

Good Practice Workshop

How to assess direct payments interventions in the new CAP

9 – 10 November 2022

Athenaeum Grand Hotel

142 Syngrou Avenue, Kalithea, Athens, Greece



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Background

In the last programming period, Pillar 1 direct payments interventions were generally evaluated at EU level. CAP Strategic Plans will see Member States assess all these measures nationally, in the context of the new performance monitoring and evaluation framework (PMEF). This change will require Member States to broaden their range of evaluation approaches to assess how direct payments interventions contributed to the CAP objectives, including the identification of methods, indicators and data sources.

Planning, preparing and conducting evaluations at Member State level will also go beyond the relative 'routine' of evaluating rural development type interventions and examine the specifics of direct payments interventions, including the data that will need to be collected on a regular basis. The expected outcomes of this Good Practice Workshop will help Member States in the identification, planning and development of methodologies and data collection for future evaluations of direct payments intervention.

Objectives:

The second Good Practice Workshop of the European Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP has the overall objective to reflect and learn from each other, with a view to prepare Member States for future evaluations of direct payments interventions. The specific objectives are to:

- Increase the evaluation knowledge of stakeholders involved in direct payments interventions.
- Exchange practical experiences from past evaluations of direct payments interventions (both EU level and MS level evaluations, where they exist).
- Provide an opportunity for networking and identification of needs for Managing Authorities and evaluators in relation to methods and data collection when evaluating direct payments interventions.

Outcomes:

The outcomes of the workshop will be published on the EU CAP Network website.

Target audience:

The workshop will be an opportunity to bring together Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, evaluators and other evaluation stakeholders in Member States as well as EU-level evaluation experts to exchange with each other.

Working language will be English.

Draft Agenda

‘Analyse the unknown based on the known’

(Τὰ ἀφανῆ τοῖς φανεροῖς τεκμαίρου)

(Quote by Solon the Athenian)

Timing	Wednesday 09 November Agenda Items
12.00	<i>Registration of participants and light ‘catch up’ lunch</i>
Setting the scene	
13.00	Objectives and agenda , <i>European Evaluation Helpdesk</i> Welcome from the Greek NRN , <i>GR NRN</i>
13.30	The framework for assessing direct payments interventions , <i>Sophie Helaine, Head of Unit A3, DG AGRI</i> <i>Tassos Haniotis, retired DG AGRI director</i>
Knowledge building and sharing on evaluating direct payments interventions (examples from EU level evaluations)	
13.30	EU level evaluations of direct payments - panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation Study on the impact of CAP measures towards the general objective ‘viable food production’, <i>Carlotta Valli, Simone Severini (Agrosynergie)</i> ▪ Evaluation support study on the impact of the CAP on territorial development of rural areas: socioeconomic aspects, <i>Bernd Schuh (OIR)</i> ▪ An evaluation of the CAP impact: A discrete policy mix analysis, <i>Monte Montezuma (JRC)</i>
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00	Group discussions and plenary

17.00	End of day 1
17.30	Guided visit to the old neighborhood of Plaka
20.30	Social dinner

Timing	Thursday 10 November Agenda Items
Knowledge building and sharing on evaluating direct payments interventions (examples from Member State and sectoral level evaluations)	
09.00	<i>Arrival and 'good morning' coffee</i>
09.30	Introduction to day 2, European Evaluation Helpdesk
09.45	<p>Member State and sectoral level evaluations of Direct Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessing the Impact of CAP Direct Payments in EU Member States: An Analysis of Efficiency and Effectiveness in <u>Croatia and Greece</u>, <i>Dimitris Psaltopoulos (World Bank)</i> ▪ Direct Payments in <u>Germany</u> - Income and Distributional Effects of the 2013 CAP Reform, <i>Frank Offermann (Thuenen Institute)</i> ▪ Approaches for evaluating the income effects of direct payments in the EU: <u>starch sector</u>, <i>Alice Devot (Agrosynergie)</i>
11.00	<i>Networking coffee break</i>
11.30	Examples of methods for assessing direct payments , <i>Jerzy Michalek (Evaluation Helpdesk core team expert)</i>
12.00	Group discussions
12.30	Plenary panel (with the participation of all speakers)
13.20	Closure
13.30	End of day 2 and light lunch
14.30	Guided visit to the museum of the Acropolis