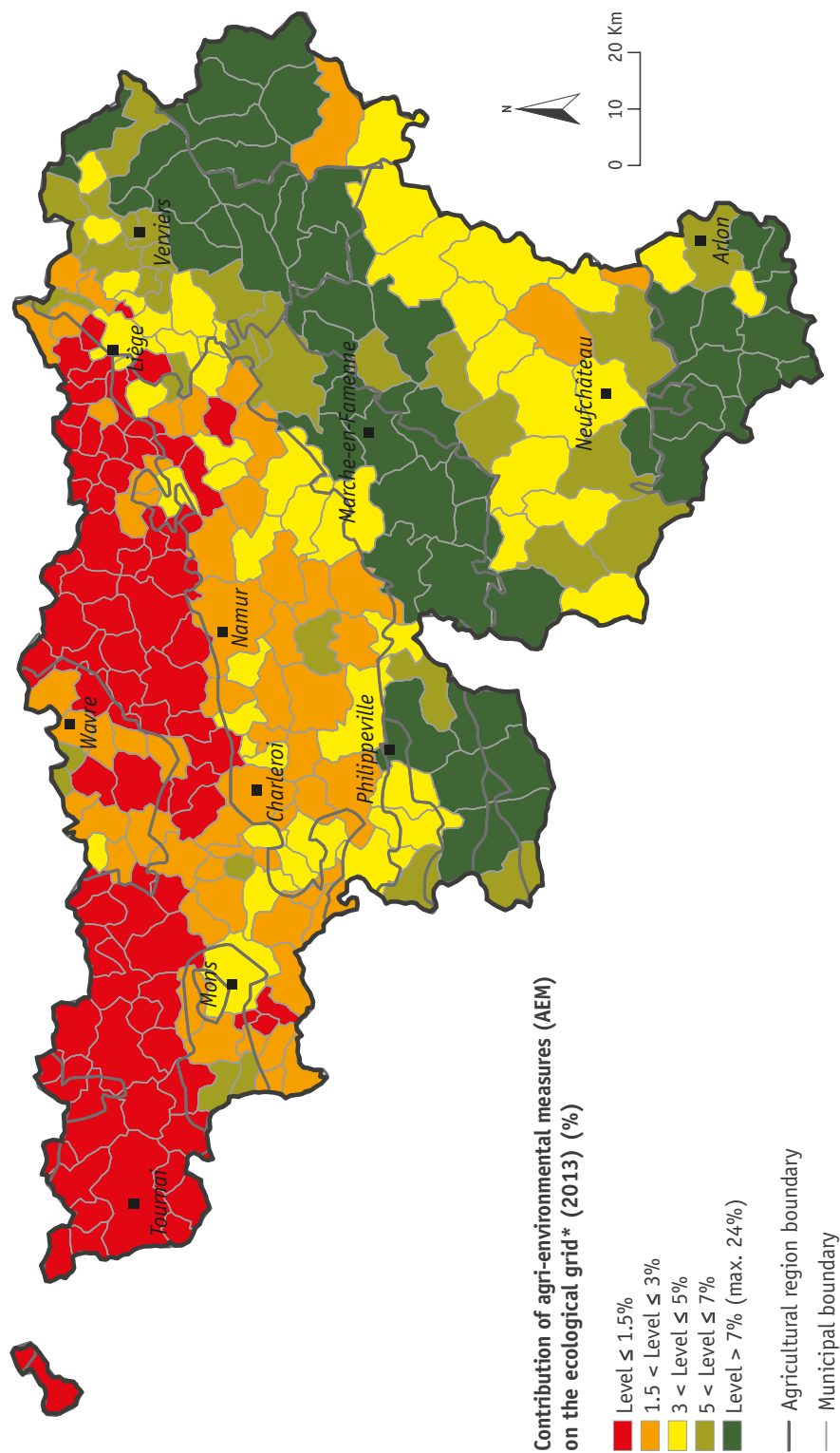


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* Share of the utilised agricultural area dedicated to AEMs which are favourable to biodiversity. These are areas under AEM "biodiversity" contracts (= AEM "natural grasslands", "grasslands of high biological value", "grassy strips" and "managed field strips") and AEM "landscape elements" (= AEM "hedgerows and forested strips", "trees, bushes and isolated copses", "ponds").

A grid size ratio in the agricultural area of around 5% in arable land (9% in bocage areas) is considered favourable to ordinary biodiversity, particularly for crop auxiliaries. An average grid size in the agricultural area of 7% is considered as an equilibrium situation and constitutes a normative obligation in some European countries.