



The Austrian Agri-environmental Programme ÖPUL 2007

Summary

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) implemented only a part of the recommendations issued by the Austrian Court of Audit on the Austrian Agri-environmental Programme ÖPUL 2007 (Austrian programme for the encouragement of extensive agriculture compatible with the requirements of the protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside) in volume “Bund 2013/5”. The BMLFUW reduced the submeasures in the Agri-environmental Programme from 29 (ÖPUL 2007) to 22 (ÖPUL 2015). In part, it carried out clear revisions of the requirements stated in the submeasures based on the findings from previous periods and stopped to offer the submeasures “Integrated Production” and “Ecopoints”.

The calculation of premiums was based on current data and took account of revenue-increasing effects. However, there was still room for improvement with regard to the definition of regional premiums.

The BMLFUW failed to define outcome indicators for a more targeted assessment of results and outcome for the monitoring and evaluation of ÖPUL 2015. Furthermore, as regards the specification of the objective of ÖPUL 2015, the relevant stakeholders failed to differentiate between the improvement and the maintenance of conditions.

In the period of 2014 to 2020, it was envisaged to invest an overall amount of EUR 3.235 billion of public funds. The national co-financing of EUR 1.597 billion contained therein exceeded the amount of EUR 1.398 billion necessary for fully exploiting of EU funds by EUR 198.59 million. For ÖPUL 2007, the higher national co-financing, which had been provided on a voluntary basis, had amounted to some EUR 410 million.

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