

Presentation on national best practices of the mountain farming and identification of the priority topics for implementation of the SARD Protocol - Poland

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Outline of presentation

1. Characteristics of the Carpathian region in Poland
2. Best practices of the mountain farming in the Carpathians
3. Agriculture priorities in the mountain areas



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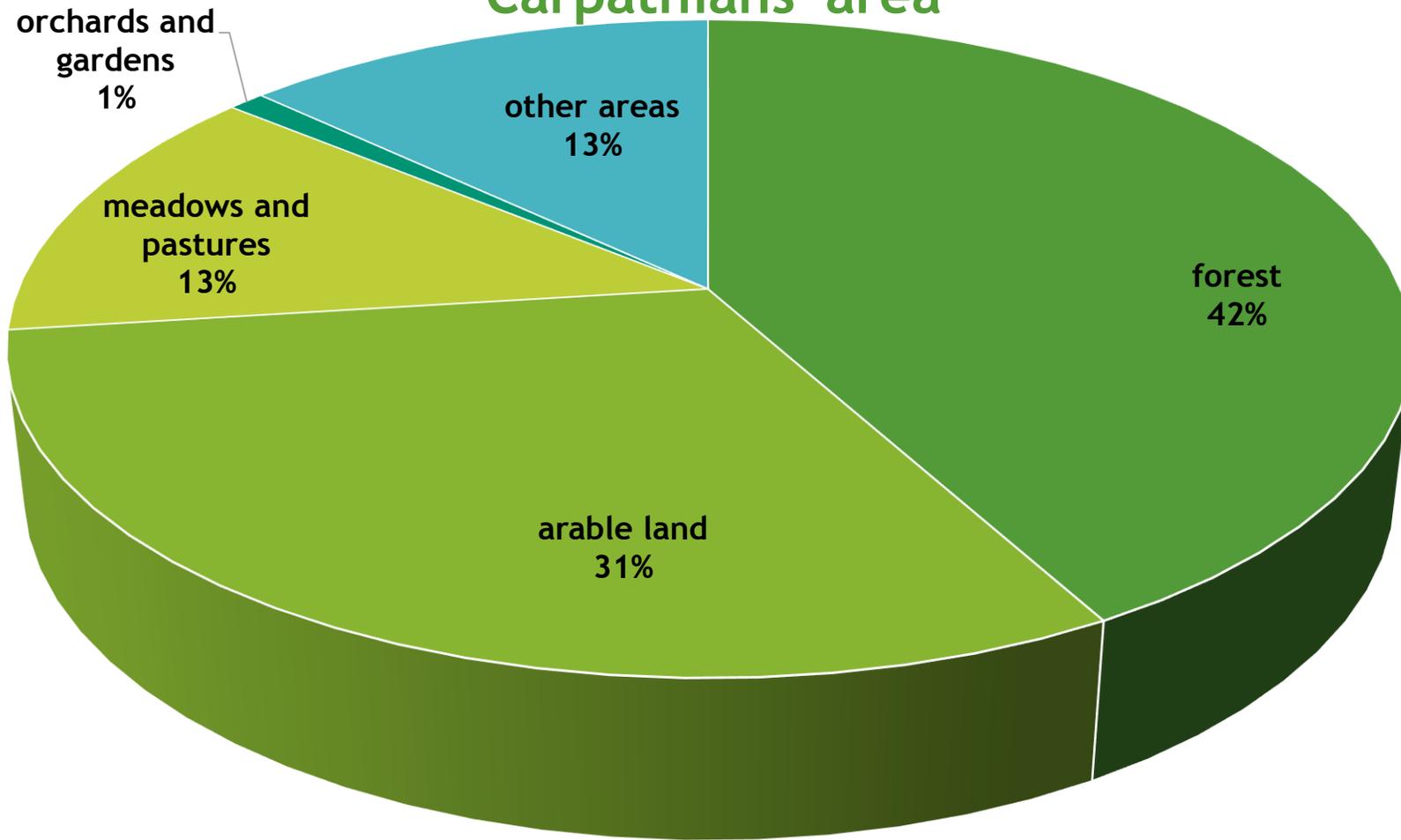
Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD Protocol)

- ▶ **22 May 2018** - Poland signed the Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development



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Land management in the Polish Carpathians' area



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Agriculture in the Carpathians in Poland is characterized by:

- low degree of urbanisation and industrialisation
- traditional farming
- small, multi-directional, individual farms
- area-related form of nature protection
- substantial fragmentation of agricultural lands, separated by boundary strips and buffer strips



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Agriculture in the Carpathians in Poland is characterized by:

▶ difficult climatic conditions:

- low temperatures
- long-lasting snow cover
- high precipitation
- short vegetation season



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Instruments of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the Carpathians

- **Direct payments**
- **Environmental activities under the Rural Development Programme (RDP)**

PROVISIONS OF SARD PROTOCOL

Article 9

Protection and management of traditional cultural landscapes

Article 10

Integrated land resource management



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Direct payments in the Carpathians

Selected direct payments:

- payment for greening
- payments related for animal production: payments for cows and cattle, payment for goats, payments for sheep (about 1700 farmers, i.e. approx. 46% nationwide)
- payment for young farmers

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Direct payments in the Carpathians

- The number of beneficiaries in the Carpathians is ca. 171 000
- The total amount of payments paid for 2017 is ca. EUR 152 million

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BEST PRACTICES OF THE MOUNTAIN FARMING IN THE CARPATHIANS



RDP area payments in the Carpathians

- Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints (LFA)
- Agri-environment-climate measure
- Organic farming measure
- Afforestation measure

PROVISIONS OF SARD PROTOCOL

Article 11

Promotion of extensive farming and organic production

Article 15

Prevention of adverse impacts on air, water, soil, landscape and biological diversity



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Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints (LFA) in the Carpathians

- ▶ Support is provided to compensate for the effects of the existing difficulties in agricultural production including on mountainous and sub-mountainous areas
 - ❑ Mountain Type - over 500 m above the sea level
 - ❑ Sub-mountain Type - over 350 m above the sea level
- ▶ The total amount of payments paid for 2017 is ca. EUR 19.8 million
- ▶ The number of beneficiaries in the Carpathians is ca. 74 000

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Agri-environment-climate measure in the Carpathians

Promotes practices contributing to sustainable land management and the preservation of biodiversity by protection of:

- ▶ valuable natural habitats and endangered species of birds
- ▶ endangered genetic resources of cultivated plants and farm animals
- ▶ landscape diversity

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Agri-environment-climate measure in the Carpathians

- ▶ **Package 4.** Valuable habitats and endangered bird species on Natura 2000 areas
- ▶ **Package 5.** Valuable habitats outside Natura 2000 areas
- ▶ **Package 6.** Preservation of endangered plant genetic resources in agriculture
- ▶ **Package 7.** Preservation of endangered animal genetic resources in agriculture

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Organic farming measure in the Carpathians

- ❑ Promotes sustainable plant and animal production, as well as application of biological and mineral substances, which were not technologically processed

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Agri-environment-climate measure Organic farming measure in the Carpathians

- ▶ The total amount of payments paid for 2017 is ca. EUR 16.2 milion
- ▶ The number of beneficiaries in the Carpathians is ca. 9200

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Afforestation measure in the Carpathians

- ❑ Afforestation contributes to:
 - ❑ creating new plantings adapted to habitat conditions
 - ❑ preventing the fragmentation of forest complexes
 - ❑ preventing of erosion
- The total amount of payments paid for 2017 is ca. EUR 3.5 million
- The number of beneficiaries in the Carpathians is ca. 1600

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Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Rural Areas, Agriculture and Fisheries 2012-2020

Objectives of Strategy which correspond to certain provisions of the SARD Protocol:

- improving the quality of human and social capital, employment and entrepreneurship in rural areas
- improving living conditions in rural areas and their spatial accessibility
- food security
- increasing the productivity and competitiveness of the agri-food sector
- environmental protection and adaptation to climate change in rural areas



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Agriculture priorities in the mountain areas

- ▶ development of local products
- ▶ supporting sheep farming
- ▶ development of cooperation between farmers
- ▶ development of processing and marketing of mountain products
- ▶ protection of environmental values of mountain areas



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