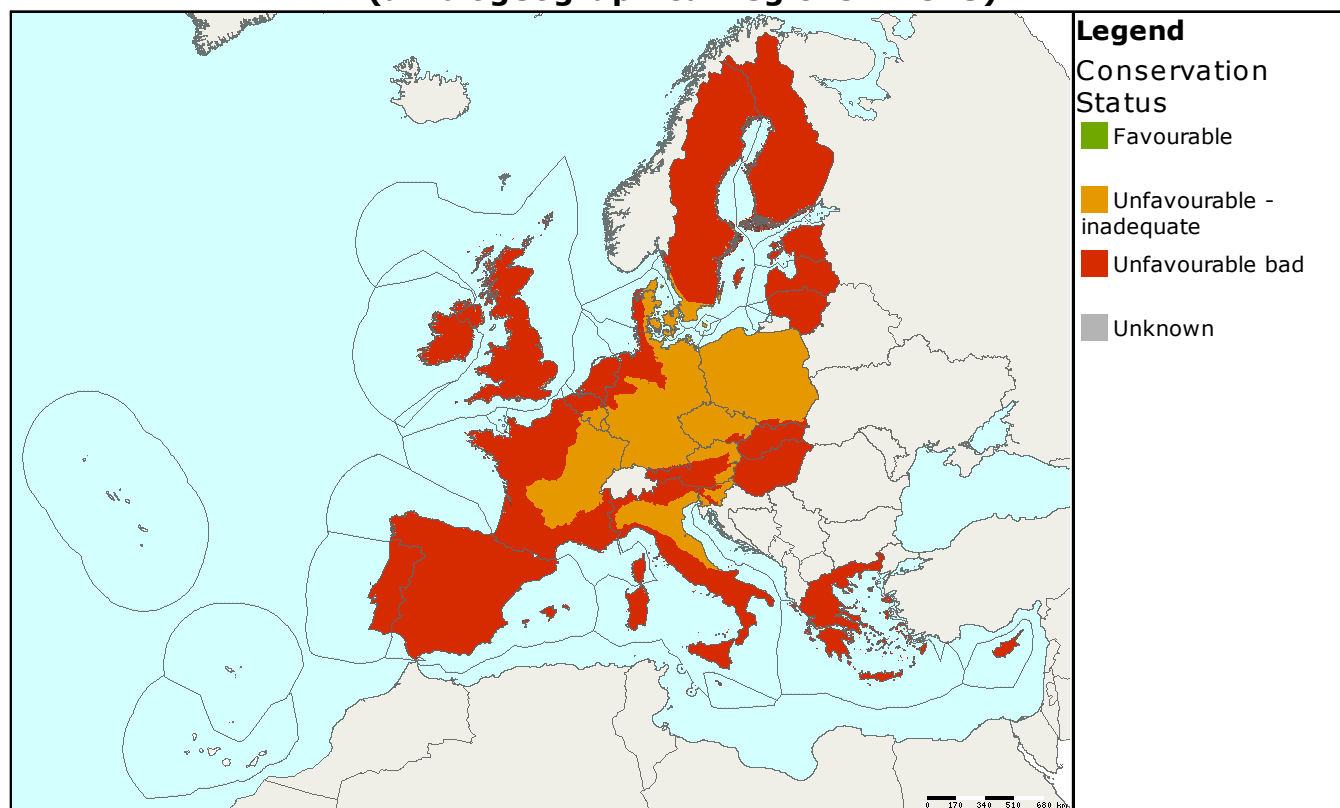


Habitat code: **6520**  
 Habitat name: **Mountain hay meadows**

Habitat group: **grasslands**  
 Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MED PAN**

## Assessments of conservation status at the European level (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	543	-
EU25	ATL	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	11	=
EU25	BOR	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	2.9	-
EU25	CON	Green	Green	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	1642	
EU25	MED	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	50	-
EU25	PAN	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	8	-

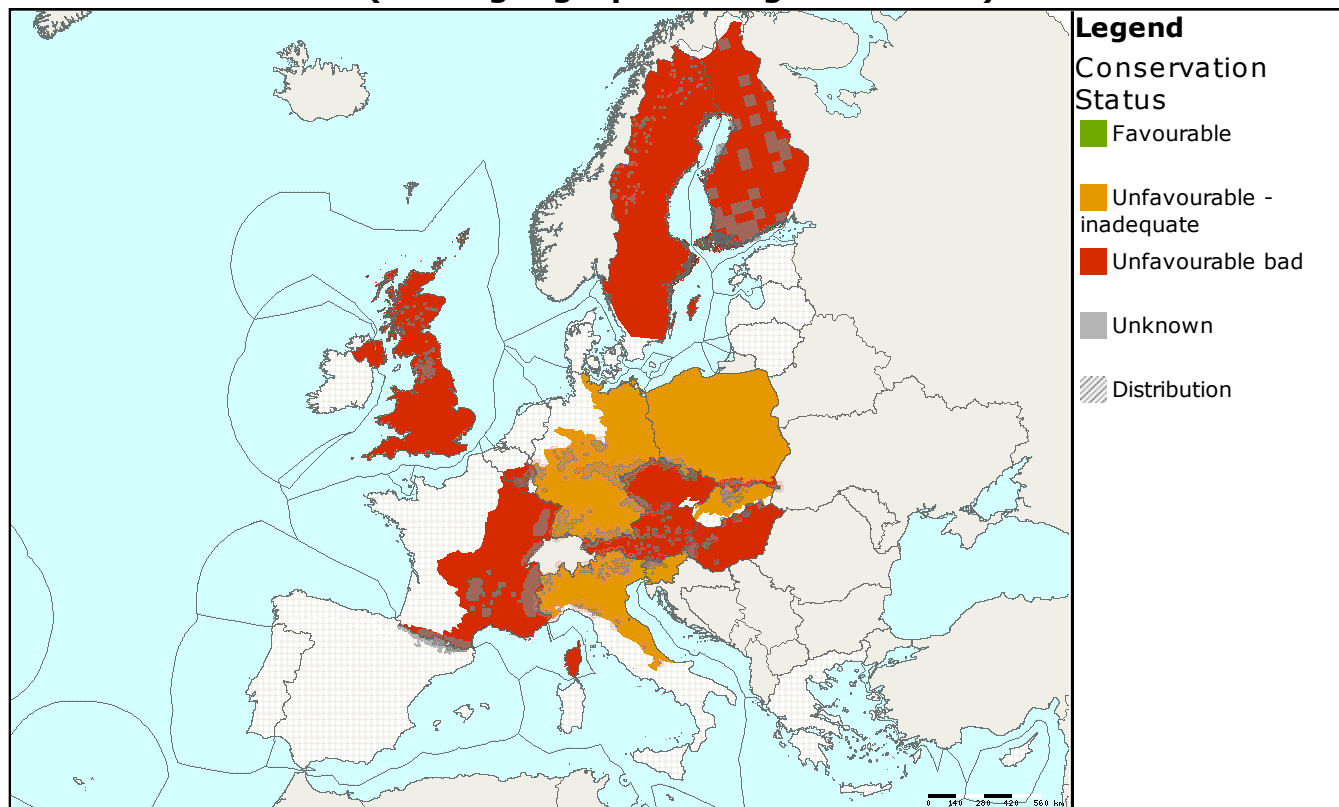
Hay meadows at higher altitudes (usually 600m or higher), often in mountain valleys. These meadows are traditionally managed for hay production and are often very species-rich. Most widespread in the hills and mountains of central Europe, this habitat also occurs in other mountain ranges such as the Pyrenees, Massif Central and the hills of Great Britain and Fenno-Scandinavia.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' in all regions except for the Continental region where it has been assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate'. No country has assessed this habitat as 'favourable' although Spain has reported 'unknown' for the Alpine region. The United Kingdom (Atlantic) reported 'unfavourable-bad but improving' while in the Boreal region, both Finland and Sweden reported 'unfavourable-bad and deteriorating'.

A variety of threats and pressures have been reported, most countries note changes in

agricultural and several ski developments.

### Assessments of conservation status as reported by Member states (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
AT	ALP	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	22	-	2
DE	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	13	-	3
ES	ALP	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	16.37	-	1
FR	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	136	-	3
IT	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	142	=	2
PL	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	100	-	3
SE	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	1.3	-	1
SI	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	100	-	2
SK	ALP	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	12.6	-	2
UK	ATL	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	11	=	2
FI	BOR	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	1.5	-	3
SE	BOR	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	1.4	-	1
AT	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	3	-	2
BE	CON	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	1	-	2
CZ	CON	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	198	=	1
DE	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	208.35	-	3
FR	CON	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	110	-	2
IT	CON	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	20	=	2
PL	CON	Favourable	Favourable	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	1100	X	2
SI	CON	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	2	-	3
FR	MED	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	50	-	2
HU	PAN	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	8	-	1

Data quality is based on an assessment by each Member State, 1 = good, 2 = medium, 3 = poor

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2007 and covering the period 2001-2006. More detailed information is available at <http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17>