with the payment for forage crops.

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

#### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

#### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

No information identified

## Italy – Apulia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Cereals and forage crops	96	96
	Tomato	357	357
	Potatoes	247	247
	Vegetables and other field crops	259	259
	Olive trees	335	335
	Table grapes	770	770
	Wine grapes	506	506
	Citrus fruit	812	812
	Cherries	456	456
	Other stone fruit	738	738
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Basilicata (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table IT.9 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) as well as wine products registered under a national quality scheme. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 70% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.10 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Organic farming scheme (M 214)</b>		
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Vineyards	500	450
	Olive trees	550	490
	Orchards	510	460
	Cereals	180	160
	Forage crops	100	80
	Horticulture	380	340
<b>Level of compensation</b>	All land use types	100 %	



*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Bolzano (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.11 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Vineyards	900	900	900	
	Orchards	Crop density > 300 trees/ha	900	900	900
		Crop density < 300 trees/ha	350	350	350
Stone fruit, minor fruit and annual crops	600	600	600		
Maize, forage crops, meadows <sup>1</sup>	350	350	350		
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

<sup>1</sup> Meadows mowed every 2 years: 50 % of the payment; if applicants waive silage fodder and the use of silage for livestock feed, payment is increased by EUR 100 per hectare.

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Other agri-environmental sub-measures cannot be combined with organic support payments.

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table IT.12 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Other</b>	BIOLIFE (exhibition market dedicated to organic production, food and cosmetics)	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

No information identified

## Italy – Calabria (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.13 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PG and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 80% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.14 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Olive trees		450	400	400
	Citrus fruits (orange, lemon, clementine)	Only in special designated areas	650	600	600
	Citron	Only in special designated areas	900	800	800
	Stone fruit (peach, plum, apricot)	Only in special designated areas	650	600	600
	Kivi	Only in special designated areas	650	600	600
	Potatoes	Only in special designated areas	540	490	490
	Vegetables	Open field	570	490	490
		Sheltered	600	550	550
	Forage crops		200	160	160
	Vineyards		550	500	500
	Cereals and grain legumes		100	80	80
		For livestock production	200	160	160
Level of compensation	No information identified				

Table IT.15 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)						
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments						
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.						
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable						
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On-top payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Protection of animal biodiversity: Breeding of native species threatened by extinction Breeding livestock must be kept for at least 5 years. Reproduction of livestock must be purebred.</td> <td>200 EUR/LU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care and maintenance of rural landscape: Maintenance of hedgerows, masts, little woods, etc.</td> <td>300 EUR/ha on the plain; 200 EUR/ha in hilly areas</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		On-top payments	Protection of animal biodiversity: Breeding of native species threatened by extinction Breeding livestock must be kept for at least 5 years. Reproduction of livestock must be purebred.	200 EUR/LU	Care and maintenance of rural landscape: Maintenance of hedgerows, masts, little woods, etc.	300 EUR/ha on the plain; 200 EUR/ha in hilly areas
	On-top payments						
Protection of animal biodiversity: Breeding of native species threatened by extinction Breeding livestock must be kept for at least 5 years. Reproduction of livestock must be purebred.	200 EUR/LU						
Care and maintenance of rural landscape: Maintenance of hedgerows, masts, little woods, etc.	300 EUR/ha on the plain; 200 EUR/ha in hilly areas						

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Campania (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.16 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.17 Key information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given to producer groups that carry out information and publicity activities on products of food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No specific information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Up to 70% of the eligible cost.

Table IT.18 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Vineyards	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		714	714	714
	Areas D1, D2		646	646	646
	Area C		696	696	696
Olive trees	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		537	537	537
	Areas D1, D2		414	414	414
	Area C		609	609	609
Major fruit	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		589	589	589
	Areas D1, D2		788	788	788
	Area C		664	664	664
Minor fruit <sup>1</sup>	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		788	788	788
	Areas D1, D2		307	307	307
	Area C		649	649	649
Vegetables	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		546	546	546
	Areas D1, D2		343	343	343
	Area C		403	403	403
Industrial crops (Mainly oilseeds, sugar beet, tomato and tobacco)	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		371	371	371
	Areas D1, D2		278	278	278
	Area C		473	473	473
Flower growing	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		436	436	436
	Areas D1, D2		567	567	567
	Area C		436	436	436
Cereals	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		143	143	143
	Areas D1, D2		105	105	105
	Area C		128	128	128
Forage crops	Areas A1, A2, A3, B		205	205	205
	Areas D1, D2		101	101	101
	Area C		107	107	107
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Areas A1, A2, A3, B: mainly on the plain, with high quality production.</li> <li>· Areas D1, D2: strong presence of extensive farming, frequent steep ground.</li> <li>· Area C: halfway between the previous two categories.</li> </ul>				
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%			
	All land use types	90 % for farms located in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZ)		Partial compensation since average yields in NVZ areas are lower	

<sup>1</sup> There exists a list of minor fruit species supported.



Table IT.19 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Preservative agronomic practices: Artificial grassing of tree-like crops (orchards, vineyards, olive groves)	115 EUR/ha
	Rearing in situ of native dying animal species: Payment varies depending on species and type of rearing (conventional or organic)	80-200 EUR/LU
	Cultivation and/or conservation in situ of native dying plant species: There is a maximum size that can be assigned to dying species, this size varies depending on the type of species (herbaceous or tree-like) and on the area where farm is located (A1, A2, etc.)	600 EUR for herbaceous species 900 EUR for tree-like species
	Conservation of hundred-year-old vine stocks	100 EUR/stock (up to 900 EUR/ha)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Emilia-Romagna (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.20 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) as well as products branded as “Controlled Quality” according to Regional Law No 28/1999. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 90% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.21 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Arable land and forage crops	Ordinary		156	156	142
	Natura 2000 areas		171	171	156
Sugar beet	Ordinary		296	296	270
	Natura 2000 areas		325	325	297
Horticulture and other annual crops <sup>1</sup>	Ordinary		390	390	355
	Natura 2000 areas		429	429	390
Olive tree and chestnut	Ordinary		469	469	426
	Natura 2000 areas		511	511	464
Vineyards and minor fruits <sup>2</sup>	Ordinary		625	625	568
	Natura 2000 areas		687	687	624
Main arboreal (fruit) species	Ordinary		750	750	682
	Natura 2000 areas		825	825	750
Pasture <sup>3</sup>	For livestock production according to Reg. CEE n. 1804/99 – dairy livestock		418	418	385
	For livestock production according to Reg. CEE n. 1804/99 – livestock for meat <sup>4</sup>		363	363	330
<b>Level of compensation</b>	All land use types	100%			

<sup>1</sup> Other annual crops: other than arable land and forage crops.

<sup>2</sup> There exists a list of minor fruit species supported.

<sup>3</sup> Only surfaces leading to a livestock unit/fodder surface ratio not minor to 1 in the plain, 0,8 in the hills and 0,6 in the mountains.

<sup>4</sup> Only for productions finalized for consumption or for other enterprises finishing the chain.

Table IT.22 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Plant cover to limit the transfer of pollutants from soil to water: <i>Cover Crop:</i> maintaining a suitable plant cover at least until the end of February, by sowing by October 31 of each year of commitment: a) a temporary grassland of graminaceous crops, or b) a mixture of graminaceous and other species, or c) a green manure crop; during the period between October and February, not to make: chemical N-fertilization or organic fertilization with liquid manure, pesticide treatments, chemical weed control, grazing.	170 EUR/ha
	<i>Permanent grass cover of orchards and vineyard:</i> maintaining an appropriate permanent vegetation cover, both on the row and between the rows, using appropriate sowing mixtures of grassland species; coverage may also be achieved through spontaneous grassing, provided that there should be full coverage of the soil. Not to make any chemical weed control in the commitment period (5 years).	120 EUR/ha
	Biodiversity protection of Emilia-Romagna's indigenous breeds at risk of dropping: Holding for 5 years the LSU of supported animal breeds as identified in the registry; carrying on pure breeding	150 EUR/LU
	Conservation of natural spaces and habitats and agricultural landscape: 10 years commitment on an minimum area of at least 5 % of the UAA A. Maintenance of rows of trees staked with vine and/or isolated trees or rows; B. Maintenance of hedges and/or groves; C. Maintenance of ponds, lakes, basins for water phytodepuration and related inlet rills; D. Maintenance of springs and fountains • in the plains, first 5 years = 0.12 EUR/m <sup>2</sup> • in the plains, second 5 years = 0.10 EUR/m <sup>2</sup> • in the hills, first 5 years = 0.06 EUR/m <sup>2</sup> • in the hills, second 5 years = 0.05 EUR/m <sup>2</sup> In Natura 2000 areas, payments for plain areas shall be increased by 8 %	0.05-0.12 EUR/m <sup>2</sup>
Aside of arable land from production for environmental purposes: Retention and active management of habitats created on arable set-aside, which applies through three types of intervention; 20 years commitment F1. Maintenance and management of environments for wildlife and flora; F2. Maintenance and management of natural environments variously structured, serving as landscape and ecological connections; F3. Maintenance and management of environments for the protection of hydrological systems • in the plains: 600 EUR/ha • in the hills: 420 EUR/ha	420-600 EUR/ha	

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Friuli Venezia Giulia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.23 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG and products registered in the regional quality system „AQUA“ (covered by Regional Act No 21/2002). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.24 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable land		280	280	280
	Vegetables		420	420	420
	Orchards and other permanent crops		700	700	700
	Olive trees		400	400	400
	Vineyards		650	650	650
	Organic livestock				
	Arable land <sup>1</sup>	248-680	248-680	248-680	
	Meadow <sup>1</sup>	238-670	238-670	238-670	
	Pasture <sup>1</sup>	148-580	148-580	148-580	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

<sup>1</sup> Payment depends on livestock density

Table IT.25 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)												
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments												
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>												
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable												
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On-top payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Installing artificial nests: Take care of installing, no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of May of the first year of commitment, of at least 6 nests for birds and 2 bat boxes per hectare and their replacement in case of breakage or loss.</td> <td>80 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rearing endangered local breeds: Maintaining or increasing the livestock size for five years</td> <td>200-400 EUR/breed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Sheep = 400 EUR/LU</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Equines = 200 EUR/LU</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Cattle = 240 EUR/LU</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		On-top payments	Installing artificial nests: Take care of installing, no later than the 31 <sup>st</sup> of May of the first year of commitment, of at least 6 nests for birds and 2 bat boxes per hectare and their replacement in case of breakage or loss.	80 EUR/ha	Rearing endangered local breeds: Maintaining or increasing the livestock size for five years	200-400 EUR/breed	- Sheep = 400 EUR/LU		- Equines = 200 EUR/LU		- Cattle = 240 EUR/LU	
	On-top payments												
Installing artificial nests: Take care of installing, no later than the 31 <sup>st</sup> of May of the first year of commitment, of at least 6 nests for birds and 2 bat boxes per hectare and their replacement in case of breakage or loss.	80 EUR/ha												
Rearing endangered local breeds: Maintaining or increasing the livestock size for five years	200-400 EUR/breed												
- Sheep = 400 EUR/LU													
- Equines = 200 EUR/LU													
- Cattle = 240 EUR/LU													

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified



## Italy – Lazio (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.26 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 80% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.27 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Meadows, pastures <sup>1</sup>	Ordinary	165	150	150
		Natura 2000 areas	135	135	135
	Cereals (other than maize), oilseeds, protein crops, groundnut, castor oil plant		165	165	150
	Forage crops	Ordinary <sup>2</sup>	165	165	150
		Organic livestock farms	330	330	300
	Maize, industrial crops, medicinal and aromatic plants		330	330	300
	Horticulture, small fruit		600	600	550
	Kivi, olive trees, apricot, cherry trees		390	390	355
	Vineyards		700	700	600
	Hazel, vineyards, plum tree, peach, apple, pear, citrus fruits		770	770	695
Chestnut, walnut		320	320	290	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

<sup>1</sup> Only for organic livestock farms.<sup>2</sup> Payment is granted for up to 60% of UAA unless forage is used as feed for livestock.

Table IT.28 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Grassing of tree crops: Min. 1 ha	100 EUR/ha
	Cover crops: Land cover must be kept at least from 15th September to 15th March	150 EUR/ha
	Maintenance of animal biodiversity	200 EUR/LU
	Maintenance of plant biodiversity & Cultivation of local dying species: Payments differ between type of crop	70-900 EUR/ha

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Liguria (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Note on RDP measure 121.

Organic farming is mentioned as a target group among others under RDP measure 121 but not specifically addressed.

Table IT.29 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to improve the economic performance of agricultural holdings, to improve farm incomes, to maintain and enhance a viable social and economic structure in rural areas and to preserve the environment.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups. There are however no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (2011)	The level of support depends on the age of the farmer and the location of the farm and is between 40-60% of the eligible costs. Maximum eligible investment volume amount to EUR 1.6 million for the programming period.

Table IT.30 Key information on RDP measure 132

	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.31 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Meadows	Ordinary	180	180	170
		Only for organic livestock	310	310	300
	Alternated forage crops	Only for organic livestock	330	330	310
	Arable land and forage crops	Ordinary	200	200	180
	Vegetables		500	500	400
	Olive trees		680	680	555
	Vineyards		750	750	700
	Other fruit		850	850	750
	Annual floriculture		600	600	600
	Perennial floriculture		900	900	900
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

Table IT.32 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Breeding local endangered animal species: Payments differ between species	150-290 EUR/LU

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table IT.33 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Infra-structure (organic sector)	– Support for the regional council for organic production	✓
Other	– Financial incentives for the realization of projects related to the development, protection, qualification and promotion of Ligurian organic farming	✓
	– Aids (up to 100% of eligible expenditure) to organic districts for studies and surveys, for territorial promotion or the simplification of certification systems	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

No information identified

## Italy – Lombardia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.34 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is provided to young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification, in order to give an incentive for the establishment of young and dynamic farm businesses.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/mentioned without special provisions</i> Young organic farmers are mentioned as one target group among others. No special provisions are made for organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The level of grant amounts up to EUR 38,000 depending on the type of investment and location of the farm.

Table IT.35 Key information on RDP measure 132

	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.36 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable land	154	154
	Maize for organic livestock	325	325
	Vegetables and small fruit	320	320
	Tree crops	600	600
	Permanent meadows	176	176
	Conversion of arable land into permanent meadows	260	260
Level of compensation	All land use types	100%	

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified



## Italy – Marche (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.37 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) and products with the regional brand "QM - Quality guaranteed by Marche Region". There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 70% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.38 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)	Conversion		Maintenance
	Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Autumn-winter cereals	180	180	140 <sup>1</sup>
			160 <sup>2</sup>
Spring-summer cereals (corn and sorghum)	280	280	220 <sup>1</sup>
			250 <sup>2</sup>
Protein crops	170	170	130 <sup>1</sup>
			150 <sup>2</sup>
Oil plants	170	170	130 <sup>1</sup>
			150 <sup>2</sup>
Alfalfa and alternated fodder crops <sup>3</sup>	110	110	90 <sup>1</sup>
			100 <sup>2</sup>
Vegetables and small fruits	600	600	470 <sup>1</sup>
			540 <sup>2</sup>
Multiannual medical plants	400	400	330 <sup>1</sup>
			370 <sup>2</sup>
Vineyards	770	770	600 <sup>1</sup>
			690 <sup>2</sup>
Olive trees	600	600	480 <sup>1</sup>
			550 <sup>2</sup>
Fruits	780	780	620 <sup>1</sup>
			710 <sup>2</sup>
Fodder crops with organic livestock	250	250	250 <sup>4</sup>
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

<sup>1</sup> in mountain areas<sup>2</sup> in other areas<sup>3</sup> Alternated fodder crops (= forage grass in rotation with alfalfa or another N-fixing legume every 3-4 years) are eligible for payment each year with a maximum share of 60 % of UAA, except in presence of livestock farm with a load between 0.3 and 2 LU/ha of fodder.<sup>4</sup> If the farm already receives a payment according to Art. 69 of Reg. 1782/2003, the amount of such payment will be deducted from the organic farming payment granted for fodder crops with organic livestock.

Table IT.39 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Grassing over of tree crops and vineyards Combinable with organic farming only for the above mentioned crops	120 EUR/ha

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Molise (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.40 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Forage crops	132	132
	Cereals	160	160
	Beet	240	240
	Vegetables	550	550
	Tomatoes	540	540
	Orchards	800	800
	Vineyards	800	800
	Olive trees	515	515
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

#### Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

No information identified

## Italy – Piedmont (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.41 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is provided to young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification, in order to give an incentive for the establishment of young and dynamic farm businesses.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farming is mentioned as one criterion among several other which is used to assess the business plan. No special provisions are made for organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The level of grant amounts up to EUR 40,000 depending on the type of investment.

Table IT.42 Key information on RDP measure 132

	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.43 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Walnut and chestnut		370	370	360
	Vineyards and orchards		645	645	630
	Annual crops		180	180	175
	Annual and biennial officinal plants		252	252	248
	Extensive vegetables		320	320	306
	Intensive vegetables		450	450	405
	Sheltered vegetables		495	495	445
	Pluriannual officinal plants		357	357	342
	Meadows		103	103	99
Pastures and meadow-pastures		56	56	54	
Crops as livestock feed	Only for farms with organic livestock	366	366	351	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

Table IT.44 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)										
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments										
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.										
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable										
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On-top payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Interventions to improve biodiversity of rice-fields: • Planned reduction of dry periods • Keeping flooding on part of the rice-field during dry periods</td> <td>50 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mulching with biodegradable material</td> <td>120 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Controlled grassing of vineyards and orchards: Grassing must cover all concerned area of orchards located on the plain, while covered area must be at least 70 % in hilly orchards and vineyards.</td> <td>100 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance of artificial nests in orchards and vineyards: 10 nests per ha of area under payment</td> <td>55 EUR/ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		On-top payments	Interventions to improve biodiversity of rice-fields: • Planned reduction of dry periods • Keeping flooding on part of the rice-field during dry periods	50 EUR/ha	Mulching with biodegradable material	120 EUR/ha	Controlled grassing of vineyards and orchards: Grassing must cover all concerned area of orchards located on the plain, while covered area must be at least 70 % in hilly orchards and vineyards.	100 EUR/ha	Maintenance of artificial nests in orchards and vineyards: 10 nests per ha of area under payment	55 EUR/ha
	On-top payments										
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Mulching with biodegradable material	120 EUR/ha										
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Maintenance of artificial nests in orchards and vineyards: 10 nests per ha of area under payment	55 EUR/ha										

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Toscana (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.45 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO and PGI (with some exclusion), quality wine (DOC and DOCG), TSG as well as products covered by Regional Act No 25/1999. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 70% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.



Table IT.46 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Vineyards	720	720	650
	Olive trees	600	600	500
	Orchards and floriculture	840	840	700
	Cereals	160	160	150
	Maize	250	250	230
	Industrial and oleaginous crops	150	150	140
	Grain legumes	115	115	100
	Forage crops	125	125	125
	Forage crops with livestock <sup>1</sup>	0.3-1 LU/ha	212	212
		1-2 LU/ha	300	300
	Pastures with livestock <sup>1</sup>	0.3-1 LU/ha	87	87
		1-2 LU/ha	175	175
	Tomatoes	480	480	390
	Horticulture	480	480	390
	Chestnut	480	480	400
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %		

<sup>1</sup> Payments are reduced by the payment granted to the farmer in the same year under Art. 68 of regulation EC (no) 1782/2003.

Table IT.47 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Conservation of animal genetic resources for protection of biodiversity Breeding in pureness of dying native species Respect of an inbreeding plan	200-400 LU/ha depending on species

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## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table IT.48 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Public procurement</b>	Introduction of organic, typical and traditional products in public canteens and food education programs	-

\* Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

No information identified

## Italy – Trento (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.49 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the organisation of seminars, field days, training courses and other information actions.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farming is mentioned as a target group of this measure. More specifically, a sub-measure is used to support training courses that teach the principals of organic farming. However no specific provisions are made for organic farmers.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Encouraging the principles of agricultural production methods with low environmental impact, specifically organic farming
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	All activities are funded to 100%. Projects related to organic farming have no priorities or receive higher grants.

Table IT.50 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Young organic farmers receive a higher level of support than other farmers. This is however also true for livestock farmers.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The basic grant amounts EUR 30,000. Additional EUR 5,000 is paid for organic farmers. As an exception to this, livestock farmers receive a grant of EUR 40,000.

Table IT.51 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Temporary grassland	260	260	260
	Vegetables	600	600	600
	Arable land	450	450	450
	Low-stemmed orchards	Includes blueberry, raspberry, black current and other berries	600	600
Specialised orchards and vineyards	Specialised orchards mainly refer to apple trees.	900	900	900
Olive groves, chestnut trees, etc.		450	450	450
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %		

Table IT.52 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Hedgerows: Creation of new hedgerows and/or maintenance of existing ones. Minimum length of a single stretch is 50 m. Maximum total occupied area may not exceed 10 % of UAA.	Up to 900 EUR/ha depending on farm crops
	Planting rows, isolated trees and little woods: Creation of new Planting rows, isolated trees and little woods, and/or management of existing ones. Planting rows must be made up of about 20 native broadleaves, 100 m long. Isolated trees must be at least 3 m high and max. 30 m far from each other. Little woods must be smaller than 1000 m <sup>2</sup> , with trees at least 6 m high. No specialized tree crops allowed.	Up to 900 EUR/ha for planting rows, depending on farm crops. Up to 450 EUR/ha for isolated trees and little woods.
	Environmental management of ditches for clearing of land: Minimum length of ditches is about 25 m and there must be water in the growing season.	Up to 450 EUR/ha
	Conversion of arable land into meadows/pastures for biodiversity: Minimum converted area is 500 m <sup>2</sup> . At least 1 mowing per year.	450 EUR/ha
	Execution of fallow land to feed wildlife: Fallow land must be kept until March 15 <sup>th</sup> of the following year. Area must be at least 300 m <sup>2</sup> and may not exceed 3000 m <sup>2</sup> . At least two species must be used.	Up to 450 EUR/ha
	Creation and/or upgrading of wetlands: Min. area of a single wetland is 100 m <sup>2</sup> , total wetlands must be at least 500 m <sup>2</sup> .	Up to 900 EUR/ha depending on cultivated crops
	Farming of endangered local breeds	Up to 370 EUR/LU, depending on species/breeds

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table IT.53 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Development of local markets of organic food	✓
	– Tools for direct supply-chain links	✓
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– Contribution to expenses incurred for the inspection and certification of organic production process	No
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Promoting conversion of conventional farms to organic production	✓
	– Demonstration activities to update the knowledge of producers and traders	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Information on organic farming for consumers	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Creating new media and access to statistics on production, supply and demand as tools for marketing	✓
	– Fostering the establishment of new firms	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table IT.54 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

	<b>National Organic Action Plan</b>		
<b>Running period</b>	No information identified		
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	No information identified		
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	No information identified		
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through		
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds
Area payments	-	-	-
Farm investments	-	-	-
Marketing & Processing	-	-	✓
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-
Training & Advice	-	-	✓
Information & Education	-	-	✓
Promotion campaigns	-	-	-
Public procurement	-	-	-
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-
Research	-	-	-
Other	-	-	✓
<b>Budget / Expenditure</b>	No information identified		

## Italy – Umbria (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.55 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) and wine products registered as typical geographical indication of "Umbria". There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is 70% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.



Table IT.56 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals and oleaginous crops	Ordinary	216	216	200
		Areas with complex development problems	162	162	150
	Maize and tobacco with drop irrigation		500	500	500
	Maize and tobacco	Ordinary	326	326	300
		Areas with complex development problems	250	250	230
	Legumes	Ordinary	180	180	160
		Areas with complex development problems	160	160	140
	Vineyards and orchards	Ordinary	720	720	650
		Areas with complex development problems	550	550	500
	Olive trees	Ordinary	525	525	405
		Areas with complex development problems	365	365	270
Forage crops		120	120	110	
Vegetables		500	500	420	
	With drop irrigation	600	600	600	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

Table IT.57 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Presentation of a technical report regarding the conservation interventions to be done	100-150 EUR/ha depending on the type of elements
	Weed control and prohibition of productive cultivation	120-130 EUR/ha depending on
	Protection of dying native species: Min. 2 LU	120-130 EUR/ha depending on

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Valle d'Aosta (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.58 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> If a young farmer starts farming under certified organic production, he receives an additional payment of EUR 2,000 to the basis grant.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Contribution to the conservation of the environment and to improve the competitiveness
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The basis grant ranges from EUR 14,000 to 30,000 per beneficiary depending on the type of occupation and the education of the farmer. A top-up grant is paid up to EUR 10,000 depending on type of farm and investments. Organic farmers receive a bonus of EUR 2,000. Farmers producing according to other quality schemes such as PGO and PGI may also receive a bonus but only if they fulfil additional requirements (e.g. investments in tourism, renewable energies, direct marketing). The support has a form of direct non-repayable grant and is provided in two repayments (after the approval of an application and after assessment of the implementation of business plan).

Table IT.59 Key information on RDP measure 132

	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.60 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Forage crops	0	0
	Livestock	Payment is applied to farm forage area	
	Small fruit	0	0
	Orchards and vineyards	0	0
	Aromatic and medicinal plants	0	0
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

Table IT.61 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Environmental management of mountain pastures: Reduction of livestock load from 0,8 to 0,5 LSU/ha; prohibition of mineral fertilizers Maximum area allowed for payment is 200 ha	75 EUR/ha
	Conservation of endangered local breeds: Maximum livestock load of 4 LSU/ha Breeding at least 1 LSU of cattle and/or 0,6 LSU of sheep/goats	200 EUR/LU

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Veneto (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.62 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI, TSG, quality wine (DOC and DOCG) and fruit and vegetable products covered by the regional brand. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.63 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals	251	251	201
	Root crops	296	296	237
	Horticulture	921	921	737
	Vineyards, olive trees and minor fruits	524	524	419
	Orchards	739	739	591
Grassland and multiannual fodder crops	322	322	258	
Pastures	230	230	184	
Level of compensation	No information identified			

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified



## Italy – Sardinia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.64 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is up to 100% of the eligible costs and EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.65 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Temporary grassland and hay meadows		130	130 <sup>1</sup>	110
	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	144-231	144-231 <sup>1</sup>	122-194
Grain legumes		160	160 <sup>1</sup>	135
	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	174-261	174-261 <sup>1</sup>	147-219
Maize and sorghum		250	250 <sup>1</sup>	230
	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	264-351	264-351 <sup>1</sup>	242-314
Other cereals		170	170 <sup>1</sup>	140
	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	184-271	184-271 <sup>1</sup>	152-244
Artichoke		577	577 <sup>1</sup>	481
Vegetables	Open field	576	576 <sup>1</sup>	480
	Sheltered	600	600	600
Vineyards		582	582 <sup>1</sup>	485
Olive trees		400	400 <sup>1</sup>	320
Peach		900	900	900
Citrus and other fruit (except nuts)		630	630 <sup>1</sup>	525
Oilseeds and protein crops		170	170 <sup>1</sup>	140
	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	184-271	184-271 <sup>1</sup>	152-224
Aromatic and medicinal plants		180	180 <sup>1</sup>	144
Grazing areas for farm livestock	Livestock feed <sup>2</sup>	14-101	14-101 <sup>1</sup>	12-84
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %		

<sup>1</sup> The higher payment is paid for 3 years.<sup>2</sup> Payment varies according to LU/ha (between 0,2 and 1,4).

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## Italy – Sicilia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table IT.66 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PDO, PGI and quality wine (DOC and DOCG). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table IT.67 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals	220	220 <sup>1</sup> 200	200
	Grain legumes	200	200 <sup>1</sup> 180	180
	Pastures with livestock	2 LU/ha	220	220
	Forage crops	150	150 <sup>1</sup> 140	140
		For livestock production (2 LU/ha)	370	370 <sup>1</sup> 340
	Horticulture	600	600 <sup>1</sup> 550	550
	Medicinal plants	450	450 <sup>1</sup> 400	400
	Citrus fruit <sup>2</sup>	800	800 <sup>1</sup> 750	750
	Almond, walnut, hazel, carob, pistachio trees <sup>2</sup>	570	570 <sup>1</sup> 530	530
	Orchards <sup>2</sup>	900	900 <sup>1</sup> 850	850
	Vineyards	750	750 <sup>1</sup> 700	700
	Olive trees <sup>2</sup>	580	580 <sup>1</sup> 530	530
	Ash tree for production of manna	540	540 <sup>1</sup> 500	500
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %		

<sup>1</sup> The higher payment is paid for 3 years.<sup>2</sup> Payment is reduced by 50% for new plantations not productive yet.

Table IT.68 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Breeding of native dying breeds: Adoption of breeding techniques that guarantee suitable sanitary conditions; keeping of a stable book; five years commitment	200-500 EUR/LU depending on breed

Regione Sicilia (2003): REG. CE 1257/99 – Piano di Sviluppo Rurale 2000 – 2006: Allegato al Bando Pubblico – Misura F Agroambiente.  
<http://www.regione.sicilia.it/Agricolturaeforeste/Assessorato/psr.htm>

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

No information identified

## National Inventory of Latvia

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Latvia was provided by Līga Drozdovska and Aiva Zvirbule, Ministry of Agriculture, and Dr. Livija Zarina, Priekuli Plant Breeding Institute Crops Management Department, Latvia. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = LVL 0.702.

Table LV.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Latvia (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table LV.2 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support of constructional and technical investments to improve the performance and competitiveness of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i></p> <p>Applicants are selected on the basis of a point system under which organic farming is one of three criteria. Organic farmers receive four additional points (maximum number of points: 74). The result of the point evaluation is only relevant if the total amount of submitted projects exceeds the available budget.</p> <p>There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.</p>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To modernize organic agricultural holdings, with a view to improving their economic performance indicators, competitiveness, the quality of agricultural products and diversification of organic farms in the field of agriculture, promoting the implementation of tighter animal welfare, labour safety standards.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	<p>The support rate is up to 40% of the eligible investment costs (up to 45% in less favoured areas) and differentiated depending on the investment type. The support rate is increased up to 40% and in less favoured areas up to 45 % for investments introducing prevention actions of the unfavourable impact of environmental conditions.</p> <p>The total sum of eligible costs per beneficiary is under EUR 2,000,000 depending on the size of the agricultural holding and the type of applicant.</p>

Table LV.3 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to enhance the processing efficiency of agricultural products and to facilitate the production of products with a high added value.
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i></p> <p>Applicants are selected on the basis of a point system under which organic farming is one of five criteria. Organic farmers receive fifteen additional points (maximum number of points: 65). The result of the point evaluation is only relevant if the total amount of submitted projects exceeds the available budget.</p> <p>There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.</p>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Enhancing the processing efficiency of agricultural products and facilitation of production of products with a high added value, increasing the availability of organic products.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	<p>The aid intensity is differentiated depending on the size of the enterprise: micro, small and medium enterprises receive up to 50% of the eligible costs. Other enterprises obtain up to 25% of the eligible costs.</p> <p>The maximum investment level is EUR 3,000,000 for enterprises within priority sectors (up to EUR 7,000,000 depending on the import proportion) and EUR 1,000,000 for enterprises in other sectors.</p>



Table LV.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Permanent meadows and pastures, nectar plants	138	138	138
	Field crops, other crop in arable land, perennial grassland and grassland in arable land for seed production, fallow	108	108	108
	Vegetables (incl. herbs) and household gardens	357	357	357
	Potatoes, starch potatoes	318	318	318
	Fruit crops and bush fruits	419	419	419
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %		

Table LV.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Stubble field in winter period:	87 EUR per ha of stubble
	Preservation of post-harvest residues or stubbles in winter period	87 EUR per ha of stubble
	Establishment of buffer zones: At least 100 m continuous length; breadth – 4 m from arable land and 4-10 from watersources; not smaller than 0.3 ha	0.13 EUR per ha arable land in case of bufferzones from arable land 0.1 – 0.25 EUR per ha arable land in case of bufferzones from water sources
Preservation of genetic resources of farming animals: Animal comply with requirements of animal breeding varieties program; only 550 animals from each type	75-200 EUR/head	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Latvian brown cow = 155 EUR/head</li> <li>- Latvian blue cow and Latvian draught horses = 200 EUR/head</li> <li>- Latvian white pig = 160 EUR/head</li> <li>- Latvian blackhead sheep and Latvian goat = 75 EUR/head</li> </ul>		

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table LV.6 Key information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Marketing scheme for organic farmers	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Information on organic farming	✓
	– The Latvia University of Agriculture offers the course “Crop and livestock production in organic farming”	No
	– Study program at Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre	No
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion of organic food products	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for running costs and e.g. to hold conferences	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants for projects related to organic farming	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table LV.7 Key information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2007–2013			
Running periods of previous action plans	2004–2006			
Quantitative targets	Share of 10% of the organic land area in the total UAA			
Target year	2013			
Activities	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds only	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	-	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	-	-	✓	
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	
Training & Advice	-	-	-	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	✓	-	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	✓	-	
Other	-	✓	-	
Budget/Expenditure	The public expenditure for the organic action plan amounted to			
	– EUR 281,000 in 2007			
	– EUR 105,000 in 2008			
	– EUR 578,000 in 2009			
	– EUR 9,800 in 2010			

## Latvia (regional scale)

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not applicable

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## National Inventory of Lithuania

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Lithuania was provided by Irena Kriščiukaitienė, Lithuanian institute of agrarian economics, Lithuania. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table LT.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	x	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan *		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Lithuania (national scale)

## Rural development measures

Table LT.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the organisation of seminars, field days, training courses and other information actions.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressing under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Encouraging the adoption of methods of organic farming
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses. Projects related to organic farming have no priorities or receive a higher grant.

Table LT.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Grain crops	Pulses, oilcrops, sugar beets and generally fodder crops are not supported	215 215 215
	Perennial grass		127 127 127
	Vegetables, potatoes		440 440 440
	Herbs		489 489 489
	Berries and gardens		516 516 516
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

## Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.



**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming.

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not available

**National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table LT.4 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– National state aid for marketing for producers and associations (it is open for organic and traditional products)	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Not available

## Lithuania (regional scale)

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## National Inventory of Luxembourg

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Luxembourg was provided by Monique Faber, Administration of technical services for agriculture. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table LU.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	x	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Luxembourg (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table LU.2 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable land and grassland	No abandoned land or fallow land (except those included in organic rotation)	200	150	150
	Vegetables crops in field, temporary fruits and grape production	650	450	450	
	Vegetable crops in green house, permanent fruits and grape production	1,000	600	600	
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %			

Table LU.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Intercropping	80-120 EUR/ha
	Reduced tillage system	50 EUR/ha

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not available

**National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table LU.4 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Financial contribution to organic advisory service; co-financed at 80% by Ministry of Agriculture	NO
	– Demonstration farms Administration of organic demonstration farms representing different productions and regions	✓
	– Organisation of evening events about conversion	
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Brochure and evening conferences	✓
	– Information on organic farming and organic products for various supply-chain actors	✓ <sup>2</sup>
	– Publishing of an information booklet on organic logos	✓
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Financial support for a pilot project on the introduction of organic food in a school canteen as pilot-project	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Awarding of the 'Organic Farming Prize': Award for particularly innovative projects in production and commercialisation: EUR 4,000 once a year	✓
	– Organisation of the public event 'Open Door Feast' at an organic farm	✓
	– Presence at agricultural fairs providing information on conversion	✓
	– Publishing of a shopping-guide about organic products Brochure with all addresses of organic producers, retailers, restaurants etc; also available online	✓
<b>Infra-structure (organic sector institutions)</b>	– Financial support for organic farmers' associations for the provision of services related to the organic action plan	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants to specific research projects	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Task Force for organic farming Participation of main actors of the whole chain; discussion about measures of the action plan; 4–5 times per year	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

<sup>2</sup> Courses for manager and staff of retail shops are not part of the action plan.

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table LU.5 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2009–2011			
Running periods of previous action plans	None			
Quantitative targets	Doubling the area under organic management in 2006			
Target year	None			
Activities	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds only	
Area payments	-	-	-	
Farm investments	-	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	-	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	-	-	-	
Training & Advice	-	-	✓	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓	
Public procurement	-	-	✓	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	-	✓	
Other	-	-	✓	
Budget/Expenditure	Annual expenditure between 2009-2011:			
	– 2009: EUR 250,000			
	– 2010: EUR 250,000			
	– 2011: EUR 210,000			

## **Luxembourg (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not applicable

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available





## National Inventory of Malta

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Malta was provided by DG-Agri, European Commission and Joseph Caruana, Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, Malta. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table MT.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		x	x
Action plan *		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Malta (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table MT.2 Key-information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Support under this measure covers training that does not form part of the normal programmes or systems of agricultural education at secondary or higher levels, as well as demonstration activities and diffusion of information actions.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The measure is used to offer specific training courses in organic farming. There is an obligation for organic farmers (but also for beneficiaries of Measure 121 and of Measure 214) to attend a minimum number of hours of training. Participation for these beneficiaries is free of charge. In the event of limited capacity or financial restriction, priority for training for persons engaged in agricultural activities shall be given to beneficiaries of Measures 121, Measure 142 and Measure 214.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses if courses are not free of charge.

Table MT.3 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to improve primary processing and marketing of products from agriculture and forestry.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as possible beneficiaries under RDP measure 123. More specifically, support is limited to investments for projects i) focusing on quality (e.g. organic farming), ii) that build upon the traditional characteristics of the product, iii) that build upon the freshness of the agricultural input used in processing or marketing activities; iii) related to the 'cottage industry', iv) that create a new market for agricultural products. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (2011)	The level of grant varies between 25% and 50% depending on the size of the enterprise.

Table MT.4 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs of organic farms. At this stage, only organic farmers are eligible for support.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	The participation of farmers in food quality schemes has been rather limited to date. Against this background, this scheme is only open to organic farming.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The cost of certification which comprises charges related to professional analysis and administrative fees</li> <li>– The annual contribution consisting of expenditure on checks required verifying compliance with the specifications of the scheme and the annual fee paid to a competent authority</li> </ul> Maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per holding up to a maximum duration of five years.

Table MT.5 Key-information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	The support provided through this measure is aimed to reach consumers through promotion activities and distribution of information on agricultural food products that are certified in conformity with a Community or national quality scheme and are intended for human consumption only.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Since organic farming is the only approved quality scheme under RDP measure 132, this support measure is also only open to producer groups of organic farmers
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The maximum rate of support for this measure is limited to 70% of the eligible cost.

Table MT.6 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Forage plants including cereals	Min 1 tumolo (approx. 0.11 ha)	613	613	490
	Fruit trees	Min 1 tumolo (approx. 0.11 ha)	996	996	797
Vineyards	Min 1 tumolo (approx. 0.11 ha)	996	996	797	
Open field vegetables	Min 1 tumolo (approx. 0.11 ha)	1,379	1,379	1,103	
Level of compensation	Forage plants	100 %			
	Vineyards	100 %			
	Open field vegetables	50 %			

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No specific support for organic producer organisations identified

**National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Malta (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Not available

### Regional organic action plans or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## National Inventory of the Netherlands

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in the Netherlands was provided by DG-Agri, European Commission and Margreet Hofstede, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table NL.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	x	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Netherlands (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table NL.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation and organisation of vocational training and information actions. More specifically, the following activities are supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Training courses</li> <li>– Advice</li> <li>– Demonstration networks</li> <li>– Knowledge networks among supply-chain actors</li> </ul>
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farming is mentioned as one of several target groups for the establishment and/or maintenance of demonstration networks. Furthermore, the measure is used to support training programmes that are specifically related to organic farming. However no specific provisions are made for organic farmers.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses depending on the type of activity

Table NL.3 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to reimburse costs resulting from the inspection and certification of organic farms. The scheme is only open to organic farmers.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible costs. The maximum contribution is EUR 3,000 per year and holding up to a maximum duration of five years.

#### *Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

Since 2005 no area-based organic support payments for conversion or maintenance are provided under RDP measure 214. Organic farmers may participate in agri-environmental measures like other farmers too.

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address specifically organic farming



## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table NL.4 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Eligible costs	Real additional costs resulting from the following actions: i) composting places, ii) activation of soil life, iii) use of organic dung and compost.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (2008).

## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table NL.5 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Research	– Research grants within the ERA-NET CORE Organic	✓
Other	– Financial support to regional projects that link organic with front runners of conventional farming and/or with public society.	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

In addition, there are also organic support measures related to marketing, training & advice, promotion campaigns and institutional support. However, no detailed information was identified.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table NL.6 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Organic Policy 2008–2011			
Running period	2008–2011			
Running periods of previous action plans	2001–2004 2005–2007			
Quantitative targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Annual growth of 10% in consumer spending on organic products</li> <li>– Annual growth of 5% in acreage of organic agriculture</li> <li>– Standard allocation to the organic sector of 10% of the budget for policy support research and statutory research tasks</li> </ul>			
Target year	No information identified			
Characteristics	The scheme comprise four priorities for activities (but no specific measures) in the period 2008 to 2011: i) stimulating demand and chain connections, ii) sector development, iii) regional strength and iv) knowledge and innovation			
Activities	Financed through			
		public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds only
	Area payments	-	-	-
	Farm investment	-	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	-	-	✓
	Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-
	Training & Advice	-	-	✓
	Information & Education	-	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Institutional support	-	-	✓
	Research	-	-	✓
Other	-	-	✓	
Budget/Expenditure	<p>The support scheme has a total budget of EUR 49.2 million. The following financial resources are available for the individual priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stimulating demand and chain connections: EUR 8.3 million</li> <li>– Sector development: EUR 7.4 million</li> <li>– Support for regional initiatives: EUR 1.0 million</li> <li>– Knowledge and innovation: EUR 32.5 million</li> </ul> <p>In addition, stakeholders involved in individual activities have to cover a share of 50–70% of the costs.</p>			

Source: Ministerie van Landbouw Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit (2007).

## Netherlands (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Poland

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Poland was provided by Andrzej Szeremeta, European Group of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements/IFOAM EU Group, Brussels. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = PLN 4.155.

Table PL.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Poland (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table PL.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the organisation of vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically related organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses.

Table PL.3 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGO, PDI, TSG as well as Integrated Production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The amount of support depends on the type of eligible system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– EUR 800 per year for products registered as PGO, PDI, TSG</li> <li>– EUR 250 per year for organic products</li> <li>– EUR 690 per year for products from integrated production</li> </ul> Support is given for a maximum duration of five years.

Table PL.4 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given to producer groups that carry out information and publicity activities on products of food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 70% of the eligible cost.

Table PL.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments <sup>1</sup> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Arable land	202	190
	Permanent grassland	79	63
	Vegetable production	373	313
	Special crops (orchards, soft fruit etc.)	433	433 <sup>2</sup> 371
	Other orchards, soft fruit, walnut plantation <sup>3</sup>	193	193 <sup>4</sup> 156
	Herbs	277	253
	Fruitless walnut plantation	39	39
Level of compensation		Conversion	Maintenance
	Arable land	90%	99%
	Permanent grassland	81%	64%
	Vegetable production	80%	94%
	Special crops	38%	37%
	Other orchards, soft fruit	99%	99%
	Herbs	99%	100%
	Fruitful walnut plantation	98%	92%
Fruitless walnut plantation	100%	100%	

<sup>1</sup> Payment degression: 0.1 - 100 ha = 100%; > 100 - 200 ha = 50%; > 200 ha = 10%

<sup>2</sup> EUR 461 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year

<sup>3</sup> Species of other orchards and soft fruits eligible for aid are listed in the annex of the Polish RDP

<sup>4</sup> EUR 205 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year

Table PL.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2010/2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Extensive permanent grassland	128 EUR/ha
	Protection of endangered bird species and natural habitats outside of Natura 2000 areas (closed in 2010)	140-307 EUR/ha (payment rate varies between options)
	Protection of endangered bird species and natural habitats in Natura 2000 areas (closed in 2010)	140-356 EUR/ha (payment rate varies between options)
	Preservation of endangered genetic plant resources in agriculture	146-1 204 EUR/ha (payment rate varies between options)
	Preservation of endangered animal genetic resources in agriculture	82-384 EUR/ha (payment rate varies between options)
	Buffer zones	10-28 EUR/ha (payment rate varies between options)

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No specific support for organic producer organisations identified



## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table AT.10 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advise</b>	– Network of demonstration farms	✓
	– Training centre from for practical processing organic products led by Agricultural Advisory Centre in Radom.	✓
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– Assistance for farmers in preparing documents	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– 20-25 different publication on organic farming (legislation, production, marketing)	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Various promotion activities targeted at children, pupils and students	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants to research projects related to organic farming	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

Source: Grzegorz Ziemiński, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table PL.7 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	National Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2011–2014			
Running periods of previous action plans	2007–2013			
Quantitative targets <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 20,000 organic farms</li> <li>– 600,000 ha under organic management</li> </ul>			
Target year <sup>1</sup>	2013			
Characteristics	<p>The organic action plan has been divided into six main tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Market development, promotion and information</li> <li>– Rules of production</li> <li>– Inspection and certification</li> <li>– Research</li> <li>– Environmental protection</li> <li>– Cooperation</li> </ul>			
Activities	Financed through			
		public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	-	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	-	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	-	-	✓
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	-	-	✓
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-
	Research	-	-	✓
Other	-	-	-	
Budget/ Expenditure	The estimated budget for measures related to 'Information & Education' and 'Promotion campaigns' is about EUR 6.8 million for the period 2007-2013. The estimated budget for conducting research projects is about EUR 0.3 million per year.			

<sup>1</sup> Targets / target year of the previous action plan

## **Poland (regional scale)**

### **Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## National Inventory of Portugal

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Portugal was provided by Maria S. Luis Centeno, Ministry of Agriculture, Portugal. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table PT.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓ <sup>R</sup>
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		x	x
Action plan *		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Portugal (national scale)

### **Rural development measures**

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### **Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

### **CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No specific support for organic producer organisations available

### **National measures not (co-)financed by the EAFRD/EAFG**

Not available

### **National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Portugal – Mainland (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table PT.2 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)																					
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.																					
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs of organic farms. Besides organic production, also products of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGO, PGI, TSG as well as Integrated Production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.																					
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified																					
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Support is given as a flat rate payment per hectare, head or bee colony: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Field vegetables</td> <td>152</td> <td>EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenhouse vegetables</td> <td>304</td> <td>EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fruits and vineyards</td> <td>76</td> <td>EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other permanent crops</td> <td>38</td> <td>EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-fodder crops</td> <td>25</td> <td>EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Livestock</td> <td>23</td> <td>EUR/head</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bees</td> <td>15</td> <td>EUR/colon</td> </tr> </table> <p>Maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per holding up to a maximum duration of five years. These rates are applied to all farmers eligible for aid.</p>	Field vegetables	152	EUR/ha	Greenhouse vegetables	304	EUR/ha	Fruits and vineyards	76	EUR/ha	Other permanent crops	38	EUR/ha	Non-fodder crops	25	EUR/ha	Livestock	23	EUR/head	Bees	15	EUR/colon
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Fruits and vineyards	76	EUR/ha																				
Other permanent crops	38	EUR/ha																				
Non-fodder crops	25	EUR/ha																				
Livestock	23	EUR/head																				
Bees	15	EUR/colon																				

Table PT.3 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given to producer groups that carry out information and publicity activities on products of food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among other also organic production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 75% of the eligible cost depending on the share of organic farmers in the producer groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Share of &lt;50%: the level of grant is 50%</li> <li>– Share of &lt;100% and &gt;50%: the level of grant is 60%</li> <li>– Share of 100%: the level of grant is 75%</li> </ul> <p>These rates are applied to all producer groups eligible for aid.</p>

Table PT.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Fresh fruits irrigated	< 5 ha	1,080	900	900
		5-10 ha	864	720	720
		10-25 ha	540	450	450
		> 25 ha	216	180	180
	Fresh fruits dried condition	< 5 ha	864	720	720
		5-10 ha	691	576	576
		10-25 ha	432	360	360
		> 25 ha	173	144	144
	Olive trees & dried fruits irrigated	< 10 ha	612	510	510
		10-20 ha	490	408	408
		20-50 ha	306	255	255
		> 50 ha	122	102	102
	Olive trees & dried fruits in dried condition	< 20 ha	283	236	236
		20-40 ha	227	189	189
		40-100 ha	142	118	118
		> 100 ha	57	47	47
	Vineyards	< 5 ha	588	490	490
		5-10 ha	470	392	392
		10-25 ha	294	245	245
		> 25 ha	118	98	98
	Annual crops irrigated	< 20 ha	427	356	356
		20-40 ha	341	284	284
		40-100 ha	214	178	178
		> 100 ha	85	71	71
	Annual crops dried condition	< 30 ha	91	76	76
		30-60 ha	73	61	61
		60-150 ha	46	38	38
		> 150 ha	18	15	15



Table PT.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming' (cont.)

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
			Conversion		Maintenance
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)	Vegetables	< 5 ha	720	600	600
		5-10 ha	576	480	480
		10-25 ha	360	300	300
		> 25 ha	144	120	120
	Vegetables (greenhouse)		720	600	600
	Permanent pasturage <sup>1</sup>	< 3 ha	206	172	172
		30-60 ha	165	138	138
		60-150 ha	103	86	86
		> 150 ha	41	34	34
	Permanant & biodiversity pasturage <sup>1</sup>	< 30 ha	252	210	210
		30-60 ha	202	168	168
		60-150 ha	126	105	105
		> 150 ha	50	42	42
	Rice	< 20 ha	602	502	502
		20-40 ha	482	402	402
		40-100 ha	301	251	251
		> 100 ha	120	100	100
	Autumn/winter annual crops irrigated	< 30 ha	175	146	146
		30-60 ha	351	117	117
		60-150 ha	88	73	73
> 150 ha		35	29	29	
Level of compensation	Vegetables	40 %			
	Vegetables (greenhouse)	20 %			
	All other land use types	80 - 100 %			

<sup>1</sup> Forage areas will be paid according to the livestock held, up to the limit of 1ha/LU, in production units with more than 2 LU.

In the case of "unstocked agroforestry land with forage", areas will be paid according to the small ruminant herd, up to the limit of 1 ha/LU. In production units without livestock or with up to 2 LU, temporary crops for producing fodder and silage are eligible.

Table PT.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not specified	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	Combination of agri-environmental measures is possible, except no-tillage and line tillage measures, but the farmer receives only 80% of both payments and maximum limits of agri-environment support according to (EC) No 1698/2005 need to be complied with.	<b>On-top payments</b> Payments vary between different AE options

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Not available

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Portugal – Azores (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table PT.7 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to improve the economic performance of agricultural holdings, to improve farm incomes, to maintain and enhance a viable social and economic structure in rural areas and to preserve the environment.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one possible target group. Furthermore, investment projects are prioritised that are related to environmental actions or quality production or aim to diversify agricultural production. There are however no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	The level of support for investment related to environmental actions or quality production or aim to diversify agricultural production is 75% of the eligible costs. The reimbursement of other investments varies between 50 and 70%.

Table PT.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Grassland or permanent pasture	200	200	200
	Horticulture	600	600	600
	Fruits	900	900	900
	Pineapple	900	900	900
Tea	900	900	900	
Nuts	180	180	180	
Level of compensation	Grassland	23 %	Partial compensation is due to the support ceiling laid down in Reg. (EC) No 1698/2005	
	Horticulture	33 %		
	Fruits	48 %		
	Nuts	52 %		
	Pineapple	12 %		
	Tea	15 %		

Table PT.9 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)																
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments																
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.																
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable																
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**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes***Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Portugal – Madeira (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table PT.10 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressing under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses. Organic farmers are not receiving higher grants.

Table PT.11 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernisation of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support for tangible and intangible investments aiming to improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings. More specifically, support is provided among others to i) reduced production costs, ii) improve the production, iii) preserve the environment, iii) improve the health and welfare of animals, iv) increase the efficiency of labour by mechanisation.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Organic farmers receive higher investment grant
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The basic financial support is 50% of the eligible investment costs. A bonus is given for i) young farmers (5%), organic farmers (10%) and other priority groups (5%). The maximum grant is 65% of the eligible costs.

Table PT.12 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI and TSG. However, organic farmers receive higher contributions.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The amount of support depends on the type of eligible system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– EUR 200 per ha for organic products</li> <li>– EUR 50 per ha for products registered as PGI and TSG</li> </ul> Maximum support is EUR 3,000 per year for a maximum duration of five years.

Table PT.13 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given to producer groups that carry out information and publicity activities on products of food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open to farmers/group of farmers participating in approved food quality schemes; i.e. organic production, PGI and TSG. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 70% of the eligible cost.

Table PT.14 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Annual crops (potatoes, cabbage, corn)	0	0 0 900
	Specialized perennial crops (vineyards and banana)	0	0 0 900
	Other uses (meadows and grassland)	0	0 0 450
Level of compensation	Annual crops	35 %	Compensation levels below 100% are due to the support ceiling laid down in Reg. (EC) No 1698/2005
	Specialised perennial crops	30 %	
	Other uses	69 %	

Table PT.15 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Maintenance of walls for land support	600 EUR/ha

**Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not available

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes***Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## National Inventory of Romania

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Romania was provided by Andrei Stefan Bălan, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = RON 4.213.

Table RO.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2008–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>p</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan <sup>*</sup>		x	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2008–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Romania (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table RO.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in and organisation of short-term vocational training programmes as well as information and diffusion of knowledge actions. More specifically the measure is meant to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Short term vocational training programmes to improve the knowledge on managerial and technical competencies in agricultural, forestry and food sectors as well as to disseminate knowledge on new technologies and innovations, environment protection and organic farming and cross-compliance.</li> <li>– Information and diffusion of knowledge actions regarding the support schemes of CAP, the implementation methods of rural development measures.</li> </ul>
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Not applicable
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses. Organic farmers have no priorities or receive higher support.

Table RO.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to improve the competitiveness of agricultural holdings
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic vegetable and livestock breeding farms are one among several selection criteria. However, there are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	There is a need for further restructuring and modernisation of the agricultural holdings, taking into consideration their economic, ecologic and social importance with the aim of ensuring a competitive and sustainable agriculture which complies with the cross-compliance requirements.
<b>Level of grant</b> (2011)	The basic grant amounts 40% of the eligible costs. Higher grants are provided for specific target groups or investments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 50% for investments made by young farmers aged under 40 years</li> <li>– 50% for investments related to agri-environment</li> <li>– 50% for investments aimed at implementing the new challenges</li> <li>– 65% for investments aimed at protecting water against pollution caused by nitrates coming from agricultural sources</li> </ul>

Table RO.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to increase the competitiveness of agro-food processing enterprises and forestry by improve the overall performance of the processing companies and marketing agricultural and forestry products.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farming is one among several selection criteria. However, there are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To encourage investments in the processing and marketing of agri-food and forestry products (wood and non-wood), with the purpose of increasing the value of products by means of observing the quality and food safety conditions, as well as adjusting to the market requirements. In addition, in order to optimize the agri-food and forestry sectors, the processing of agricultural and forest products should be made, as far as possible, in the local areas where the products are obtained, in order to avoid additional expenditures with transportation and also the increase of gas emissions.
Level of grant (2011)	<p>Micro-enterprises and small and medium sized enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The amount for support is up to 50% of the eligible value of investments and a maximum ceiling of the non-refundable public aid of 2,000,000 Euro/project.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>– The amount of support is up to 50% of the eligible value of investments and a maximum ceiling of the non-refundable public aid of 3,000,000 Euro/project<sup>1</sup> for the investments belonging to an associative form and serving its members.</li> <li>– The support intensity for the Development Region no. 8 Bucharest-Ilfov cannot exceed 40% of the eligible value, according to Art. 28(3), (EC) Regulation no. 1698/2005 and to Regional Aid Map.</li> </ul> <p>Other types of enterprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The amount for support is up to 25% of the eligible value of investments and a maximum ceiling of the non-refundable public aid of 2,000,000 Euro/project.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>– The support intensity for the Development Region no. 8 Bucharest-Ilfov cannot exceed 20% of the eligible value, according to Art. 28(3), (EC) Regulation no. 1698/2005.</li> <li>– Aid under the programme for measures and operations falling within Art. 36 of the Treaty establishing the European Community shall not be cumulated with any other State aid within the meaning of Art. 87 (1) of the Treaty or financial contributions provided by Member State, if such a cumulating would result in an aid intensity exceeding the maximum laid down in Regulation (EC) no. 1698/2005. Checking the observance of the maximum aid intensity shall be done before signing the financing contract.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> In national currency at the exchange rate specific to rural development measures.

#### Note on RDP measures 112 and 141

References to organic farming are made under RDP measure 112 and 141 – however without really addressing organic farming or specific needs of the organic sector.

Table RO.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)		
Scope and action	Financial support for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management.		
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming		
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.		
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha
	Agricultural crops on arable lands (including fodder crops)	-	- 162
	Vegetables (including mushrooms and potatoes)	-	- 335
	Orchards	-	- 393
	Vineyards	-	- 393
	Medicinal and aromatic plants	-	- 270
Remark	Conversion payments are provided under Art. 68 of Council Regulation 73/2009		
Level of compensation	All land use types	100 %	

Table RO.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	Package 4 Green cover crops	130 EUR/ha green cover crops

## Article 68 measure

Table RO.7 Key information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure			
<b>Scope and action</b>	<i>Improvement of the quality in the organic farming sector (Art. 68(1)(a)(ii)</i> Payments are given to organic producers in the conversion period for improving the quality in the organic farming sector.			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Supplementary payments for producers during the conversion period			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To stimulate conversion to organic farming			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)	<b>Production</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Maximum Payment</b> EUR/holding	<b>Annual allocated ceiling</b> (in EUR)
	Annual and perennial crops, Permanent pastures	0,30–5 ha	1,500	463,500
		5,1–20 ha	2,300	466,900
		21–50 ha	2,900	255,200
		51–100 ha	3,400	340,000
		> 100 ha	3,800	847,400
	Poultry	< 500 heads	1,500	9,000
		> 500 heads	3,000	12,000
	Cattle	< 20 heads	800	440,000
		> 20 heads	2,000	30,000
	Sheep/Goat	< 20 heads	500	6,500
		21–100 heads	1,500	25,500
		> 100 heads	3,500	35,000
	Beekeeping	1–50 colonies	750	60,000
		51–100 colonies	850	59,500
> 101 colonies		950	47,500	

*Note on Article 68 measure*

For 2010, the effective level of payments was substantially higher (40-80%) than indicated in the table above since the number of eligible organic producers was smaller than estimated.

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No information identified

## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table RO.8 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Organic producers have the possibility receive funding for the participation in fairs and international exhibitions. In 2011 17 Romanian companies were supported and presented their certified organic products at BioFach International Fair in Germany	No
<b>Certification &amp; Regulation</b>	– <i>Refunding of inspection costs (De-minimis aid):</i> Grant to cover 50% of the costs for inspection and certification (only in 2008). Maximum support was 213 EUR per producer.	No
<b>Promotion campaign</b>	– The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture developed the National Export Strategy for 2010-2014 which includes also a section on organic food.	No
	– A measure aimed to promote the organic farming products by R(CE)3/3008 on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on internal market and third countries will start from this year (2011) until 2013. The programme has a budget of about EUR 1.4 million and is intended for promotion activity of organic products on Romanian and Germany markets. The programme is co-financed 50% by EU, 30% state budget and 20% is ceiling amount given by the interprofessional organisation.	No
<b>Other</b>	– <i>Area payments for producers during conversion (De-minimis aid, only in 2008):</i> Payments were given to producers during the conversion period: 100 EUR/ha for arable crops and grassland and 165 EUR/ha for vineyards and orchards with a maximum contribution for 20 ha per producer.	No
	– <i>Payments for organic beekeeping (De-minis aid):</i> Payments were given for organic beekeepers. The level of payments amount to 17 EUR/colony with a maximum contribution for 50 colonies.	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Romania (regional scale)

### **Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available





## National Inventory of Slovakia

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Slovakia was provided by Andrea Hrabalová, Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information (UZEI), Czech Republic and Ján Haluška, Ministry of Agriculture, Slovakia. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table SK.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan *		✓	x

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Slovakia (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table SK.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in vocational training programmes
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming. The participation is mandatory for farmers who joined RDP measure 214.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses. Organic farmers have no priorities or receive higher payments.

Table SK.3 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)
Scope and action	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to improve the competitiveness of agricultural holdings
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of point system under which organic farming is one of four selection criteria. Organic farmers received 10 extra-points if the farm is not fully converted but at least 50% of the farm is managed organically (maximum number of points: 100).
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Contributions vary between 40–60% of the project's eligible expenditure depending on the age of the farmer (aged below 40 years receive higher grants) and the region (areas with handicaps receive higher grants). The maximum eligible expenditure (from which the support is calculated) is EUR 200,000 per project. The minimum eligible expenditure is EUR 3,000 per project (for fruit and vegetable growers more than EUR 14,000).

Table SK.4 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to improve primary processing and marketing of products from agriculture and forestry. Beneficiaries of this measure are micro, small and medium enterprises.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Applicants are selected on the basis of scoring system under which organic farming is one of five selection criteria. Organic farmers received 10 extra-points. Maximum score are 100 points.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Contributions vary between 40–50% of the project's eligible expenditure depending on the region (convergent areas receive higher grants). The minimum eligible expenditure is EUR 3,000 and maximum EUR 5 million per project.

Table SK.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Organic farming scheme (M 214)																													
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management																												
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming																												
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.																												
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<sup>1</sup> EUR 900 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year.

Table SK.6 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<p>Organic area payments for arable land can be combined with the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection against erosion on arable land</li> <li>- Protection of selected bird species biotopes</li> </ul> <p>Organic area payments for grassland can be combined with with the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grassing of arable land</li> <li>- Protection of biotopes of semi-natural &amp; natural grassland</li> <li>- Protection of selected bird species biotopes</li> </ul> <p>Organic area payments for vineyards can not be combined with any scheme.</p> <p>Organic area payments for orchards can be combined with scheme :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection against erosion in orchards</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>On-top payment</b></p> <hr/> <p>Protection against erosion on arable lands:</p> <p>a) <i>Stabilization procedure = stabilizing (antierosion) rotation of crops</i> 158 EUR/ha  <i>focused on soil blocks with an average grade of more than 3 degrees:</i>  cultivate at least six crops in the rotation, of those four as major crops; the share of winter crops must reach at least 30% and the share of perennial fodder crops at least 10% of the area of the crops grown; cultivate at least 10 % of intercrops; provide for at least 70 % coverage of the area of arable land by seeding in the period from 15 Oct. to 1 March.</p> <p>b) <i>Bio-belts = Conditions of acceptable size of plots (for land grade of more than 3 degrees and/or land block bigger than 30 ha):</i> 45 EUR/ha  divide the used area to smaller parts using stabilizing strips of clover grass or grass grown for seed; the stabilizing strips must be at least 10m wide and must be made along contour line; the maximum distance of two adjacent stabilizing strips must not exceed 200 meters; grass-covered areas of stabilizing strips must be mowed at least once a year, the mowed matter must be removed; no herbicides can be applied to grass-covered stabilizing strips during the first two years unless otherwise specified by a relevant body of health care; applicants for payments for Organic farming must not not apply herbicides at all.</p> <hr/> <p>Protection of selected bird species biotopes (on arable land): 89 EUR/ha  - <i>in NATURA 2000 areas (protected bird areas)</i> <i>Lowland and fold areas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Avoid using defined plant protection products. The organic farmers must not use any chemical plant protection preparations; 67 EUR/ha  <i>Sub-mountain / mountain areas</i></li> <li>· Mow grasslands and harvest must be done in the direction from the centre to the borders and with the warning chains; BUT max. payment in case of combination</li> <li>· Exclude any agricultural activity near nests of endangered bird species marked by the National Nature Protection on agricultural plots from 1 March to 31 July (according to a species). with OF is: 241 EUR/ha  <i>in conversion period</i></li> </ul> <p>Specific condition for the group 2 (drop fúzatý protection): 175 EUR/ha  <i>after conversion</i>  (= only plus 23 EUR/ha)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· to manage specified rotation of crops - minimum 70% share of winter cereals;</li> <li>· rapeseeds and perennial feed crop in total.</li> </ul>

Table SK.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures) (cont.)

Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	On-top payment
Protection of selected bird species biotopes (on grassland): - in NATURA 2000 areas (protected bird areas)	48 EUR/ha <i>Lowland and fold areas</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exclude using defined plant protection products. The organic farmers must not use any chemical plant protection preparations;</li> <li>• exclude using of industrial fertilizers;</li> </ul>	55 EUR/ha <i>Mountains / sub-mountain areas</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mow existing grasslands in the direction from the centre to the borders or from one sides of land to the other and with the warning chains;</li> <li>• exclude any agricultural activity near nests of endangered bird species marked by the National Nature Protection on agricultural plots from 1 March to 31 July.</li> </ul>	BUT max. payment in case of combination with OF is
Specific condition for the protection of the group 3 (specific bird types) – postponement of mowing:	161 EUR/ha <i>in conversion period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first mowing of permanent grasslands will be carried out in accordance with the dates defined by GAEC on the area up to 80% of grassland average; the rest of grassland 20% will be mowed in the period from 15 August to 30 September. The areas with the mowing postponement shall be marked by the National Nature Protection.</li> </ul>	120 EUR/ha <i>after conversion</i> (= only plus 23 EUR/ha)
Grassing of arable land (is situated in vulnerable zones delimited in compliance with the Directive 91/676/EEC or belongs to the less favoured areas (LFA) or has an average grade of more than 7 degrees):	145 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to grass an arable land by certified seed of grass mixtures according to natural &amp; local conditions no later than 31 May of first year of commitment;</li> <li>• in the first year following the grassing, the grassed area must not be grazed but cut at least once a year; the cut matter must be collected;</li> <li>• not apply herbicides on a grassed land (the point application during the first two years in suppressing tough weeds – necessary consent of controlling institute). Organic farmers and farmers in the Protection of biotopes of selected bird species must not apply even point application;</li> <li>• to ensure the grassed land will be treated by mowing twice a year or by grazing since second year.</li> </ul>	
Protection of biotopes of semi-natural and natural grassland:	
A. Thermophylic and xerophytic permanent grasslands	106 EUR/ha
B. Mesophile permanent grasslands	88 EUR/ha
C. Mountain cut meadows	152 EUR/ha
D. Hydrophyte vestures in lower locations	88 EUR/ha
E. Lowland alluvial meadows	62 EUR/ha
F. Hydrophyte vestures in higher locations, moorland and non-spurry meadows	187 EUR/ha
G. Alpine grasslands	177 EUR/ha
Application of fertilizers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exclude totally using mineral fertilizers and liquid manure;</li> <li>• only types B and C can be fertilized by organic fertilizers;</li> <li>• maximum dose of organic fertilizers is 50 kg N/hectare once in 2 years (excrements of grazing animals are not included in the limit).</li> </ul>	BUT max. payment in case of combination with OF is: A: plus only 55 EUR/ha

Table SK.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures) (cont.)

Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	On-top payment
Application of chemicals:	B: plus only 38 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• avoid using plant protection products at the whole area , for organic farmers, local application is prohibited as well.</li> </ul>	C: plus only 102 EUR/ha
Mowing methods:	D: plus only 38 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first mowing must be done no later than on 15 July (in substantiated cases of shifting the mowing, relevant organization must grant consent);</li> </ul>	E: plus only 12 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• types B, C, D, E, and F can be cut no more than 2 times a year;</li> </ul>	F: plus only 136 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• types A and G can be mowed no more than once per year;</li> </ul>	G: plus only 127 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grasslands must be mowed in the direction from the centre to the borders;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type F can only be farmed manually or using light mechanization.</li> </ul>	
Grazing conditions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grazing is not permitted for types C, E, and F;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• types C and E may be grazed after the first of the mow;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adhere to rules of prudent folding (minimum area per 1 LU – 10 square meters, regular daily moving of folds); when grazing by young cattle, a stable night fold can be used (with the consent of relevant professional organization);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• folds are only permitted for types B and G;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grazing must be supervised by a shepherd (not using fencing);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adhere to load of 0.3 – 1 LU per hectare on areas permitted to be grazed.</li> </ul>	
Other conditions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no additional seeding is permitted in habitat areas;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drainage measures must not be performed in habitat areas;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grass lands must not be mulched.</li> </ul>	
Protection against erosion in orchards (with the average grade of more than 3 degrees):	73 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cover the soil by grassing, straw, hay or bark mulch in every other row of the orchard in the period from 1 August to 31 May, or to organize the orchard in terraces;</li> </ul>	(3 - 9%) 87 EUR/ha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• report renewing planting or fertilization of the orchard to control authority in advance.</li> </ul>	(over 10%)

**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

No specific support for organic producer organisations available

**National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table SK.9 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for Central Control and Testing Institute of Agriculture which provides services for organic farmers (provision of suitable seeds, fertilizers, sprayers for organic farming, provision of statistical information for Eurostat)	n.i.
	– Financial support for the Research Institute for Plant Production (publication of magazines on organic farming, seminars, conferences, etc.).	n.i.
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for research projects and conferences related to organic farming	n.i.

n.i. No information identified

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of national and EU funded measures

Table SK.10 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Organic Action Plan
<b>Running period</b>	2011–2013
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	2006–2010
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	Share of 5% of the organic area in the total UAA
<b>Target year</b>	No information identified
<b>Characteristics/Activities</b>	No information identified
<b>Budget / Expenditure</b>	No information identified

Source: Gonzalvez et al. (2011).

## Slovakia (regional scale)

### Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of Slovenia

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Table SI.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	x	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan *		✓	x

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## Slovenia (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table SI.2 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressing under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Maximum aid rate amounts up to 100% of the eligible costs. Maximum aid amount granted per person is up to EUR 1,000 annually.

#### Note on RDP measure 112, 121 and 122

Organic farming is not addressed under the RDP measures 112, 121 and 122 but organic farmers may have an advantage through the approach applied to calculate the aid intensity. The aid amount is based on the score (sum of points) achieved in the evaluation of eligible submitted applications. The point system considers the marketing and economic production elements as well as regional, social and environmental aspects of the farm. Under the criteria 'environmental aspect' organic farms receive usually the maximum score. This is however also true for farms under integrated management.

Table SI.3 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments related to processing and marketing of products to improve the overall performance of enterprises
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Projects related to organic processing and marketing receive a higher grant.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Financial aid is granted as non-repayable funds. Support for micro, small and medium sized enterprises amount up to 50% of the eligible costs. A top-up grant of 5% of the eligible costs is granted for projects of micro, small or medium-sized enterprise that are related to organic farming. Minimum aid amount granted is EUR 3,500 and maximum aid amount granted varies between or EUR 200,000 and EUR 4,000,000 depending on the type of investment.

Table SI.4 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs of organic farms. Besides organic production, also products of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGO, PGI, TSG, integrated production and quality product under national food schemes. Organic farmers may receive higher grants than farmers participating in other food quality schemes.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The level of grant depends on the type of eligible system and amounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– up to EUR 1,500 for special agricultural products and foodstuffs (Community scheme) and for the higher quality products (national scheme);</li> <li>– up to EUR 3,000 for organic production and processing (Community scheme);</li> <li>– up to EUR 1,000 for integrated production (national scheme).</li> </ul> Maximum aid amount for participation in food quality schemes is EUR 3,000 per agricultural holding.

Table SI.5 Key information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Information and promotion activities on food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given to producer groups that carry out information and publicity activities on products of food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. organic production as well as products registered as PGO, PGI, TSG, integrated production and quality product under national food schemes. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No specific information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 70% of the eligible cost. The maximum aid amount per call for tender for a project of the final beneficiary is up to EUR 200,000.

Table SI.6 Key information on RDP measure 142

Measure	Producer groups (M 142)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support under this measure is granted to producer groups of organic and special agricultural products (PGO, PGI, TSG) for defraying operating and establishment costs.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<p><i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i></p> <p>The scheme is open for approved producer groups; i.e. producer groups of organic farmers as well as farmers producing products registered as PGO, PGI and TSG. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.</p>
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Slovenian organic farmers are joined under two framework associations organised mainly under the territory principle and do not have any marketing characteristics. The majority of market oriented organic farms and other organic food producers are bound to the direct sale methods at home or on weekly local markets (the so called eco markets). The direct sale alone has become insufficient for larger organic farmers and organic foodstuff producers, which are therefore in search of new marketing channels. Poor marketing organisation and low market share of organic products and foodstuffs are the key problems of further development of organic farming in Slovenia.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	<p>The maximum aid rate amounts up to 5 % of the own marketable production. Maximum amount of support amounts with regard to the range of the own marketable production up to EUR 1,000,000 in the first five years, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 1: 5% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 2: 5% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 3: 4% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 4: 3% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 5: 2% from marketable production</li> </ul> <p>Maximum amount of support amounts in regard of the range of the own marketable production to over EUR 1,000,000 in the first five years, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 1: 2.5% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 2: 2.5% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 3: 2.0% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 4: 1.5% from marketable production</li> <li>Yr. 5: 1.5% from marketable production</li> </ul> <p>But in each of the first five years supported it may not exceed the amounts, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 1: EUR 100,000</li> <li>Yr. 2: EUR 100,000</li> <li>Yr. 3: EUR 80,000</li> <li>Yr. 4: EUR 60,000</li> <li>Yr. 5: EUR 50,000</li> </ul>

Table SI.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable	298	298	298
	Horticulture	551	551	551
	Horticulture - glasshouse	488	488	488
	Olive groves > 150 trees/ha; orchards > 200 trees/ha (> 100 for walnut, chestnut)	555	555	555
	Meadow orchards with high-stem trees 50-200 trees/ha	Additional requirements <sup>1</sup>	238	238
	Hops, vineyards, tree nurseries	579	579	579
	Grass, grass-clover, meadows, pastures <sup>2</sup>	0.2-0.5 LU/ha	213	213
		>0.5-1.9 LU/ha	228	228
Level of compensation	All land use types	41%	Partial compensation due to limitation in the total budget for AE measures, an overall share of 41% has been used for all measures including organic farming.	

<sup>1</sup> Basic management requirements of trees and area (land) are defined.

<sup>2</sup> Payments are available only for organic animal husbandry with stocking 0.2-1.9 LU/ha in 2010–2013, with an exception in case of animals on mountain pasture or common pasture, when stocking on the primary farm can be 0-1.9 LU/ha of total agricultural land of the farm.

Table SI.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)																						
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments																						
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.																						
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable																						
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**Article 68 measure**

No measures available that address specifically organic farming

**CMO top up payments to producer organisations**

Not available

## National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table SI.9 National support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Additional training for holders and operators of agricultural holdings engaged in organic farming and processing	✓
	– Training of agricultural advisors for advisory service	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Integration of organic farming into educational programmes of general and specialised schools	✓
	– Financial support for promotion and education programmes (presentations at fairs)	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Financial support for promotion and education programmes (presentations at fairs)	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for societies and associations for services provided in the field of organic farming	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants to research projects related to organic farming within the framework of the national research activities	✓
	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Table SI.10 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

Measure	Plan of Long-Term Development of organic farming in Slovenia			
Running period	2007–2015			
Running periods of previous action plans	None			
Quantitative targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Share of 20% of the organic land area in the total UAA</li> <li>– Share of 15% of organic farms in the total number of agricultural holdings</li> <li>– Market share of 10% of organic products produced in Slovenia in the total food market</li> <li>– Tripling the number of organic tourist farms</li> </ul>			
Target year	2015			
Activities	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds only	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	✓	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	-	✓	-	
Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-	
Training & Advice	-	-	✓	
Information & Education	-	-	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	✓	-	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	✓	-	
Other	-	-	-	
Budget/Expenditure	All activities are implemented under existing policies or programmes (especially under the rural development programme). For this reasons, no funds are allocated to the scheme.			



## Slovenia (regional scale)

### **Regional support measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

### **Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## National Inventory of Spain

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Spain was provided by Victor González, Spanish Society of Organic Agriculture, Spain and Stefanie Metze, Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut, Germany. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011.

Table ES.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓ <sup>P</sup>	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	✓ <sup>R</sup>
Action plan *		✓	✓ <sup>R</sup>

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007-2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Spain (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Not applicable – administered at regional scale

### Article 68 measure

Table ES.2 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure
Scope and action	<i>Support for improving the quality of agricultural products - Art. 68(1)(a)(ii)</i> Payments are provided for sheep and goat farmers participating in quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	This measure is open to organic farmers but also to farmers participating in other quality schemes; e.g. PGO, integrated production, organic farming, voluntary labelling systems.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of payment (2011)	The total budget for the years 2010 – 2013 amounts EUR 28.8 million.

## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table ES.3 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	<p>Organic production systems do not use synthetic chemical fertilisers, pesticides or plant protection products to combat plant disease and invasive species, neither do they use methods which cause soil quality, or environmental conditions in general, to deteriorate. Stopping the use of those synthetic products will contribute directly to improving the quality of water and soil resources and therefore help to protect certain species and to maintain natural habitat and biodiversity. Moreover, cutting down the use of synthetic products and, therefore, reducing the manufacturing of those products, will also result in a drop in greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The contribution to producer organisations aims , therefore, to encourage farming practices which make less use of chemical products. In particular, the amount of land used for organic production will be used as an impact indicator. The amount of land used for organic production by producer organisations is anticipated to increase significantly throughout Spain.</p>
<b>Eligible costs</b>	<p>Financial support comprises additional costs resulting from the organic management either per-hectare payment (a) or payment based on invoices (b):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The maximum amount of assistance will be calculated as an average of all of the agri-environment payments under the rural development programmes of the various autonomous communities for this type of action and for the crop or group of crops in question.</li> <li>b. Payments based on invoices refer to the following cost items: costs of traps, bait-traps, natural predators, pheromones, vegetal extracts, micro-organisms, repellent plants, and/ or any other plant protection material excluding chemical products friendly with the environment connected with the use of organic production techniques (payments based on invoices).</li> </ol>

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (2009).

## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.4 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– Participation in fairs	✓
	– Information on & promotion of organic food in specialty stores	✓
<b>Certification &amp; Legislation</b>	– Adaption of legislations, developing guidelines on inspection	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Frequent statistics on organic production	✓
	– Degree courses on organic farming at universities & in further education	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion of organic food at schools, canteens, restaurants	✓
	– Promotion of Spanish organic food abroad	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for the 'Agrifood Technology Centers' for services provided in the area of research and dissemination	✓
	– Financial support for consumer associations for services provided in the area of consumer information	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for conducting studies on organic farming	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**National organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of national and EU funded measures

Table ES.5 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support schemes

	<b>National Organic Action Plan</b>			
<b>Running period</b>	2007 – 2010/2011 <sup>1</sup>			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None			
<b>Characteristics</b>	<p>The Action Plan includes a set of concrete actions related to the whole supply chain: agriculture and livestock production, processing, marketing, distribution and consumption, training and research.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Promoting the development of organic farming</li> <li>– Improving knowledge and promotion of the consumption and marketing of organic products</li> <li>– Improving institutional collaboration and management of resources for the sector contributing to its support</li> </ul>			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	None			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
		public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public national and other EU funds	public national funds
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	✓	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	✓	-	-
	Research	-	-	✓
	Other	-	-	✓
<b>Budget</b>	EUR 35.8 million			

<sup>1</sup> Some actions were prolonged until 2011, because the action plan started late in 2007

## Spain – Andalucía (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.6 Key-information on RDP measure 111

RDP-Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in vocational training and information programs to improve human capital.
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically related organic farming.</p> <p>It is obligatory for organic farmers receiving payments related to measure 214 to participate in training specific to agricultural production during the period of commitment.</p> <p>There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.</p>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Facilitation of conversion to organic farming
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses.

Table ES.7 Key-information on RDP measure 123

Measure	Adding value to agricultural and food products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments to improve primary processing and marketing of products from agriculture and forestry.
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i></p> <p>Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure.</p>
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To address specific difficulties of the organic sector such as small size and dispersion of farms, lack of supply structure and marketing initiatives
Level of grant (2011)	For micro, small and medium enterprises the grant amounts to 50% of the eligible costs. For large companies (fewer than 750 employees and turnover below 200 EUR million) the maximum grant amounts up to 25% of costs.



Table ES.8 Key-information on RDP measure 132

RDP-Measure	Participation of farmers in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG, DO as well as Integrated Production and “Certified Quality” (European Standard EN-45011). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.9 Key-information on RDP measure 133

RDP-Measure	Information and promotion activities (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Supporting joint information activities of organic farmers to raise public awareness about organic products.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The Level of grant depends on the type of costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Personnel costs, expenditures on tangible or intangible assets and expenditure on advertising brands recognised by the inspection body: up to 70% of the costs incurred.</li> <li>– Expenditure on advertising brands not recognised by the inspection body: up to 50% of the costs incurred.</li> </ul>

Table ES.10 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	Min 1 ha	184	165	165
	Lucerne		358	322	322
	Rice	Min 0.5 ha	600	540	540
	Olive trees	Min 1 ha	270	244	244
		8-35 % slope in plots; min 1 ha	370	333	333
	Dry fruits (almond, etc.)	Min 1 ha	123	111	111
	Fruits (irrigated)	Min 0.5 ha	589	530	530
	Citrus trees	Min 0.5 ha	510	459	459
	Table grapes	Min 0.25 ha	600	540	540
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	230	207	207
	Vegetables	Outdoor; min 0.25 ha	600	540	540
		Under glass; min 0.25 ha	600	540	540
	Cotton	Min 1 ha	361	325	325
	Poultry	Min 1 ha; min 0.5 LU/ha and max 1.8 LU/ha of fodder crops, forages and pastures	249	224	224
	Livestock (except poultry)	Min 15 ha; max 1 LU/ha of of fodder crops, forages and pastures	201	181	181
	Beekeeping	In addition to conventional payment of 21 EUR/hive.	7 EUR/hive	0	0
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

Table ES.11 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)								
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments								
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not addressed explicitly</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.								
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable								
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>On-top payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Preservation of local races livestock (bovine, goats, sheep, pigs, horses)</td> <td>120 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preservation of local races of poultry</td> <td>200 EUR/ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance of chestnut trees Min. 0.5 ha, planting density between 30 and 210 trees/ha</td> <td>308 EUR/ha</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		On-top payments	Preservation of local races livestock (bovine, goats, sheep, pigs, horses)	120 EUR/ha	Preservation of local races of poultry	200 EUR/ha	Maintenance of chestnut trees Min. 0.5 ha, planting density between 30 and 210 trees/ha	308 EUR/ha
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Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.12 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Provision of advice/training service (food industry)	✓
	– Financial support of an advisory centre	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Distribution platform for organic products	✓
	– Publication of information aimed at operators, industries, retail and consumers for technical information and promotion	✓
	– Graduate program on organic farming	✓
	– Information on alternative organic medicines	✓
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Support of the development of social & institutional consumption of organic food in collaboration with other governments	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion campaigns through mass media	✓
	– Organization of events such as fairs, workshops, conferences & exhibitions aimed at promoting organic food & other products	✓
	– Promotion activities in retail outlets	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Support of producer groups to promote organic food, to promote the use of local plant genetic resources and to realize the “Mass trapping program” to trap olive fly & fruit fly	✓
	– Support of nonprofit organizations and local authorities for promoting organic farming	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for conducting several research projects, e.g. contribution of organic farming to climate change mitigation, development of specific machinery and equipment, situation of the craft green industry. techniques to control pests and diseases	✓
	– Support of research centers to carry out research	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Collaboration with other governments and institutions	✓
	– Support for diverse projects and activities such as construction of composting plants, implementation of programs for the recovery of local varieties, analysis of feed and raw materials, operation of self-control systems, organic production on special interest areas (e.g. parks)	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan

Table ES.13 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

<b>Organic Action Plan Andalucía</b>				
<b>Running period</b>	2007-2013			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	2002-2006 (Plan no. 1)			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	None			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public national funds and EAFRD/EAGF			
	public national and other EU funds			
	public national funds only			
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	✓		
	Training & Advice	✓		
	Information & Education	✓		
	Promotion campaigns	✓		
	Public procurement			✓
Infra-structure (organic sector)	✓			
Research		✓		
Other			✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	Financial resources for all activities are EUR 110,901,272 for the period 2007–2013.			

## Spain – Aragón (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.14 Key-information on RDP measure 132

RDP-Measure	Participation of farmers in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG, DO as well as Integrated Production and products brand name assigned to the "C" food quality of the Government of Aragón. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.15 Key-information on RDP measure 133

RDP-Measure	Information and promotion activities (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.16 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-4	Yr. 5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals	With irrigation, min 5 ha	149	149	136
		Without irrigation, min 0.5 ha	102	102	93
	Rice	Min 0.5 ha	452	452	411
	Olive trees	Min 0.5 ha	293	293	267
	Dry fruits (almond, etc.)	Min 0.5 ha	132	132	119
	Fruit trees (irrigated)	Min 0.5 ha	401	401	365
	Vineyards	Min 0.5 ha	252	252	229
		In arid zones, min 0.5 ha	659	659	611
	Vegetables open air	Min 0.5 ha	401	401	365
	Animal husbandry	Max 1 LU/ha; arable crops 0.45 LU/ha	231	231	210
Level of compensation	No information identified				

Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Other sub-measures cannot be combined with the organic farming scheme.

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified.

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## Spain – Asturias (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.17 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to modernize agricultural holdings and to improve their economic performance.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target group of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	The maximum grant is 40% of the eligible costs. This rate may be increased by 10% in mountain areas with special difficulties and additional 10% in the case of young farmers. The eligible investments have a limit of EUR 100,000 per average work unit (AWU) with a maximum of 4 WU per holding.

Table ES.18 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG, DO as well as Integrated Production and products brand name assigned to the "C" food quality of the Government of Aragon. The level of grant varies depending on the quality scheme.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years. Up to 70% of eligible costs are granted, and in case of organic farming up to 100%.



Table ES.19 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.20 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Organic farming scheme (M 214)</b>				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops (without irrigation)	Min 0.5 ha	181	181	145
	Fruit trees	Without irrigation, min 0.3 ha	900	900	720
		With irrigation, min 1 ha	900	900	720
	Vineyards	Min 0.3 ha	450	450	360
	Vegetables	Outdoor, min 0.12 ha	640	640	480
		Protected, min 0.08 ha	640	640	480
	Beekeeping	Min 20 units	7 EUR/bh	7 EUR/bh	6 EUR/bh
	Cattle	Min 2 ha, max 40 ha; payment in relation to pasture, forage crops and fodder crop areas	225	225	180
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Table ES.21 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD / EAGF, 2007 – 2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Diverse promotion activities (particular for organic beef)	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Support of a control board	✓
	– Support of production and marketing cooperatives	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for conducting occasional research projects, e.g. attitudes of consumers to organic products.	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## Regional organic action plan

Table ES.22 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

	<b>Organic Action Plan Asturias</b>			
<b>Running period</b>	2007-2013			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	2009–2009 (Plan no. 1)			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	None			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds only	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	✓	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-	
Training & Advice	✓	-	-	
Information & Education	✓	-	-	
Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	✓	-	-	
Research	-	✓		
Other	-	-	✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	The overall budget is EUR 24.056.960 for the period 2010 – 2013.			

## Spain – Balears (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.23 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the organisation of vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically related organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses.

Table ES.24 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Top-up grants are paid for specific type of farmers; e.g. organic farmers or farmers in disadvantage areas. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The basic grant amounts to EUR 32,200. Top-of grants of 6% (approx. EUR 7,730) is paid under specific circumstances; e.g. organic farming. Maximum contribution is EUR 40,000 per beneficiary.

Table ES.25 Key-information on RDP measure 132

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, DO as well as Integrated Production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.26 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.27 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments<sup>1</sup></b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Herbaceous crops	Without irrigation, min 2 ha	151	151	137
		With irrigation, min 0.5 ha	234	234	213
	Rice	Min 0.25 ha	559	559	508
	Fruit trees without irrigation	Min 1 ha	157	157	143
	Pome fruits	Min 0.5 ha	493	493	448
	Stone fruits	Min 0.5 ha	560	560	509
	Olives	Min 1 ha	472	472	429
	Horticulture crops	Open air, min 0.25 ha	411	411	374
		Under coverage, min 0.15 ha	568	568	516
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	332	332	302
	Table grapes	Min 0.25 ha	536	536	488
	Citrus	Min 0.5 ha	566	566	515
	Grassland and fodder	Min 2 ha	163	163	148
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> The annual amount of aid is calculated according to number of ha committed for the whole aid demand with the following limitations: up to 40 ha: 100% of premium; from 40.01 ha to 80 ha: 60% of premium; from 80.01 ha on: 30% of premium.

Table ES.28 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)																								
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments																								
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not addressed explicitly</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.																								
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable																								
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**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes***Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Canarias (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.29 Key-information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the organisation of vocational training programs
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically related organic farming. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Up to 100% of the eligible expenses. Maximum eligible costs are EUR 15,000 for activities related to continuous training (course, seminars, etc.); maximum eligible costs are EUR 20,000 per year for recovery and dissemination projects.

Table ES.30 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The basic contribution is EUR 33,000, up to a maximum of EUR 40,000. In case of interest subsidies the aid may not exceed EUR 40,000. If combining both, maximum support is EUR 70.000.



Table ES.31 Key information on RDP measure 121

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to modernize agricultural holdings and to improve their economic performance.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target group of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	The maximum capital investment subsidy is 75% of the eligible costs. Investment volumes have a limit of EUR 150,000 per average work unit (AWU).

Table ES.32 Key-information on RDP measure 132

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, DO as well as Integrated Production. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.33 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.34 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	min 0.1 ha	77	77	71
		Irrigated; min 0.1 ha	142	142	129
	Dry fruits	Min 0.1 ha	94	94	85
	Pome fruit trees	Min 0.1 ha	231	231	210
	Stone fruit trees	Min 0.1 ha	342	342	311
	Citrus fruit trees	Min 0.1 ha	480	480	436
	Banana	Min 0.1 ha	979	979	890
	Table grapes	Min 0.1 ha	483	483	439
	Vegetables	Outdoor; min 0.1 ha	284	284	258
		Under glass; min 0.05 ha	285	285	259
	Vineyards	Min 0.5 ha	210	210	191
	Livestock	Payments in relation to fodder, forage crop and pasture areas. Min 0.1 LU/ha, max 0.5 LU/ha	132	132	120
Level of compensation	No information identified				

Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Cantabria (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.35 Key information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target group of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Maximum contribution is approx. EUR 40,000 per beneficiary.

Table ES.36 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Herbaceous crops	Min 2 ha	181	181	181
	Pome fruit with irrigation	Min 0.5 ha	328	328	328
	Stone fruit with irrigation	Min 0.5 ha	364	364	364
	Arid fruit	Min 1 ha	119	119	119
	Olives	Min 1 ha	267	267	267
	Horticulture crops	Min 0.25 ha	310	310	310
		Under glass, min 0.5 ha	505	505	505
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	228	228	228
	Table grapes	Min 1 ha	496	496	496
	Livestock	Payment for forage area	180	180	180
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Castilla La Mancha (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.37 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to modernize agricultural holdings and to improve their economic performance.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target group of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	Grants vary between 40-60% of the eligible costs depending on the location of the holding. Since 2009, a bonus of 10% is provided for investments that address new challenges referring to Council Regulation 74/2009 (climate change, renewable energy sources, water management, biodiversity and dairy restructuring).

Table ES.38 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, DO as well as trademarks registered in the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office that meet the provisions of Article 28 of Law 7 / 2007 Quality Agrifood Castilla-La Mancha.  There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.39 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.



Table ES.40 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals & legumes	249 <sup>1</sup> 226	226	226
	Rice	Min 0.5 ha	660 <sup>1</sup> 600	600 600
	Olive trees	Min 1 ha	362	329 329
	Dry fruits (almond, etc.)	Min 1 ha	274	249 249
	Pome fruits	Min 0.5 ha	384	349 349
	Stone fruits	Min 0.5 ha	438	398 398
	Citrus trees	Min 0.5 ha	589	535 535
	Table grapes	Min 1 ha	611	555 555
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	320	291 291
	Vegetables	Outdoor, min 0.3 ha	436 <sup>1</sup> 396	396 396
		Under glass, min 0.3 ha	619 <sup>1</sup> 563	563 563
	Animal husbandry	Max 1.5 LU/ha; max 238 EUR/ha (payments are provided in relation to pasture, forage crop & fodder crop areas)	175 <sup>1</sup> EUR/LU 159 EUR/LU	159 EUR/LU 159 EUR/LU
	Beekeeping		12 <sup>1</sup> 0	0 0
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified			

<sup>1</sup> The higher payments are paid in the 1st and 2nd year.

Table ES.41 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not addressed explicitly</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Erosion measures with permanent crops	139 EUR/ha
	Maintaining local races:	
	- Small ruminants	157 EUR/LU
	- Cows	165 EUR/LU
	Conservation of pastures of Castilla-La Mancha	107 EUR/ha
	Additional payments for the recovery of biodiversity:	
- Small ruminants	50 EUR/ha	
- Cows	30 EUR/ha	
- Horses	100 EUR/ha	
	Maximum load of 0.5 LU/ha	

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.42 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007-2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– Network of demonstration farms for training	✓
Information & Education	– Edition of specialized periodicals on organic farming	✓
	– Publication of manuals on organic production and processing	✓
	– Study courses in organic farming at higher educational level	✓
	– Publications of a list with possible farm inputs	✓
	– General information on organic farming for different target groups	✓
Research	– Support for research groups in organic agriculture and livestock	✓
	– Grants for conducting several projects related to organic farming	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Table ES.43 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

<b>Organic Action Plan Castilla-La Mancha</b>				
<b>Running period</b>	2007-2011			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	None			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF			
	public regional and other EU funds			
	public regional funds only			
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	✓	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-
	Public procurement	-	-	-
Infra-structure (organic sector)	✓	-	-	
Research	-	✓	-	
Other	-	-	✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	The overall budget accounts for EUR 29.127.183 for the period 2007 – 2011.			

## Spain – Castilla y León (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.44 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	Not irrigated	198	180	180
		Irrigated	231	210	210
	Olive trees		311	283	283
	Dry fruits		146	133	133
	Fruit trees	With fruits' seeds	305	277	277
		With fruits' bones	416	378	378
	Vineyards for wine		264	240	240
Vegetables	Outdoor	356	324	324	
	Under glass	565	514	514	
Livestock	Payment for forage, pasture or meadow area; min 1 LU/ha, max 1.5 LU/ha	121	110	110	
Level of compensation	No information identified				

Table ES.45 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not addressed explicitly</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Maintenance of local endangered races	130 EUR/LU
	Beekeeping for biodiversity	11 EUR/ha
	Conservation of biodiversity plot borders and margins, living hedges and natural stone walls	80 EUR/ha

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Cataluña (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.46 Key-information on RDP measure 111

RDP-Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
Scope and action	Grant to eligible expenses for the participation in vocational training and information programs to improve human capital and grants for projects aiming to integrate young people and entrepreneurship
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is obligatory for organic farmers receiving payments related to measure 214 to participate in training activities.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Payment rates depend on the type of activity: A) Vocational training and information programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Courses: up to EUR 300 per hour</li> <li>– Technical visits: up to a maximum of EUR 6,000 per event</li> <li>– Ongoing seminars &amp; working groups: up to EUR 6,000 per activity per year</li> <li>– Demonstration projects and/or fields: up to EUR 60,000 per project</li> <li>– Creation of resources and materials for training, especially distance learning: up to EUR 1,500 per teaching hour</li> </ul> B) Projects of integration of young people and entrepreneurship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 10 EUR per hour up to EUR 2,000 per project</li> <li>– Up to EUR 1,000 per project of entrepreneurship</li> <li>– Up to EUR 150 per technical visit within the state territory</li> <li>– Up to EUR 500 per technical visit abroad</li> <li>– Up to EUR 2,000 for practical trainings in companies, public or private institutions within state territory or abroad.</li> </ul>

Table ES.47 Key-information on RDP measure 112

RDP-Measure	Setting up of young farmers (M 112)
Scope and action	Granting of costs that occur when a young farmer firstly settles on a farm.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Top-up grants are provided for specific target groups – among others organic farmers.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Support is provided in the form of an investment grant and / or an interest subsidy. Maximum support amounts up to a EUR 40,000. Grants may be increased by 10% if the business plan contains the establishment of organic agriculture or livestock - but will never exceed EUR 40,000. If a combination of investment grant and interest subsidy is provided, total support may rise up to a maximum of EUR 55,000; in case of the establishment of organic agriculture or livestock up to EUR 70,000.

Table ES.48 Key information on RDP measure 121

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to modernize agricultural holdings and to improve their economic performance.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure. However, there are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	The maximum grant is 40% of the eligible costs. This rate may be increased by 10% for specific types of farms (located in mountain areas with special difficulties, young farmers). The eligible investments have a limit of EUR 120,000 per average work unit (AWU).

Table ES.49 Key information on RDP measure 123

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments and eligible expenditure aimed at improving the efficiency of processors, gaining new customers, marketing agricultural produce, improving the quality of products and introducing new products, methods and technologies.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed/Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure. However, there are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	Aid intensity depends on the location of the holding and the type of project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– LEADER areas: up to 40% of eligible investment for small, medium and microenterprises; the maximum grant is EUR 200,000 per beneficiary over a period of 3 years.</li> <li>– Other areas: up to 40% of eligible investment for small, medium and microenterprises. For all other companies with less than 750 employees and a turnover of less than EUR 200 million. Maximum aid intensity is up to 20% of the eligible investment. Regardless of the total budget of the planned investment, eligible investment may not exceed EUR 5 million, except in the case of special agricultural cooperatives.</li> <li>– Peri-urban areas: up to 30% of the eligible investment</li> <li>– Slaughterhouses: 40% of the eligible investment.</li> </ul>

Table ES.50 Key information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG, DO as well as Integrated Production and the “distinctive quality of the brand Q (MQ)” (Law 14/2003, Decree 285/2006 on the national quality programme). There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.51 Key-information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The intensity of support is up to 70% of the eligible costs with a maximum of EUR 80,000 per beneficiary per year.



Table ES.52 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Cereals (with irrigation)	2 ha, +10 % if all production is sold as organic	219	175	175
	Cereals & forage crops	Dry areas	129	102	102
	Irrigated forage crops		170	136	136
	Pasture, prairies	1 LU/ha, max 100 ha/farm	57	57	57
	Cut pastures	Without reseeding	89	89	89
		With reseeding	119	119	119
	Rice		600	480	480
	Olive trees		270	216	216
	Dry fruits (almond, etc.)		195	156	156
	Pome fruit trees	Min 1 ha	380	304	304
	Stone fruit trees	Min 1 ha	420	336	336
	Citrus trees	Min 1 ha	500	400	400
	Table grapes		520	416	416
	Vineyards		310	248	248
	Vegetables	Outdoor, min 0.5 ha	340	308	308
		Under glass	594	475	475
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

Table ES.53 Key-information on RDP measure 215

RDP-Measure	Payments for animal welfare (M 215)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Payments for organic animal husbandry linked with maintenance of minimum surface following culture (it is mandatory to provide surfaces for feeding).
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> The measure is only open for organic livestock farmers
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Support is given to cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from improvements of feeding facilities and/or free outdoor access.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Payments for grassland and arable land used for fodder production or grazing: 39-219 EUR/ha (conversion) and 39-175 EUR/ha (maintenance), respectively.</li> <li>– Payments for livestock: 110-413 EUR/LU (conversion) and 97-413 EUR/LU (maintenance), respectively; beekeeping: 40 EUR/hive (conversion and maintenance).</li> </ul>

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.54 Key information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007-2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– Organisation of workshops on organic food	✓
	– Veterinary service office	✓
	– Network of demonstration farms	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Publication of educational materials, brochures, advertising material and children's book on organic farming and food	✓
	– Publication of a register of organic farm inputs	✓
	– Guide of good practice for the production and marketing of organic food	✓
	– Degree course in organic food production at higher educational level	✓
	– Publication of a practical manual for the introduction of organic food in school canteens	✓
<b>Public procurement</b>	– Support of procurement projects at Universities	✓
	– Introduction of organic food in canteens of ministries and at events	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion campaigns targeting consumers	✓
	– Participation in national and international trade fairs	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	– Financial support for organic farmers' associations, cooperatives, companies, local authorities and social organizations for services provided (e.g. marketing activities)	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for conducting projects in the field of organic farming (e.g. organic food consumption, market trends)	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Organic research and other organic committees	✓
	– Introduction of organic horticulture in prisons	✓
	– Developing a monitoring systems, improving control & certification	✓
	– Revision of the current legal framework	✓
	– Financial support for the conservation of indigenous plant varieties and organic seed production	✓
	– Program aiming to improve biodiversity within the Natura 2000 network by introducing hurdles or hedges on organic farms	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table ES.55 Key-information on the regional organic action plan

<b>Organic Action Plan Cataluña</b>				
<b>Running period</b>	2008-2012			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Increasing the organic area by 30%</li> <li>– Increasing the turnover of organic operators by 50%</li> </ul>			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF			
	public regional and other EU funds			
	public regional funds only			
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	✓	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-
	Public procurement	-	✓	-
Infra-structure (organic sector)	✓	-	-	
Research	-	✓	-	
Other	-	-	✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	The overall budget amounts to EUR 36.805.644 for the period 2008 - 2012.			

## Spain – Comunidad Valenciana (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.56 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	Min 2 ha	218	218	181
	Dry fruits	Min 1 ha	143	143	119
	Rice	Min 0.3 ha	720	720	600
	Olive trees	Min 1 ha	320	320	267
	Prairie improved (irrigated)	Min 0.2 LU/ha, max 0.7 LU/ha, min 5 ha	202	202	168
	Pasture natural	Min 5 ha	151	151	126
	Fruit trees in dry areas	Min 0.5 ha	394	394	328
	Fruits irrigated	Min 0.5 ha	437	437	364
	Citrus trees	Min 0.5 ha	526	526	469
	Table grapes	Min 0.5 ha	595	595	496
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	274	274	228
	Vegetables	Outdoor, min 0.3 ha	373	373	310
		Under glass, min 0.3 ha	606	606	505
	Aromatic plants		238	238	198
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Extremadura (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.57 Key-information on RDP measure 112

Measure	Setting-up of young farmers (M 112)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments in agricultural production on the basis of a business plan. Beneficiaries are young farmers aged less than 40 years who have started farming and meet professional qualification.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Top-up grants are paid for specific type of farmers; e.g. organic farmers or farmers in disadvantage areas. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Support is given in form of a grant and/or interest subsidy. The maximum support is 40,000 EUR; the minimum support is EUR 21,000. If a combination of investment grant and interest subsidy is provided, total support may rise up to a maximum of EUR 55,000. Top-of grants of 10% are paid under specific circumstances; e.g. organic farming.

Table ES.58 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG, DO as well as other types of quality food products and / or agricultural products following the regulation (Royal Decree 1469/2007) of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.59 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.60 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Organic farming scheme (M 214)</b>				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments (Yr. 2011)</b>			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Dry fruits	Min 1 ha	131	131	119
	Stone fruit trees	Min 0.5 ha	401	401	364
	Pome fruit trees	Min 0.5 ha	361	361	328
	Olive trees	Min 1 ha	293	293	267
	Vineyards	Min 1 ha	251	251	228
	Livestock	Payment for forage, meadow and pasture area, min 0.2 LU/ha, max 0.5 LU/ha	132 EUR/LU	132 EUR/LU	120 EUR/LU
	Beekeeping	Max 1 hive/2 ha	9	8.5	8.5
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				



Table ES.61 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not addressed explicitly</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	On-top payments	
	Support to local livestock races	120 EUR/LU
	Support to sustainable management of Dehesa	42 EUR/ha

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.62 Key information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007-2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Information & Education	– Guide for organic retail outlets	✓
	– Publication of teaching material on organic farming	✓
	– Internet portal on organic farming	✓
Promotion campaigns	– Various promotion activities targeted at consumers and	✓
	– Promotion activities aiming to increase the export of regional organic food	✓
	– Annual prize for the best research in the field of organic food	✓
	– Participation in trade fairs	✓
	– Promotion of recipes with organic food	✓
	– Promotion of organic food consumption in schools	✓
Research	– Support of the National Centre for Research and Development in organic farming	✓
Other	– Financial aid for opening or expanding of organic shops	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table ES.63 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

<b>Organic Action Plan Extremadura</b>				
<b>Running period</b>	2008-2013			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	None			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF			
	public regional and other EU funds			
	public regional funds only			
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	✓	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-
	Public procurement	-	-	-
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	-	✓	
Other	-	-	✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	The overall budget amounts to EUR 3.099.136 for the period 2008 – 2013.			

## Spain – Galicia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.64 Key information on RDP measure 121

Measure	<b>Modernization of agricultural holdings (M 121)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for tangible and intangible investments to modernize agricultural holdings and to improve their economic performance.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target group of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	The maximum grant is 40% of the eligible costs. This rate may be increased by 10%, e.g. for farms located in mountain areas with special difficulties.

Table ES.65 Key information on RDP measure 123

Measure	<b>Adding value to agricultural and food products (M123)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for investments to improve primary processing and marketing of products from agriculture and forestry.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed / Mentioned without special provisions</i> Organic farmers are mentioned as one of several target groups of this measure. There are no special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (2011)</b>	For micro, small and medium enterprises the grant amounts to 50% of the eligible costs. For large companies (fewer than 750 employees and turnover below 200 EUR million) the maximum grant amounts up to 25% of costs.

Table ES.66 Key-information on RDP measure 132

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO, TSG and DO. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	To refund inspection and certification costs.
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.67 Key-information on RDP measure 133

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant (Yr. 2011)</b>	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.

Table ES.68 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	Without irrigation	209	209	182
		With irrigation	298	298	259
	Fruit trees	Without irrigation	138	138	120
	Pome fruit trees		377	377	328
	Stone fruit trees		419	419	364
	Olive trees		304	304	264
	Vegetables	Outdoor	357	357	310
		Under glass	580	580	504
	Vineyards		880	880	765
	Citrus trees		518	518	450
	Pastures		142	142	126
	Prairies		207	207	180
	Beekeeping	1 hive per 1 ha	33	33	28.5
Level of compensation	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

A regional organic action plan has been prepared for the period 2008-2013 which is however not implemented yet.

## Spain – La Rioja (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.69 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Crops			
	Without irrigation, min 1 ha	98	98	98
	With irrigation, min 1 ha	217	217	217
	Pasture for livestock	185	185	185
	Olive trees	320	320	320
	Dry fruits	142	142	142
	Pome fruits	394	394	394
	Stone fruits	437	437	437
	Mushrooms "De Paris"	722	722	722
		per 100 m <sup>2</sup>	per 100 m <sup>2</sup>	per 100 m <sup>2</sup>
	Other mushrooms	648	648	648
		per 100 m <sup>2</sup>	per 100 m <sup>2</sup>	per 100 m <sup>2</sup>
	Vineyards for wine	274	274	274
	Vegetables			
	Outdoor	370	370	370
	Under glass	595	595	595
	Beekeeping	28	28	28
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified			

Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Other agri-environmental sub-measures cannot be combined with organic support payments.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available



## Spain – Madrid (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.70 Key-information on RDP measure 123

RDP-Measure	Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M 123)
Scope and action	Support is given for investments that are undertaken in order to improve processing and quality of agricultural products as well as quality and marketing
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Projects related to organic farming are one of several prioritised target groups of two sub-measures. Besides organic processing companies, priority is given to projects aimed at developing local raw material, establishing group projects and market transformation. The aid intensity is increased for these groups.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Financial support is given in the form of an investment grant. The minimum grant amounts to 20% of the eligible costs. A top-up grant of up to 20% is given for priority projects. The maximum contribution is 40% of the eligible costs.

Table ES.71 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Herbaceous crops	Dry land	103	103	103
		With irrigation	248	248	248
	Dry fruits		121	121	121
	Pome fruits		424	424	424
	Stone fruits		398	398	398
	Olive trees		274	274	274
	Vegetables	Outdoor	396	396	396
		Under plastic	600	600	600
	Vineyards		266	266	266
	Table grapes		513	513	513
Organic livestock	Payment for forage, meadow and pasture area	197	197	197	
Level of compensation	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

Not information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes***Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

There is a regional organic action plan which however reflects only existing RDP measures. It is not an organic action plan in a true sense.

## Spain – Murcia (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.72 Key-information on RDP measure 123

RDP-Measure	Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (M 123)
Scope and action	Granting of investment expenditures that aim to improve processing and marketing of agricultural and forestry products.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> Projects related to organic farming are one of several target groups of this measure. The aid intensity is increased for specific types of projects – among others for projects related to organic farming. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	Financial support is given in the form of a grant. The basic aid intensity is 24% of the eligible costs. The top-up grants vary between 2-26% of the costs depending on the size of the company or type of project. Maximum grants amounts to 50%. Projects related to organic farming receive a top-up grant of 2% (i.e. effective aid intensity is 26%) if the annual sales of organic products have a share of more than 5% in the total annual turnover.

Table ES.73 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>
			Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5	
			EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Arable crops	Min 0.5 ha	90	72	72
	Olive & carob trees	Min 0.5 ha	500	400	400
	Dry fruits (almond)	Irrigated, min 0.5 ha	300	240	240
		Not irrigated, min 0.5 ha	300	240	240
	Fruit trees	Irrigated, min 0.5 ha	900	720	720
		Not irrigated, min 0.5 ha	300	240	240
	Citrus trees	Min 0.25 ha	900	720	720
	Table grapes	Min 0.25 ha	900	720	720
	Aromatic crops	Min 0.25 ha	200	160	160
	Vineyards	Min 0.5 ha	700	560	560
Level of compensation	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – Navarra (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table ES.74 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
<b>Level of payments<sup>1</sup></b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b>		<b>Maintenance</b>	
		Yr. 1-3	Yr. 4-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Arable crops	Without irrigation, min 1 ha	168	145	145
		With irrigation, min 1 ha	273	235	235
	Pasture, prairies	Min 2 ha	99	85	85
	Rice	Min 0.25 ha	697	600	600
	Olive trees	Min 0.25 ha	366	315	315
	Dry fruits (almond, etc.)	Min 0.25 ha	261	225	225
	Fruit trees	Min 0.25 ha	610	525	525
	Aromatic & medical herbs crop	Min 0.25 ha	261	225	225
	Vineyards	Min 0.25 ha	308	265	265
	Vegetables	Outdoor, min 0.25 ha	447	385	385
		Under glass, min 0.05 ha	697	600	600
	Animal husbandry	Payment just if >75% of the farm area is devoted to forage or cereals crops, pastures or fodder crops; min 5 ha, 1 LU/ha	244	210	210
<b>Level of compensation</b>	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> The annual amount of aid is calculated according to number of ha committed for the whole aid demand with the following limitations: up to 40 ha: 100% of premium; from 40.01 ha to 80 ha: 60% of premium; from 80.01 ha on: 30% of premium.

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

**Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF**

No information identified

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

*Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

## Spain – País Vasco (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table ES.75 Key-information on RDP measure 132

Measure	Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)
Scope and action	Contributions are given to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: PGI, PDO and DO.  There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	To refund inspection and certification costs.
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate determined by the level of fixed costs arising from participation in the programs. The maximum annual support is EUR 3,000 per farm and paid for five years.

Table ES.76 Key-information on RDP measure 133

Measure	Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food quality schemes (M 133)
Scope and action	Support is given for information and promotion activities to induce consumers to buy agricultural products covered by quality schemes by drawing attention to specific features or advantages of the products concerned.
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i> The scheme is open for approved food quality schemes; i.e. among others also organic farmers. There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of grant (Yr. 2011)	The support rate is 70% of eligible costs.



Table ES.77 Key-information on RDP measure 214: Organic farming scheme

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance	
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5		
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha	
	Extensive cultures (cereals, potatoes, corn)	480	480	436	
	Herbaceous crops	Extensive	679	679	617
		Intensive	2,209	2,209	2,008
	Fruits	1,075	1,075	977	
	Olives	375	375	341	
	Vine Txakoli	1,239	1,239	1,126	
	Vine Rioja	1,169	1,169	1,063	
	Livestock	Payment for fodder, meadow and pasture area	220	220	200
Level of compensation	No information identified				

*Note on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'*

The organic farming scheme and other agri-environmental measures cannot be combined and payments cannot be accumulated.

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table ES.78 Key information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007-2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Information on organic farming for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ consumers through mass media, e.g. radio, print media, publications, internet, buyers guide</li> <li>○ schools and universities</li> <li>○ caterers, restaurants &amp; schools on organic food</li> </ul>	✓
	– Logistic platform for trade B2B (business to business) and B2C (business to consumers)	✓
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– Promotion material for food retail shops	✓
	– Organisation of “Open door” days	✓
	– Support for degustation and presentation of organic food in retail shops	✓
	– Participation in fairs, rural events and feasts	✓
<b>Research</b>	– Grants for research projects related to organic farming	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Cooperation with sport and youth clubs, with councils and other administration bodies	✓
	– Revision of the legislation	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table ES.79 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

	<b>Organic Action Plan País Vasco</b>			
<b>Running period</b>	2009-2012			
<b>Running periods of previous action plans</b>	None			
<b>Quantitative targets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 2,000 ha organic area</li> <li>– 300 organic holdings</li> <li>– Market share of 3% of organic products in the total food market</li> </ul>			
<b>Target year</b>	2012			
<b>Activities</b>	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds only	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	✓	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-	
Training & Advice	✓	-	-	
Information & Education	✓	-	-	
Promotion campaigns	✓	-	-	
Public procurement	-	-	-	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-	
Research	-	-	✓	
Other	-	-	✓	
<b>Budget/Expenditure</b>	The overall budget accounts for EUR 5.2 million for the period 2009 – 2012.			

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## National Inventory of Sweden

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in Sweden was provided by Sofia Björnsson and Ulrika Askling, Ministry for Rural Affairs as well as Göte Fried, Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = SEK 9.035.

Table SE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1	✓	
	Axis 2	✓	
	Axis 3	x	
	Axis 4	x	
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	✓	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	x
Action plan*		✓	x

x Policies not available or not identified

✓ Policies available

✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions

(✓) Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011

\* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## Sweden (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Table SE.2 Key-information on RDP measure 111/114

Measure	Vocational training and information actions/Use of advisory services (M 111/M 114)
<b>Scope and action</b>	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>These measures include training, advice and information activities not included in courses and internships within the normal agricultural and forestry education at secondary level or higher. The measures include also the dissemination of scientific knowledge, innovative approaches and awareness-raising activities. Support for individual advice will be given directly to farmers. Support for training courses will be given for the organization not the participation of training courses.</p>
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs and farm advisory that addresses specifically organic farming.</p>
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	<p>Organic farming is supported because of its positive effects for the environment, animal welfare, biodiversity (general objectives of the RDP).</p>
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	<p>Support intensity is up to 80% of the eligible expenses depending on the type of program. Maximum eligible expenses are EUR 1,500.</p>

Table SE.3 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
<b>Level of payments</b> (Yr. 2011)		<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2    Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha    EUR/ha		<b>Maintenance</b> EUR/ha
	Arable land (in rotation): Grain, protein crops, fodder beets, flax, other annual crops except grass and leguminous plants for forage production	161	161	161
	No org. certification or not in conversion	72	72	72
	Arable land (in rotation): Oil plants, linseed, flax, brown beans, preserved peas, grass seed production	244	244	244
	No org. certification or not in conversion	122	122	122
	Arable land (in rotation): Potatoes, sugar-beet, vegetables	553	553	553
	No org. certification or not in conversion	277	277	277
	Arable land: Fruit and berries	830	830	830
	No org. certification or not in conversion	415	415	415
	Ley production on arable land	39	39	39
	Only if organic certification			
	Animal husbandry - Arable land (crop production incl. grassland in rotation) Max. 1 LU/ha	0	0	177 EUR/LU
	No org. certification or not in conversion	0	0	89 EUR/LU
	Animal husbandry - Semi-natural grazing lands, mown meadowland (Permanent grassland) Max. 0.5 LU/ha	0	0	177 EUR/LU
	No org. certification or not in conversion	0	0	89 EUR/LU
<b>Level of compensation</b>	All land use types	50-90 %	Partial compensation is mainly due to political reasons and budget constraints	

Table SE.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr.2011)	<b>On-top payments</b>	
	Biodiversity and cultural heritage in semi-natural grazing lands, mown meadowland (permanent grassland).	78-598 EUR/ha
	Semi-natural grazing lands and mown meadowland (permanent grassland) is not an eligible crop in the support for organic cultivation. Organic husbandry support can be paid for permanent grassland areas: semi-natural grazing lands and mown meadowland.	
	Valuable natural and cultural environments in the agricultural landscape	Payments vary per landscape feature
	Endangered livestock breeds	111-166 EUR/LU
	Reduced nutrient leaching from arable land, - Cultivation of catch crops - Spring cultivation (soil cultivation after 1 January)	78-144 EUR/ha
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr.2011)	Extensive grassland management for a better environment and an open landscape	33-255 EUR/ha
	Grassland in rotation is not an eligible crop in support for organic cultivation. Organic husbandry support can be paid for ley areas.	

## Article 68 measure

Table SE.5 Key-information on Article 68 measure

Measure	Article 68 measure
Scope and action	<p><i>Support for improving the quality of agricultural products - Art. 68(1)(a)(ii)</i></p> <p>This measure aims to improve the quality of primary produce. Support is provided to farmers participating in certified food quality scheme.</p>
Way of addressing organic farming	Supplementary payments for producers in certified food quality scheme. Besides organic producers, also farmers that participate in other schemes are eligible for aid.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	No information identified
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)	The total annual budget for this measure is EUR 3.3 million for the years 2009–2013. Approximately, EUR 1.3 million is allocated to organic farms, which is an average annual support of about EUR 450 per holding.



## CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table SE.6 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007. Financial aid is given to growers that invest in separate equipment for partial conversion to organic production.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Supporting conversion to organic production
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Cost for investment in separate equipment for fertilizers, harvesting, sorting, washing and packaging.
<b>Remarks</b>	Costs for consultancy services, training, certification and loss of income in relation to organic production are supported under the Rural Development Program.

Source: Jordbruksverket (2008).

## National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table SE.7 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Promotion campaigns</b>	– <i>Competitive food industry</i> : Support is given for projects aimed at raising awareness for quality products. Approximately EUR 850,000 is reserved for projects related to organic production and consumption. This aid scheme is part of the Ministers vision of “Sweden the new culinary nation” which has focus on food in the public sector, restaurants, processed foods, food tourism and primary production.	No
<b>Research</b>	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table SE.8 Key-information on the national organic action plan or similar support scheme

Measure	Action plan 2010			
Running period	2007–2010			
Running periods of previous action plans	None			
Quantitative targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Share of 20% of the organic area in the total UAA</li> <li>– Share of 25% of organic food in public canteens</li> </ul>			
Target year	2010			
Characteristics	<p>The Action plan is a guidance document that has been developed by the market operators. Existing, ongoing activities, such as the Rural Development Programme for Sweden 2007–2013 has been regarded as a basis. Proposed activities are in addition to these. The action plan is more general in nature and not a list of specific activities with budgets and identified sources of funding. There is no specific budget or funding for the implementation of the Action plan as such. The EUR 32,000 is budgeted from the Ministry for monitoring and evaluation activities. Activities (measures) included in the plan can be several e.g. information, education, extension services, communication, research, development of statistics and other monitoring tools and coordinating activities. It is the responsibility for each and every individual operator involved to decide on specific activities and budgets.</p>			
Activities	Financed through			
		public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investment	-	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	-	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	-	-	-
	Training & Advice	✓	-	-
	Information & Education	✓	-	-
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	-
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	-
	Research	-	-	✓
Other	-	-	-	
Budget/Expenditure	No information identified			

## Sweden (regional scale)

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

No information identified

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

*Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures*

Not available

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## National Inventory of the United Kingdom

The information on public support policies addressing organic farming in the United Kingdom was provided by Susanne Padel, Nic Lampkin and Martina Niggli, Organic Research Centre, United Kingdom. Other sources are indicated below the tables where applicable. Information related to the year 2011 cover the period 1/2011 to 8/2011. Monetary values given in Euros are rounded and based on an exchange rate of EUR 1 = GBP 0.866.

Table SE.1 Overview of public policy support addressing organic farming, 2007–2011

Type		Policies addressing organic farming at	
		national scale	regional scale
RDP measures	Axis 1		✓ <sup>R</sup>
	Axis 2		✓
	Axis 3		x
	Axis 4		x
Pillar 1 measures	Art. 68 measures	x	
	CMO Top ups	✓	
Other measures		✓	✓
Action plan <sup>*</sup>		x	✓ <sup>R</sup>

- x Policies not available or not identified
- ✓ Policies available
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Policies available but only in some regions
- ✓<sup>P</sup> Policies available but not during the whole period 2007–2011
- \* Organic action plans or similar support schemes

## United Kingdom (national scale)

### Rural development measures

Not applicable – Administered at regional scale

### Article 68 measure

No measures available that address specifically organic farming.

### CMO top up payments to producer organisations

Table UK.2 Key-information on contributions to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector

Measure	Contribution to producer organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector
Way of addressing organic farming	Organic farming is defined as an eligible environmental action in the context of the national implementation of Art. 103c of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Contributing to maintain air, water and soil quality
Eligible costs	Additional costs and income foregone related to the conversion from the conventional production to organic production methods
Remarks	Commitments must be undertaken for at least five years.

Source: DEFRA (2008).

### National measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table UK.3 Key-information on national measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other national measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Research	– Research grants under the joint research programme CORE Organic ERA-NET	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### National organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## UK – England (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table UK.4 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)			
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management			
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming			
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.			
Level of payments <sup>1</sup> (Yr. 2011)		Conversion		Maintenance
		Yr. 1-2	Yr. 3-5	
		EUR/ha	EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Organic ELS eligible land <sup>2</sup>	202 + 69	69	69
	Top fruit orchards	692 + 69	692 + 69 <sup>3</sup> 69	69
ELS eligible land <sup>4</sup>	Improved land outside moorland line, or in parcels < 15 ha within moorland line	0	35	35
ELS land within moorland line <sup>4</sup>	In parcels > 15 ha	0	9	9
Level of compensation	Not reported			

<sup>1</sup> In England, the organic support must be undertaken in combination with the Entry Level agri-environment Scheme (ELS), so that in practice the OELS payment represents a EUR 35 (GBP 30) supplement on top of the normal ELS payment. There is no differentiation by crop except for top fruit.

<sup>2</sup> Unimproved land (rough grazing) and common land is not eligible for OELS, but may be for ELS. Land in second year of conversion when application is made is not eligible for conversion rate.

<sup>3</sup> EUR 692+69 per hectare is paid in the 3rd year

<sup>4</sup> There is no organic supplement for ELS land of this category.

Table UK.5 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<b>On-top payment</b>	
	Higher levels Scheme (contains wide range of targeted options with different payment rates)	Variable depending on option taken up
	Entry level scheme (or since 2010 where relevant Upland scheme)	see above
	Applicants who have both organic and conventional land can apply for an OELS agreement on their organic land and an ELS agreement on their conventional land as part of one whole farm OELS agreement.	

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table UK.6 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– <i>Organic Conversion Information Service:</i> The OCIS Scheme in England covered up to 1 day advice for the last three years. The scheme ended in March 2011	No
Research	– Research grants for project related to organic farming (e.g. under CORE Organic programme)	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

## Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available



## UK – Northern Ireland (regional scale)

## Rural development measures

Table UK.7 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	Addressed with special provisions Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			Conversion		Maintenance
			Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha	EUR/ha
	Horticultural land <sup>1</sup>	Minimum of 1 ha to be eligible for payment	Yr. 1: 542 Yr. 2: 115	Yr. 3-4: 40 Yr. 5: 35	35 <sup>2</sup>
	Arable land <sup>1</sup>	Minimum of 1 ha to be eligible for payment	Yr 1: 462 Yr 2: 81	Yr 3-4: 40 Yr 5: 35	35 <sup>2</sup>
	Improved and semi-improved land <sup>1</sup>	Minimum of 1 ha to be eligible for payment	Yr 1: 381 Yr 2: 46	Yr 3-4: 40 Yr 5: 35	35 <sup>2</sup>
Level of compensation	Not reported				

<sup>1</sup> Applicants for maintenance payment must be in the new Countryside Management Scheme.<sup>2</sup> Payment of the 'Organic Management Option'.

Table UK.8 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	<p>The Organic Farming Scheme can be combined with the Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme (NICMS). The NICMS rewards farmers and landowners financially for adopting farming practices that deliver on issues such as protecting biodiversity, improving water quality and tackling climate change.</p> <p>NICMS closed on 31 March 2010. In 2011, all eligible applications will be prioritised based on environmental benefit using a set of criteria.</p>	<p>Payments vary between options</p>

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table UK.9 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
Training & Advice	– Training courses provided through Greenmount College	No

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

### Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes

Combination of regional, national and/or EU-funded support measures

Not available

## UK – Scotland (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table UK.10 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to farmers and crofters to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<p><i>Addressed with partly special provisions</i></p> <p>This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs. Besides organic farmers, also farmers participating in one of the following food quality schemes are eligible for aid: Lion Eggs, Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF) marquee, Freedom Foods, Scottish Organic Producers Certification Scheme, Scottish Quality Wild Venison Assurance Scheme, Quality Meat Assurance Scheme – Cattle and Sheep, Quality Meat Assurance Scheme – Pigs, and Scottish Quality Farm Assured Combinable Crops Scheme.</p> <p>There are no further special provisions for organic farming under this measure.</p>
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Not applicable
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The maximum amount of support is EUR 3,000 per year. Support is given for a maximum duration of five years.

Table UK.11 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments <sup>1</sup> (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha	
	Arable	Conversion scheme is discretionary	254	69	69
	Vegetables & fruit	Conversion scheme is discretionary	346	69	69
	Improved grassland	Conversion scheme is discretionary	121	58	58
	Rough grazing	Conversion scheme is discretionary	6	6	6
Level of compensation	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> A minimum payment of GBP 500 per annum per IACS (Integrated administration and control system) business for conversion as well as maintenance applies, respectively.

Table UK.12 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)		<b>On-top payments</b>
	The conversion and maintenance grants can be combined with other options in the Rural Priorities or Land Managers Options Schemes for the piece of land if payments are not calculated on the same basis and no conflicting management rules exist.	Payments vary between options

## Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table UK.13 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Marketing &amp; Processing</b>	– The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) provides dedicated marketing advice	✓
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	– SAC provides organic advice under the general agreement. Services comprise e.g.	✓
	– Exchanging best practice and experiences through on farm events, workshops and seminars	✓
	– Telephone advice and information responding to enquiries received through advisers, Organic Helpline	✓
	– Maintain a well-informed group of semi-specialist advisers to ensure efficient provision of advice across Scotland.	✓
<b>Information &amp; Education</b>	– Development new web pages on organics which will include the Scottish Organic Action Plan, links to the EU promotional toolbox and references to relevant research	✓
	– SAC provides training and education in organic farming, including a Postgraduate Diploma and Master Degree.	✓
	– Published information such as press and technical	✓
<b>Other</b>	– Monitoring of Scottish organic farming sector, identifying the number of registered producers and registered organic area.	✓
	– Financial support for specific cooperation projects	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table UK.14 Key-information on the regional organic action plan or similar support scheme

Measure	Organic Futures			
Running period	Continuous since 2011			
Running periods of previous action plans	None			
Quantitative targets	None			
Characteristics	<p>The action plan includes a number of actions in the three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Supporting organic production</li> <li>– Sustainable economic growth of the organic food and drink sector</li> <li>– Understanding organics</li> </ul>			
Activities	Financed through			
		public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds
	Area payments	✓	-	-
	Farm investments	✓	-	-
	Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-
	Certification & Regulation	-	-	-
	Training & Advice	-	-	-
	Information & Education	-	-	✓
	Promotion campaigns	-	-	✓
	Public procurement	-	-	-
	Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓
	Research	-	-	✓
Other	-	-	✓	
Budget	No information identified			

## UK – Wales (regional scale)

### Rural development measures

Table UK.15 Key information on RDP measure 111

Measure	Vocational training and information actions (M 111)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Grants are given for the organisation of vocational training programs. The measure is delivered via a new Farming Connect service which is a government led initiative to support agriculture and forestry sector in Wales. Service delivery is undertaken via a hybrid of public and private organisations (e.g. Organic Centre Wales), selected following an open tendering competition.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to support vocational training programs that specifically address organic farming. Organic farmers have no priorities or receive higher payments under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	There is no specific Rationale for supporting organic farming, since this measure addresses organic farming not explicitly.
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The level of grant depends on the type of training activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 80% support for up to 5 days for one to one mentoring support; capped at EUR 250/day for the duration of the RDP.</li> <li>– 80% support for course on skills development; a maximum of 3 courses per beneficiary and EUR 1,470 intervention per course per annum).</li> <li>– 100% support for development programmes on knowledge transfer</li> </ul>

Table UK.16 Key information on RDP measure 114

Measure	Use of advisory services by farmers (M 114)
<b>Scope and action</b>	Support is given to farmers to compensate for the cost of the use of advisory services. Advice is delivered via a network of providers who have successfully tendered via an open competition.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, it is used to offer farm advice that addresses specifically organic farming. Organic farmers have no priorities or receive higher payments under this measure.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Not applicable
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Support will be 80% intervention up to EUR 1,500 for the duration of the RDP. The farmer will pay for advice and claim back 80% support from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Table UK.17 Key information on RDP measure 124

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies in the agriculture and food sector and in the forestry sector (M 124)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Financial support to encourage cooperation among farmers in order to increase the number of producers and foresters who are adding value to their products by actively engaging in collaborative initiatives aimed at delivering more effective and sustainable supply chains.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Not explicitly addressed</i> Organic farming is not explicitly addressed under this measure. However, the Better Organic Business Links project is financed at £2million from 2009–2012 and specifically targets the organic sector in Wales
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	Not applicable
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	Approx. one-third of the GDP 2million project value to be spent on a range of supply chain related projects in 2011

Table UK.18 Key information on RDP measure 132

	<b>Supporting farmers who participate in food quality schemes (M 132)</b>
<b>Scope and action</b>	Contributions are given to farmers and crofters to cover costs from the participation in food quality schemes.
<b>Way of addressing organic farming</b>	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> This measure is used to refund inspection and certification costs of organic farms. The scheme is only open for organic farmers.
<b>Rationale for supporting organic farming</b>	No information identified
<b>Level of grant</b> (Yr. 2011)	The maximum amount of support is EUR 3,000 per year. Support is given for a maximum duration of five years.



Table UK.19 Key information on RDP measure 214: Sub-measure 'Organic Farming'

Measure	Organic farming scheme (M 214)				
Scope and action	Financial support during conversion of land from conventional to organic management and for maintenance of farmland already fully converted to organic management				
Way of addressing organic farming	<i>Addressed with special provisions</i> Area payments specifically relating to organic farming				
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Area payments shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the organic management. Furthermore, the organic farming scheme shall contribute to a further expansion of organic production.				
Level of payments (Yr. 2011)			<b>Conversion</b> Yr. 1-2 EUR/ha	<b>Maintenance</b> Yr. 3-5 EUR/ha	
	Grassland	Maximum combined eligible area is 300 ha: above this, extensive grassland payment rate applies	127	16	46
	Extensive grassland		14	6	12
	Arable rate 1 (wheat, maize etc.)	Maximum combined eligible area is 300 ha: above this, extensive grassland payment rate applies	185	16	69
	Arable rate 2 (crop rotation) <sup>1</sup>	Limited to a maximum of 300 ha	404	16	69
	Horticultural crops	Limited to a maximum of 20 ha	173	16	231
	Fruit trees	Limited to a maximum of 20 ha	231	16	231
	Sole grazed common land		14	6	0
	Grazed woodland		14	6	12
Level of compensation	No information identified				

<sup>1</sup> There is a list of eligible crops in the annex of the Welsh RDP.

Table UK.20 Key information on RDP measure 214: Other sub-measures that can be combined with the organic farming scheme (on top-measures)

Measure	Other agri-environmental measures (M 214)	
Scope and action	Financial support for agri-environmental commitments	
Way of addressing organic farming	<p><i>Not explicitly addressed</i></p> <p>Organic farming is not explicitly addressed within these agri-environmental measures. However, the organic support scheme and the agri-environmental measures specified below can be combined and payments can be accumulated.</p>	
Rationale for supporting organic farming	Not applicable	
Sub-measures and level of payments (Yr. 2011)	<p>The OFS can be combined with other Agri-environment schemes under the New Glastir Scheme (since 2011).</p> <p><i>Note: Until 2008, the Tir Gofal Scheme was valid. Since 2011, the Tir Cynnal Scheme as well as the Mynydd Scheme were replaced by the New Glastir Scheme.</i></p>	<p><b>On-top payments</b></p> <p>Payments vary between options</p>

### Regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF

Table UK.21 Key-information on regional measures not (co-) financed by the EAFRD/EAGF, 2007–2011

	Other regional measures	Part of an OAP <sup>1</sup>
<b>Training &amp; Advice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Organic Conversion Information Service:</i> Phone help-line, information pack and advice for farmers considering conversion. The service is funded centrally. Farmers can receive up to 2.5 days of advice including an outline conversion plan.</li> </ul>	✓
<b>Infra-structure</b> (organic sector institutions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Financial contribution to the Organic Centre Wales to provide information for the organic sector in Wales.</li> </ul>	✓

<sup>1</sup> Organic action plan or similar support schemes.

**Regional organic action plan or similar support schemes**

Combination of regional and/or EU-funded support measures

Table UK.22 Key-information on the regional organic action plan

Measure	Organic Action Plan			
Running period	2005-2010			
Running periods of previous action plans	1999-2004			
Characteristics	<p>The Action Plan includes a set of actions that affect most links of organic production: agricultural production, processing, distribution, marketing, consumption, education and research.</p> <p>Qualitative aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainable development of market for Welsh organic products</li> <li>2. Develop new marketing and processing opportunities incl. public procurement , retailing, tourism and exports</li> <li>3. Supply chain development</li> <li>4. Public education and health</li> <li>5. Review producer support payments</li> <li>6. Research and marketing intelligence</li> <li>7. Reduce administrative load/organic standards development</li> <li>8. GM-free Wales</li> </ol>			
Quantitative targets	10-15% organic or in-conversion land area, supported by the Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) payments			
Target year	2010			
Activities	Financed through			
	public regional funds and EAFRD/EAGF	public regional and other EU funds	public regional funds	
Area payments	✓	-	-	
Farm investments	✓	-	-	
Marketing & Processing	✓	-	-	
Certification & Regulation	✓	-	-	
Training & Advice	✓	✓	✓	
Information & Education	✓	✓	✓	
Promotion campaigns	-	-	(✓)	
Public procurement	-	-	(✓)	
Infra-structure (organic sector)	-	-	✓	
Research	-	-	(✓)	
Other	-	-	-	
Budget	No budget foreseen			

Note on the Organic Action Plan

Promotion campaigns and public procurement were mentioned but no significant expenditure was made. Research was not directly included as funded by Defra for England and Wales (action plan sought to influence Defra priorities). Institutional support was core funding for Organic Centre Wales.

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