

Aso Valley

Agri-environmental agreement for water protection

Description and key objectives

The project introduced an agri-environmental agreement for water protection in the Aso Valley, an area of intensive fruit farming that is threatening water sources and arable soils due to high use of chemical inputs (pesticides and fertilizers). The agreement supports local action to reduce pollution and improve water quality. The project aims to:

- Promote low-input farming across the area for at least five years.
- Introduce integrated and organic farming on selected farms, limiting the use of plant protection products and fertilisers.

Key achievements

- More than 100 farmers in 19 municipalities engaged in the drawing up and implementation of the agreement covering a total of ~9 000 ha.
- More than 1000 ha cultivated with organic/ advanced integrated farming.
- Proactive participation of the beneficiaries in the definition of the management practices.

Total project budget	€ 3 480 000
EU contribution (EAFRD)	€ 1 500 576
National/regional contribution	€ 1 979 424

RDP Measure(s): Knowledge transfer & information, M1; Agri-environment-climate, M10; Organic farming, M11; Cooperation, M16

Timeframe 2016-2022

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