



**ZEMNIEKU
SAEIMA**

SUPPORT SYSTEM IN LATVIA

FOCUSING ON CEREAL GROWING

2025

17th of June

Estonia

About me

- Valters Zelčs, 28 years of age
- Crop farmer in **central** Latvia (240 hectares)
- Precision technologies, not too hot-headed about regenerative ag.
- Degree in **political science**, pending degree in **agronomy**
- Actively involved in farmers' **organisations**:
 - Policy advisor in Latvian "Farmers' parliament"
 - Chairman of "Union towards sustainable agriculture"



SUPPORT STRUCTURE IN LATVIA

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HECTARE BASED SUPPORT

FOCUSING ON CEREAL GROWING

EU HECTAR-BASED PAYMENTS

Agro-environmental measures
Support rate varies
1 measure for cereals

Voluntary coupled support
Support rate varies

ECO-SCHEMES
11- 220 EUR/ha
8 measures, 4 for cereals

BISS
80 EUR/ha
Basic EU rules = Basic support

BISS

GAEC 1 - Ban on converting the grasslands to arable land

GAEC 2 - Protection of organic soils. Tillage up to 20cm allowed, ploughing once every 5 years. No new drainage systems.

GAEC 4 - No plant protection and fertilizers in 10m wide strips along water-courses. 1m wide strip along ditches.

GAEC 5 - In fields with slopes larger than 6°, winter cover is needed.

GAEC 6 - in 35% of arable land, there has to be a different crop than the year before. No annual crops can be planted for more than 3 years in a row.

80 eur/ha

Baseline

+64 eur/ha

For first 30 hectares

+12 eur/ha

For 30 - 100 ha

+41 eur/ha

For young farmers,
First 150ha

MY EXAMPLE

240 ha

19200
1920
840

21 960€

BISS

80 eur/ha

Baseline

+64 eur/ha

For first 30 hectares

+12 eur/ha

For 30 - 100 ha

+41 eur/ha

For young farmers,
First 150ha

ECO-SCHEMES

ECO 1 - Enhanced greening

Farms above 30 hectares are obligated to have at least 4 crops in arable land, where:

- Main crop is no more than 65%
- Two main crops together no more than 90%
- Fourth crop not less than 1%

Farms from 15th of Nov to 15th of Feb need to ensure winter cover in arable land

- 65% in Eastern and Northern regions
- 70% in other territories
- 75% in nitrate vulnerable zone

30 eur/ha

*grasslands no eligible

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1**
21 960€ + 6690€

17ha
Grasslands

223ha
Cereals

240ha

30 eur/ha



ECO-SCHEMES

ECO 2 - Green areas

Grasslands with legumes 50%+ **120 eur/ha**

Legumes for livestock feed **120 eur/ha**

Pollinator / Nectare mixes **120 eur/ha**

Green manure **218 eur/ha**

Cover crops **56 eur/ha**

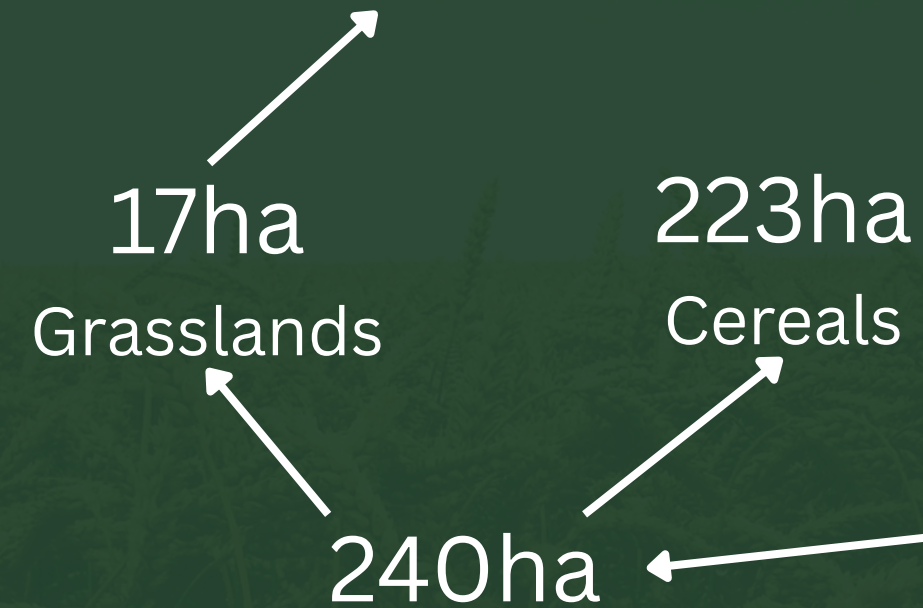
Grasslands under cereals **52 eur/ha**

Soil liming **71 eur/ha**

!! No use of plant protection is allowed in these areas !!

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€



120 eur/ha

Grasslands with legumes 50%+

ECO-SCHEMES

ECO 4 - Reduced tillage

Farmer uses no-till, strip-till or min-till practices in arable land

Herbicide cannot be used more than 2 times per season (from 1st of January to harvest)

11 eur/ha

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2** + **Eco4**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€ + 1155€

17ha
Grasslands

105ha

min-till

223ha

Cereals

119ha
ploughed

240ha

11 eur/ha

Reduced tillage

ECO-SCHEMES

ECO 5 - Precision farming

Farmer uses precision spraying
(GPS section or nozzle control)

14 eur/ha

or

Farmer uses precision mineral
fertilizer spreading (GPS section)

14 eur/ha

and/ or

Farmer uses hoses or injector for
spreading slurry

22 eur/ha

Machinery has to be
certified, and registered
in plant protection
agencies app

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2** + **Eco4** + **Eco5**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€ + 1155€ + 3360€

240ha

14 eur/ha

Precision farming

AGRO-ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURE

AECM - Buffer strips

Farmers are not allowed to use plant protection and fertilisers in 10m strips along water-courses

If farmer decides to leave the strip unproductive and seed plant mixtures/ leave natural vegetation, he can receive a compensation

0,08 eur/m²

(800 eur/ha)

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2** + **Eco4** + **Eco5** + **AECM**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€ + 1155€ + 3360€ + 720€

0,9ha
under bufferstrips

800 eur/ha

Buffer strips

VOLUNTARY COUPLED SUPPORT

Dairy cows **286€/unit**

Goats **37€/unit**

Beef **108€/unit**

Sheep **34€/unit**

Starch potato **280€/ha**

Certified grassland seeds **65€/ha**

Certified seed potato **488€/ha**

Certified cereal seeds **71€/ha**

Spring Oilseedrape **34€/ha**

Fruits, Berries **131€/ha**

Protein-crops **120€/ha**

Barley **39€/ha**

Non-hybrid rye **75€/ha**

Support rates vary

MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2** + **Eco4** + **Eco5** + **AECM** + **VCS**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€ + 1155€ + 3360€ + 720€ + 2880€

24ha
field peas

120 eur/ha

Protein crop VCS

AREA SUPPORT, LV - MY EXAMPLE

BISS + **Eco1** + **Eco2** + **Eco4** + **Eco5** + **AECM** + **VCS**
21 960€ + 6690€ + 2040€ + 1155€ + 3360€ + 720€ + 2880€

38 805 €

240 ha

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162€/ha

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INVESTMENT SUPPORT

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SMALL AND YOUNG FARMERS

Grant for small farmers, or farmer start-ups
Supported investments: Land, Machinery, Animals, construction

15 000
per farm

Grant for young farmers, if turnover is less than 150 000
EUR/year
Supported investments: Land, Machinery, Animals, construction

40 000
per farm

INVESTMENTS FOR ALL FARMERS

Farmers are able to apply for investment co-financing
Supported investments and support rates change often
Tractors and harvesters not supported for medium and large farms
Used machinery is allowed

Small farms

*Up to 70 000
Turnover*

Machinery, construction,
permanent crops

Around 40% support rate

Cap: turnover X3

Medium farms

*70 000 - 350 000
Turnover*

Machinery, construction,
permanent crops

30%-40% support rate

Cap: 500 000 €

Large farms

*350 000+
Turnover*

Machinery, construction,
permanent crops

Around 30% support rate

Cap: 700 000 €

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STATE SUPPORT

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STATE SUPPORT, CEREAL FARMERS

Diesel fuel with reduced excise duty

100l/ha

cereals
Excise = 62€/t

Support for crop insurance

50%

Up to

Bank interest rate reduction, if public financing has not been used for investment

100%

up to 4% rate

Current asset programm with reduced interest

3,5%

for current assets



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THANK YOU
ANY QUESTIONS?