

Åland

3-level system for funding semi-natural grasslands via CAP

- 1) Cultural landscapes 165 €/ha/year
 - Currently under subsidies 1 938 ha
 - General support for cultural landscapes. No strict rules, but minimum 0,4 animal units/ha

- 2) Pastures with high nature values 300 €/ha/year
 - Currently 522 ha
 - Requirements: enough animals for good grazing pressure, overgrowing must be prevented by clearings or mowing

- 3) Semi-natural grasslands 450 €/ha/year
 - < 500 ha
 - Meadows and coastal meadows, wooded pastures
 - Management plan needed
 - Includes: grazing, moving, clearing of bushes

Challengers:

- Most farmers choose the lowest subsidy level due to the more stricter rules in other subsidy levels
 - > quality of management is low in many cases
- Too low support level in general
- Delimiting of some habitats from the support