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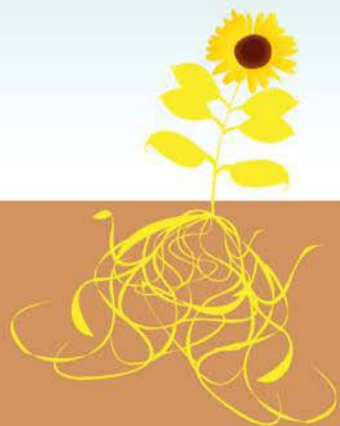
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Workshop 3

Simplification of the CAP: stakeholder's views

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Horizontal issues

- Strictly technical changes allowed only vs. “We have to look in policy tools as well”
- Simplification starts from national level, too
- Simplification must be felt by farmer
- Farmer should meet his wife more often than a controller



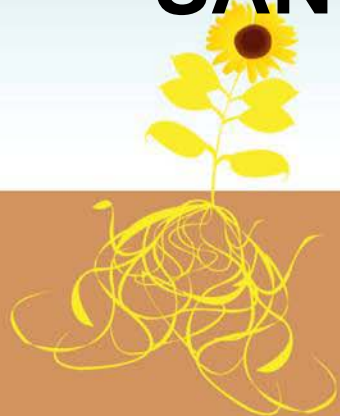
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Horizontal issues

- **accept electronic documents in DG AGRI**
- **updated consolidated regulations online**
- **Documents arrived (EC approach) vs. Documents with postal stamp (MS)**
- **SANCO legislation burden as well**



Horizontal issues

- Year later english version of 1782 only ... and some of other language version still not there ☹️
- NMS with 4-5 financing systems running paralel (SAPARD, EAGGF, FIFG, EAGF, EAFRD) can't be simple
- 2003 reform created 37 regulations (4 of which were repealed before coming into force.....!)



Horizontal issues

- The CAP Reform is very complex, because...
 - Council insisted on options
 - Different models
 - and tailor made solutions
- NMS – it would be irrational to switch to SPS before we know what the future system will be (after 2013)
- Set aside?



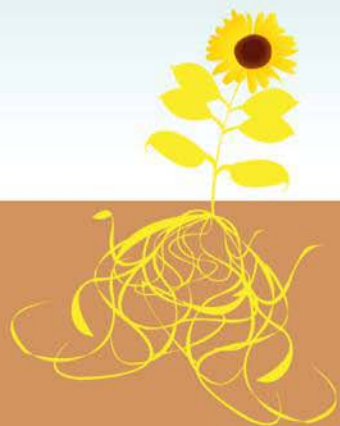
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Horizontal issues

- MS studies show decreased simplicity after 2003 reform despite expectations
- Just relaxing controls does not mean simplification
- Simplification should not jeopardize necessary adjustments to the market!



Single CMO

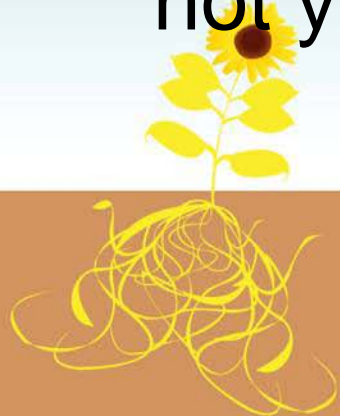
- Single CMO should be **just technical**
- Operators already operate within their CMO and are **not really interested in single CMO vs. single CMO will harmonise** rules and bring simplification value added
- Technical simplification **experience** from 90ties (consolidation) which was not a real simplification should be remembered

Market mechanisms

- To lower diversity in TRQ (Tarrif rate quotas) and Proof at arrival declaration (PAD) not to be requested in all cases vs. to strike a political balance (i.e. not to be flooded with imports)
- Different application by different MS customs
- Exports – no licence if no refund guaratneed??

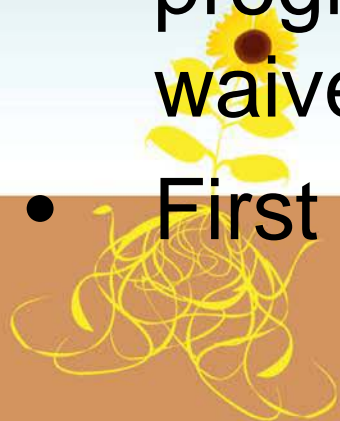
Cross compliance

- Brings more controls to farmers.
Interpretations by MS.
- These are standards which have been there for years!!
- CC is necessary but implementation is not yet a success



Ideas to consider

- EC auditors could help because they see the whole EU and share best experiences and MS could learn from each other
- If farmer complies with advisory programme then sanctions could be waived
- First notice and warning



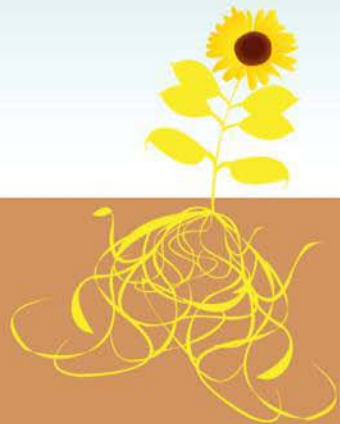
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Good example of complexity

-Slide from Court!!



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