

Agroforestry - Declaration

Agroforestry has been scientifically and practically verified at the global level as a sustainable form of farming in cultural landscapes with favourable production and non-production functions.

For its development in the Czech Republic, it will be essential

1. to revise legal restrictions on the presence of trees intended for production in the combined management of agricultural land and to eliminate criteria leading to penalties.
2. to prepare instruments to promote agroforestry in the future CAP in line with European legislation.
3. to determine and introduce the type of agricultural crop “Agroforestry System (AFS)” in the central LPIS register so that it can be a part of agricultural farming in the landscape.
4. to harmonize the National Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change and the implementation part of the Strategic Framework 2030 so that AFS are included in the implementation part as a supported method of management.
5. to verify through research the main types of AFS in the natural conditions of the Czech Republic.

Due to the urgency of the problem and the state of our landscape, as well as an output from the seminar held on 10 May 2018 in the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic, the undersigned participants of the seminar appeal to the Government of the Czech Republic to deal with above mentioned recommendations without any delay.

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