



The 2019 AIRs: What they tell us and how we use them

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Use of AIRs in DG AGRI

- *Desk officers*
 - **Bilateral**
 - **State of play; Cause and effect; Performance framework; ARMs**
- *Management/Horizontal services*
 - **Horizontal overview**
 - **Steering/ARMs; Policy implications**
- *Reporting*
 - **EU level achievements**

Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 1 Knowledge transfer/innovation*
 - **Progress tending to lag**
Training better (40%!)
 - **Small budgets but high impact**
<4% RDPs
 - **Knock-on effect on other priorities**



Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 2 Farm competitiveness/forestry*
 - **FA 2A and 2B good progress**
(42%, 60%, but small – 1.2%, 0.9% holdings)
 - **Achievements in line with expenditure (exceptions in both directions)**



- **FA 2C lagging**
Forestry seems to be an issue

Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 3 Food chain/risk management*
 - **FA 3A implementation mostly processing**
 - **Low progress for farmers' participation in value chain/risk management (exceptions: IT..)**
 - 32% of 3A target (only 0.6% farmers); 3B = 28% = 1.4% farmers
 - **? Contribution to farm competitiveness**



Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 4 Ecosystems*
 - **Highest achievements for agricultural targets (as non-cumulative)**
(Biodiv 94%/16%; Soil 85%/12%; Water 84%/12%)
 - **Sufficient resources to cover contracts/ANCs?**
 - **Forestry progress low ☹️**
(Biodiv 21%/0,4%; Soil 17%/0.2%; Water 14%/0.1%)



Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 5 Climate/resource efficiency*
 - **FA 5A good progress (40%)**
Lower costs; Phased projects
 - **FA 5B/5C ca 17% of target**
Achievements (CRIs) largely missing ☹
 - **FA 5D/5E targets v low, but good progress**
 - **More needed: climate change**



Policy progress/Achievements

- *Priority 6 Rural development/infrastructure*
 - **FA 6A low progress (14%)**
In line with €
 - **FA 6B coverage 😊 (113% = 53% rural pop) + progress on services/jobs**
Biggest concern = lack of wider achievements. Why?
 - **FA 6C slow progress**
Time needed to get going; Understandable slow start



Final points

- *Big leap in 2018 ☺*
- *Keep the focus on results/objectives: avoid shifting € to speed absorption*
- *Pay attention to smaller budgets with high potential impact (P1, forestry, P5)*
- *Improve accuracy*
- *Leader monitoring!*
- *Learn from CEQ answers for CAP Plan*
- *Use CMEF to prepare for PMEFL!!!*

