

Questions and discussion

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Discussion based on experience exchange about organic soil management in post 2020 EU`s common agriculture policy (CAP) discussions

- Current perspectives of integration of organic soil management measures in CAP actions
- Obstacles faced and foreseen in relation to organic soil management issues within the CAP

(GAEC 2)

Latvia plans to apply the following definitions

- **Wetlands** located on agricultural lands are areas of floodplain meadows, grassy marshes or peat fens which are overmoist or periodically covered with a shallow layer of water and used for agricultural activity.
- **Peat soil** on agricultural land means the soil used for agricultural activity and containing a layer of peat of 30 cm or more.



Proposal for requirements on-farm practice:

- Wetlands and peatlands located on agricultural land and used for agricultural activity shall not be ploughed more frequently than once in 5 years or ploughing is prohibited at all, if it is provided for by other legislative acts, including ones on environmentally sensitive permanent grasslands.
- It is only permitted to renovate or install new amelioration systems in areas of wetlands and wetlands on agricultural land used for agricultural activity in cases where appropriate solutions are used that do not increase GHG emissions from soil (e.g. establishing filtration fields, forming ditch extensions, planting tree strips along an amelioration ditch) and all the requirements specified in legislative acts regarding the necessary documents, permits or reconciliations are fulfilled.

Support of the EAFRD

Application of environmentally friendly methods in horticulture, organic farming and introduction of perennial crops in historic peat extraction sites



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