



## **Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the expert group on Monitoring and evaluating the CAP**

The aim of the third meeting of the expert group was to discuss the fiches on impact indicators for the CAP and on output and result indicators for Pillar I, which were revised taking into account the comments submitted by the experts after the second meeting. The meeting took place in Brussels on 27 February 2013 and was chaired by Pierre Bascou (DG AGRI L1) and Leo Maier (DG AGRI L4).

### **1. STATE OF PLAY**

Emmy Korodima (DG AGRI L1) presented the state of play on the negotiations for the CAP in the period 2014-2020 after the European Council of 7-8 February 2013, and on the discussions in the European Parliament and in the Council on Article 110 on the common monitoring and evaluation framework. The aim is to reach agreement on the basic acts in June 2013, with the implementing and/or delegated acts to follow in the course of 2013.

Leo Maier (DG AGRI L4) also provided information on on-going work in the Evaluation Expert Committee and the Rural Development Committee, notably in relation to context and Pillar II indicators.

### **2. GENERAL COMMENTS**

Emmy Korodima clarified a number of issues raised about the intervention logic and the indicators. Contrary to Pillar II, it is envisaged that the value of the indicators that fall under the mandate of this group will be calculated by the Commission, largely on the basis of existing data sources, such as Eurostat. However, in evaluations these indicators may be complemented by other data as appropriate, including data that may be available only in certain Member States.

It will be important to interpret indicators taking into account the general context, and to read them together with Pillar II indicators, especially in view of the increased links between instruments in both pillars in the future. In addition, we will need to rethink evaluations in the future to better reflect issues cutting across pillars, and possible to invest on developing better methodologies to this end.

### **3. OUTPUT INDICATORS FOR PILLAR I**

Emmy Korodima presented the revised fiches. The discussion focused mostly on fiches 1-6 (direct payments) which were presented for the first time. These fiches are work in progress, in particular in relation to greening (fiche 2) for which the basic provisions are still under discussion. The data source (ISAMM or clearance of accounts) will also depend on how communications by Member States under the regulation will be organized in the future.

There were also suggestions from the experts on fiches 19 (PDOs, PGIs and STGs), 20 (organic) and 21 (promotion). In relation to organic farming, it will be examined whether it would be possible to streamline indicators at output and result level.

### **4. RESULT INDICATORS FOR PILLAR I**

Emmy Korodima presented the revised fiches. The experts offered suggestions, notably on fiches 4 (export refunds) and 11 (crop diversity). They expressed a preference for the use of administrative data which is more timely, as well as some concerns about the use of FADN data for fiche 2 (variability of farm income).

Here again it will be necessary to come back to fiches 11-13 once the provisions on greening are finalized.

### **5. IMPACT INDICATORS**

Emmy Korodima presented the revised fiches, and Paloma Cortes Paya (DG AGRI L2) outlined methodological considerations concerning a typology of rural areas, which are relevant in the case of fiches 14-16.

The experts made suggestions notably in relation to fiches 1 (entrepreneurial income), 4 (EU commodity price variability) and 16 (rural GDP). They also expressed their concerns about the available data and methodologies for fiche 9 (HNV) and 12 and 13 (soil organic matter and soil erosion). The Commission acknowledged the difficulties, while stressing the need to be able to report on the performance of the policy in the environmental area, in particular on soil and biodiversity.

The calculation of impact indicators at regional or sub-regional level (to the extent that data are available) is addressed in the other groups and committees dealing with Pillar II indicators.

### **6. NEXT STEPS**

The experts were invited to submit further comments, if any, in the following two weeks. A joint meeting of the Expert Evaluation Committee and the Rural Development Committee is also scheduled on 20 March.

A 4th meeting of the expert group is tentatively scheduled for September, with the view to finalizing the implementing and/or delegated acts by the end of the year.