



The CAP towards 2020

Elements relevant to the AKIS

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The CAP and Knowledge and Innovation in the Agri-food and Rural Economy

- The Farm Advisory System and Rural development policy and the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS):
 1. Farm Advisory System: created with the CAP reform of 2003 to help producers to fulfill cross compliance requirements
 2. Rural development: several measures are relevant to the AKIS:
 - Support to vocational training and information actions
 - Support to the use of advisory services and the setting up of advisory services
 - Support to the cooperation for the development of new products
 - European Network for Rural Development
 - LEADER
 - Other measures provide indirect support to innovation: investment measures, etc.

Limited Impact of CAP on the Agricultural Knowledge and Information System (AKIS)

- The FAS is still in its infancy:
 - Became fully operational in MS in 2008 only
 - In 2008, around 5% of farmers receiving direct payments were given advice through FAS, mainly large farms
 - In some MS, FAS focuses strictly on cross compliance, in other Member States other issues are covered
- Rural development measures:
 - Low uptake of support to set up advisory services and to use of advice (about 32 000 producers received subsidised advice in 2007-2009)
 - Less than 400 projects of cooperation for the development of new products in 2007-2009
- The above outcome reflects that developing AKIS is a rather recent preoccupation of the CAP which, this far, has not been pursued through a full-fledged, coherent approach

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CAP legislative package

- Main elements of the legislative framework for the CAP 2014-2020:
 - Direct payments regulation
 - Single CMO regulation
 - Rural development regulation
 - Horizontal regulation
- Other elements
 - Transitional regulation for DP in 2013, article 43(3) regulation, wine transfer regulation
 - To follow: most deprived persons and transparency regulations

Horizontal regulation



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The horizontal regulation

Farm Advisory System (FAS)

- Set up as one single horizontal instrument for the CAP
 - The rules are merged in one single legal instrument and provisions are made consistent
- The scope is significantly enhanced:
 - Requirements under CC remain
 - The green payments and the maintenance of land are added
 - The FAS shall cover requirements and actions related to climate change, biodiversity, protection of water, animal and plant diseases as well as innovation
 - The FAS shall cover the sustainable development of the economical activity of farms, in particular small farms
- A number of principles are specified
 - This follows-up the 2010 Commission report
 - The principles concern the qualification of advisers, the separation with controls and the access for farmers to the FAS

Rural development proposal



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Rural development in a new framework

CAP/EU policy objectives

Europe 2020

**Viable food
production**

**Sustainable
management of
natural resources
and climate action**

**Balanced
territorial
development**

Simplification

- **Single framework for EU funds**
 - Common Strategic Framework (CSF)
 - Partnership Contracts
 - Performance framework
- **Rural development regulation**
 - Six priorities for rural development
 - Around 20 measures (without axes)
 - Programming
 - Financing
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability'



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The Rural development regulation

Six priorities with areas of intervention

1. Foster knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas
2. Enhance competitiveness of all types of agriculture and enhance farm viability
3. Promote food chain organization and risk management in agriculture
4. Restore, preserve and enhance ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry
5. Promote resource efficiency and support the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors
6. Promote social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

RD measures relevant to the AKIS

Current RD regulation	Commission proposal CAP towards 2020
<p>Vocational training and information actions, including diffusion of scientific knowledge and innovative practices, for persons engaged in the agricultural, food and forestry sectors.</p>	<p>Article 15. Knowledge transfer and information actions: covers vocational training and skill acquisition actions, demonstration activities and information actions. Vocational training and skill acquisition actions may include training courses, workshops and coaching. Support may also cover short-term farm management exchange and farm visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EAFRD co-financing: raised from 50 to 80%
<p>Advisory services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of advisory services by farmers and forest holders. As a minimum service to cover cross-compliance - setting up of advisory services <p>-Public support: max eligible amount €1,500, co-financing of 80% of the eligible cost per advisory service by EAFRD</p>	<p>Article 16. Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Access to advice for farmers, foresters, SMEs -Setting up farm management, farm relief and advisory services -Training of advisors <p>- Advice to farmers: cross-compliance, CC, biodiversity, protection of water and soil, animal and plant disease, innovation, economic performance of holding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advice may be partly provided in group -Public support: max €1,500 per advice, 50% EAFRD co-financing

RD measures relevant to AKIS

Cooperation for development of new products, processes and technologies

- Cooperation to involve at least two actors
- Support to contribute to cover cost incurred for the cooperation
- EAFRD contribution to public support: **50%**

Article 36. Cooperation

- Cooperation among different actors in agriculture, food chain, forestry sector and other actors (incl. Interbranch organisations)
- Creation of clusters and networks
- Establishment of Operational Groups of the European Innovation Partnership
- Activities: pilot projects, new products, practices, processes, cooperation on joint work, sharing facilities, horizontal and vertical coordination in supply chain, development of short supply chains, joint actions for CC
- Cooperation among actors located in different regions or MS eligible for support
- Max seven years, EAFRD contribution to public support of **80%**



RD measures relevant to AKIS: EIP « Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability »

TITLE IV « EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability

Article 61 (aims)

- Improve sustainability of the sector, develop bio-economy, processes to preserve environment and adapt/mitigate climate change, build bridges between research knowledge and technology and farmers, businesses and advisory services

By:

- Better linking research and farming practices, encouraging wider use of available innovation measures
- Promoting the faster and wider transposition of innovative solutions into practice
- Informing the scientific community about research needs of farming practice
- EAFRD will contribute to the aims of the EIP through support to the Operational Groups (through Cooperation measure) and the EIP network

Article 62 (Operational Groups)

- Set up by actors such as farmers, researchers, advisors and businesses involve in the agriculture and food sector
- Results of project implemented by Operational Groups should be disseminated in particular through the EIP network

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Article 53: EIP network

- Set up to provide support to the EIP

Tasks:

- Provide help desk function and information to key actors concerning the EIP
- Animate discussions at the level of the programme in view of encouraging the setting up of Operational Groups
- Screen and report on research results and knowledge relevant to the EIP
- Collect, consolidate and disseminate good practice relevant to innovation
- Organise conferences and workshops and disseminate information in the field of the EIP

- Organisational structure and operation of the EIP network to be set out in implementing acts.

Other relevant measures

- LEADER
- Funds transferred from Pillar 1 as a result of implementation of the capping of direct payments utilised for innovative projects, with 100% EAFRD contribution
- Prize for innovative local cooperation in rural areas

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What's next?

The Commission presents today a set of proposals designed to make the CAP a more effective policy for a more competitive and sustainable agriculture and vibrant rural areas



The discussion is now launched with the other institutions with the aim of having the CAP reform in place as from 1st January 2014



For further information

- The CAP after 2013

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index_en.htm

- The Communication on the future of the CAP

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/communication/index_en.htm

Thank you



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