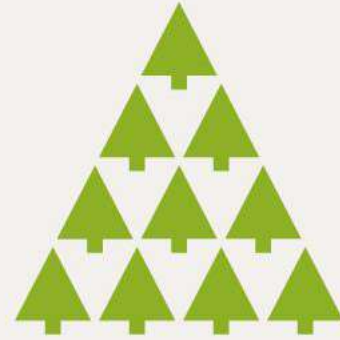


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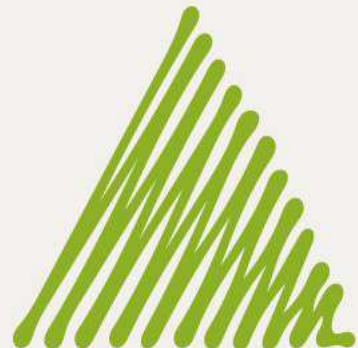
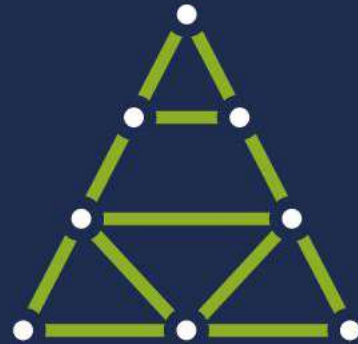
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Importance of mountain regions

- The role of the „Euromontana“ event
- Introduction to mountain pasture and alpine farming in the Alpine region



Differences to the idealised tourism perspective

In 2022 – 1,7 million overnight stays in the Allgäu (farm holidays)

- The challenges of living and working in the mountains
- Small-scale cultural landscape with farmed Alps
- Challenges of tourism in the Alps – visitor guidance
- Sustainable tourism
- Preservation of traditional culture – Viehscheid (on the size of the cattle drive, up to 15.000 visitors)



The Challenges of living in mountain areas

10.340 mountain farmers cultivate around 260.000 hectares in the Bavarian Alps

- Lack of young talent and structural change in agriculture
 - Training programs and promoting young talent in Bavaria
- Contribution to the local economy
- Production of the highest quality food (export Bavaria – 9 billion Euro)
- Migration due to lack of income opportunities (1,5 % farm closures in the last year)



Alpine dairy an dairy cooperative

- High-quality products from mountain agriculture

2023

983.000 tonnes of cheese

382.000 tonnes of cream cheese

9,6 million tonnes of milk (significant share from the Alpine region)



Climate change and preserving traditional practices

- Climate change – protection from extreme weather
- Difficult development, long winters, high levels of precipitation

Bavaria:

200.000 Euro/year Preservation of pastureland in the Alps

1,7 million euros in investment measures to stabilize the alpine pastures

150.00 to 500.000 euros depending on the difficulty per hectare for avalanche defence

- Function of mountain pastures as water reservoirs an avalanche protection



Animal welfare in mountain pasture an alpine farming

- Species-appropriate husbandry through grazing
- Connection between livestock farming and landscape conservation
- Challenges posed by new animal welfare regulation, such as the ban on tethering



Challenges posed by predators and protective measures

- Balancing act between utilization and nature conservation



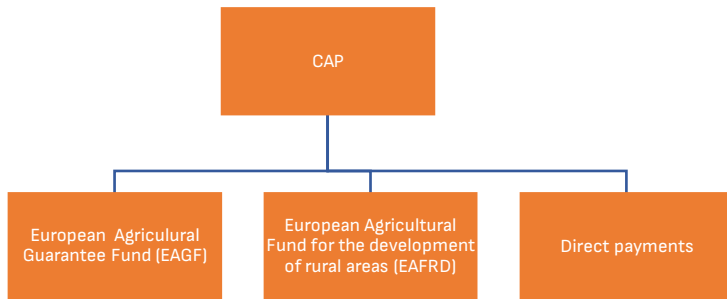
Ecological importance of mountain pastures and alps

- Nature conservation and biodiversity
- Preservation of the Alpine cultural landscape
- Changes in nature conservation and environmental protection
- The problem of the “fully comprehensive insurance mentality”
- Unreasonableness in the mountains



Need for support

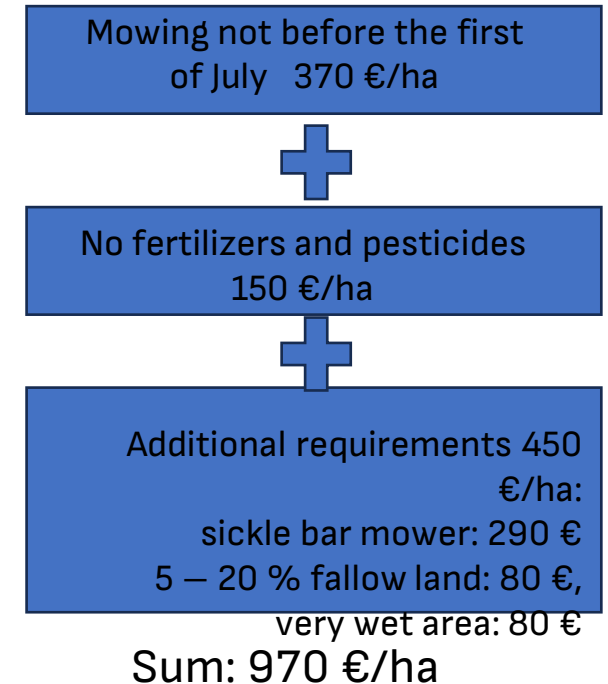
- Future challenges for the mountain regions



Bavarian Mountain Farming Program

- Bavarian contract based conservation program (2024 - around 90 million euros for 29.000 farmers)
- Bavarian contract based conservation program in forest (2023 – 2.500 forest owners funding 11 Mio)
- Landscape management organisations
- Investment measures
- Ranger projects (z.B. Naturparkzentrum Nagelfluhkette 215.000 Euro)

Example:



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