

OBJECTIVE: GLAS AIMS TO ADDRESS THE CROSS-CUTTING OBJECTIVES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER QUALITY AND BIODIVERSITY.

CORE	<p>Core Management Requirements All of these requirements are compulsory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An approved agricultural planner must prepare the GLAS application • Nutrient Management Planning • Training in environmental practices and standards • Record keeping of actions delivered
PRIORITY	<p>TIER 1 Priority Environmental Assets and Actions Tier 1(a) All farmers with PEAs get first priority access to the Scheme in Year One and subsequent years. If any of these Priority Assets are applicable to the holding, they must be chosen and the relevant actions planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmland Habitat (private Natura sites) • Farmland Birds (Breeding Waders, Chough, Corncrake, Geese/swans, Grey Partridge, Hen Harrier, Twite) • Commonages (50% target participation in GLAS Commonage Plan) • High Status Water Area • Rare Breeds <p>Tier 1(b) If an applicant (whether beef, sheep or dairy) with a whole farm stocking-rate exceeding 140kg Livestock Manure Nitrogen per hectare produced on the holding, or any farmer with more than 30ha of arable crops, wishes to be considered under Tier 1, s/he must adopt at least one of the following four mandatory actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Tillage (arable farm >30ha) • Catch crops Establishment from a Sown Crop (arable farm >30ha) • Low Emission Slurry Spreading (livestock farm >140kg N/ha only) • Wild Bird Cover (livestock farm > 140kg N/ha only) <p>Registered Organic farmers will qualify for priority access to the scheme under Tier 1(b), by selecting actions appropriate to the farm. However, if any of the assets listed in the first set of bullet-points above apply, they must be chosen first. Commitments under the Organic Farming Scheme will not qualify for payment under GLAS. It is not guaranteed that all eligible applicants in Tier 1(b) will get into the Scheme and a scoring matrix will apply if necessary.</p>
SECONDARY	<p>TIER 2 Environmental Assets and Actions Tier 2(a) Farmers, who do not have Priority Environmental Assets but whose lands include a Vulnerable Water Area, may apply for access to the scheme under Tier 2. In such cases, the appropriate actions relevant to Vulnerable Water Areas must be selected. Tier 2(b) In the absence of a Vulnerable Water Area, an applicant may still qualify for Tier 2 access provided one of the following actions are chosen and planned for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Tillage (arable farm < 30 ha) • Catch Crops Establishment from a Sown Crop (arable farm < 30 ha) • Low Emission Slurry Spreading (livestock farm < 140kg N/ha) • Wild Bird Cover (grassland farm < 140 kg N/ha) <p>It is not guaranteed that all eligible applicants in Tier 2 will get into the Scheme and a scoring matrix will apply if necessary.</p>
GENERAL	<p>TIER 3 General Actions* These actions aim to enhance the climate change, water quality and biodiversity benefits delivered and can be chosen in addition to Tier 1 and Tier 2 actions or on their own (choosing only General Actions will not guarantee entry to the Scheme):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arable Margins • Bat Boxes • Bird Boxes • Catch Crops • Conservation of Solitary Bees • Coppicing Hedgerows • Environmental Management of Fallow Land • Laying Hedgerows • Low-emission Slurry Spreading • Low-input Permanent Pasture • Minimum Tillage • Planting a Grove of Native Trees • Planting New Hedgerows • Protection of Archaeological Sites • Protection of Water Courses (not in High Status or Vulnerable Areas) • Riparian Margins • Traditional Hay Meadow • Traditional Orchards • Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance • Wild Bird cover <p>*A scoring matrix will be used to allow farmers join GLAS by means of these actions if take-up of Tier 1 and Tier 2 actions permits.</p>

Action	€ per metre/year	€ per ha/year	€ per unit/year	€ per m ³ /year
Arable grass margins				
a. 3 metre margin	€0.35			
b. 4 metre margin	€0.50			
c. 6 metre margin	€0.70			
Bat boxes			€13	
Bird Boxes			€6	
Commonages		€120		
Conservation of solitary bees				
a. Box			€6	
b. Sand			€45	
Catch Crops		€155		
Coppicing Hedgerows	€2.20			
Environmental Management of Fallow Land		€750		
Farmland Birds				
a. Breeding Waders		€366		
b. Chough Farm Scheme		€365		
c. Corncrake		€364		
d. Geese and Swans		€205		
e. Grey Partridge	€2.10			
f. Hen Harrier		€370		
g. Twite A – Semi-natural/semi-improved grassland field management option		€375		
h. Twite B – Improved grassland field management option	€1.50			
i. Twite C – Winter feed option		€900		
Farmland habitat (private Natura sites)		€79		
Laying Hedgerows	€3.70			
Low-emission Slurry Spreading (per m ³ per year)				€1.20
Low-input Permanent Pasture		€314		
Minimum Tillage		€40		
Planting a Grove of Native Trees			€0.90	
Planting New Hedgerows	€5.00			
Protection of Archaeological Sites				
a. Grassland option			€120	
b. Tillage option			€146	
Protection of water courses (not High-status or Vulnerable)	€1.50			
Rare breeds (per LU)			€200	
Riparian margins				
a. 3 metre margin	€0.90			
b. 6 metre margin	€1.20			
c. 10 metre margin	€1.60			
d. 30 metre margin	€3.60			
Traditional hay meadow		€315		
Traditional orchards			€23.50	
Traditional stone wall maintenance	€0.70			
Wild bird cover		€900		