

Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

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The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

SILVOPASTURE



	Option Title and Objective (Secondary Objectives)	Description of Option and (Frequency)	Outcome	Controls
16	Tree planting in field corners (small woodland creation) Climate and Carbon (Biodiversity)	Exclude livestock through fencing. Plant broadleaf trees and shrubs. (Year 1 – permanent)	Increase woodland area. Sequest carbon. Contribute to flood prevention.	Schedule area of tree planting completed to scheme standard. Field visit and/or CwRS ortho check. Field log check.
17	Agro-forestry Climate and Carbon (Biodiversity)	Plant grassland with native trees, planted at 5m spacing (400/ha). Trees individually staked and guarded. Once trees are established, the area is grazed. (Year 1 - permanent)	Combine the carbon-fixing and biodiversity benefits of broad canopy trees with productive agricultural grassland.	Schedule area of tree planting completed to scheme standard. Field visit and/or CwRS ortho check. Field log check.
19	Natural regeneration of woodland Climate and Carbon (Biodiversity)	Exclude livestock through fencing to encourage natural tree and shrub regeneration. (Year 1 - permanent)	Increase woodland area.	Schedule area of naturally regenerating woodland managed to scheme standard. Field visit and/or CWRS ortho check. Field log check

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CAP Reform Policy Clarification

- Agro Forestry eligibility
- The maximum density of 50 trees/ha applies to land with mature trees. Land under an Agro Forestry scheme will be eligible for such time as agricultural use is pre-dominant and the trees do not have a significant impact on ability to undertake agricultural activity.
- To be eligible for ecological focus area (EFA), land must be under an EU Agro Forestry scheme, meet the eligibility conditions outlined above, and be classified as arable land in the year of planting (entry into the scheme).