



# Direct payments to agricultural producers - graphs and figures

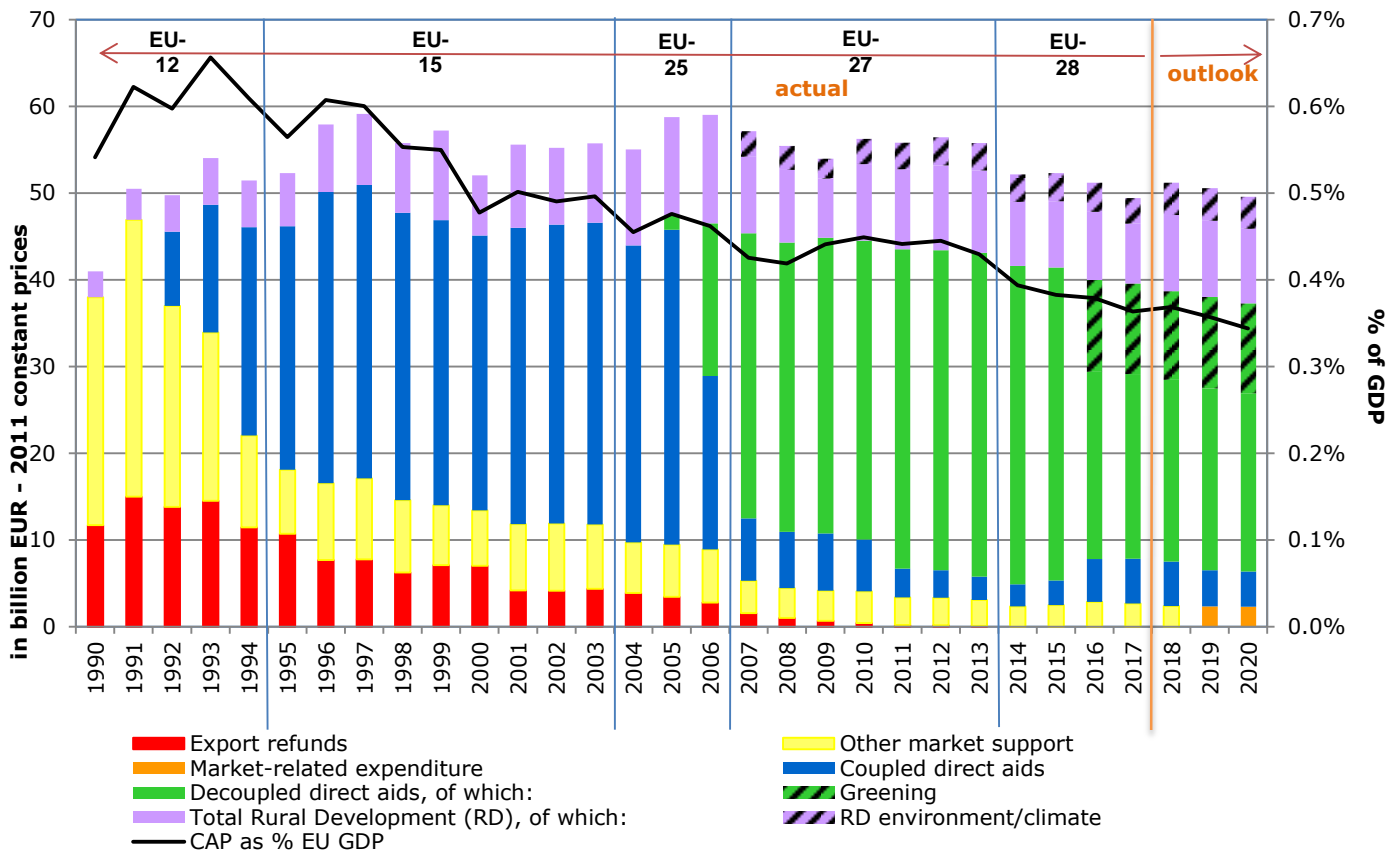
## Financial year 2017





## Direct payments in total CAP expenditure

CAP expenditure and CAP reform path (2011 constant prices\*\*)



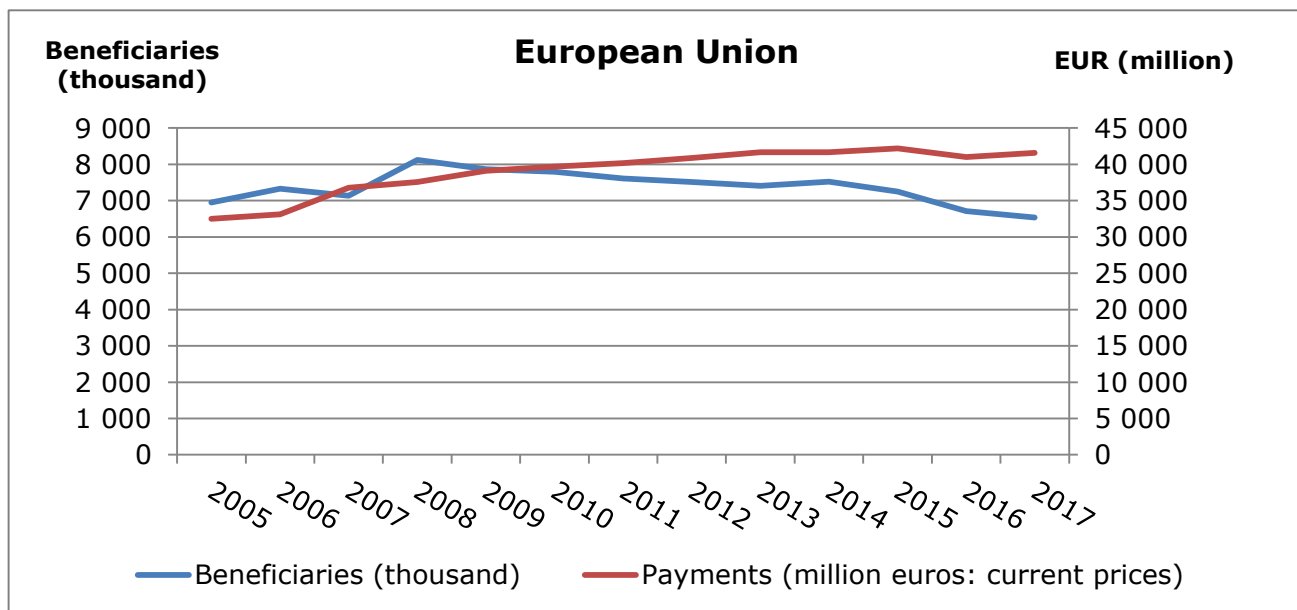
\*) 2018: budget amounts; 2019-2020: Annex III Regulation 1307/2013 broken down based on notifications by August 2017 and January 2018, coupled direct payments including POSEI and SAI direct payment component and Annex I Regulation 1305/2013 \*\*) using yearly constant 2% inflator/deflator.

- Direct payments are a key element of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). They provide income support for farmers and promote sustainability and environmentally-friendly farming practices.
- In the financial year 2017, direct payments amounted to **EUR 41.6 billion\*** (which represent 75% of the whole CAP expenditure) and benefited **6.5 million farms** throughout the European Union.
- Decoupled direct payments have progressively replaced coupled payments as the most important component of CAP expenditure (although coupled payments increased slightly again in 2016). In 2017, decoupled direct aid came to EUR 35.37 billion\*, 86% of all direct payments and 61% of the whole CAP expenditure.

\* in current prices



## Evolution of total payments and beneficiaries\*



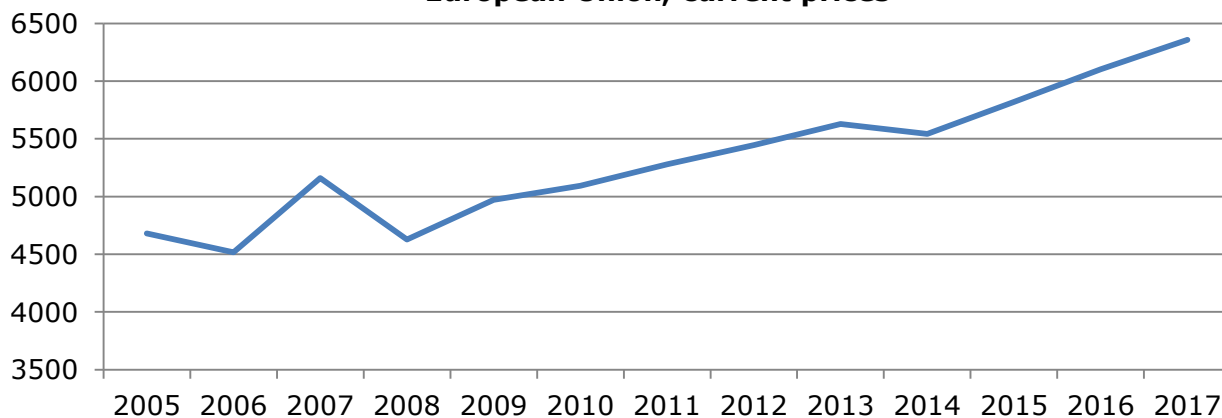
The number of beneficiaries of direct payments is decreasing (-3% between 2016 and 2017; peaks in 2008 and 2014 are due to EU enlargements), partly because of structural adjustments in the European agricultural sector, but also due to stricter eligibility conditions such as the higher minimum requirements and the 'active farmer' clause.

The overall amount of direct payments is increasing slightly (in nominal terms), leading to an increase in the average amount per beneficiary.

### Average direct payments per beneficiary

Euro/beneficiary

European Union, current prices

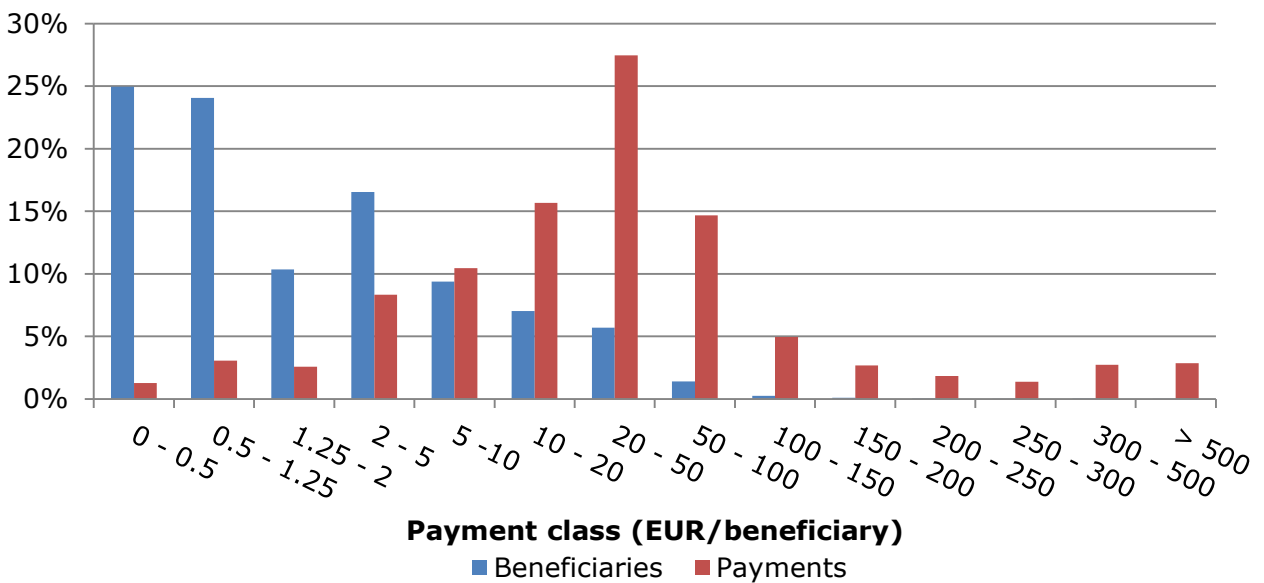


\* As a general rule, direct payments claimed for calendar year N are paid in financial year N+1 (except late payments).



## Distribution of direct payments by payment class

European Union, 2017



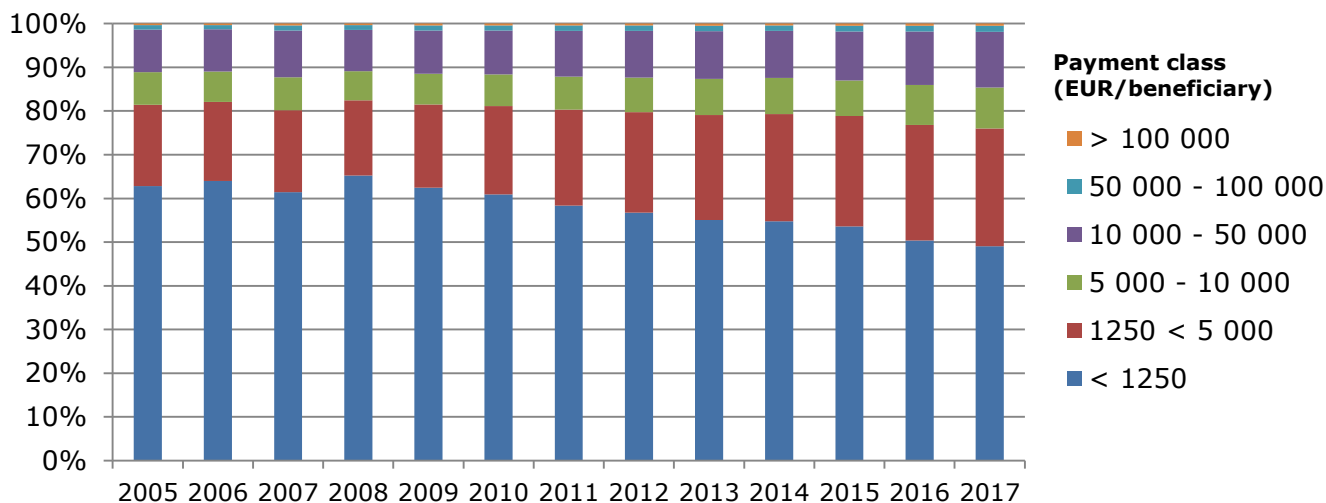
While most beneficiaries of direct payments receive rather small amounts, the greatest share of the direct payment envelope is spent on payments between EUR 10 000 and EUR 100 000.

- Roughly 76% of beneficiaries receive less than EUR 5000. This accounts for 15% of the total direct payment envelope.
- The greatest amount of expenditure (58%) is concentrated in the payment classes of EUR 10 000 to EUR 100 000, covering 14% of all beneficiaries.
- Only 0.5% of all beneficiaries receive more than EUR 100 000. Together, they obtain 16.4% of the total direct payment envelope.

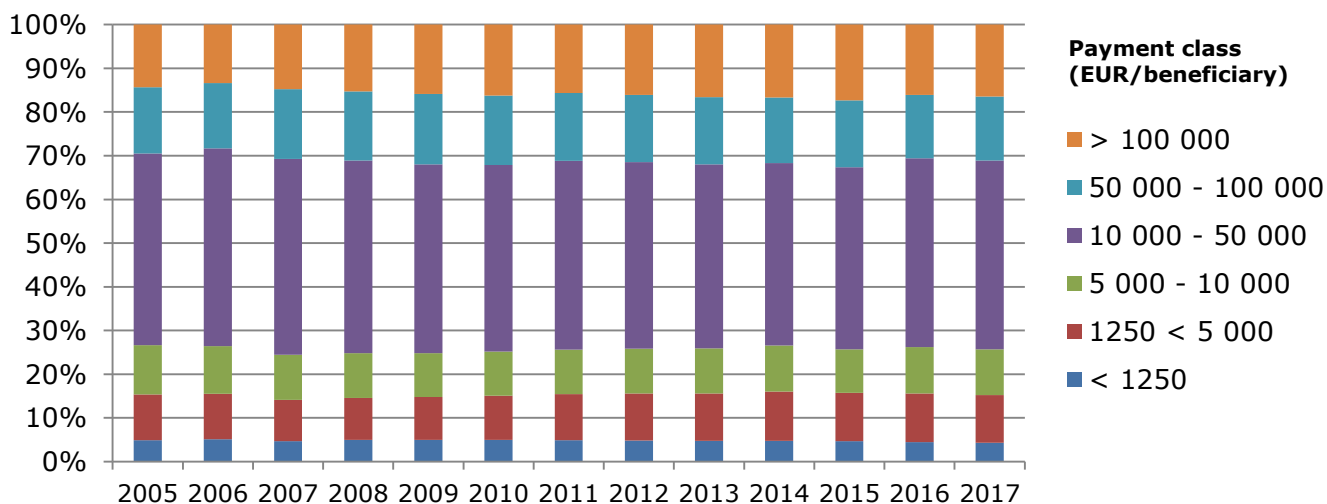


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## Proportion of beneficiaries by payment class



## Proportion of direct payment amounts by payment class



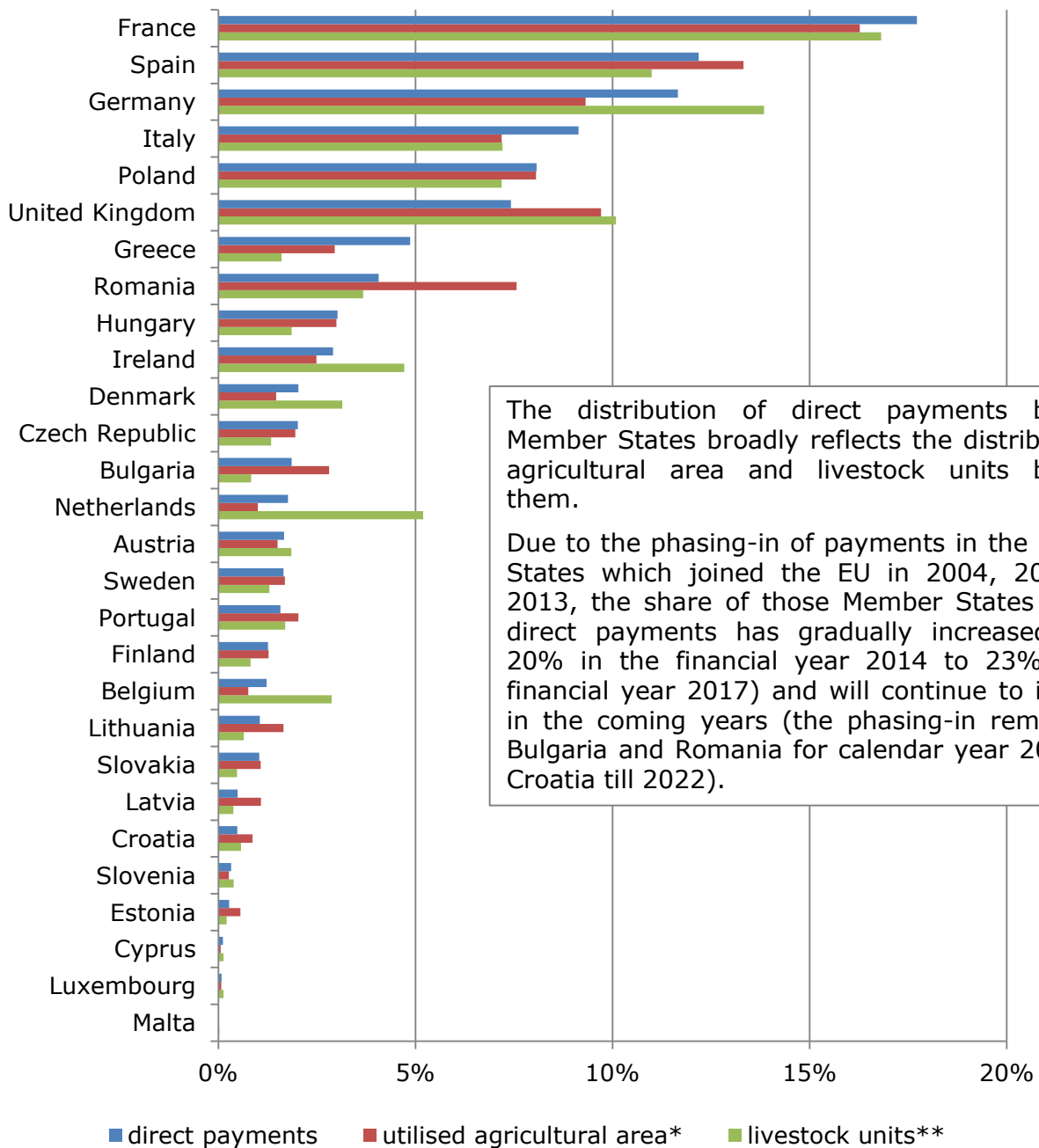
Over time, the share of beneficiaries receiving very small amounts of direct payments (up to EUR 1250) has declined (from 63% in 2005 to 49% in 2017), leading mainly to an increase of beneficiaries in the next higher payment class (EUR 1250 to EUR 5000; from 19% in 2005 to 27% in 2017).

In contrast, total amounts spent in the different payment classes have changed only slightly between 2005 and 2017 (from 4.9% to 4.3% in the smallest and from 14.3% to 16.4% in the highest payment class).



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## Direct payments, agricultural area and livestock



The distribution of direct payments between Member States broadly reflects the distribution of agricultural area and livestock units between them.

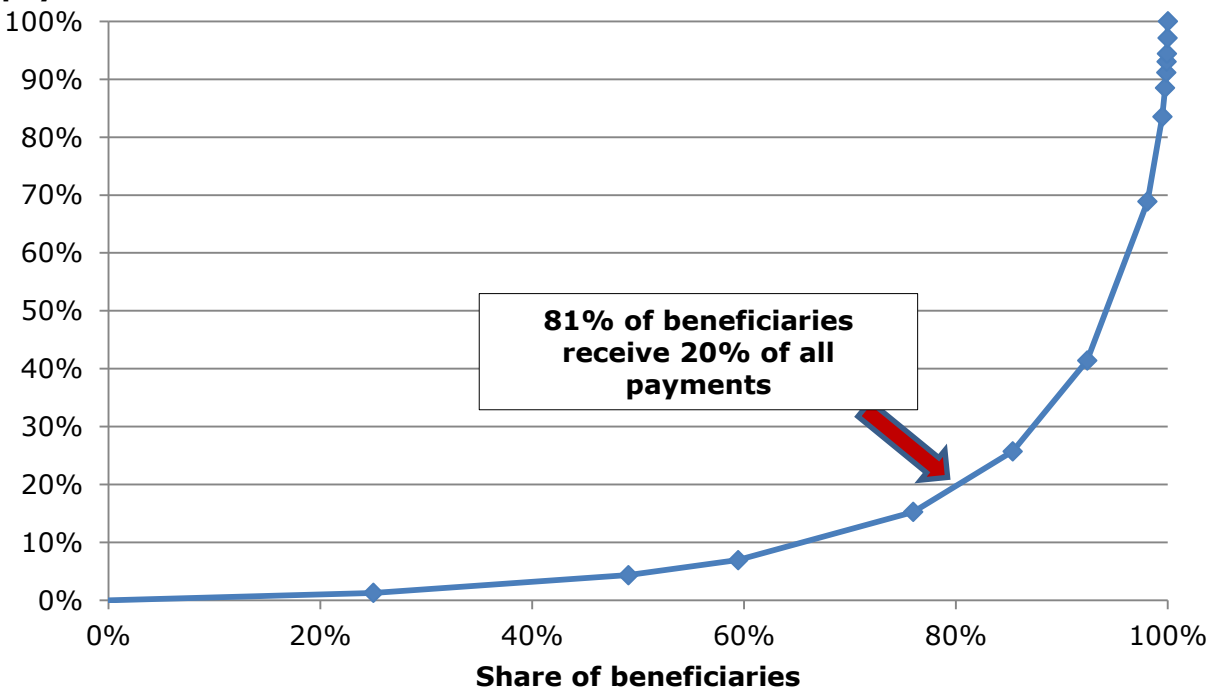
Due to the phasing-in of payments in the Member States which joined the EU in 2004, 2007 and 2013, the share of those Member States in total direct payments has gradually increased (from 20% in the financial year 2014 to 23% in the financial year 2017) and will continue to increase in the coming years (the phasing-in remains for Bulgaria and Romania for calendar year 2016 and Croatia till 2022).





## Distribution of direct payments among beneficiaries

### Share of direct payments



AS is often stated, 80% of all beneficiaries receive 20% of the total direct payments (or conversely, 20% of beneficiaries receive 80% of the total direct payments).

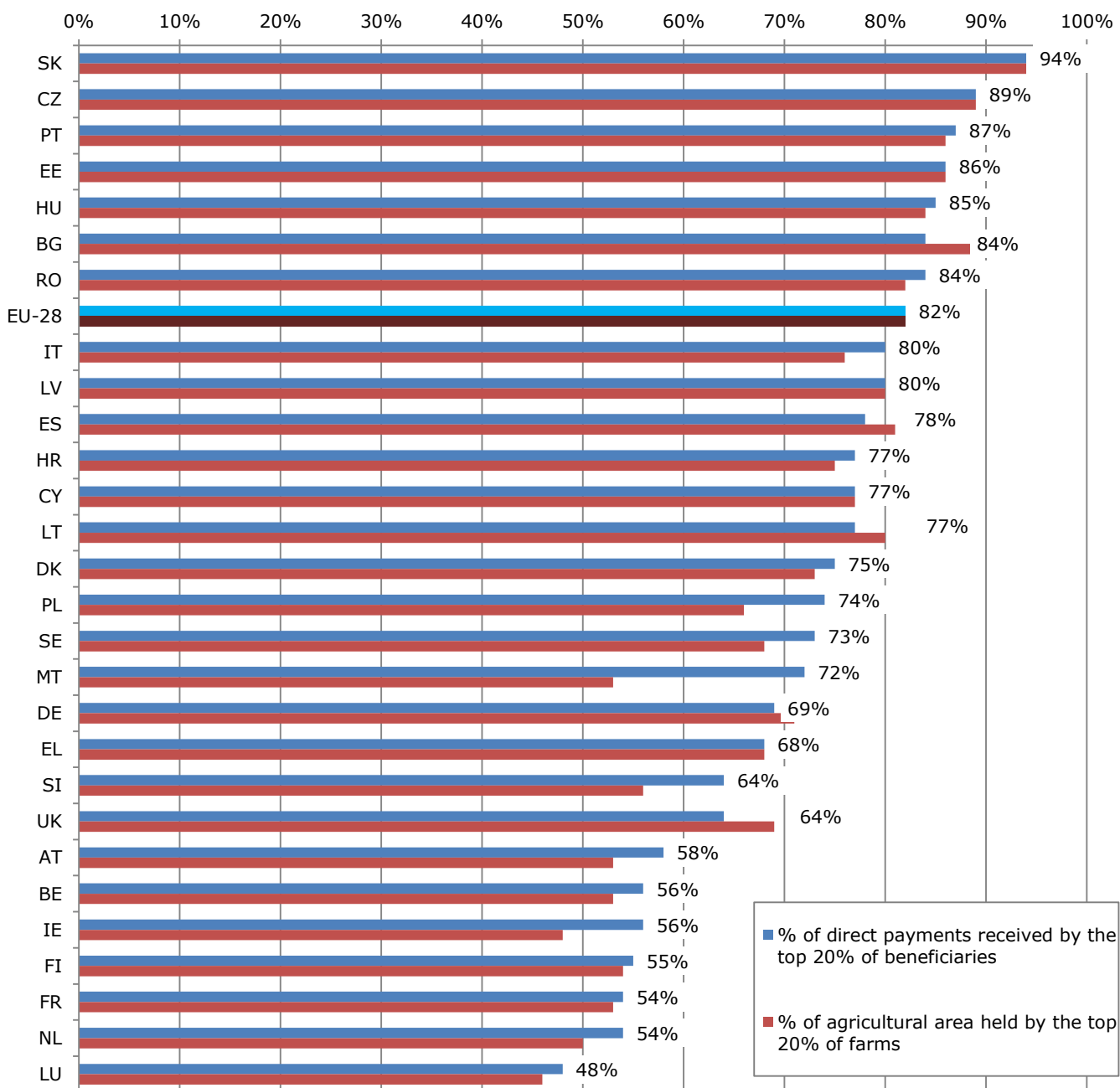
Such distribution is mainly driven by the concentration of land and the nature of the support, which is largely area-based.

**Direct payments are as concentrated as land:** 20% of the largest farms in the EU concentrate 82% of agricultural land and production.



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## Share of direct payments and land covered by the top 20% of beneficiaries/farms by Member State - 2015\*



■ % of direct payments received by the top 20% of beneficiaries  
 ■ % of agricultural area held by the top 20% of farms

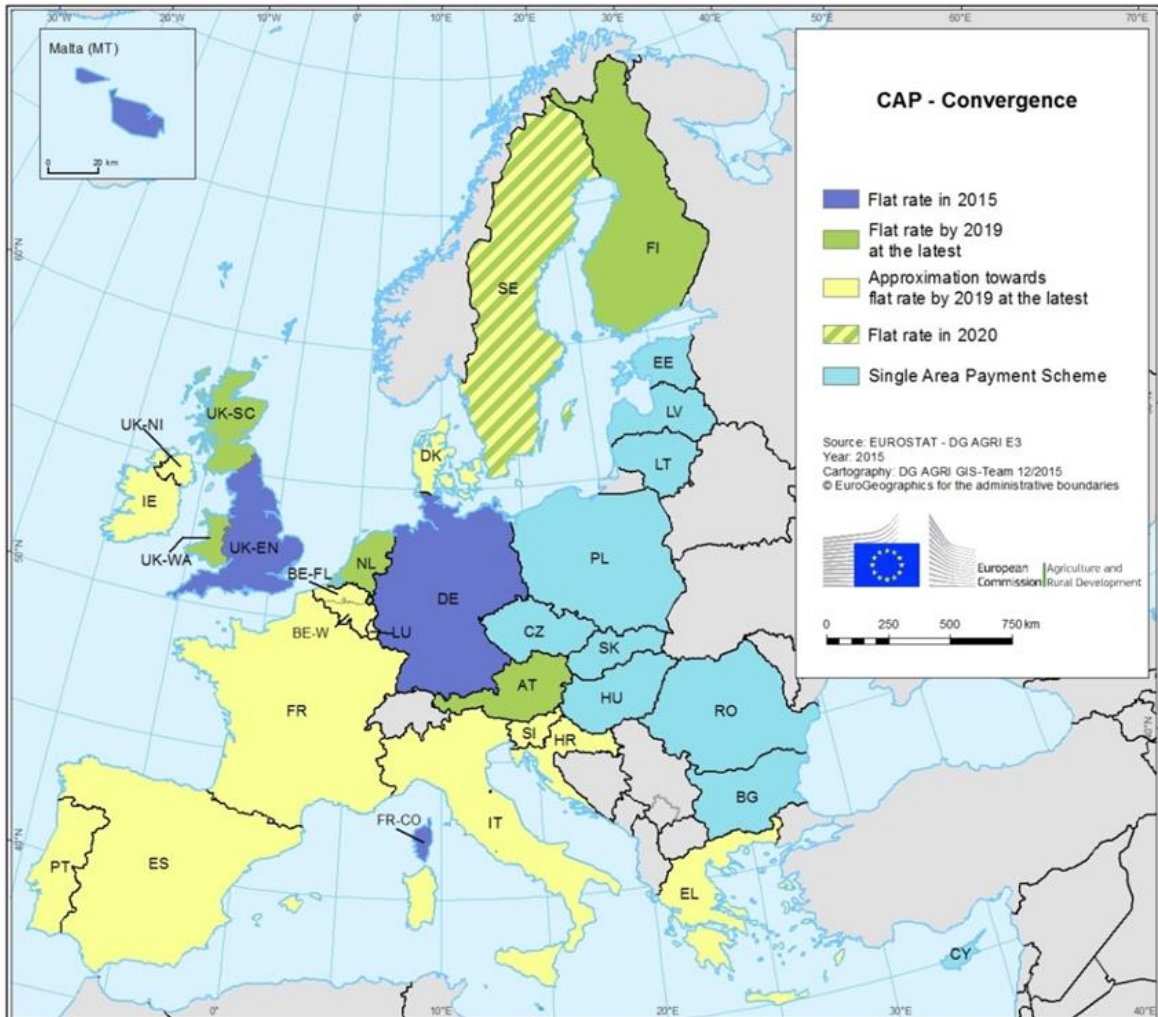
\* No more recent data available





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# Annex: Country graphs

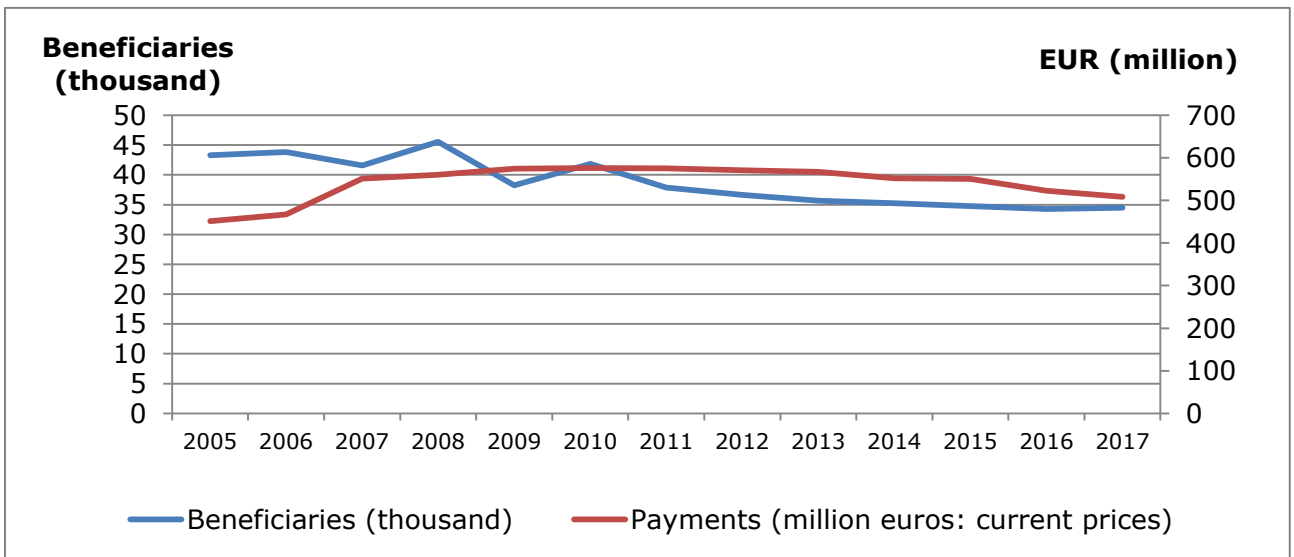




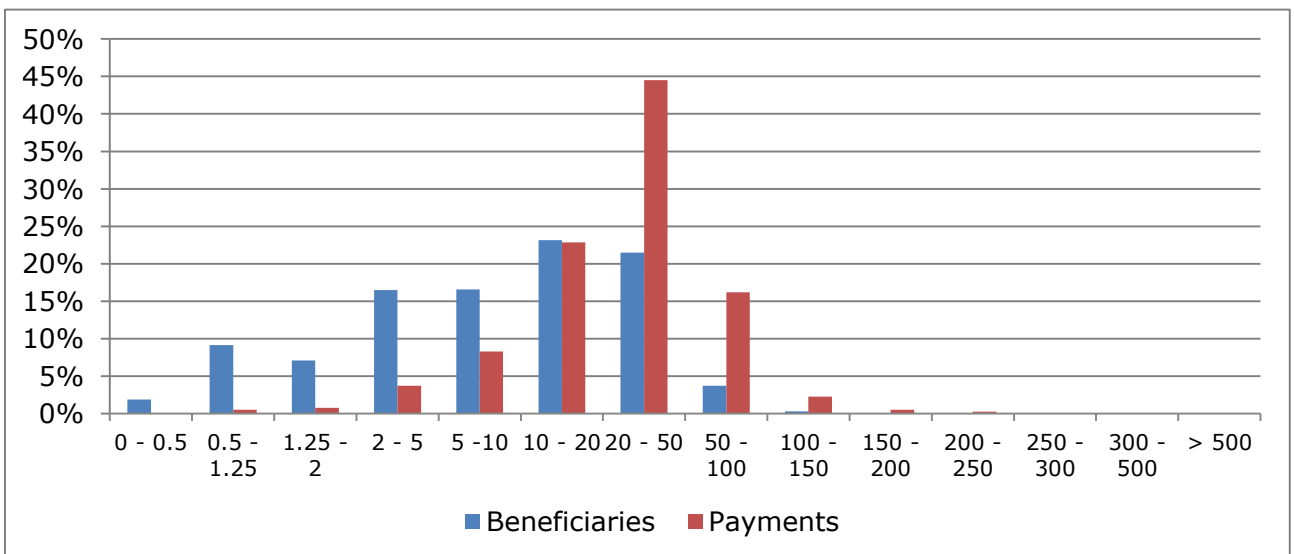
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## Belgium

### Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments



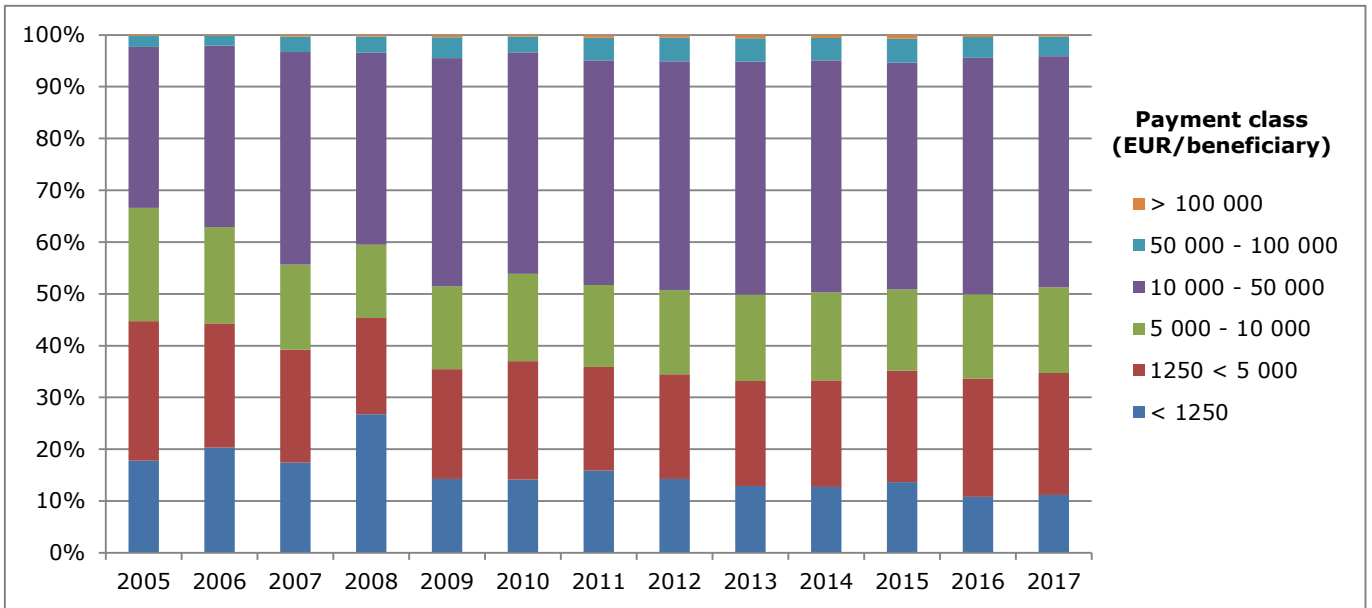
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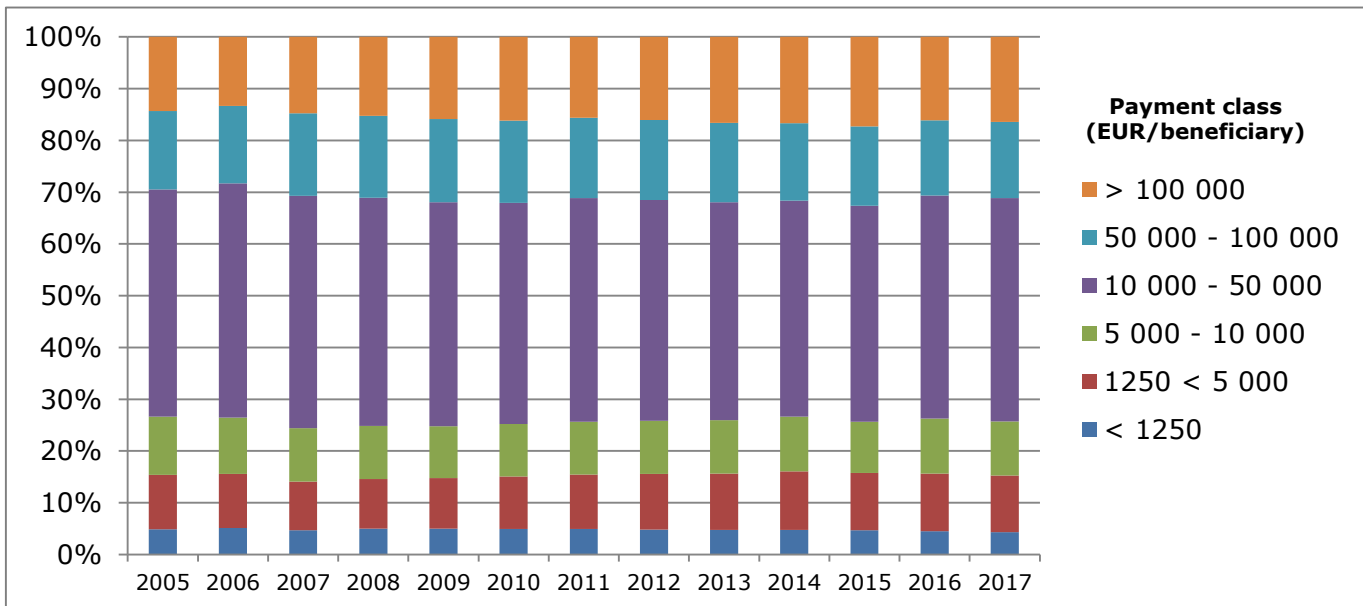


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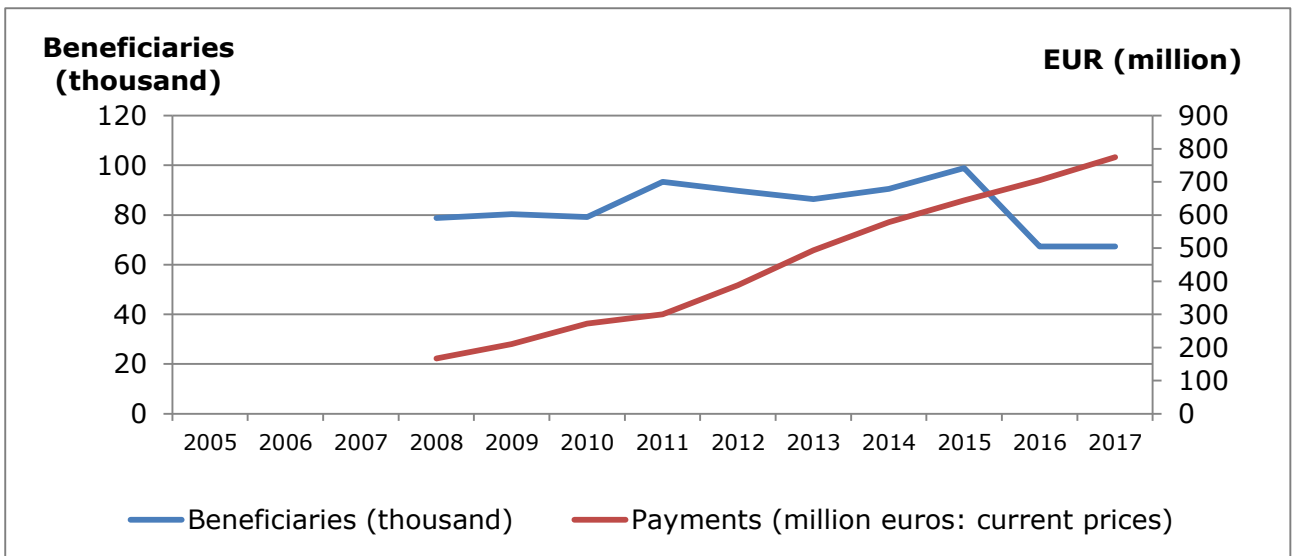




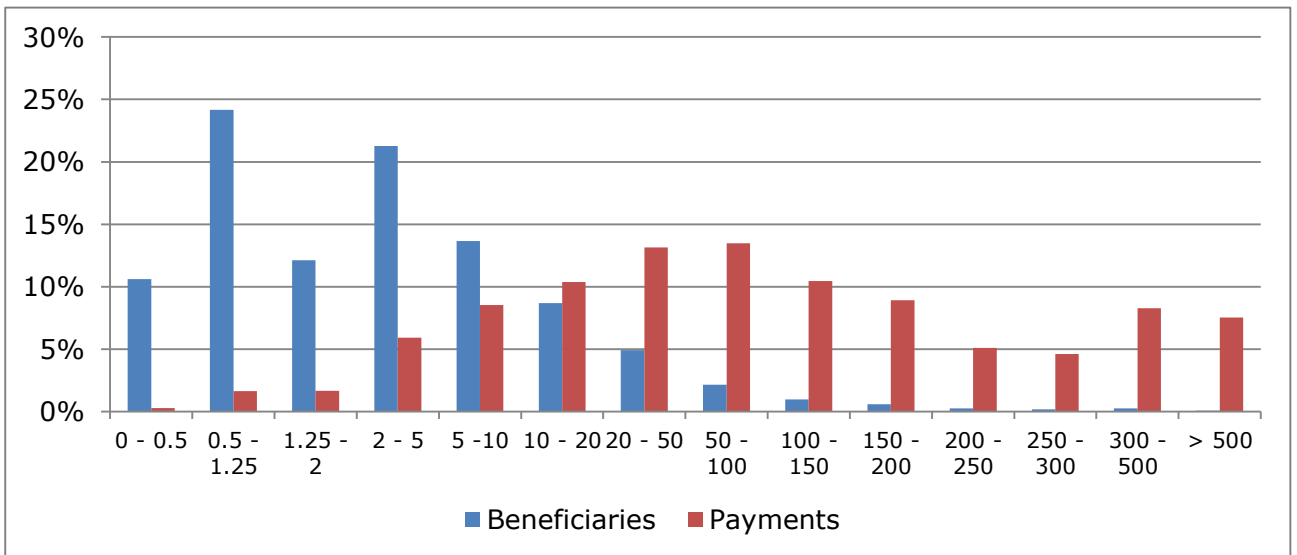
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## Bulgaria

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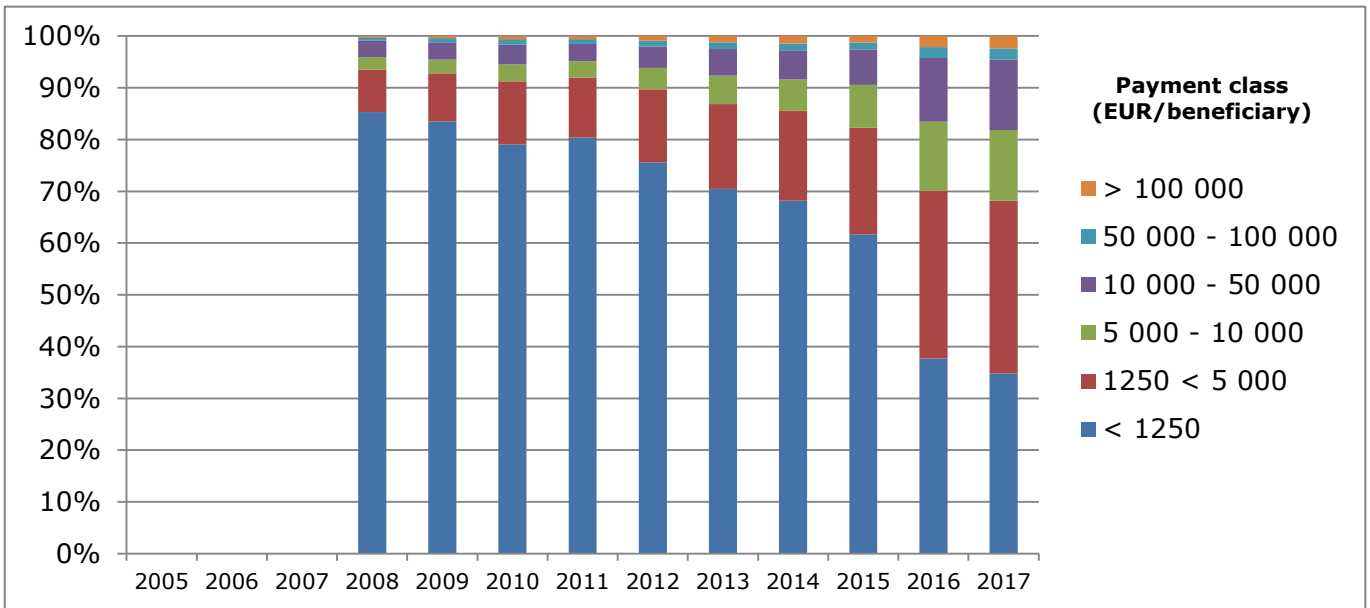


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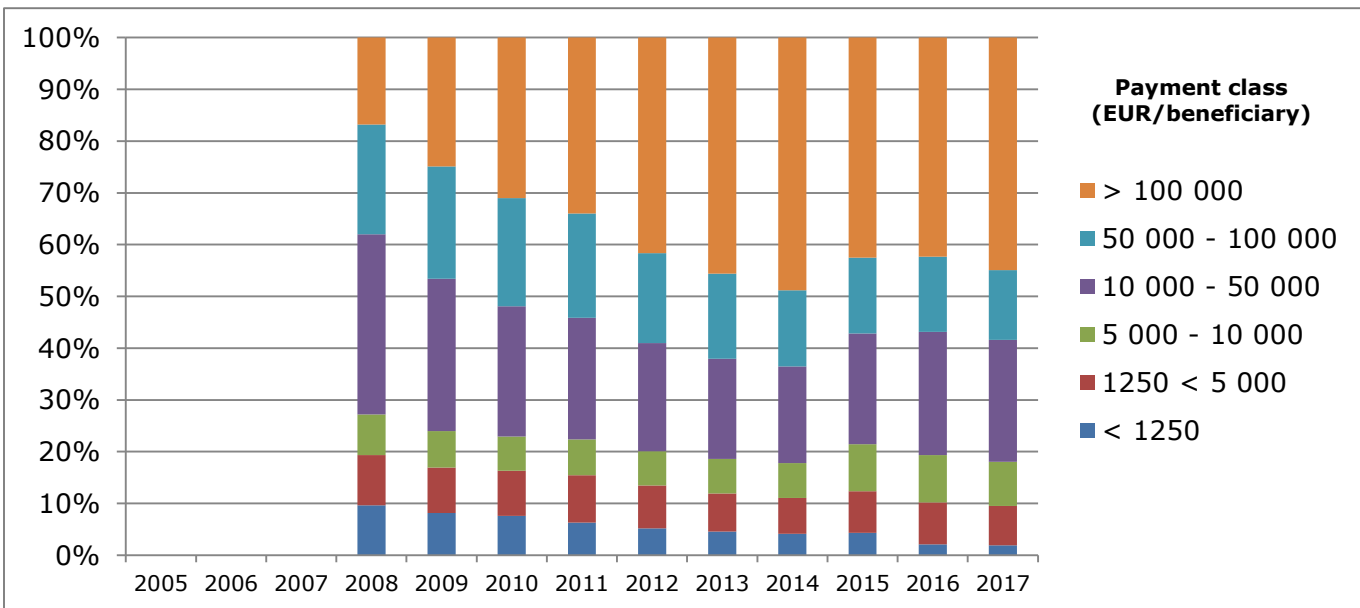




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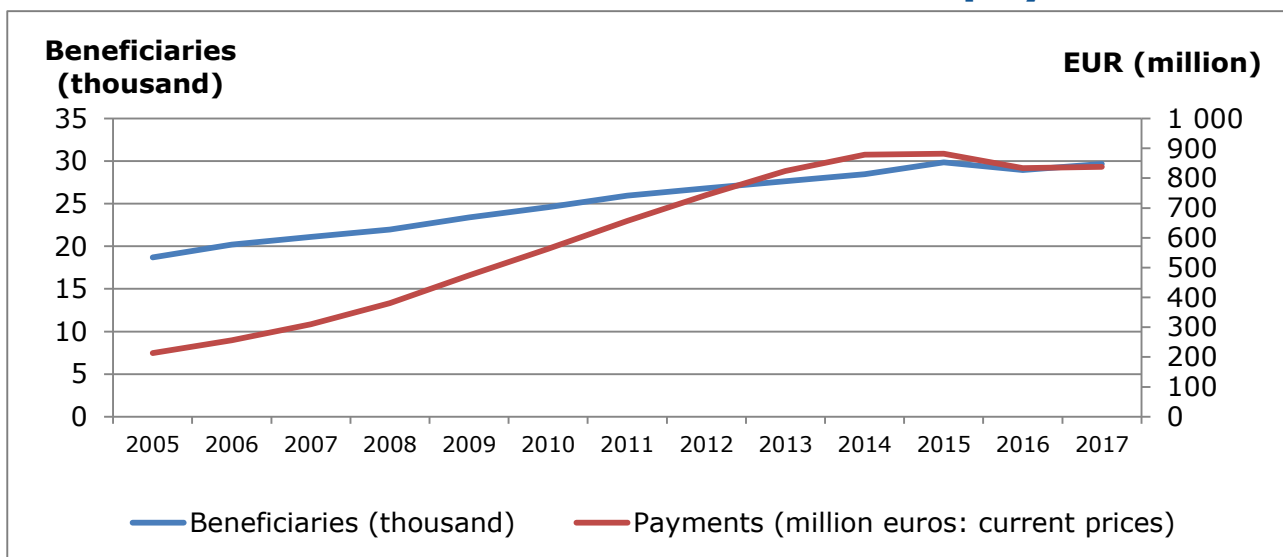




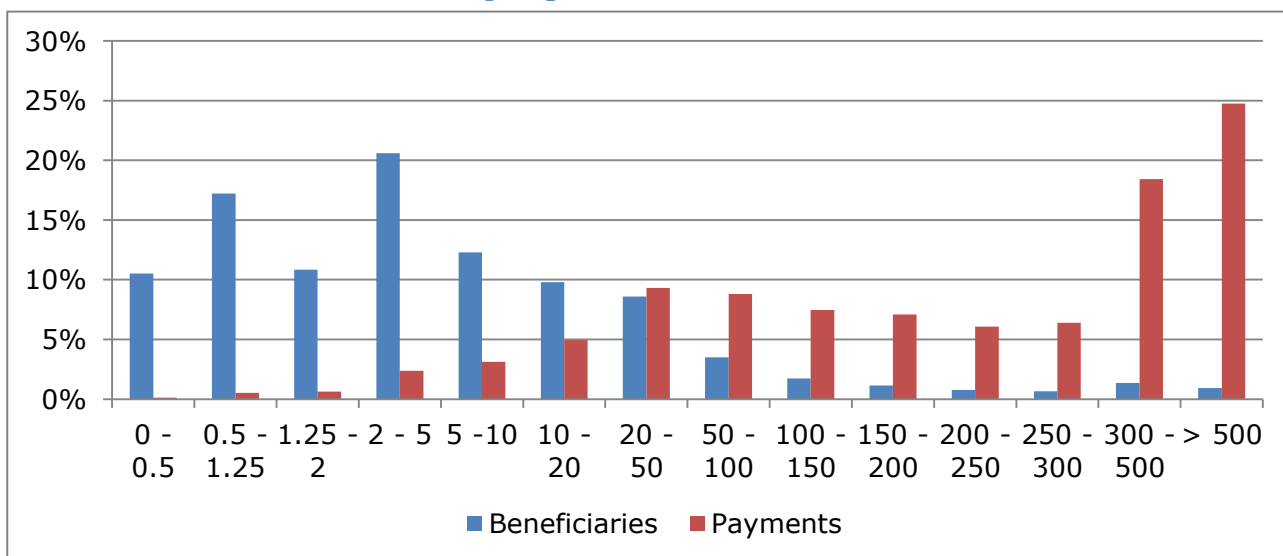
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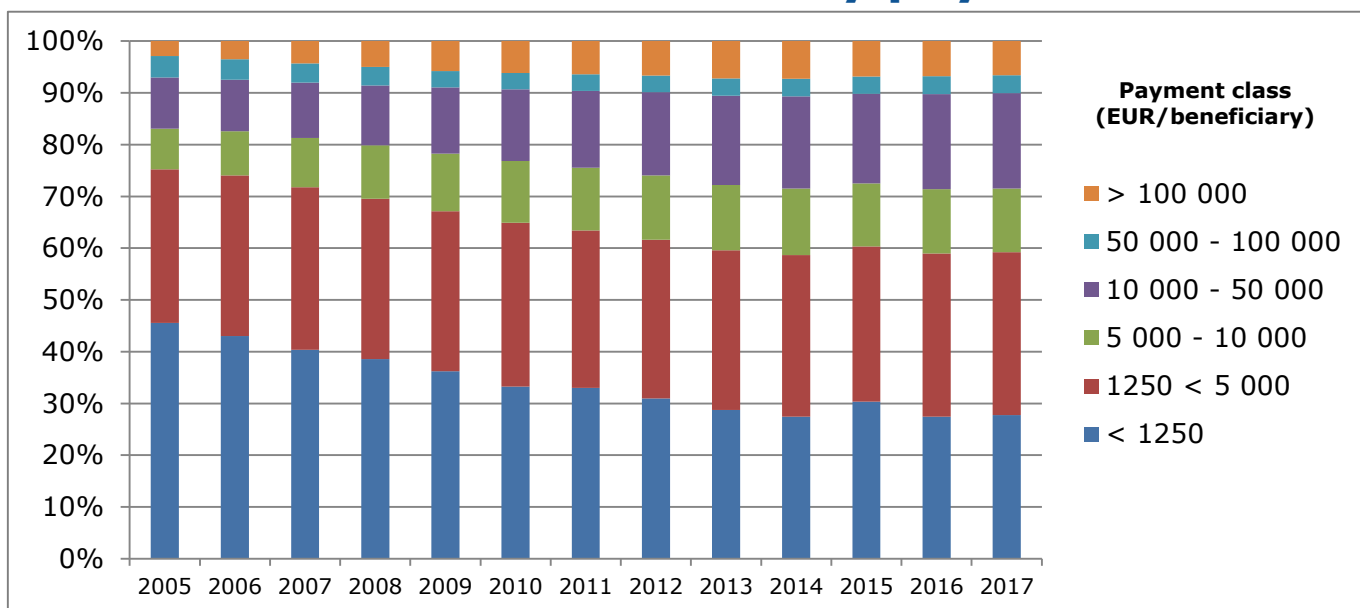
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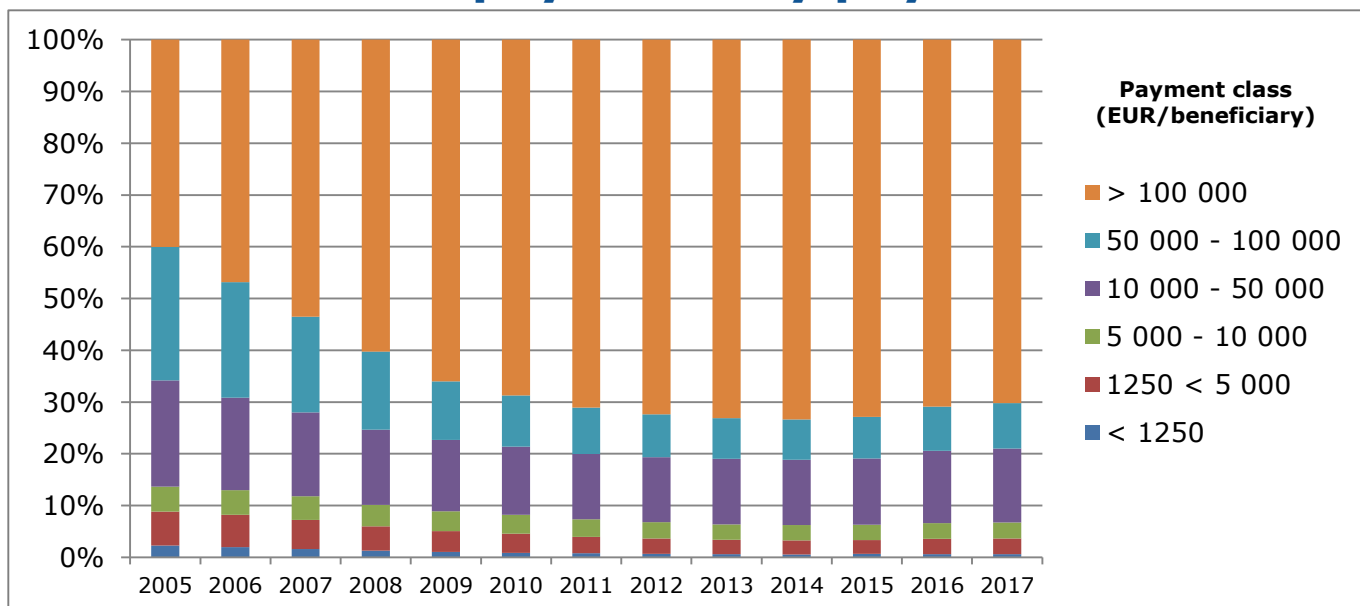


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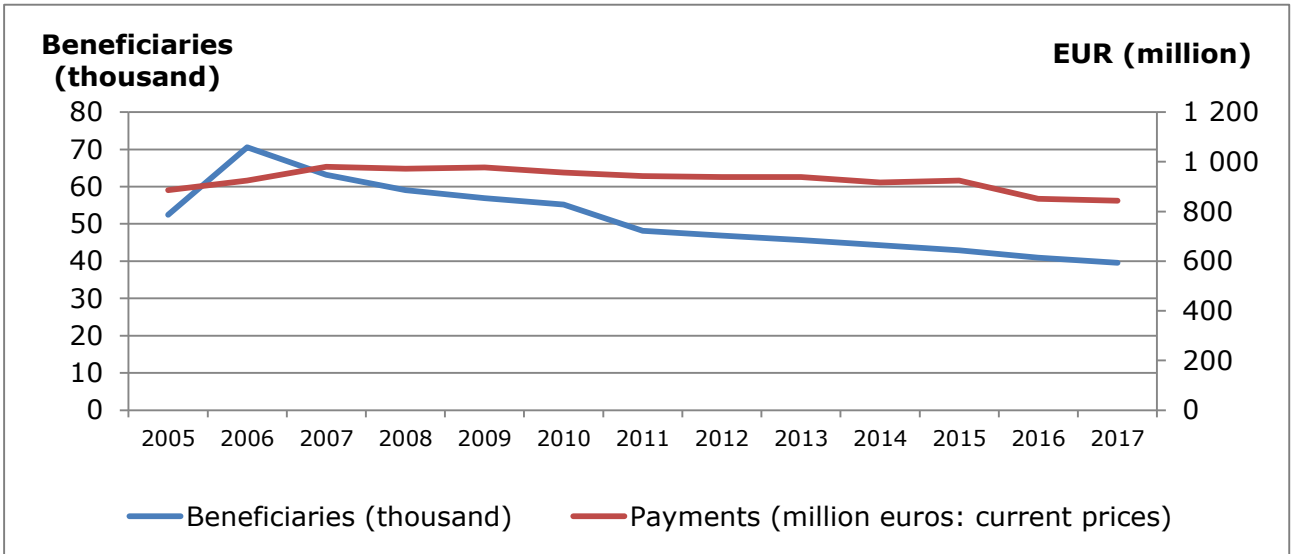




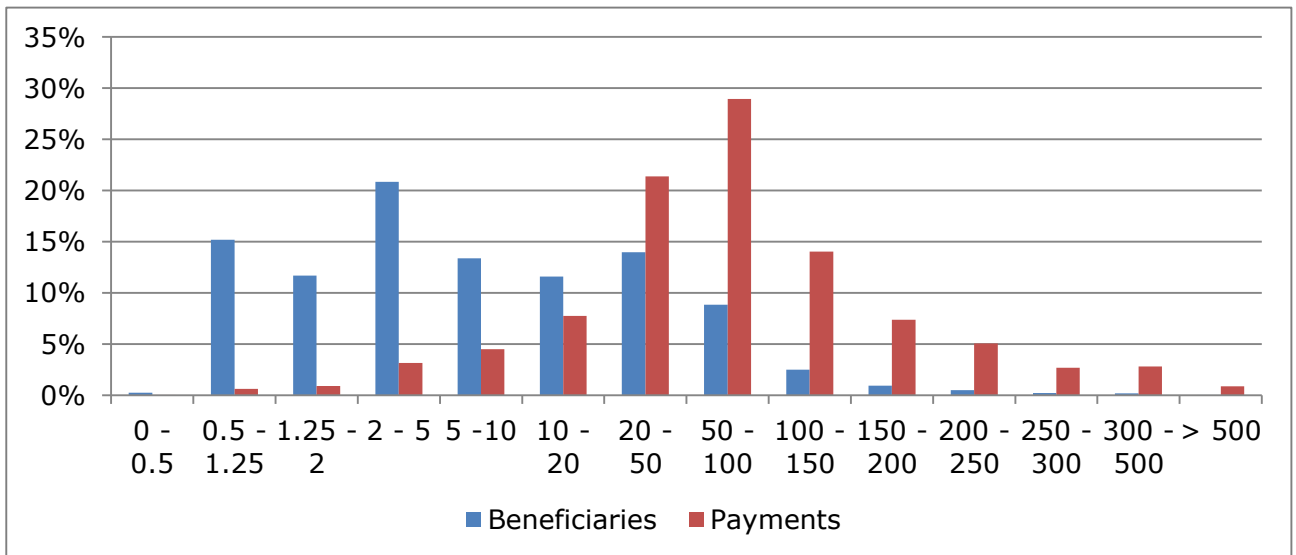


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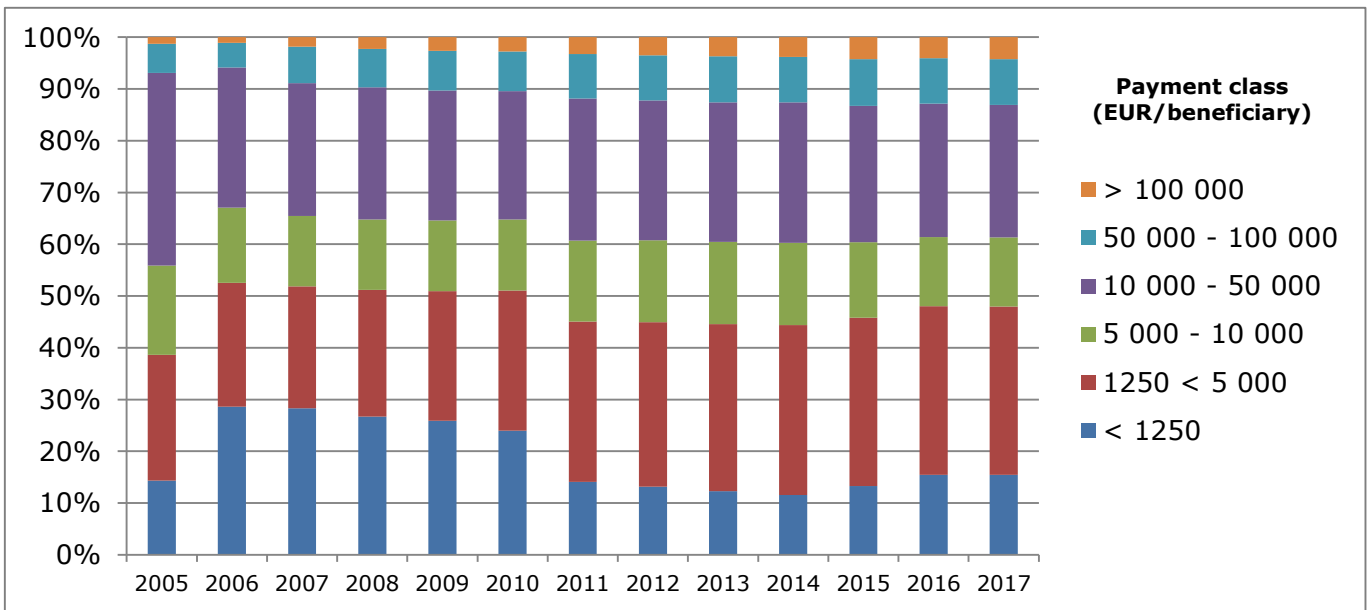


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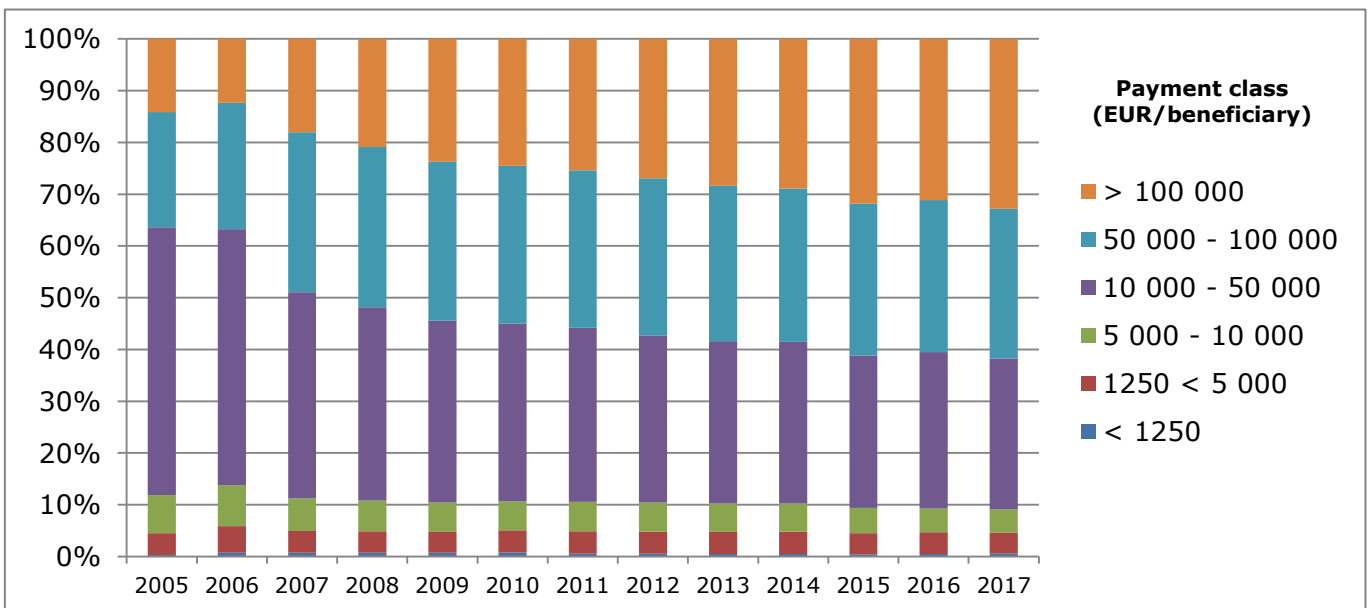




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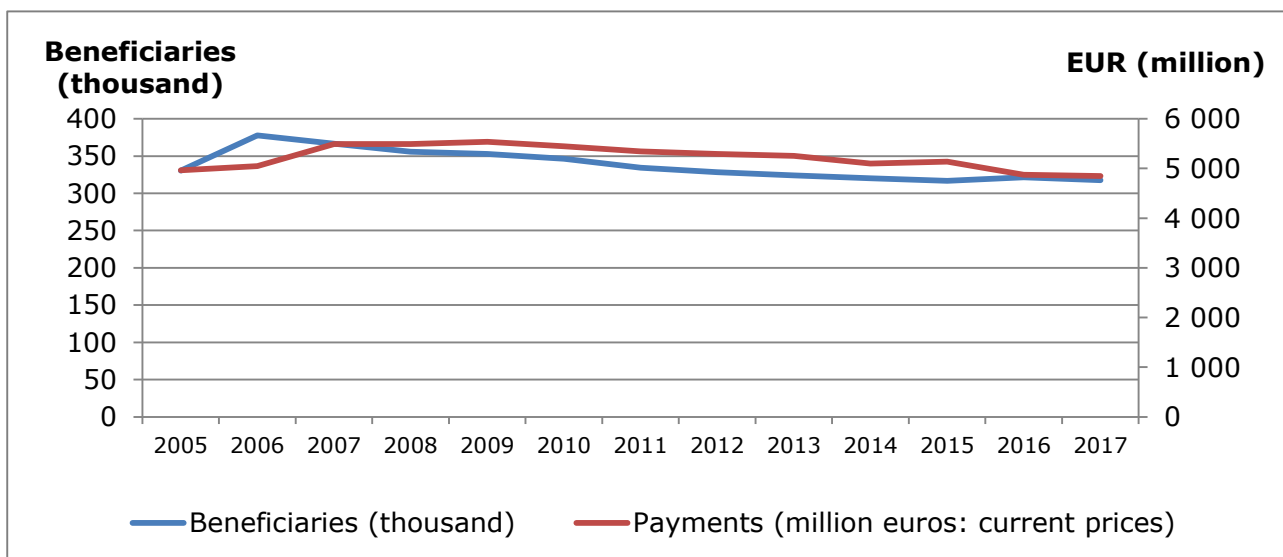




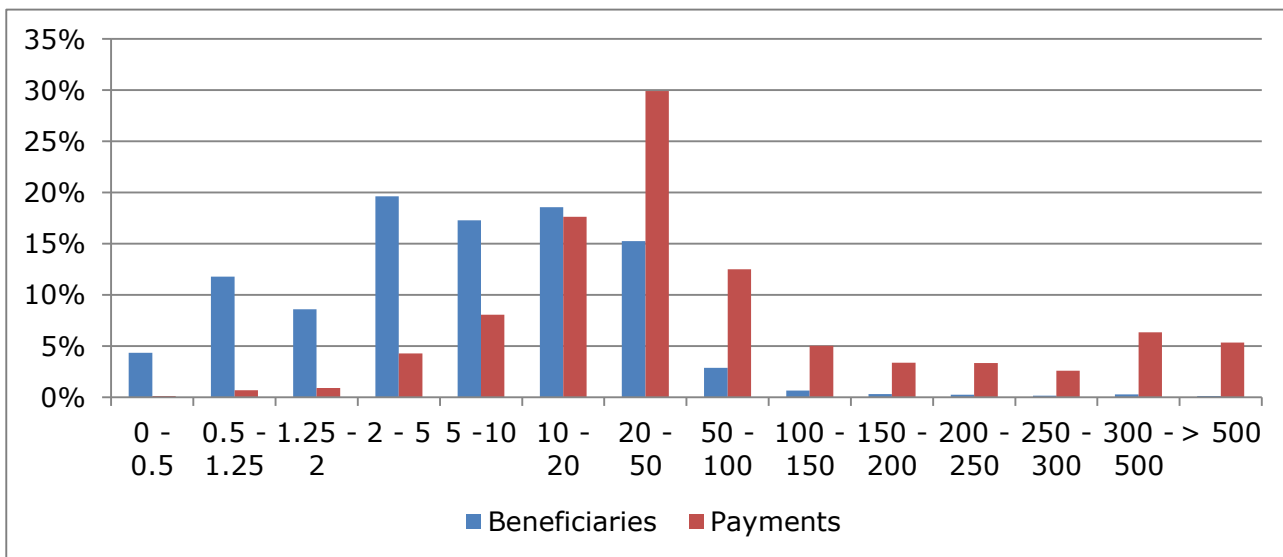
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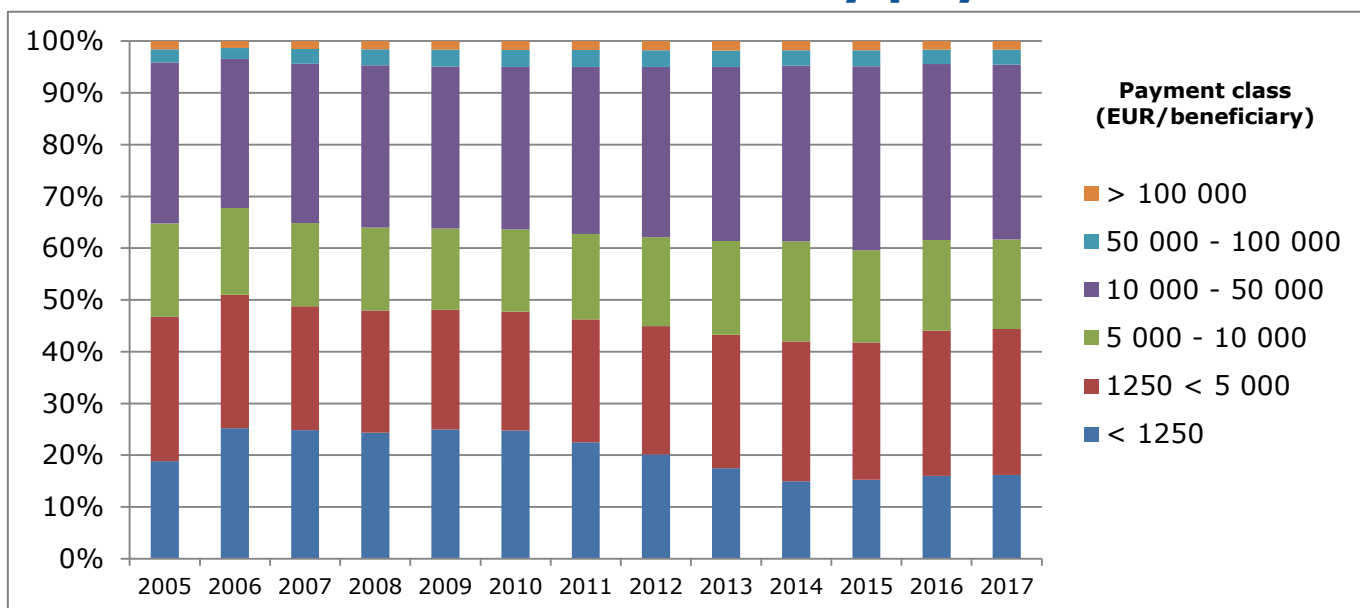


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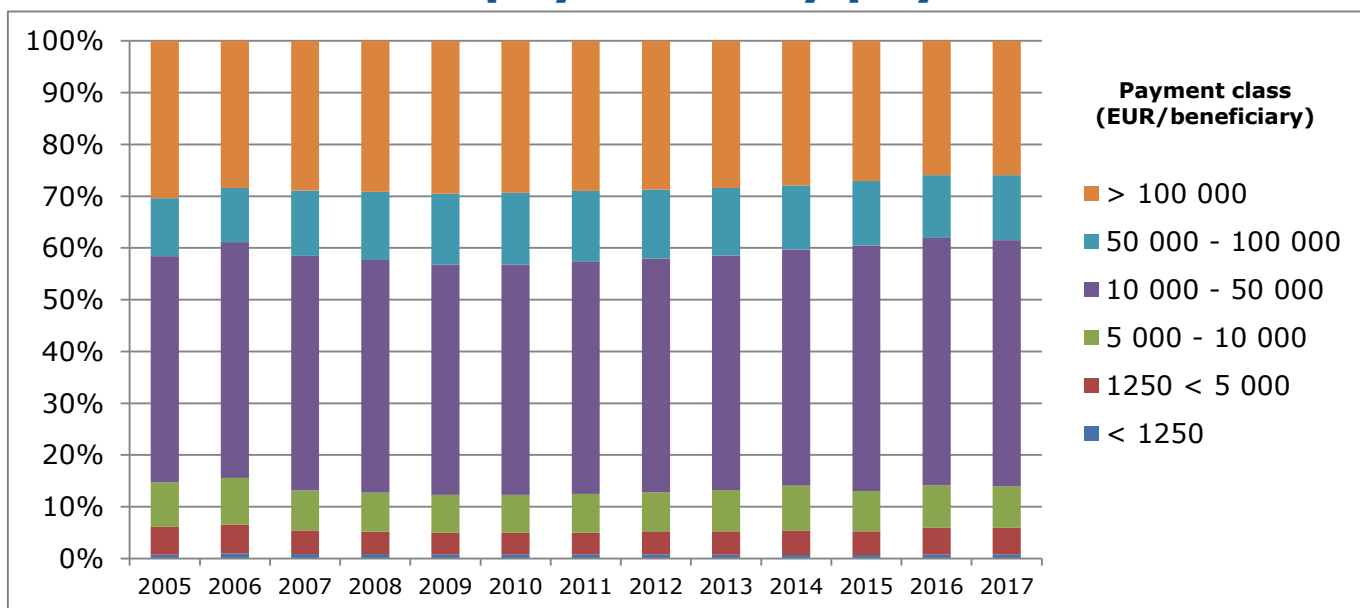




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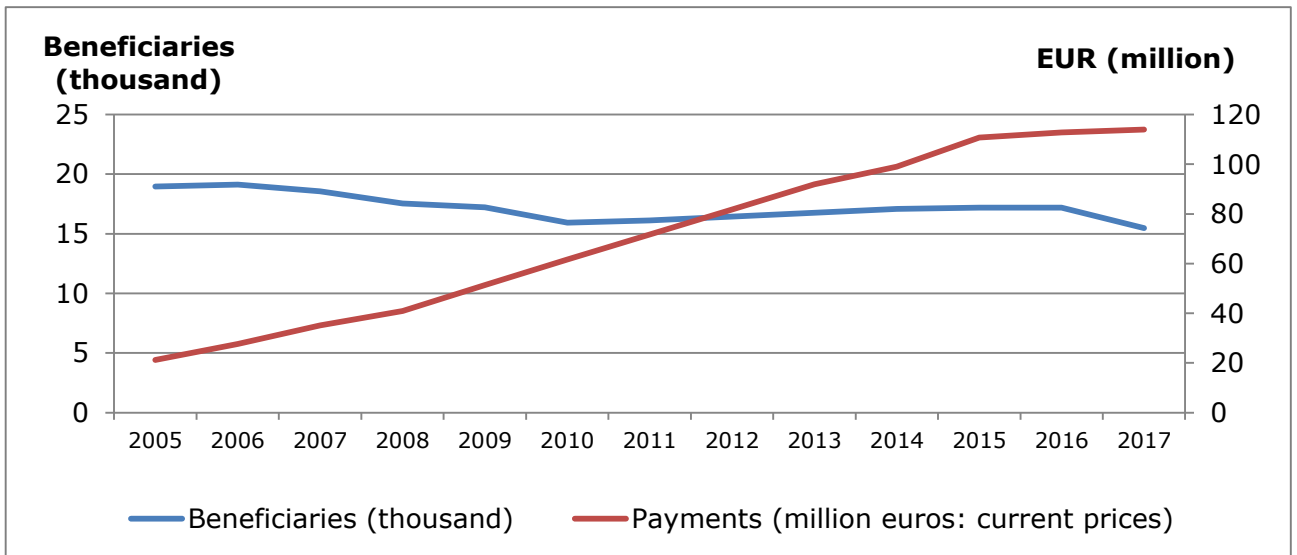




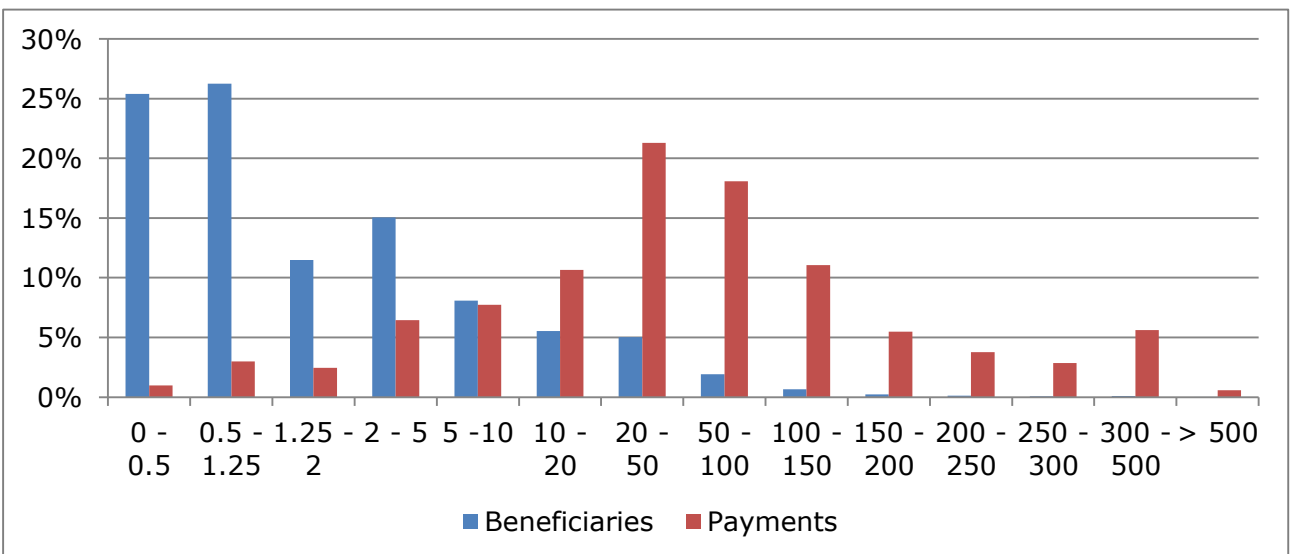
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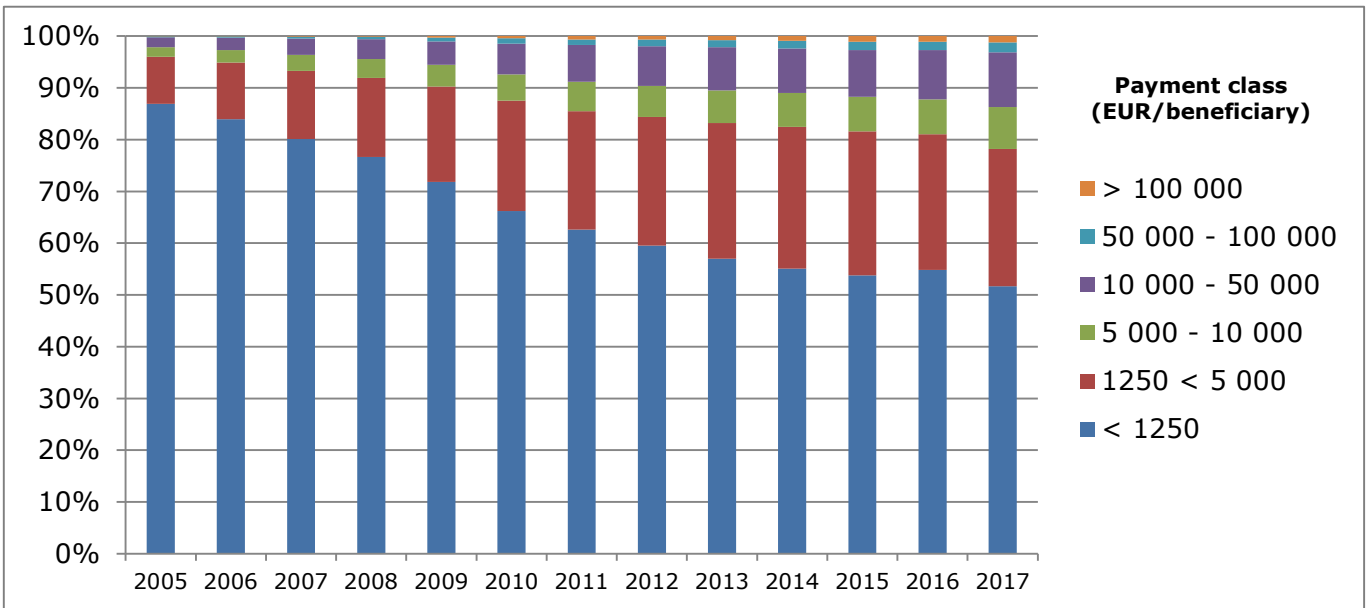


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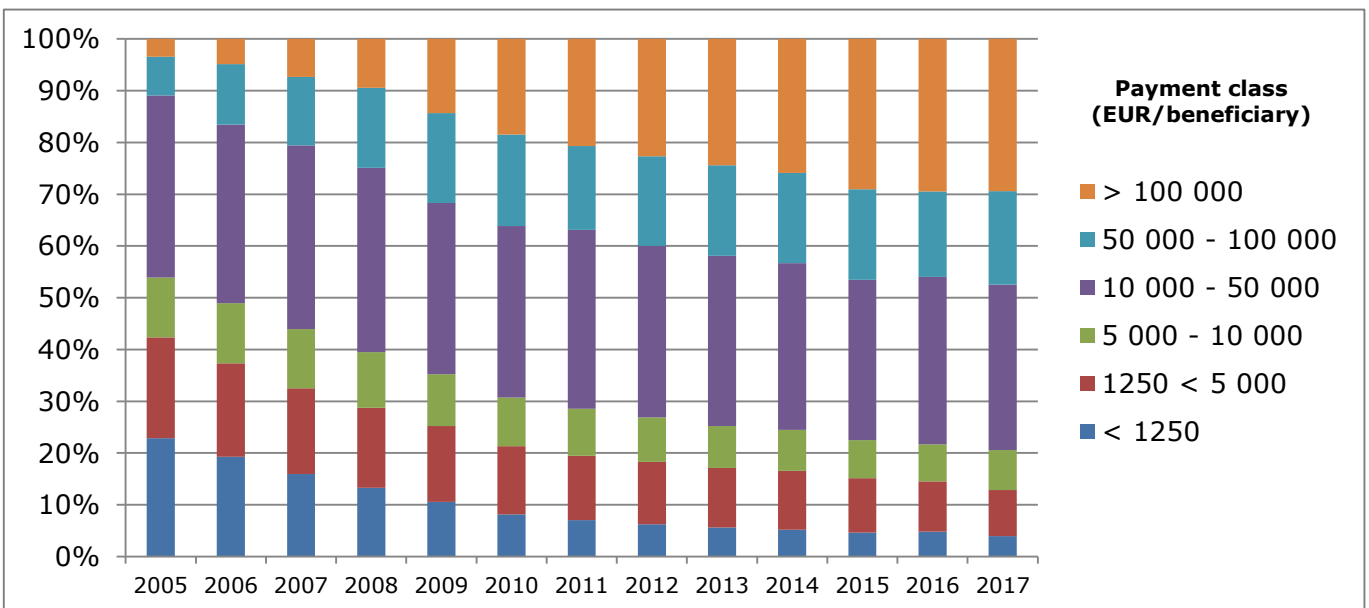




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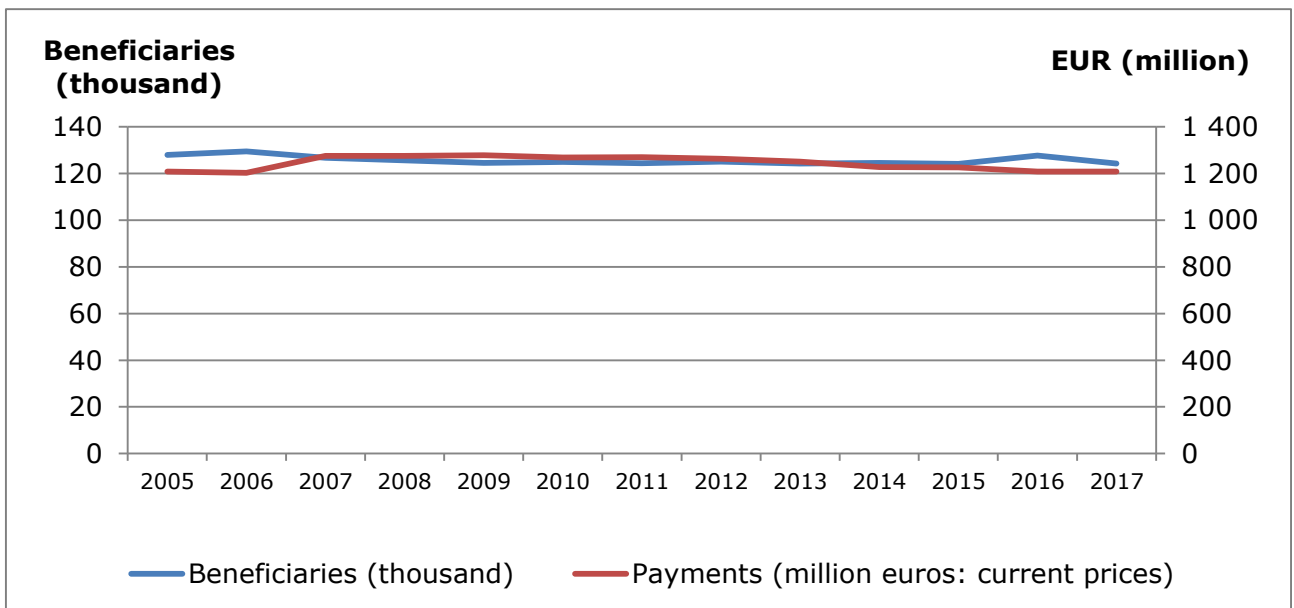
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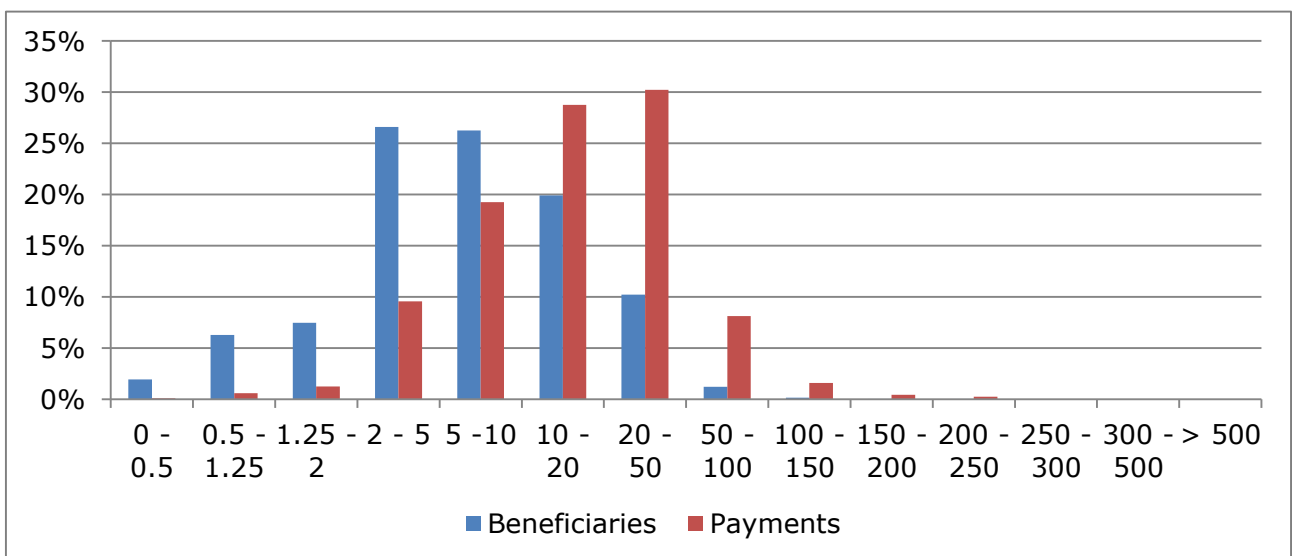


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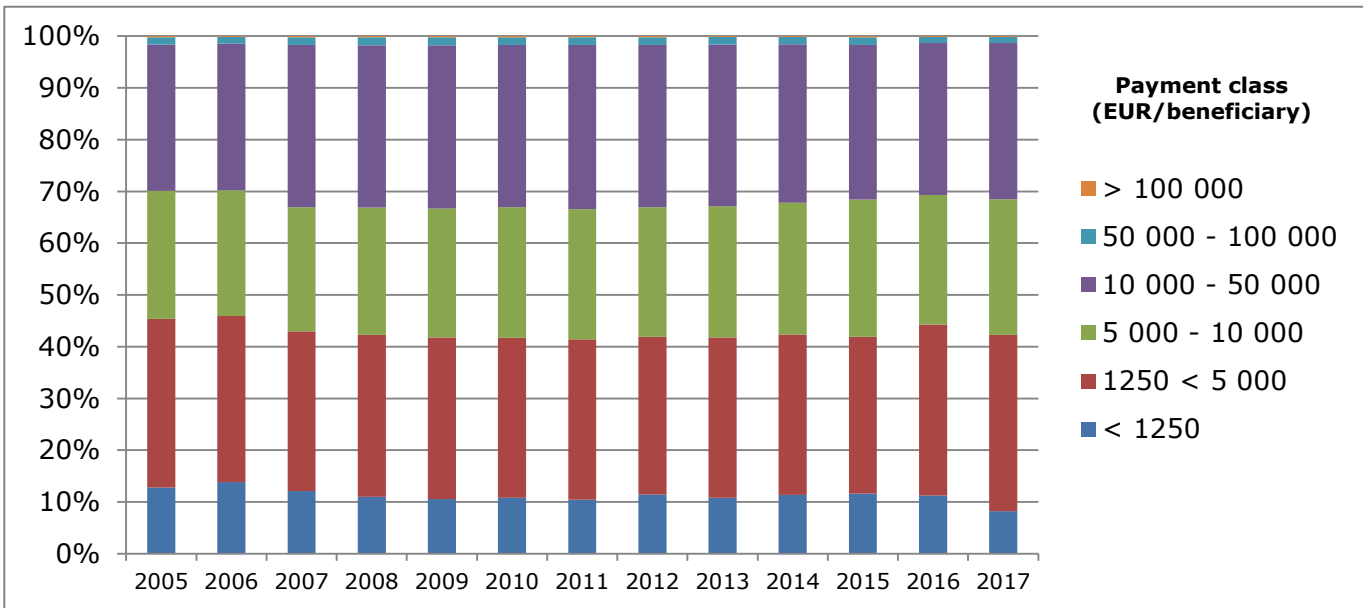
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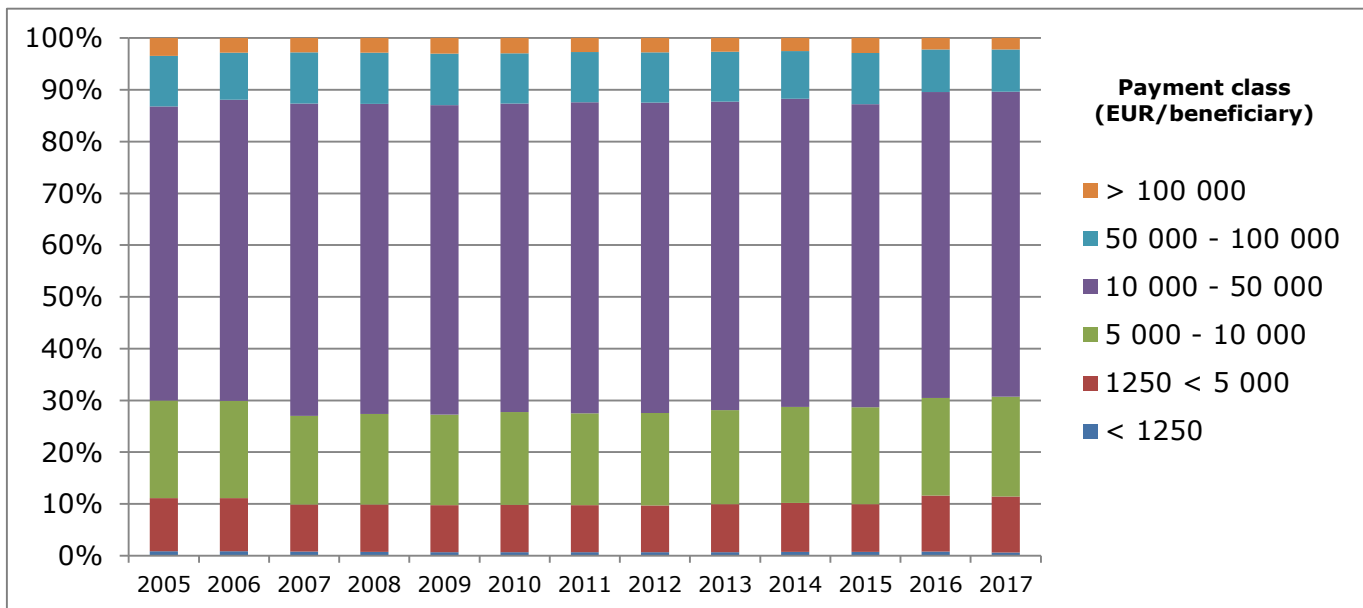




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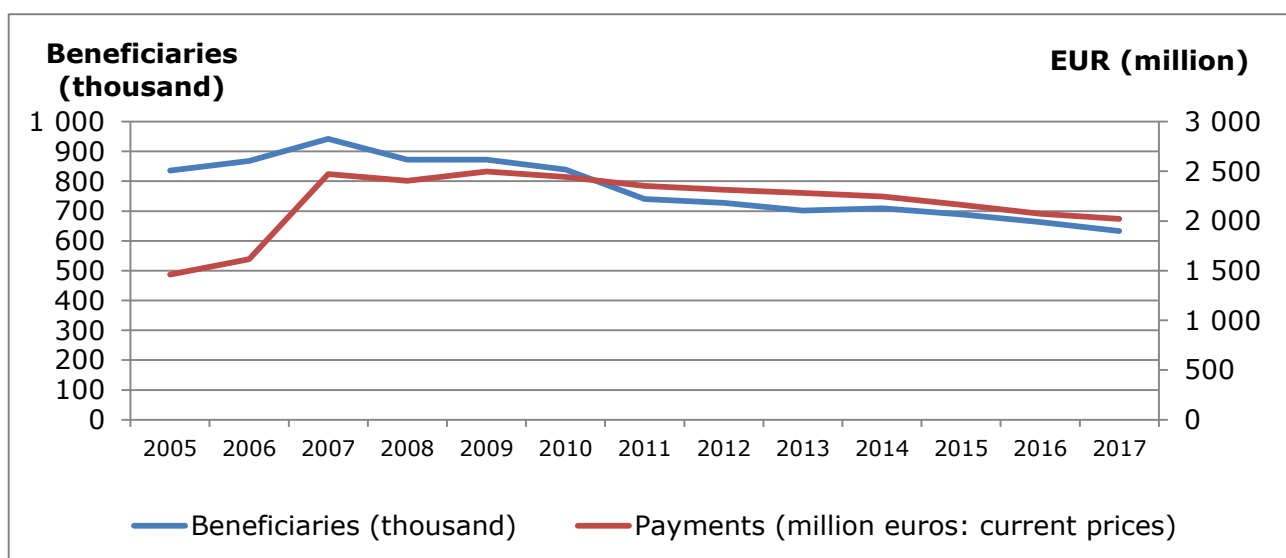




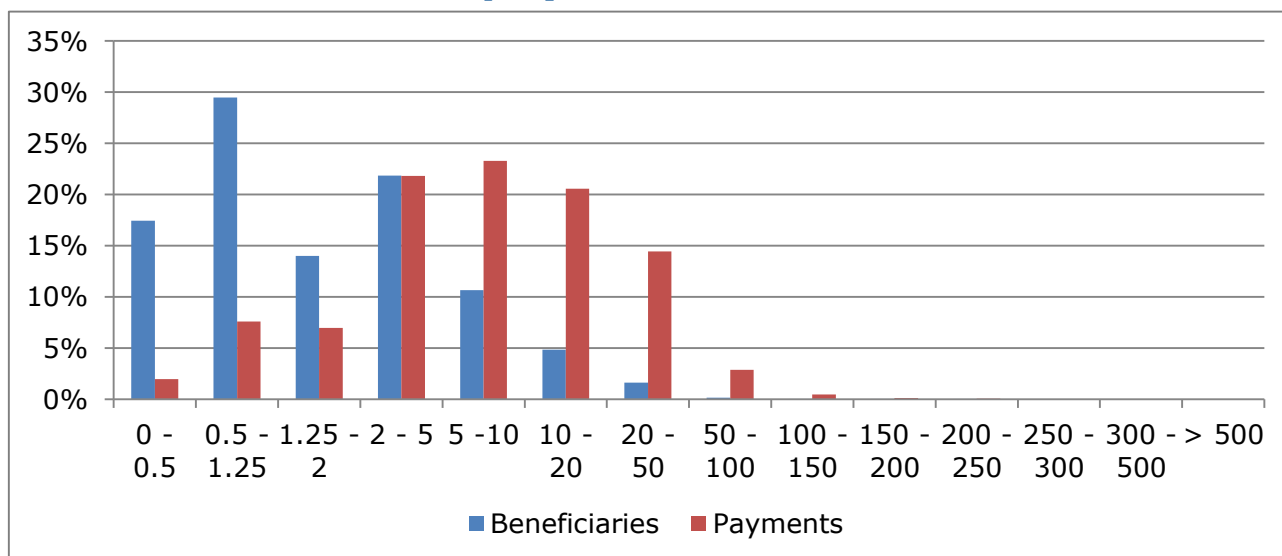
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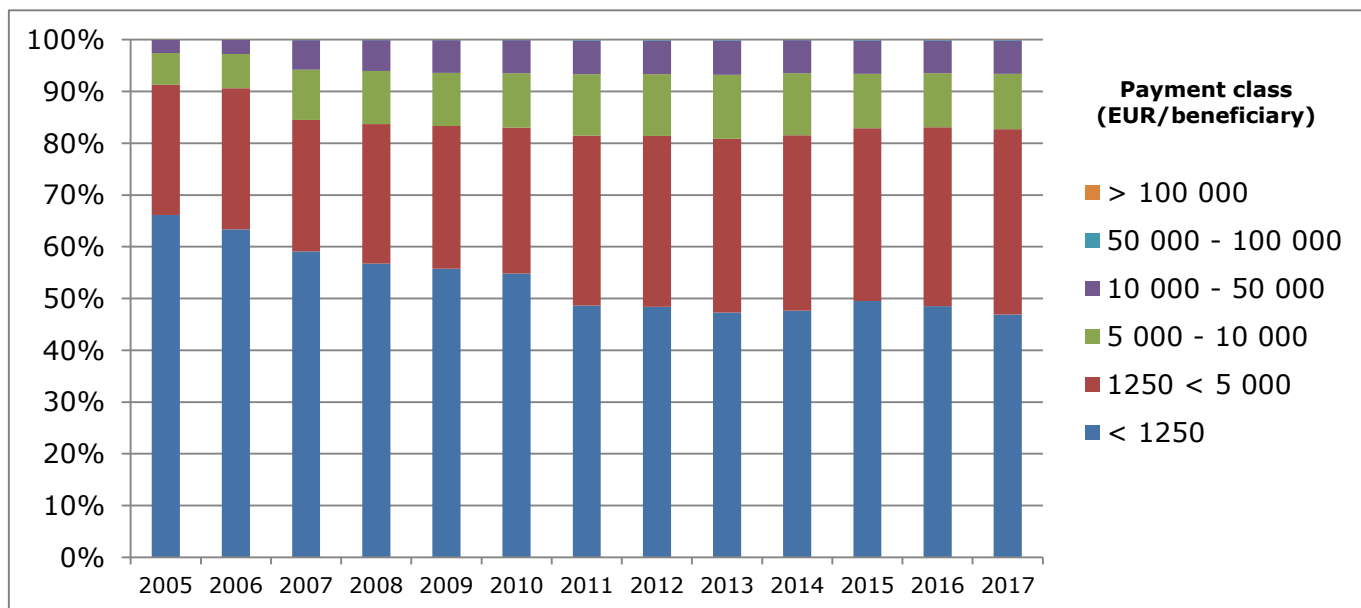
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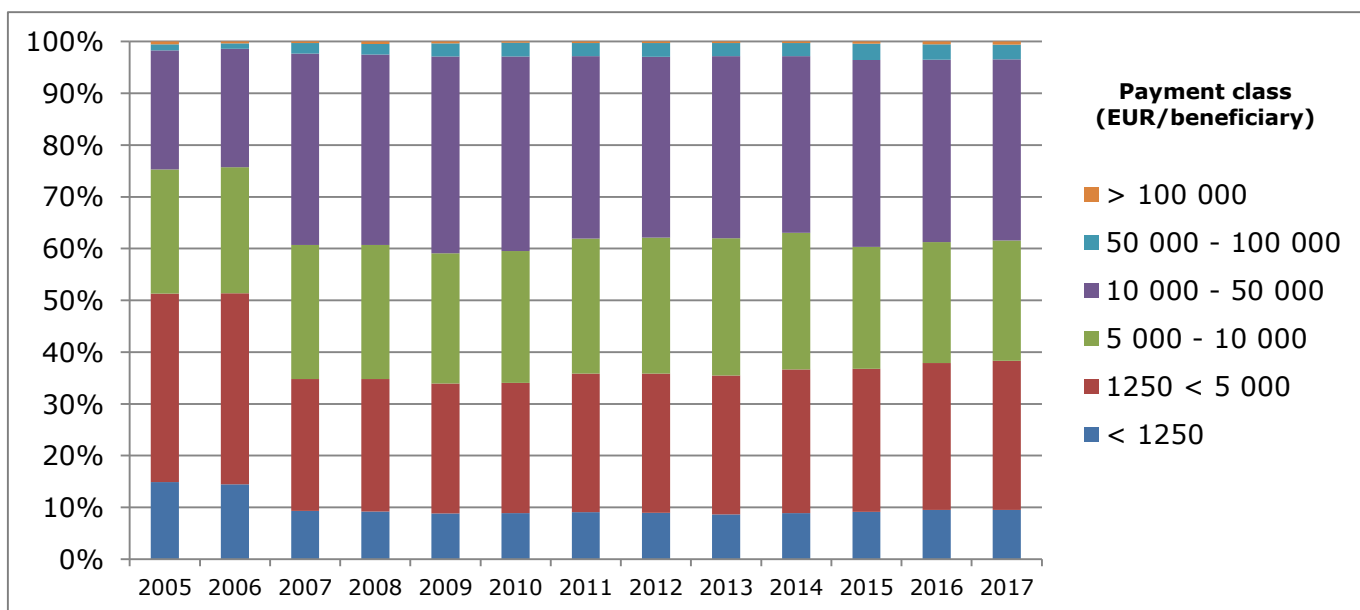


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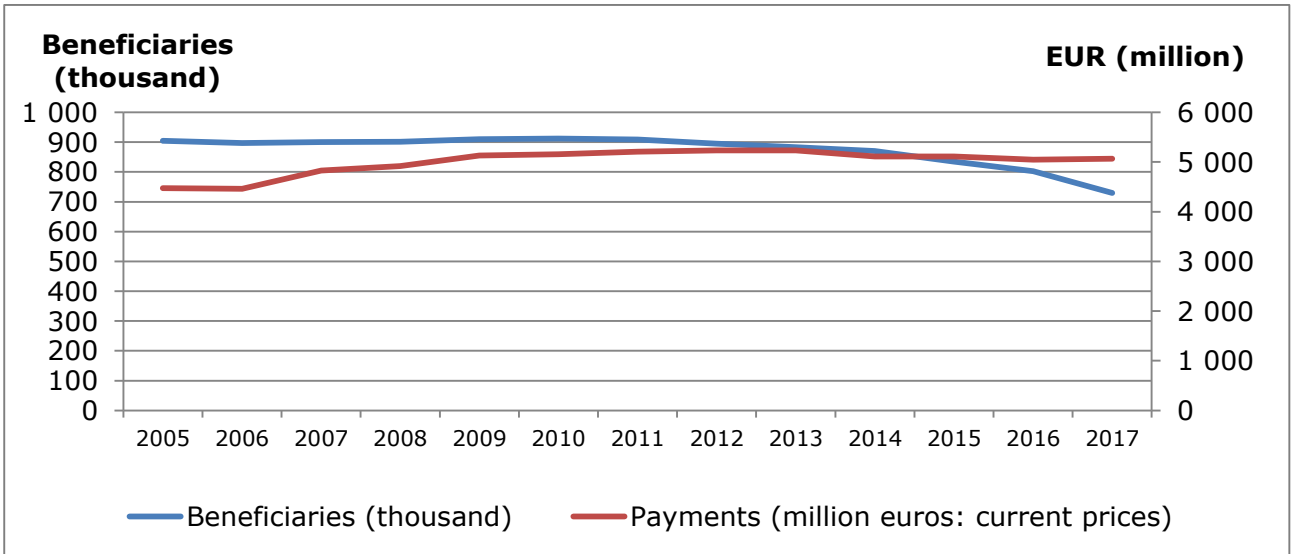




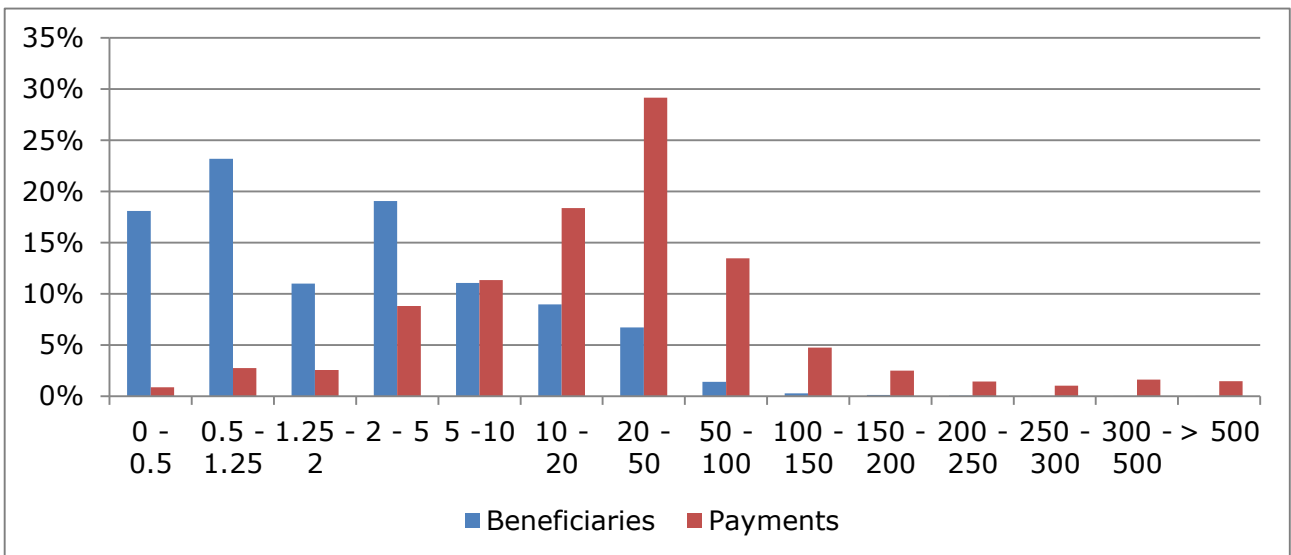
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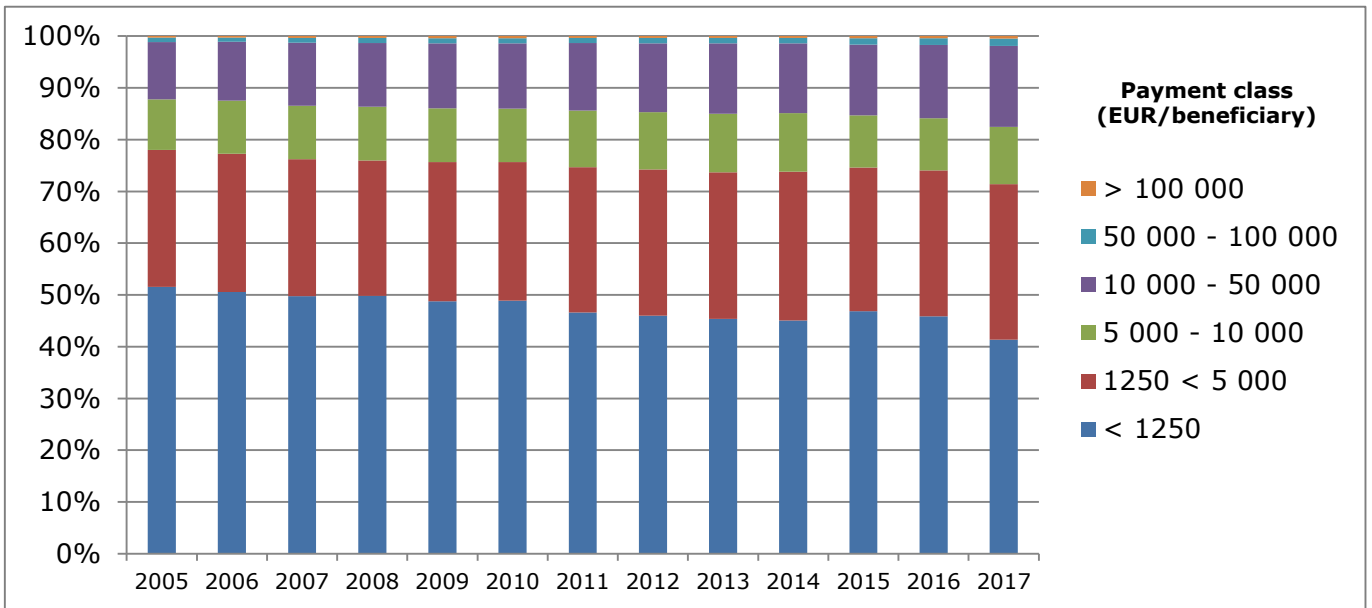


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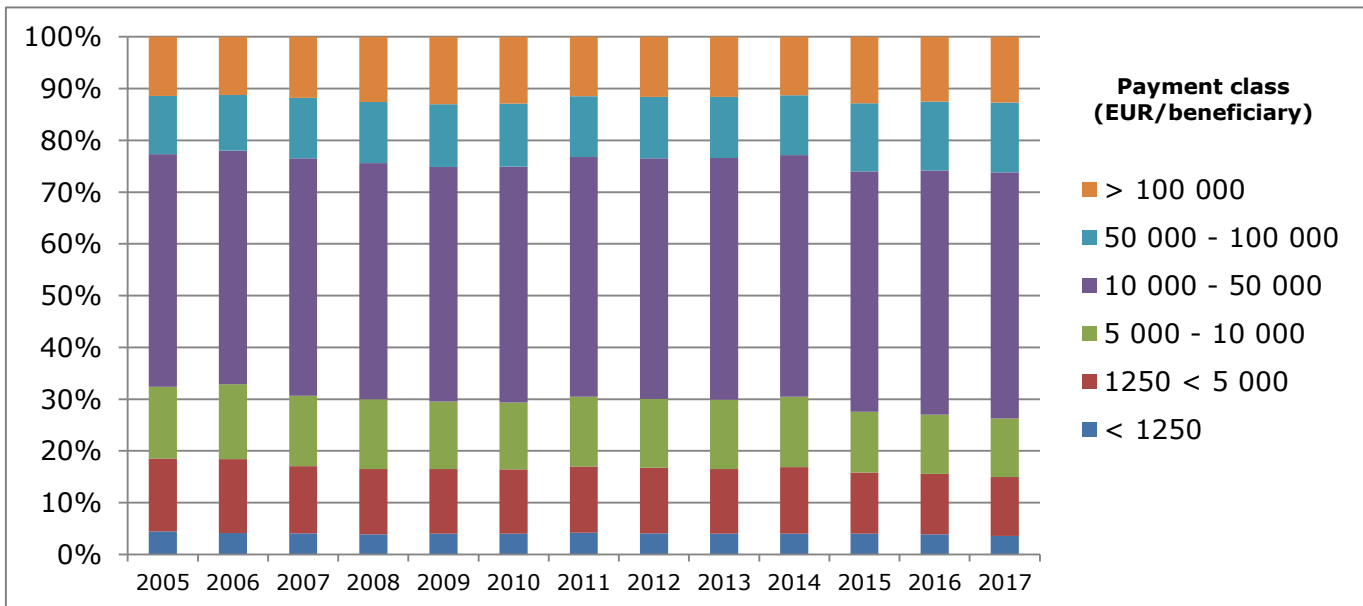




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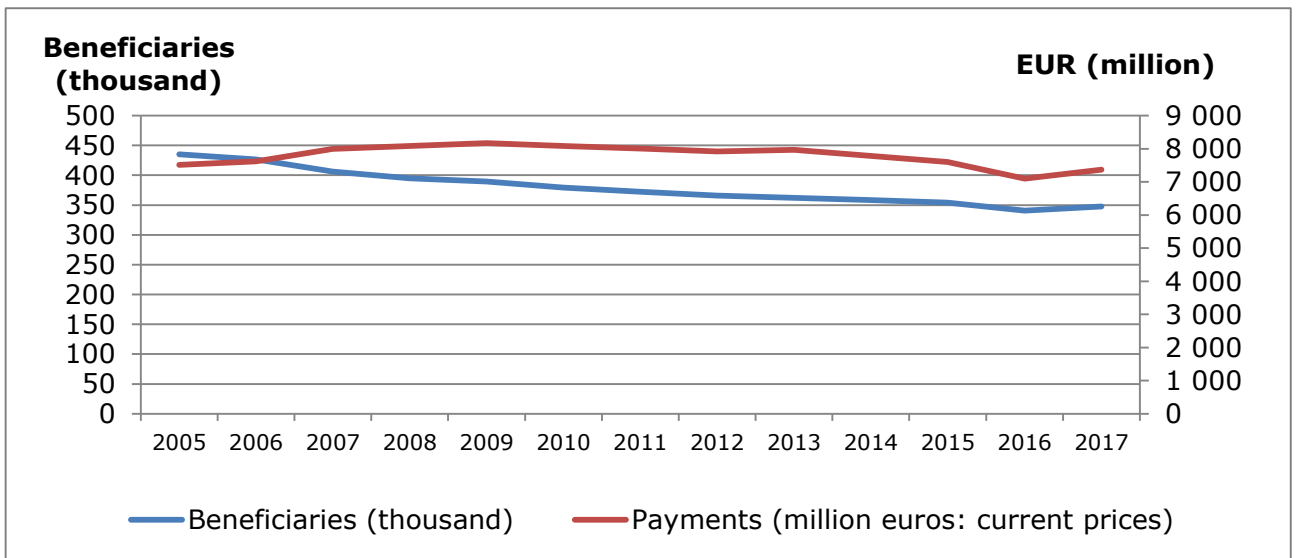




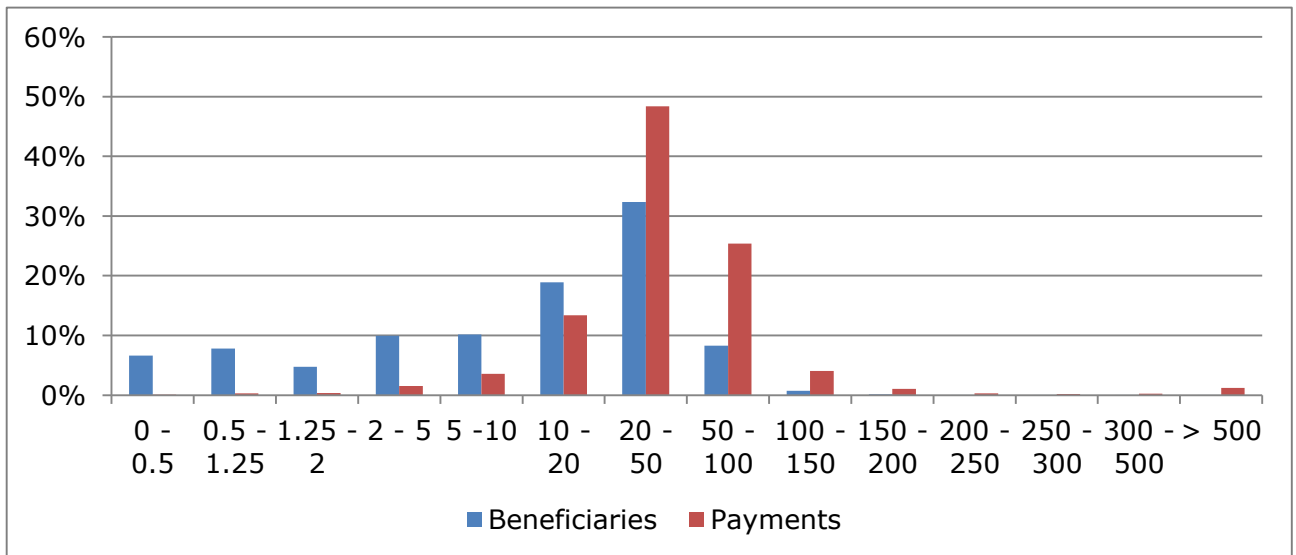
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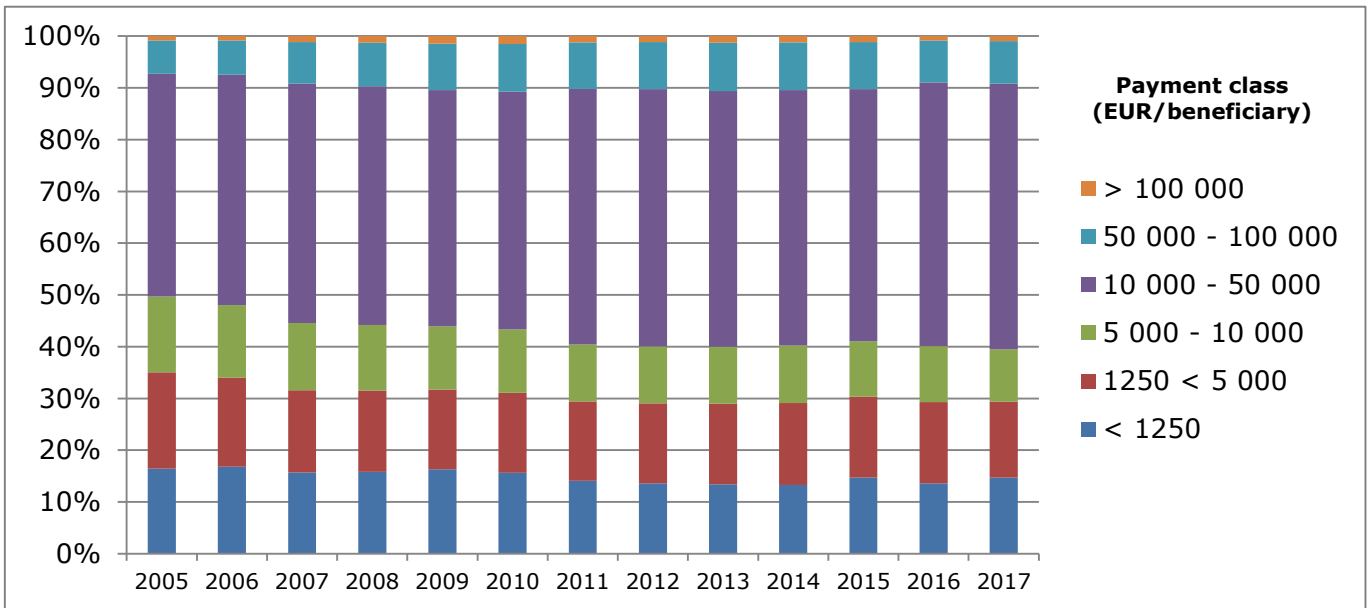


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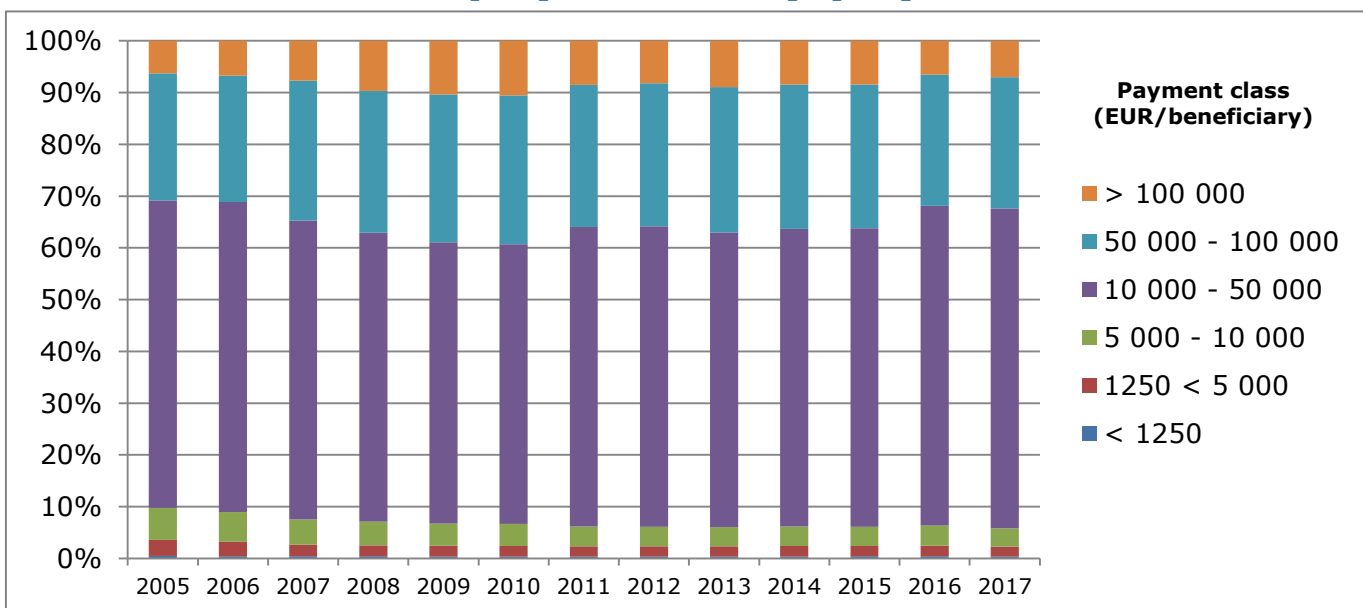




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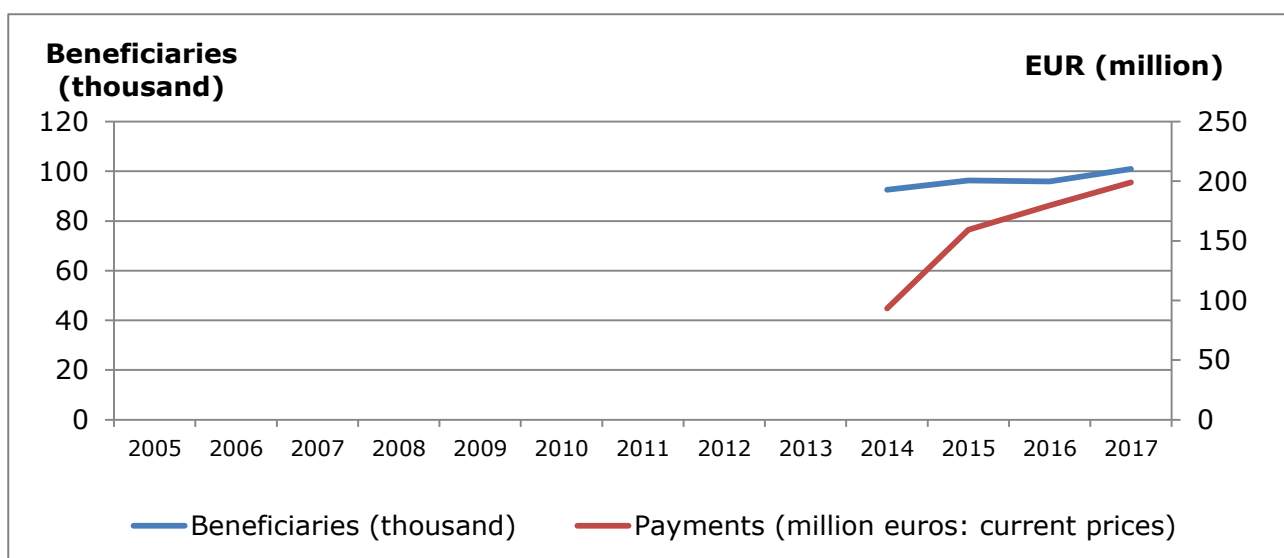




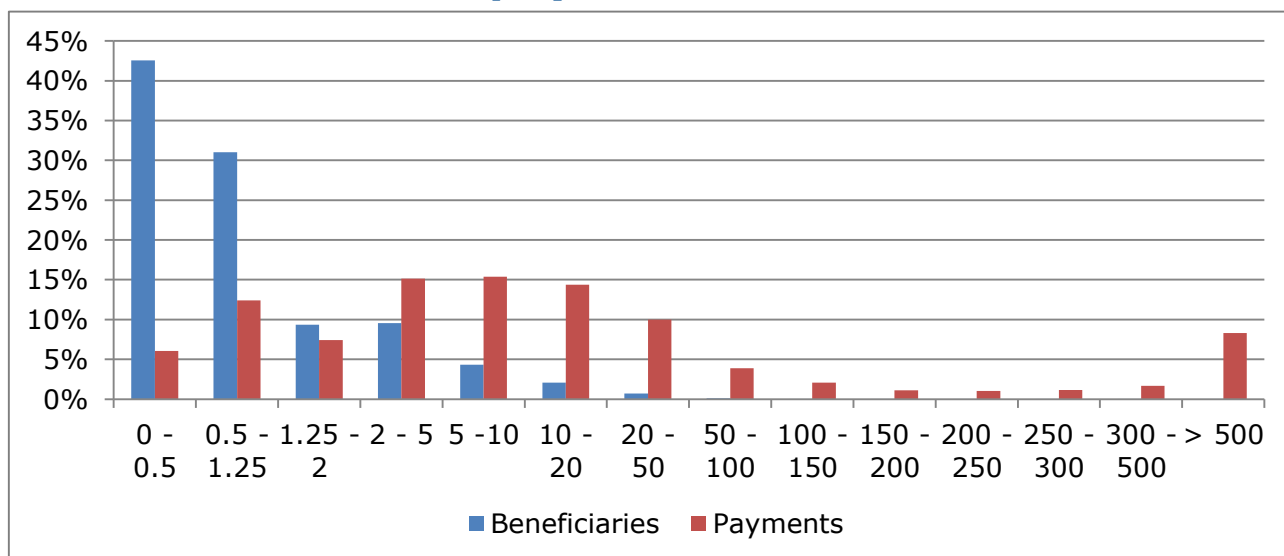
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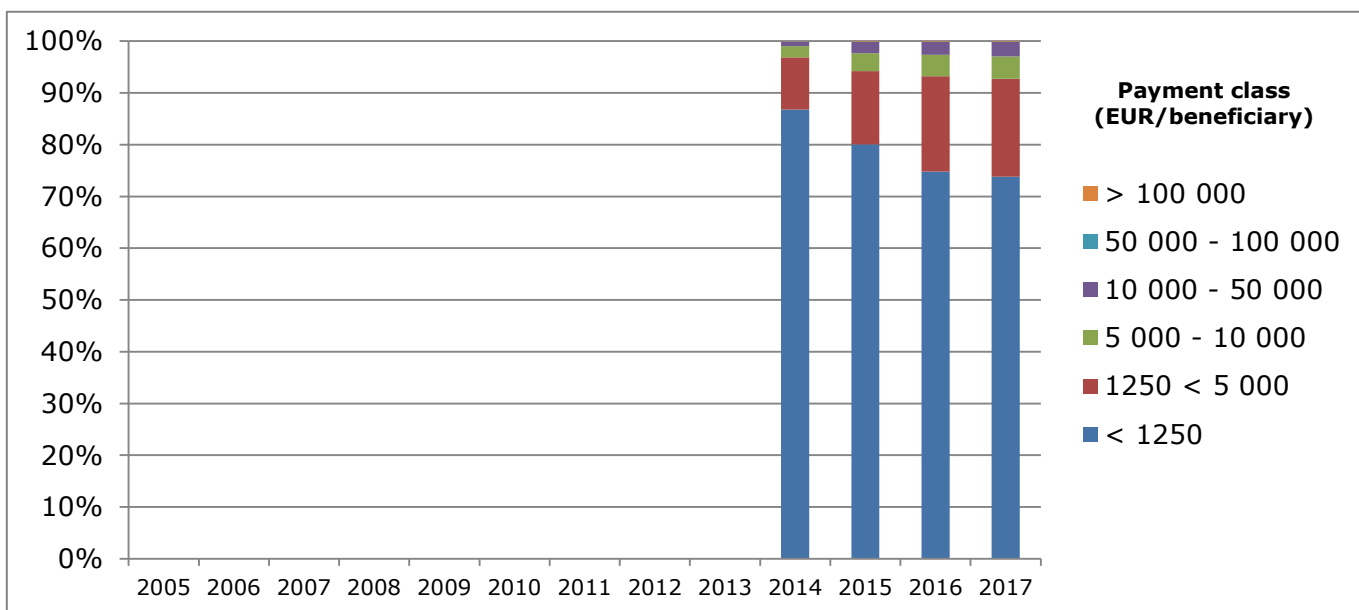
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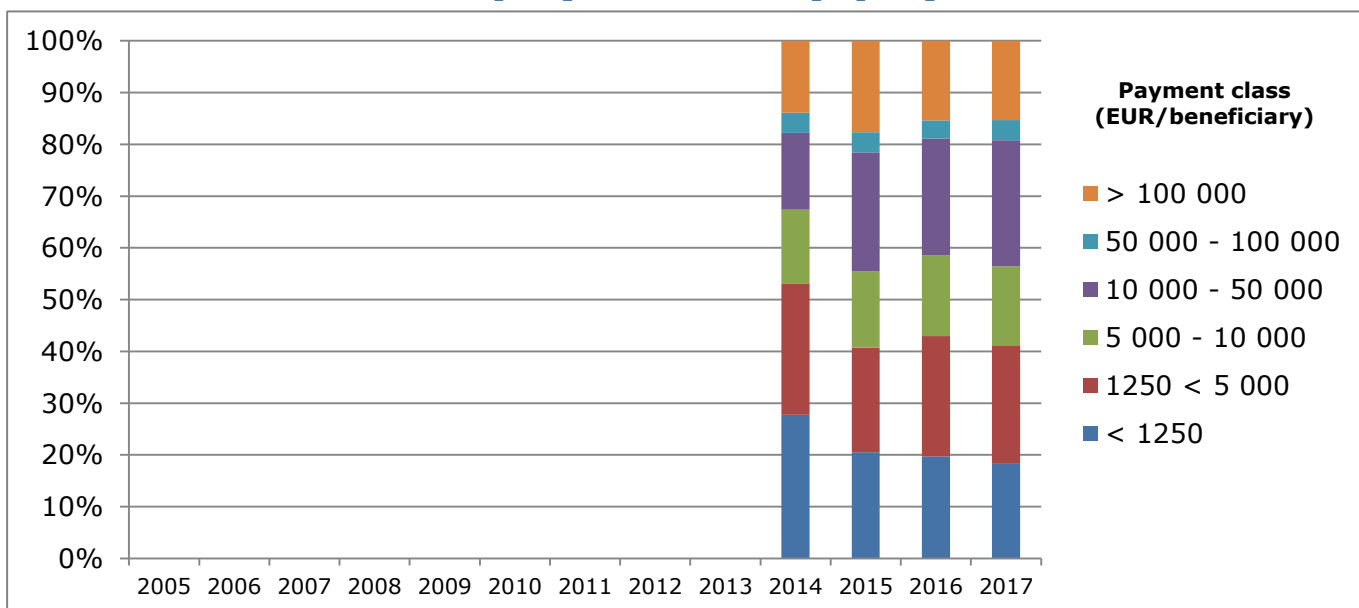


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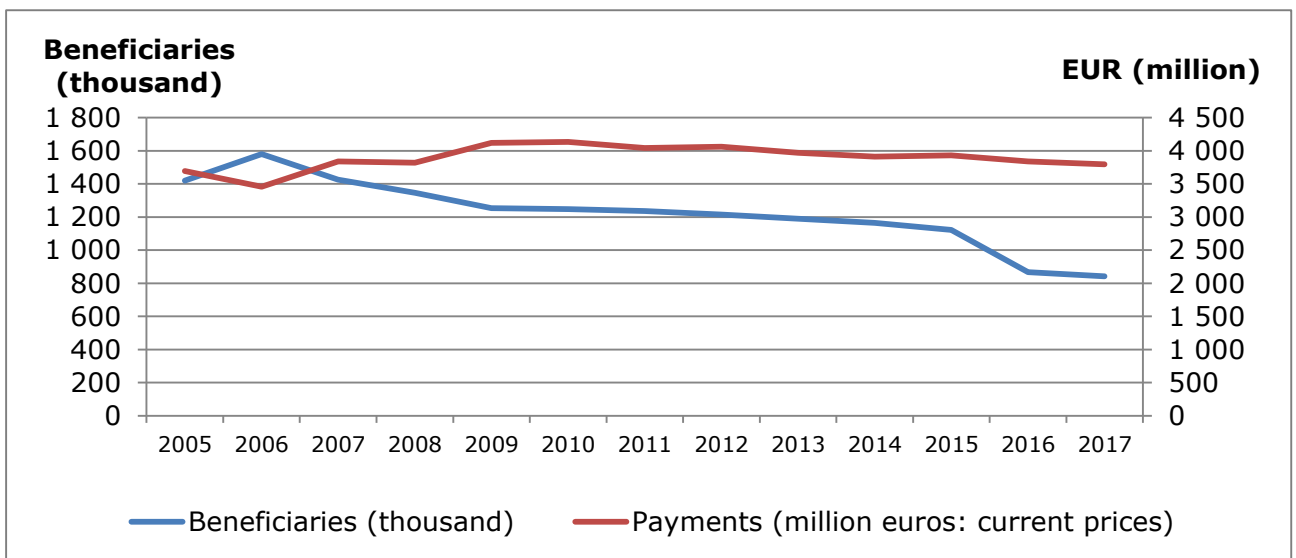




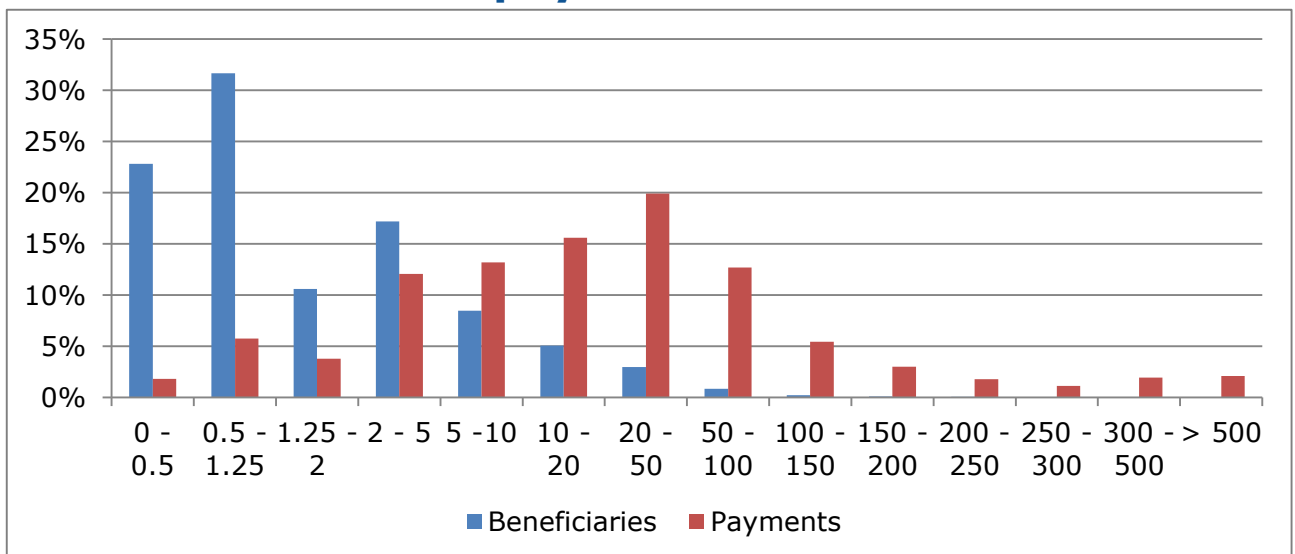
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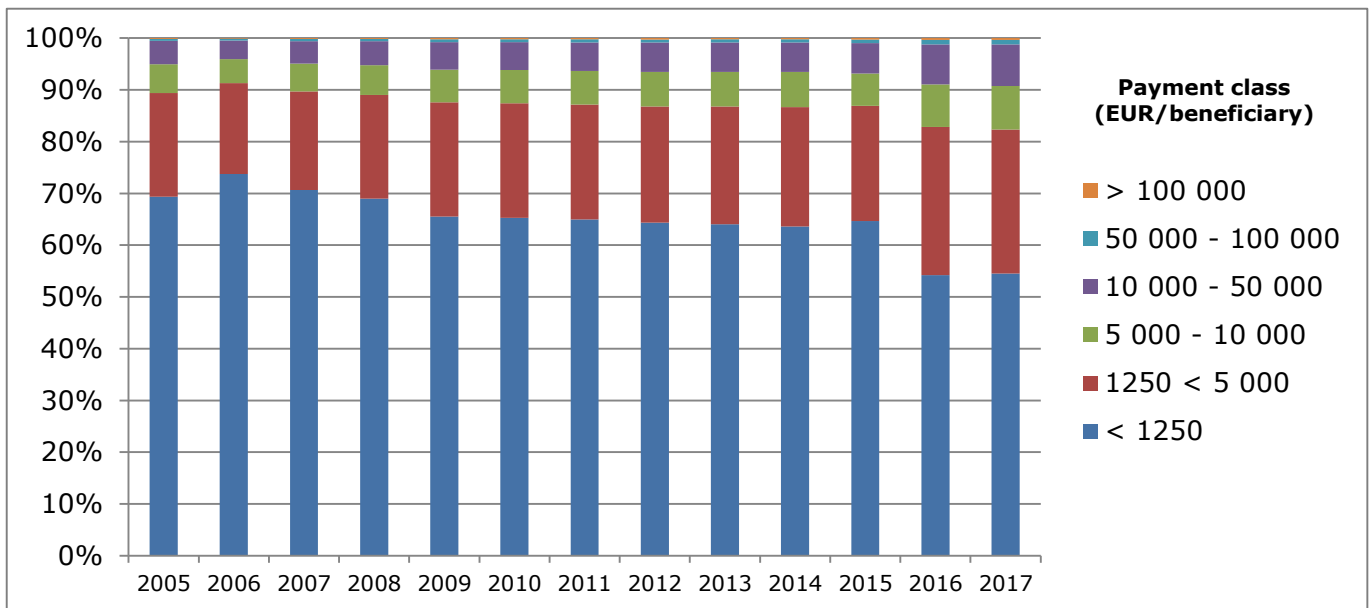
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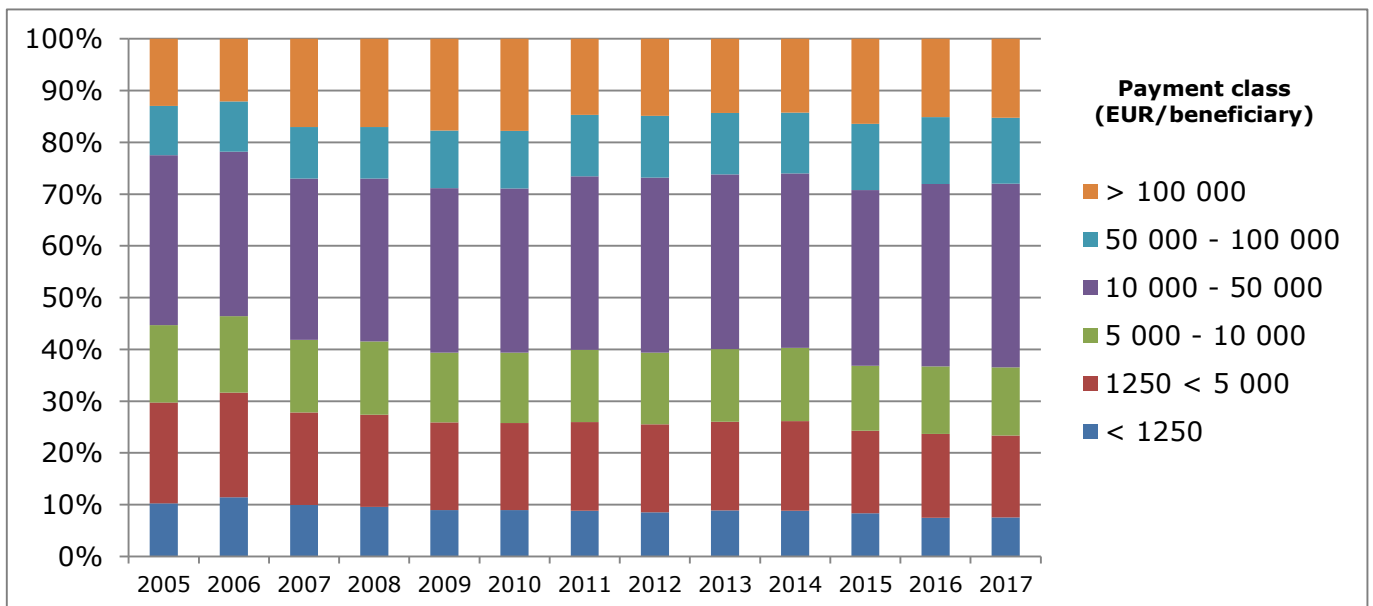


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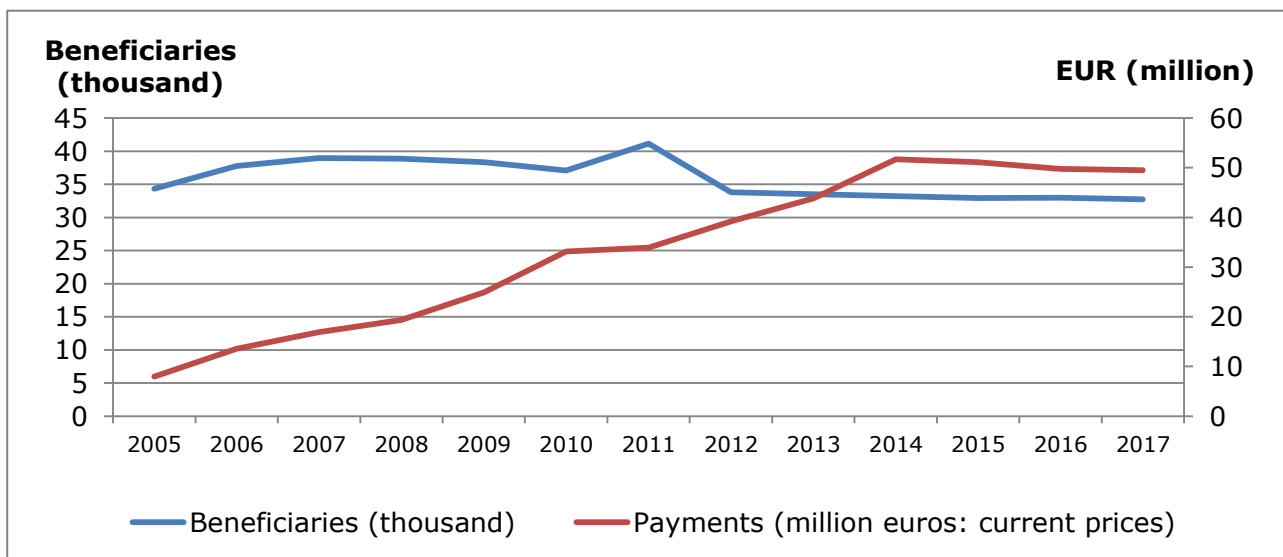




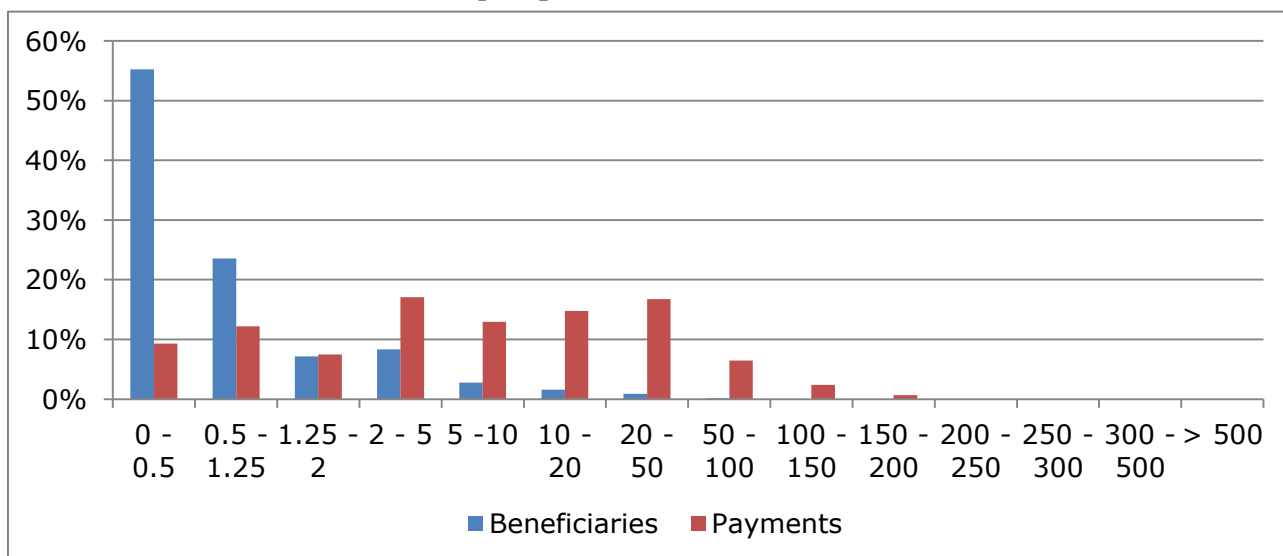
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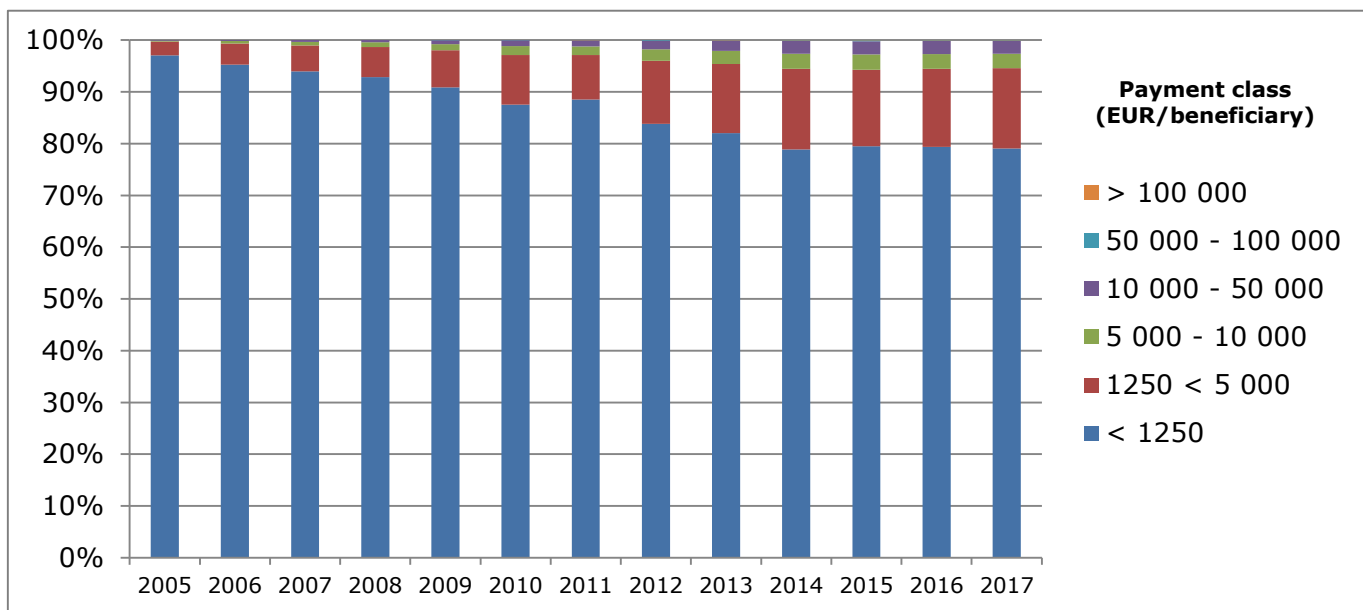
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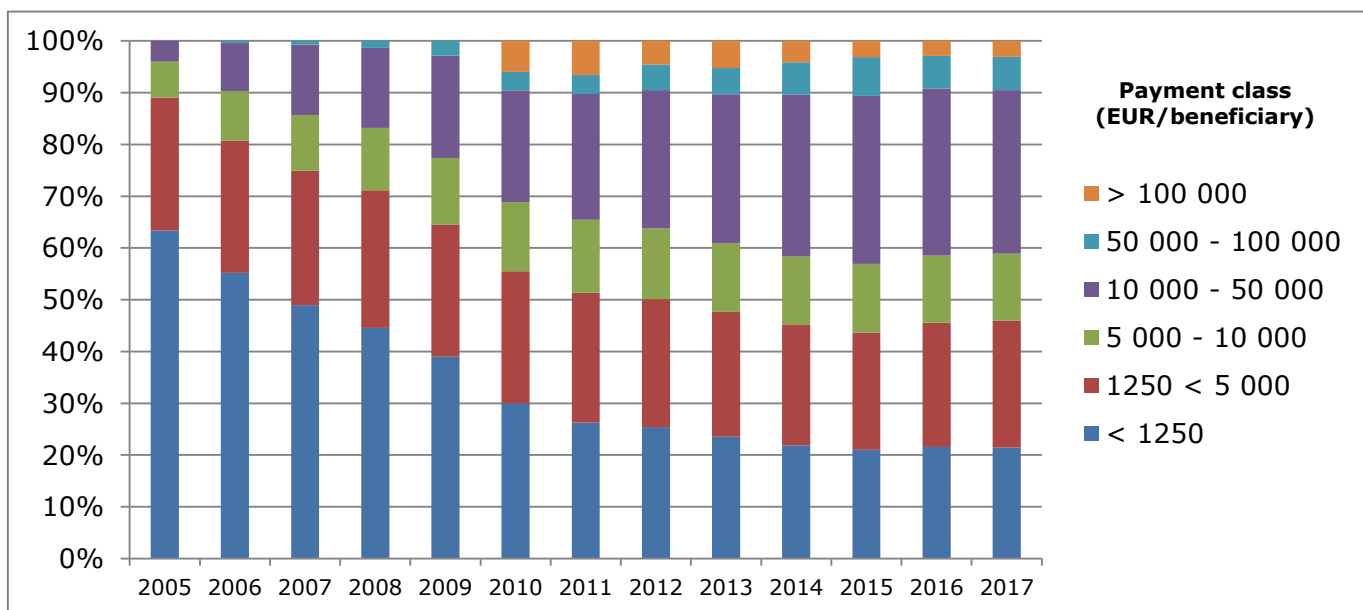


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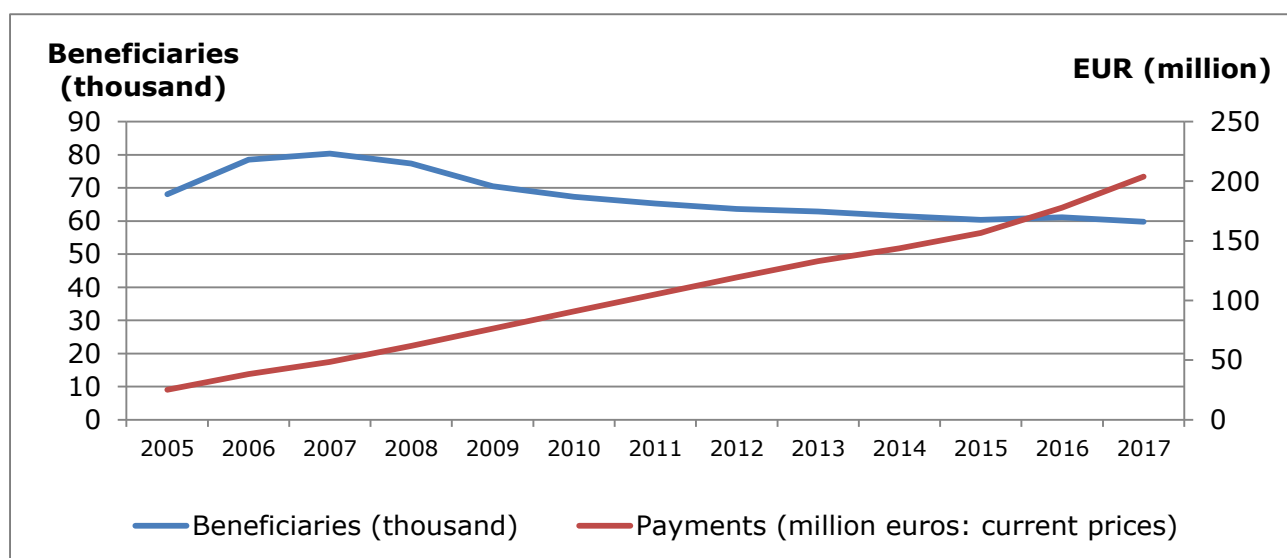




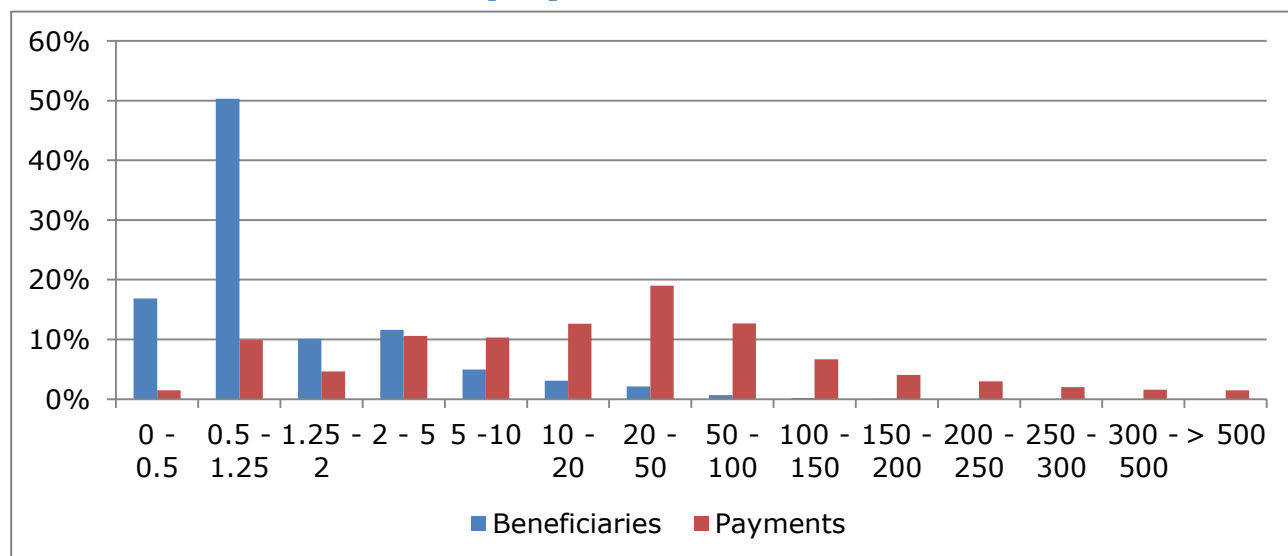
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## Latvia

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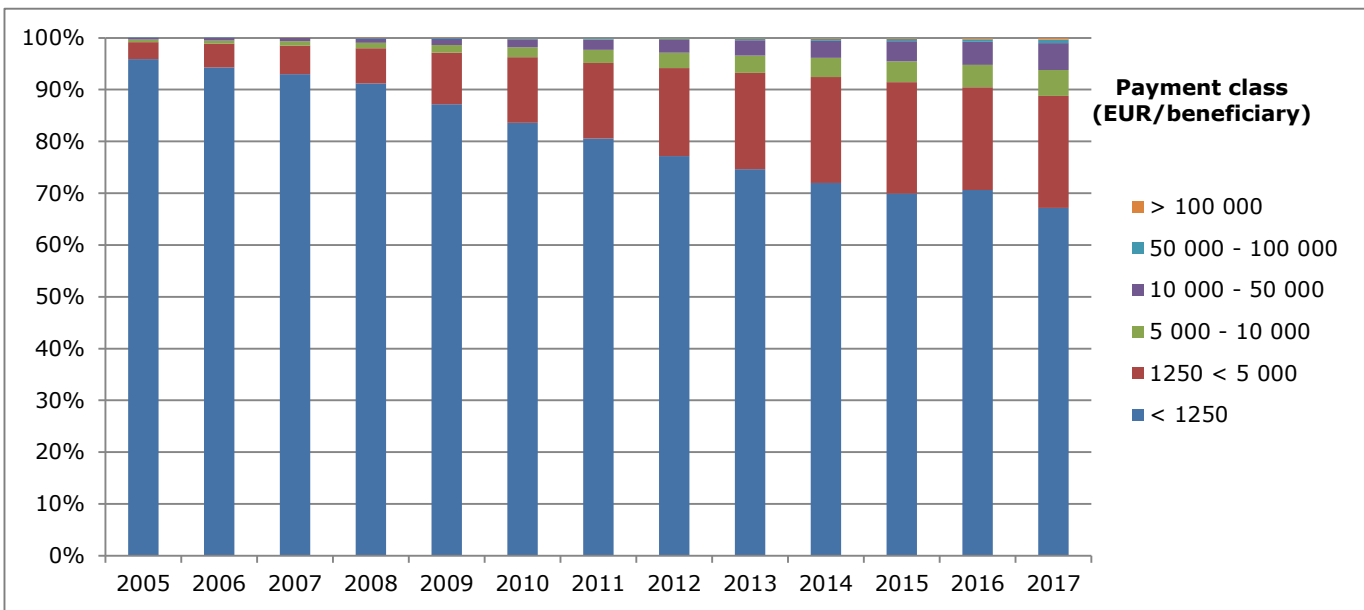




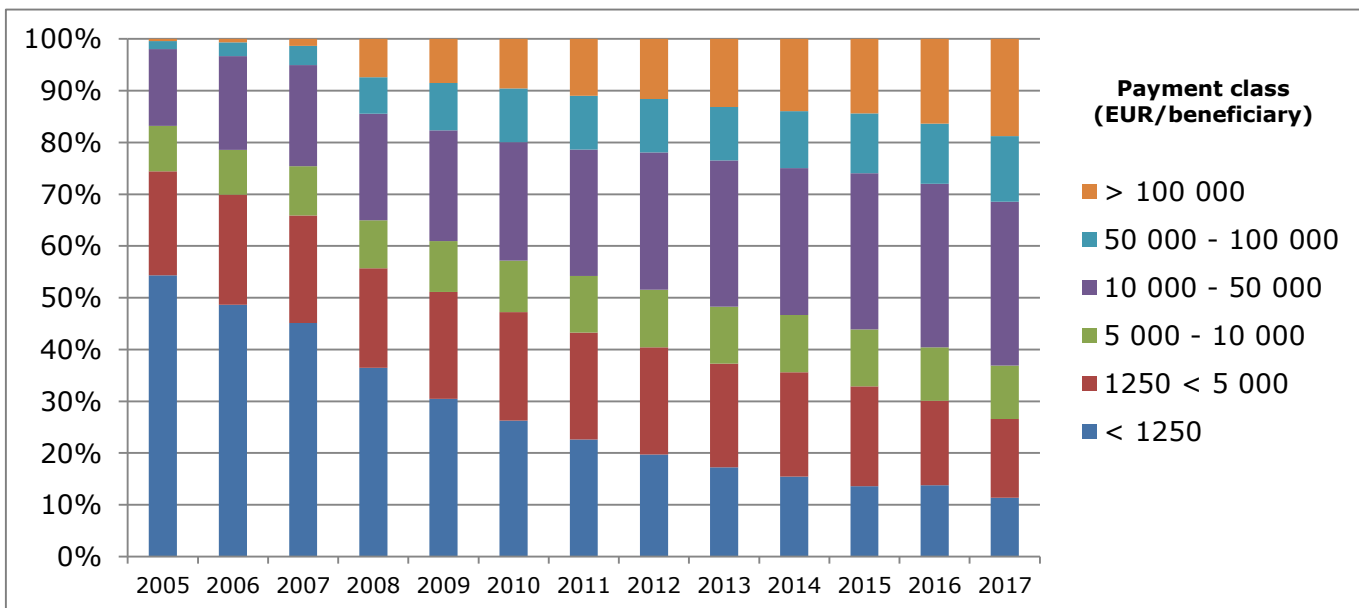


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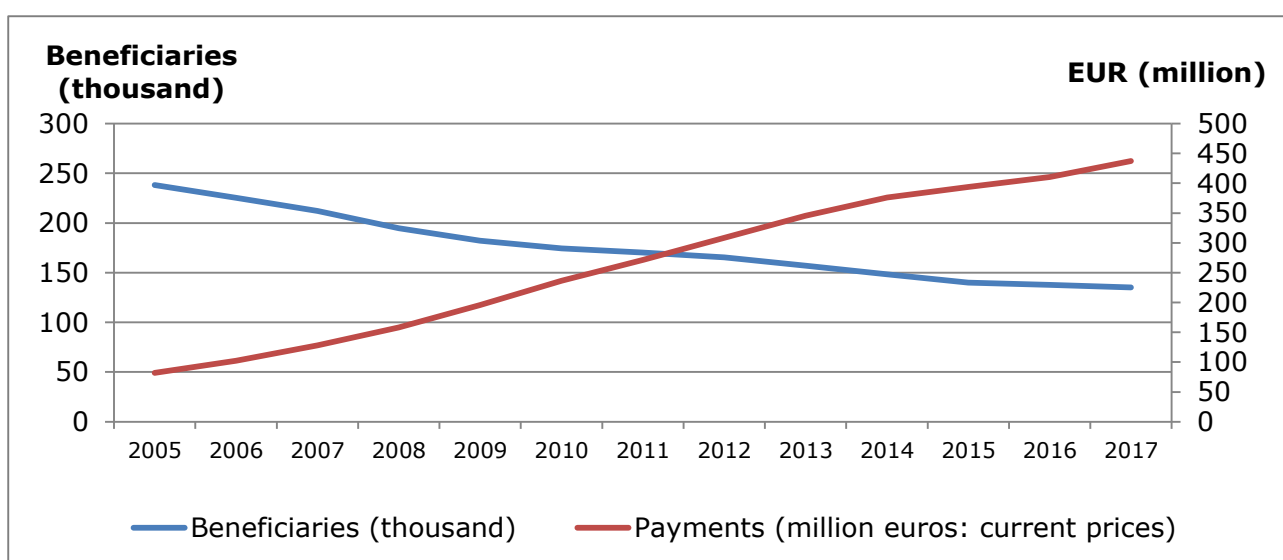




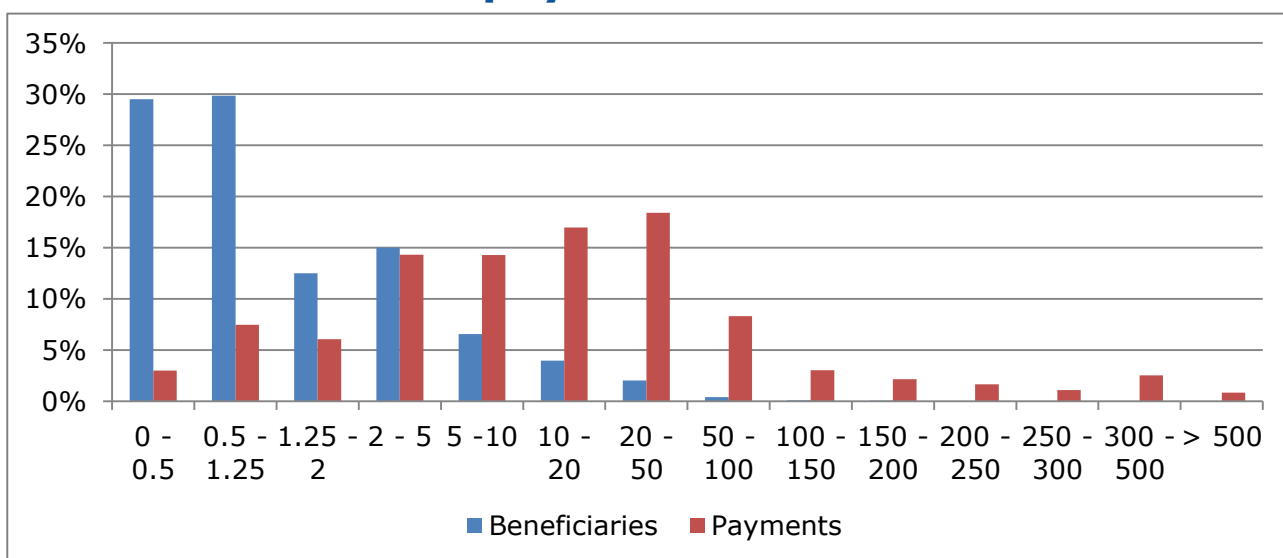
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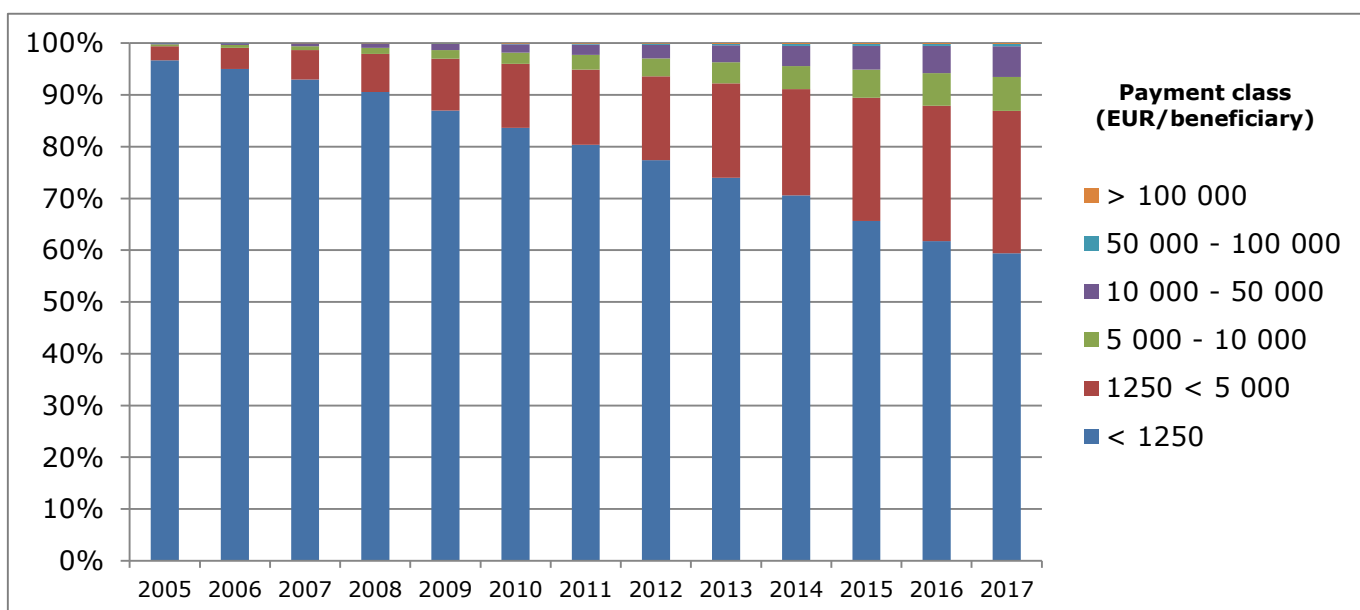
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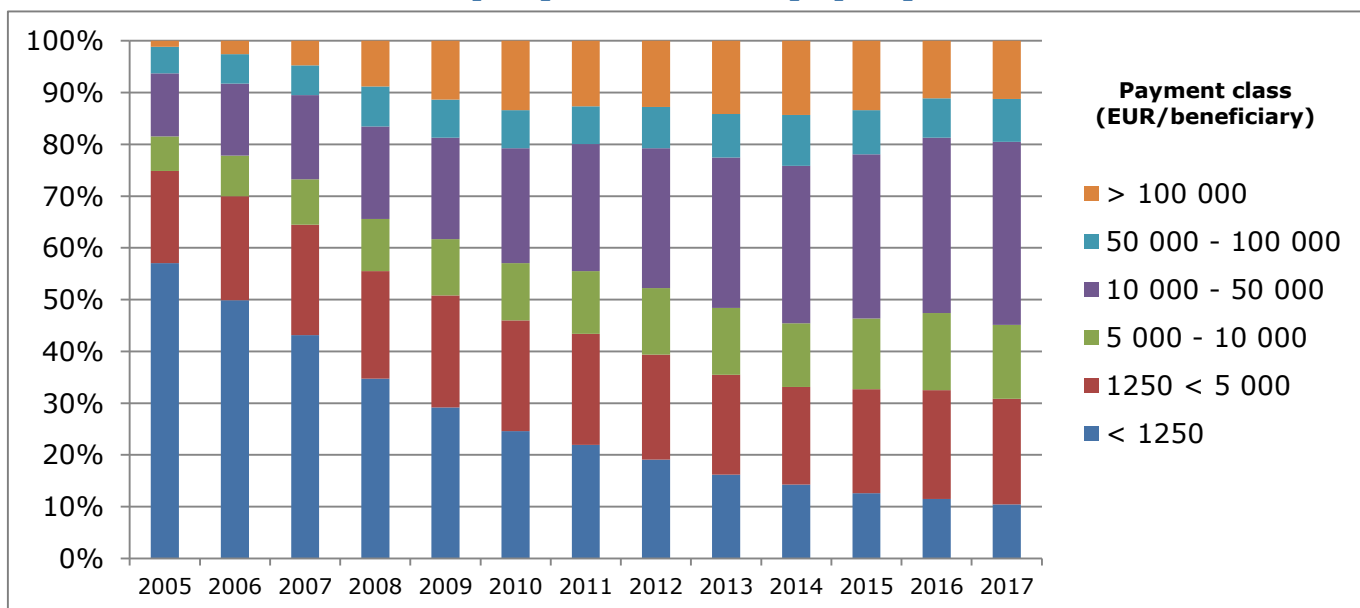


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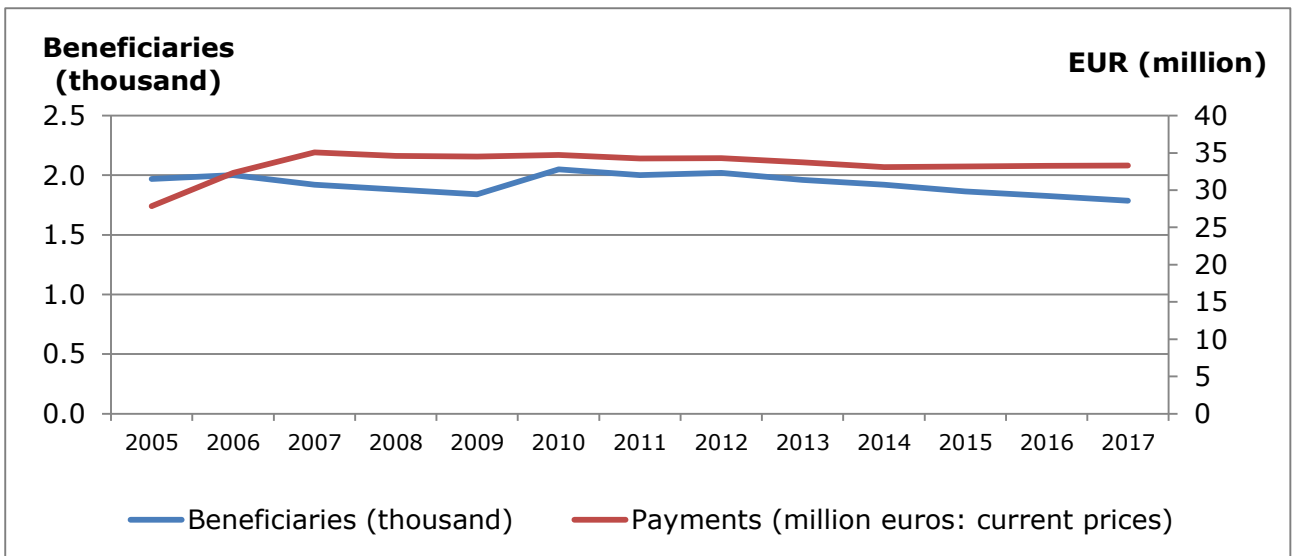




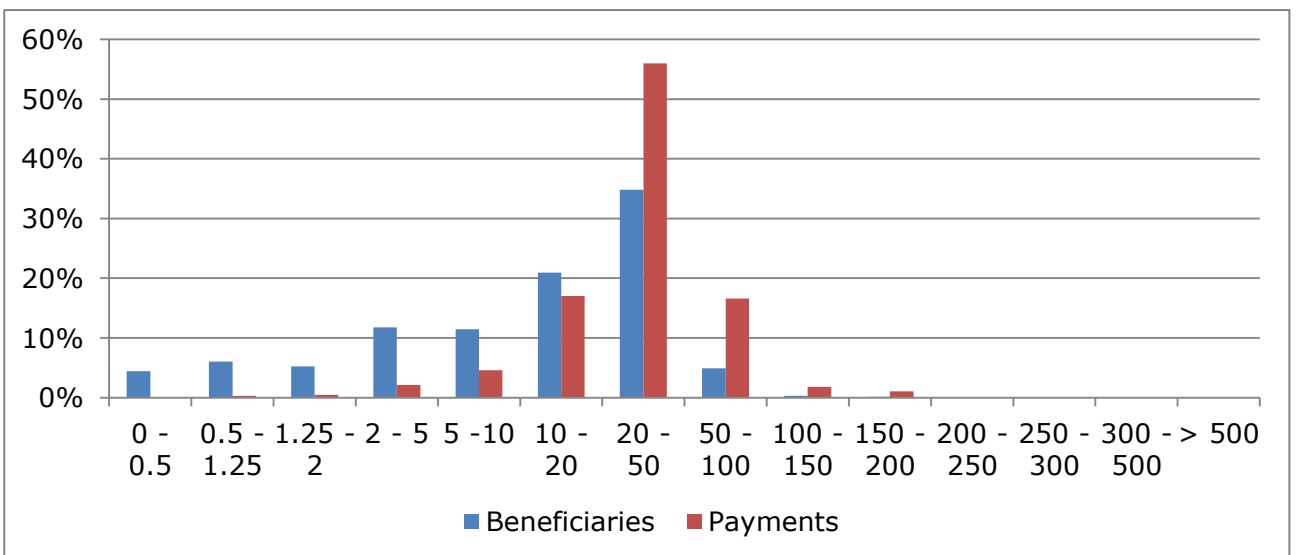
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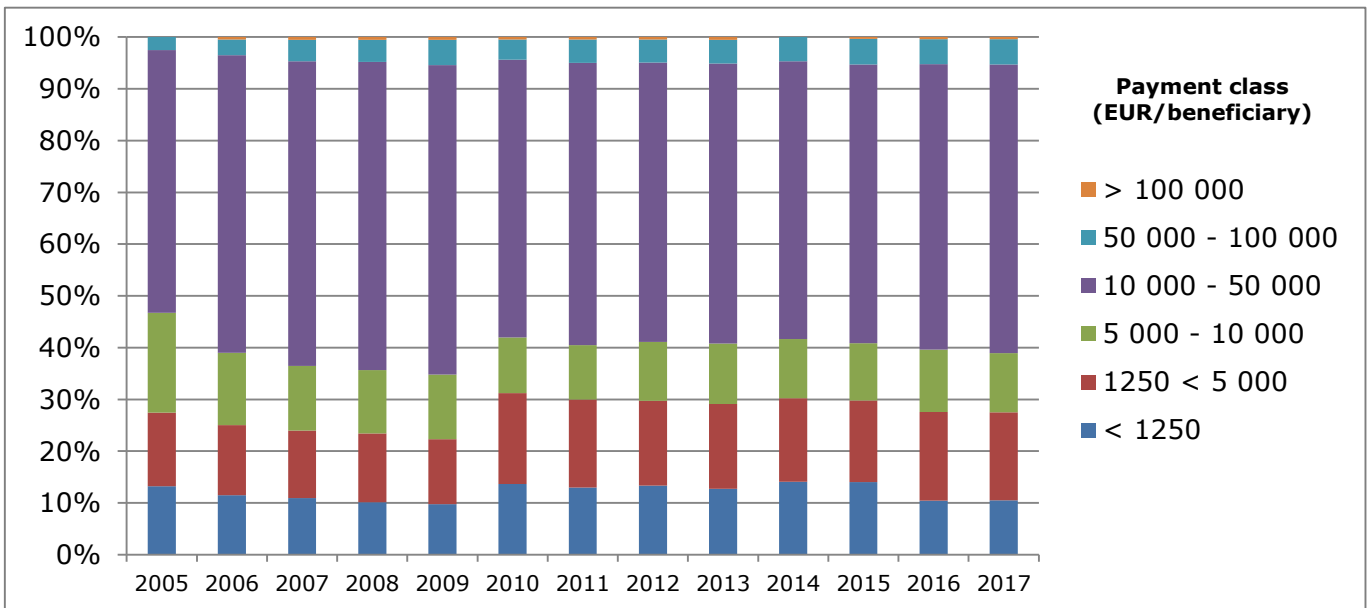


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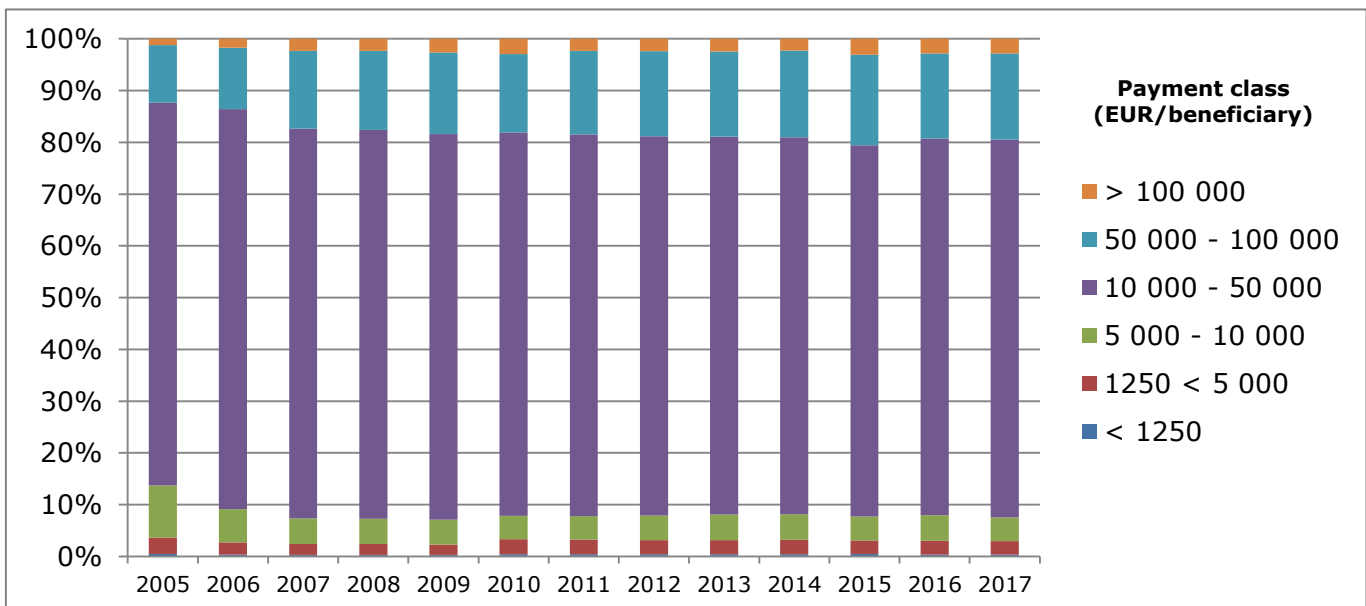




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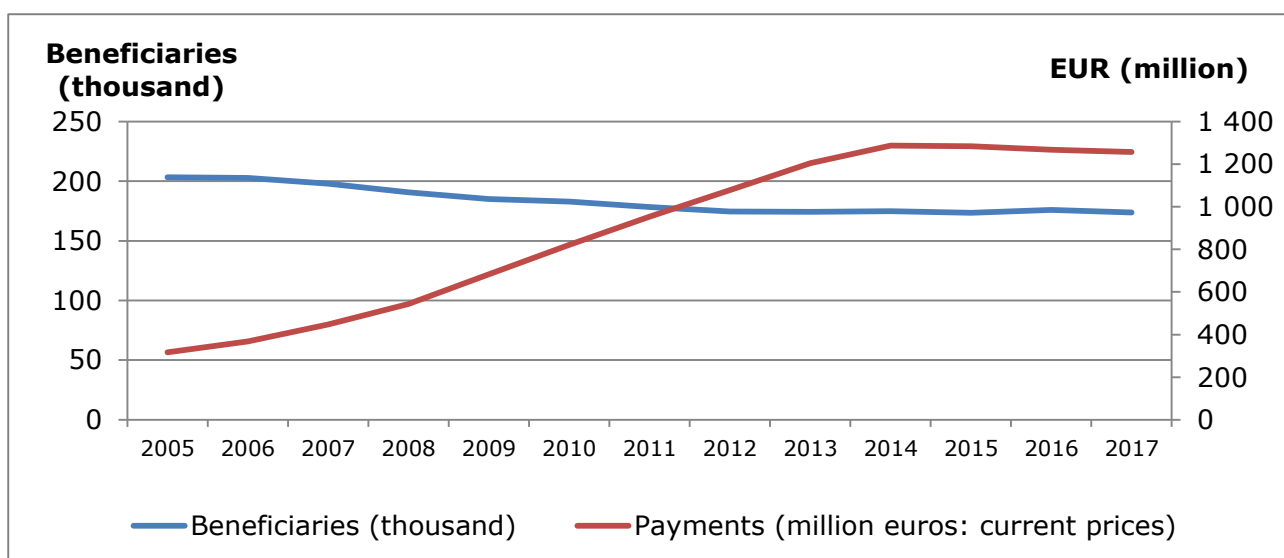
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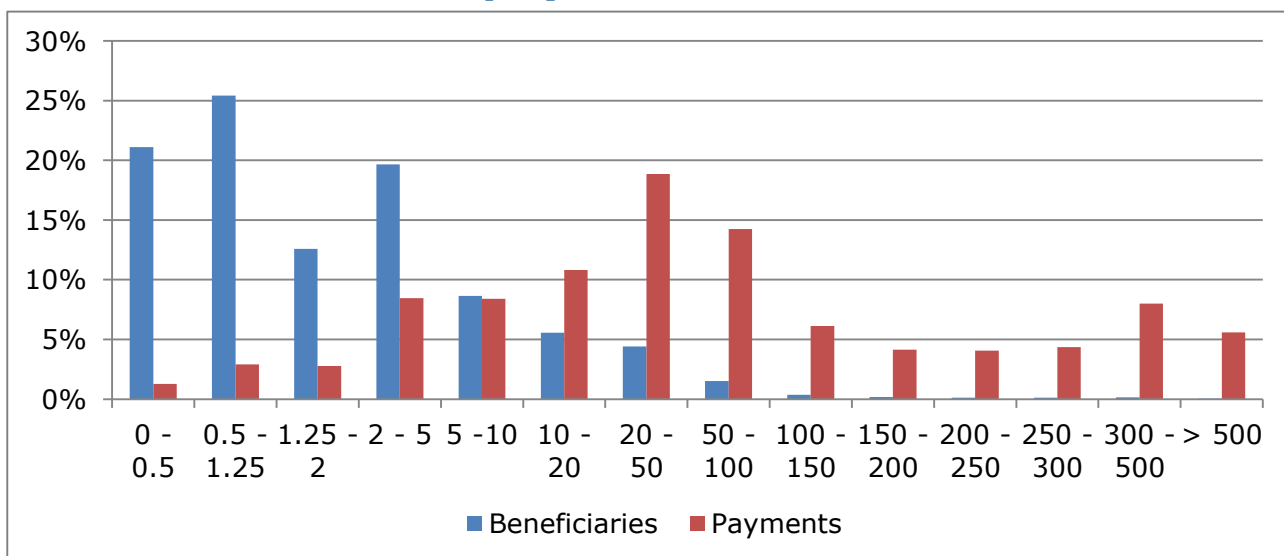


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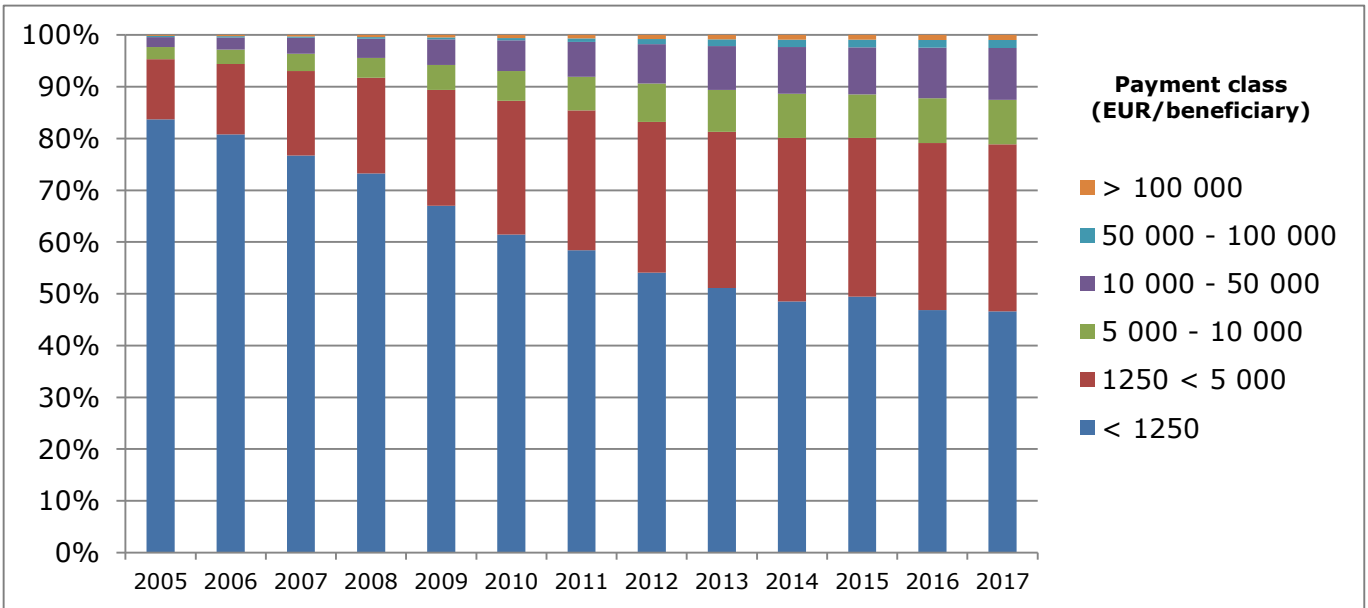
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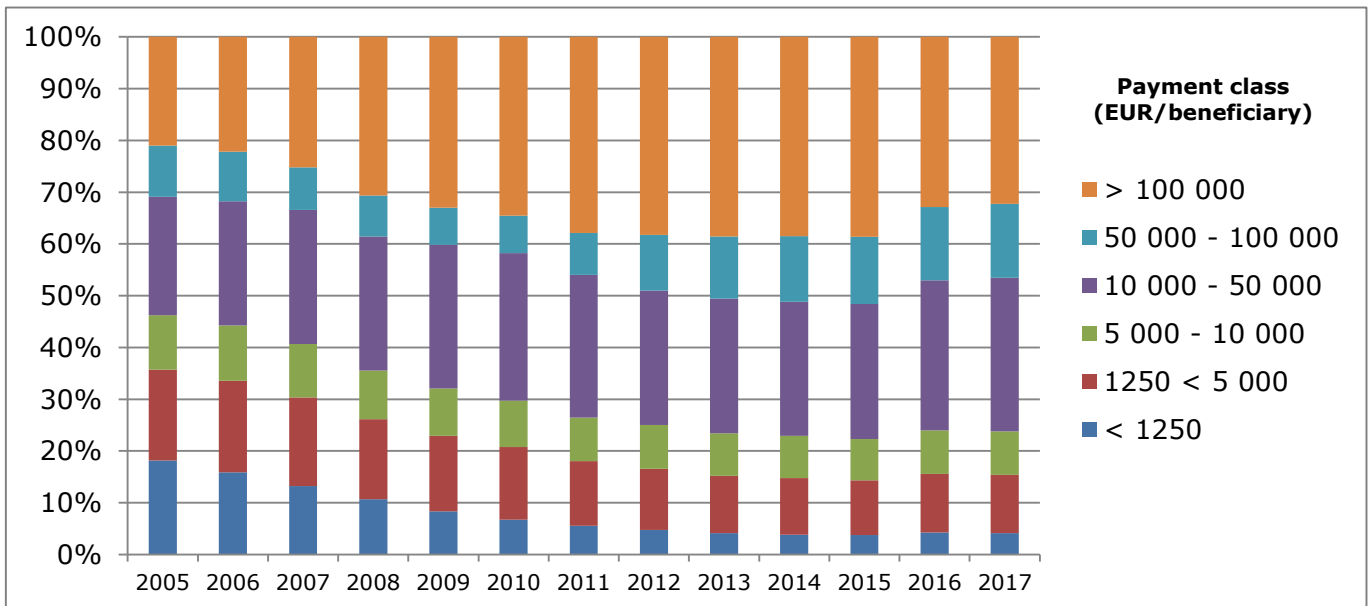


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## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



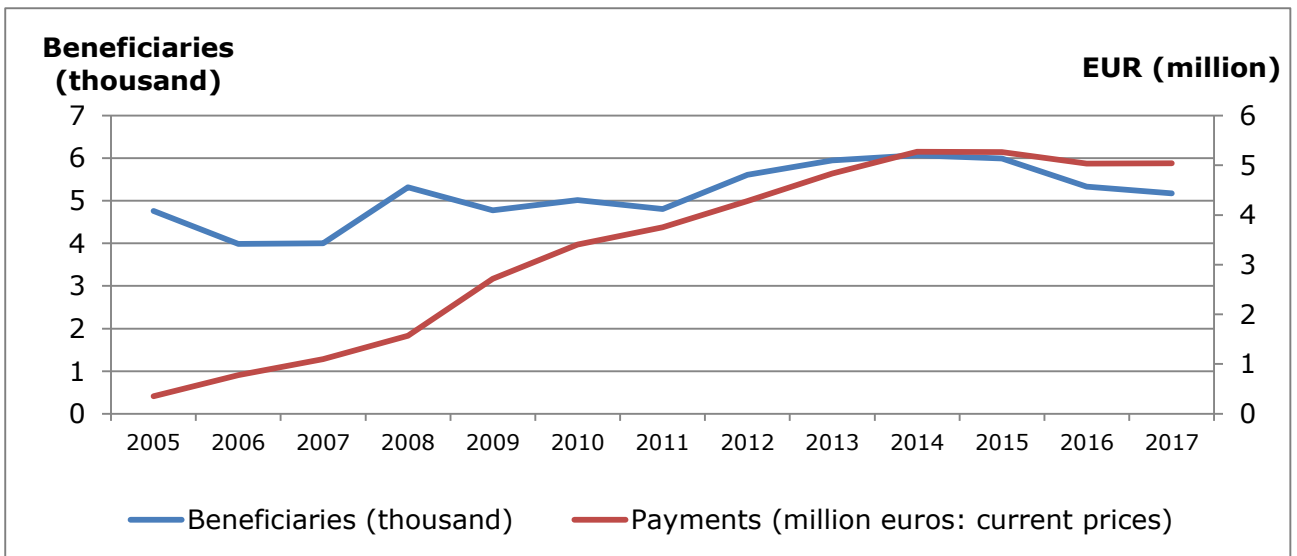
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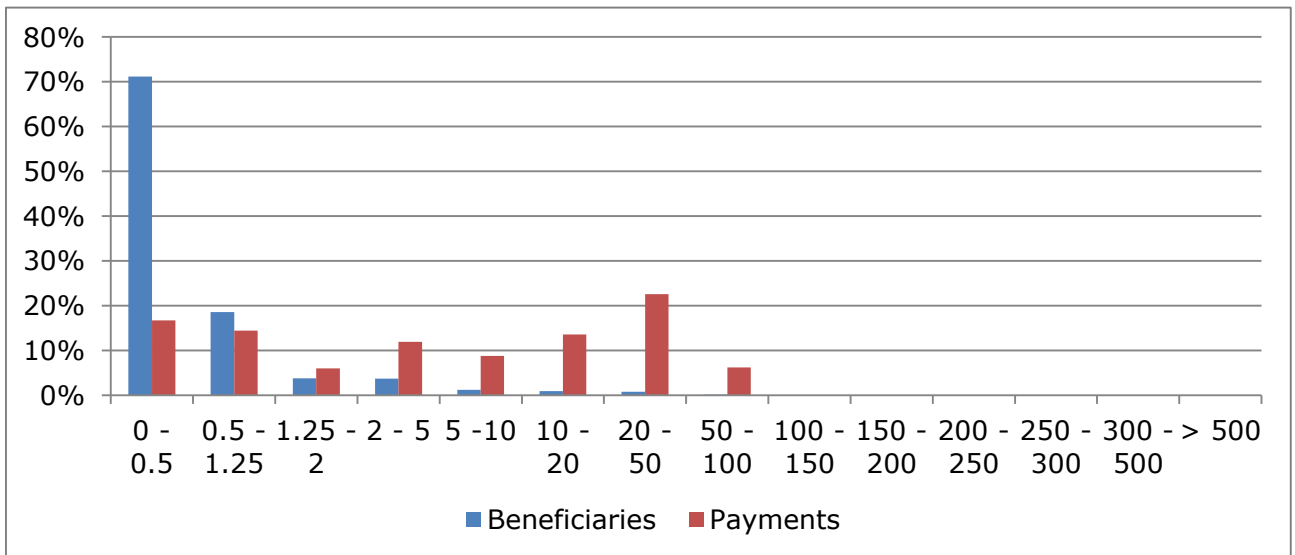


## Malta

### Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments



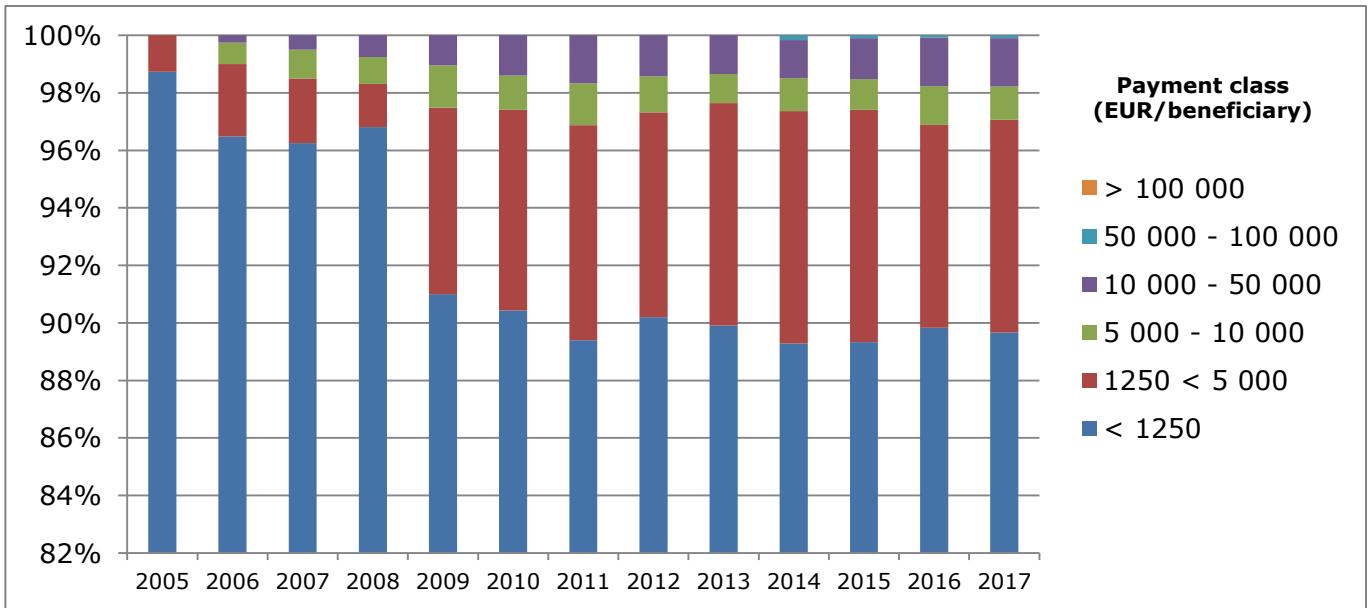
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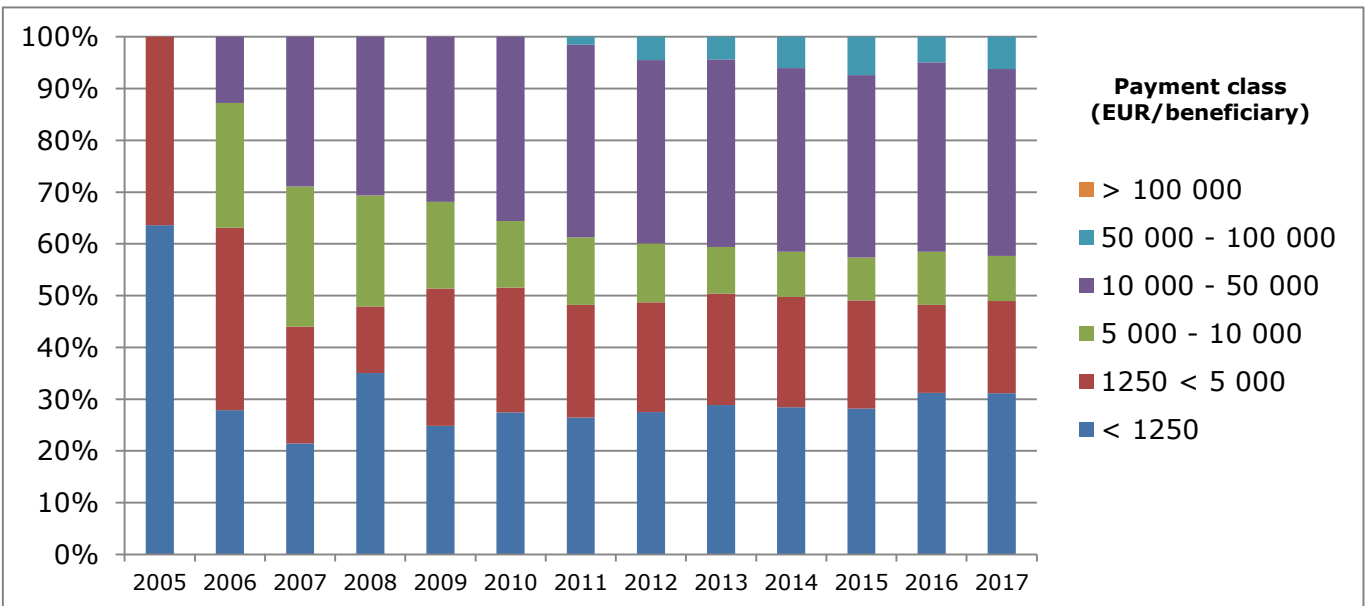




## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



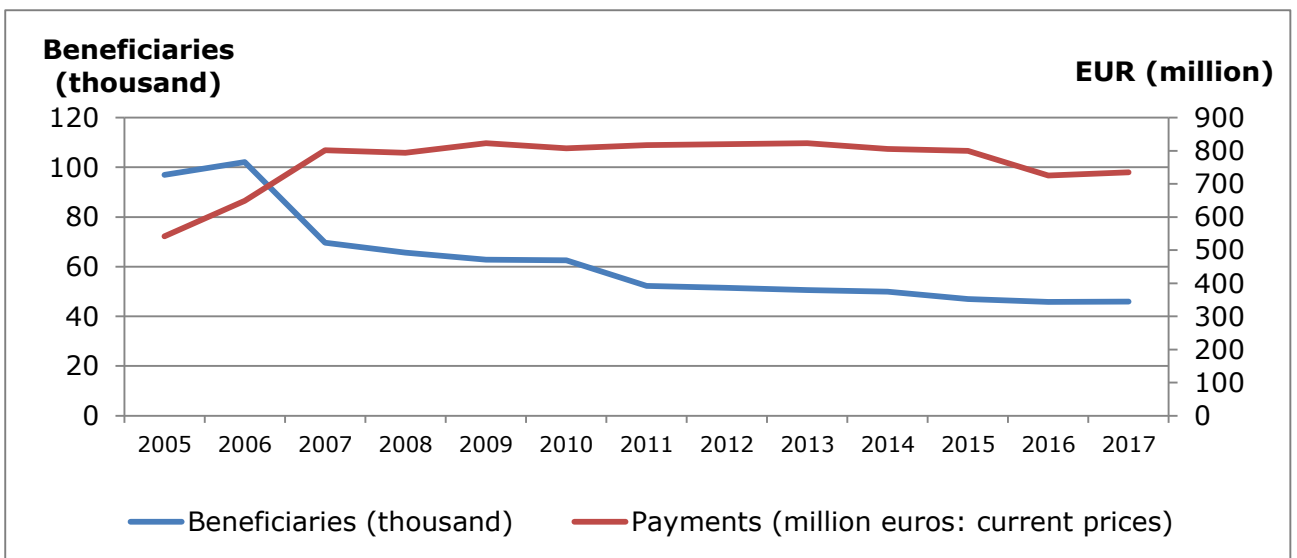
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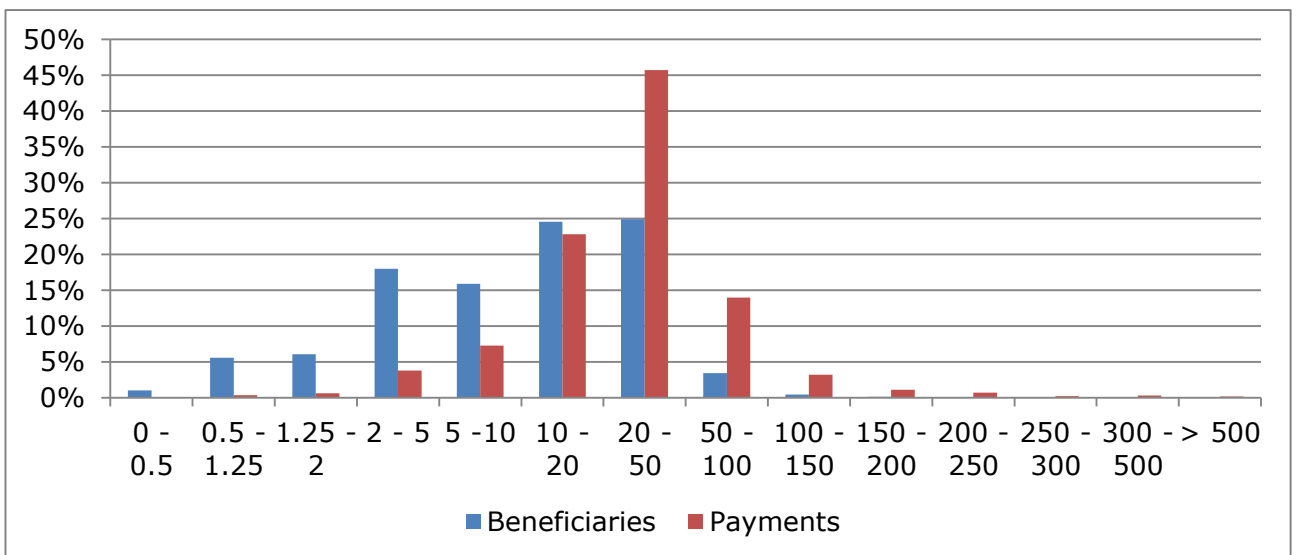


# The Netherlands

## Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments



## Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

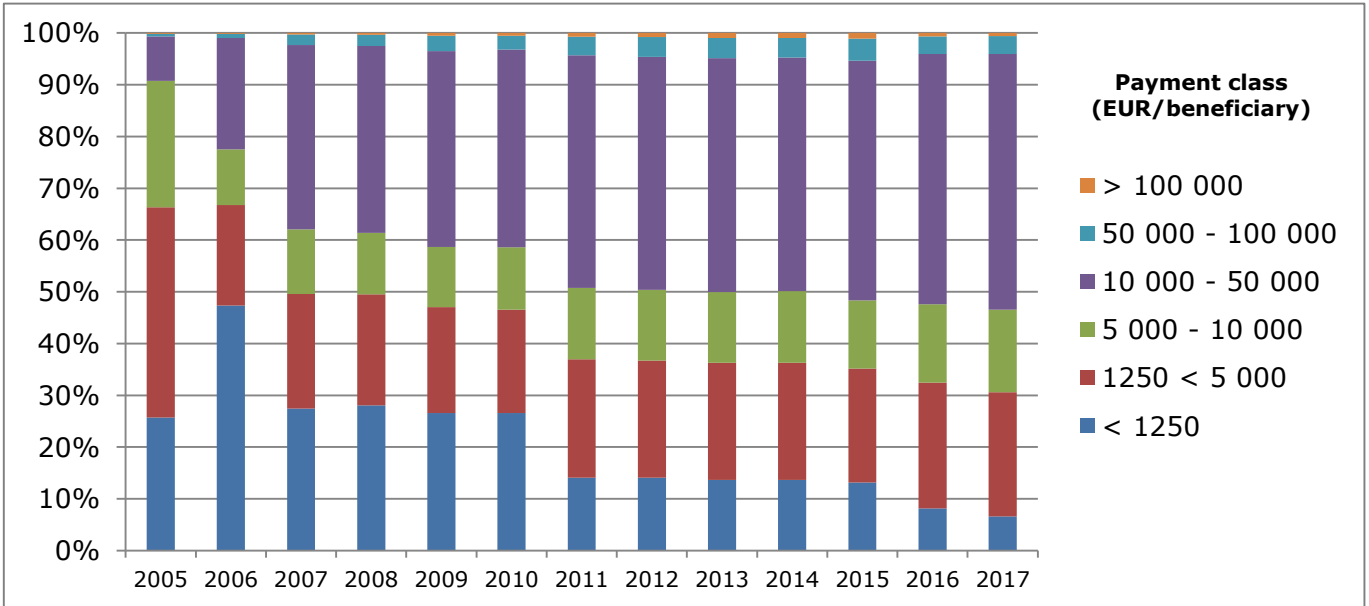


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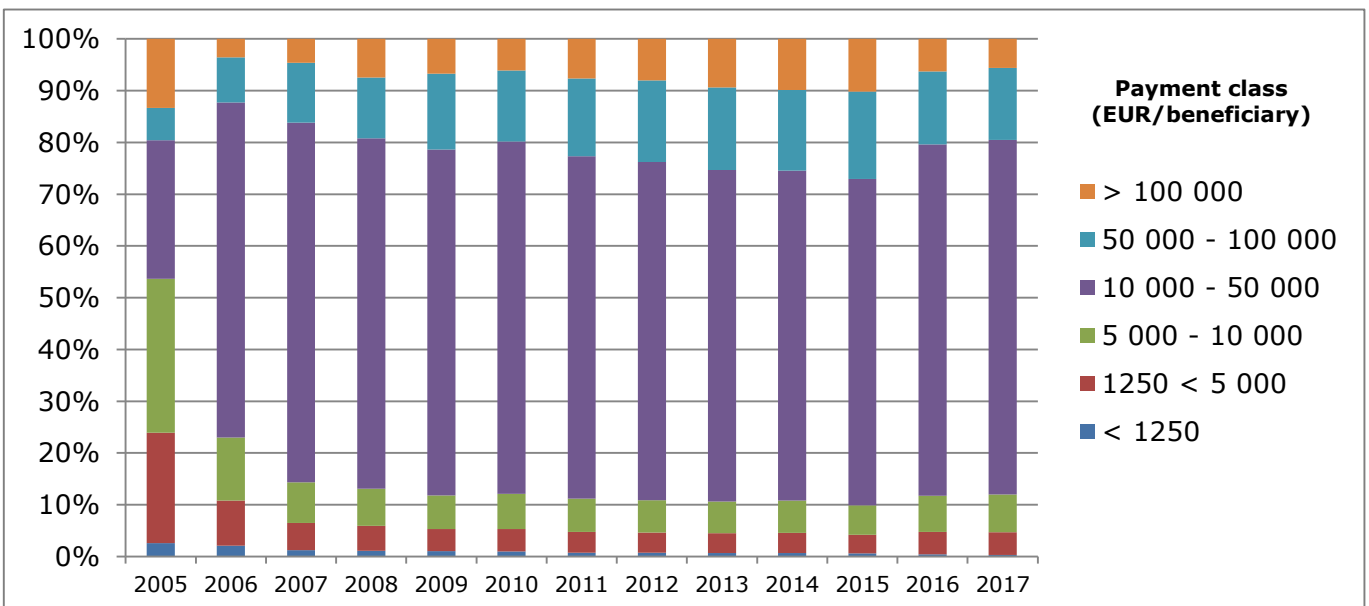


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## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



## Evolution of payments by payment class

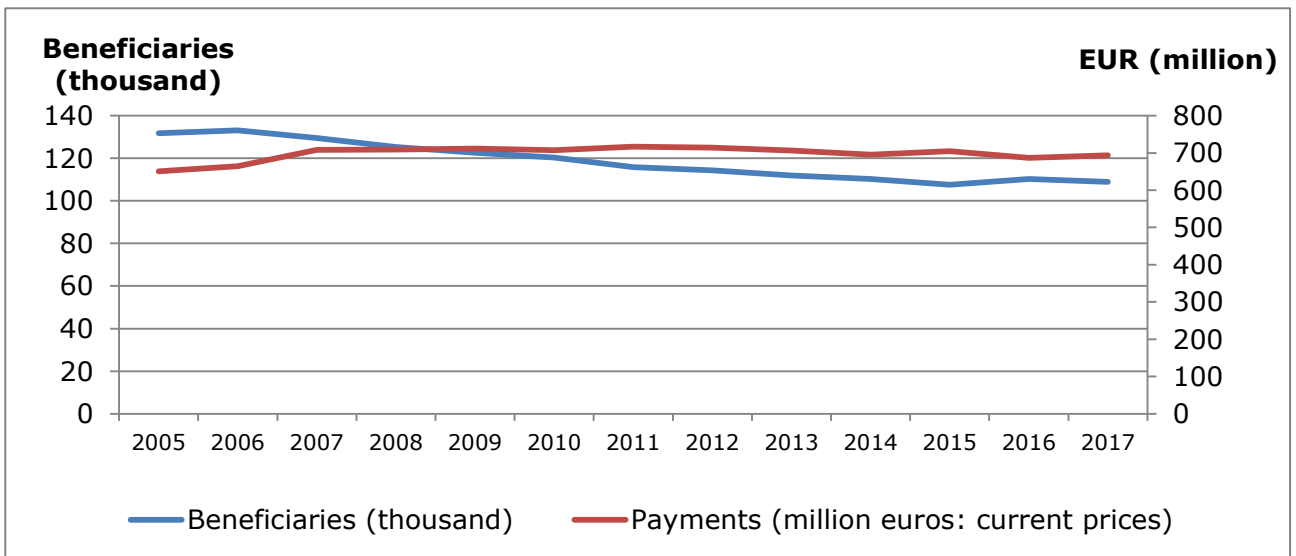




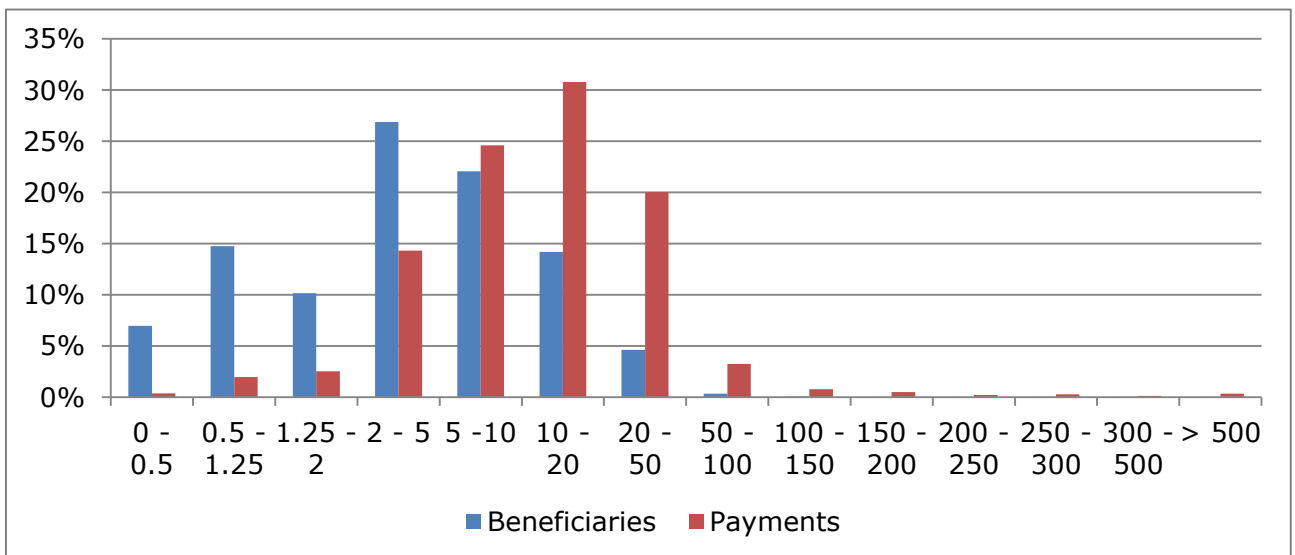
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## Austria

### Evolution of total beneficiaries and payments

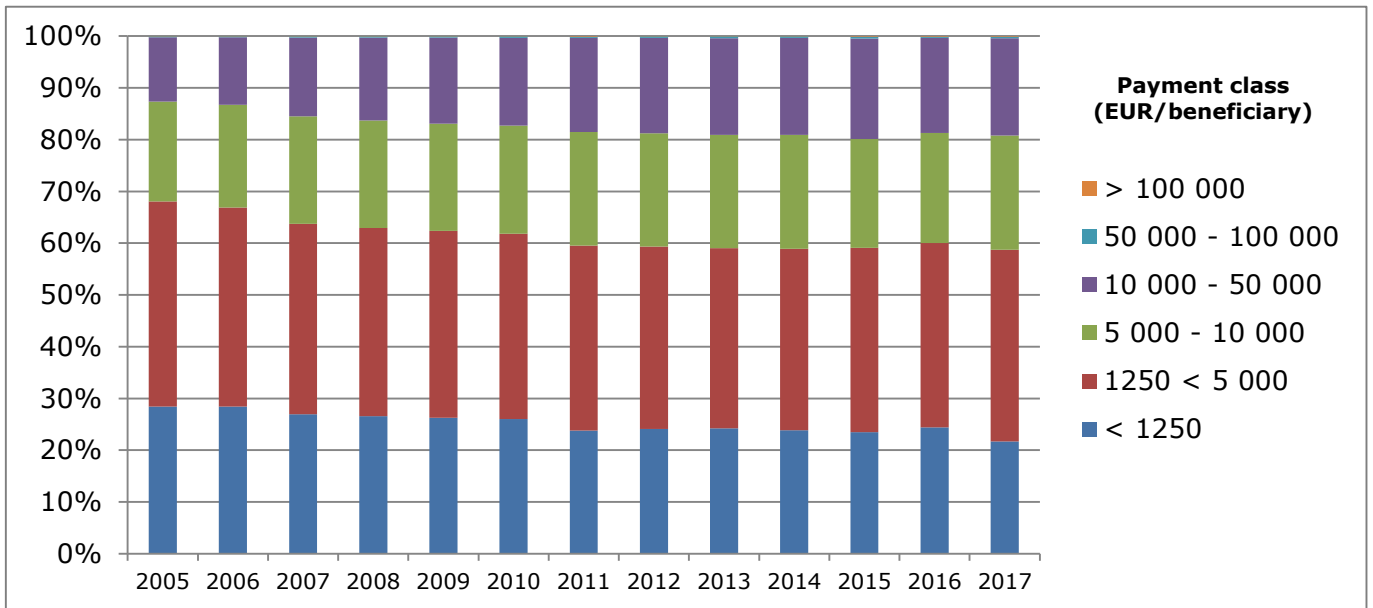


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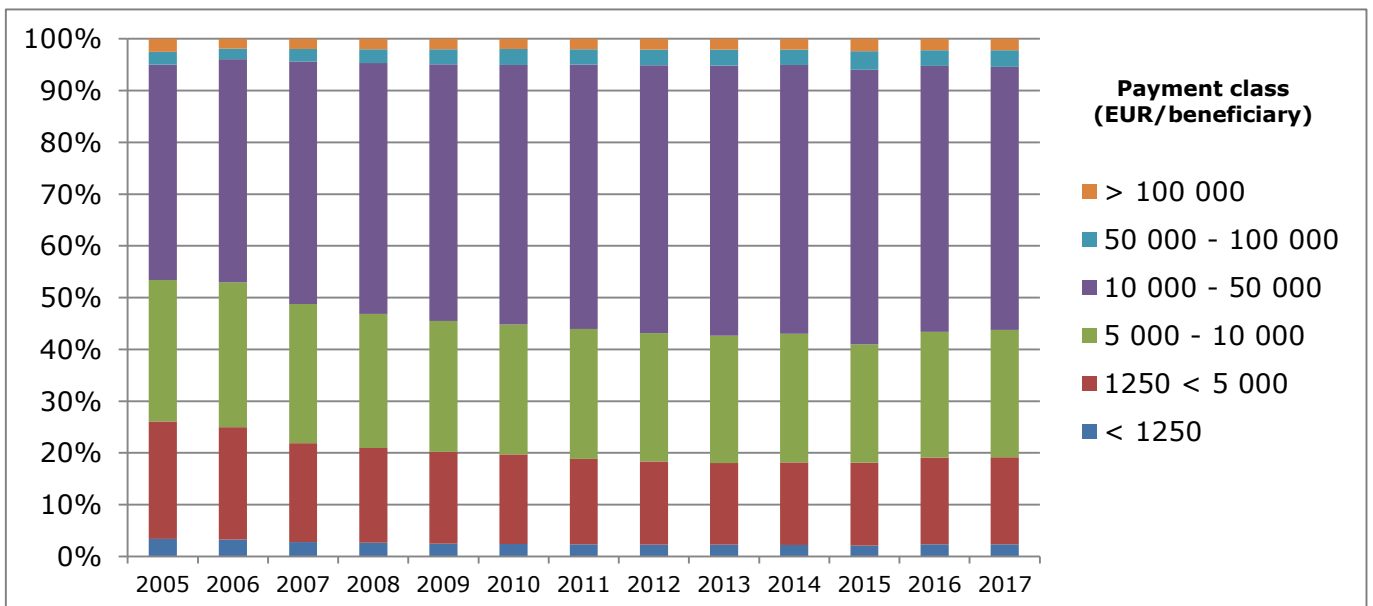




## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



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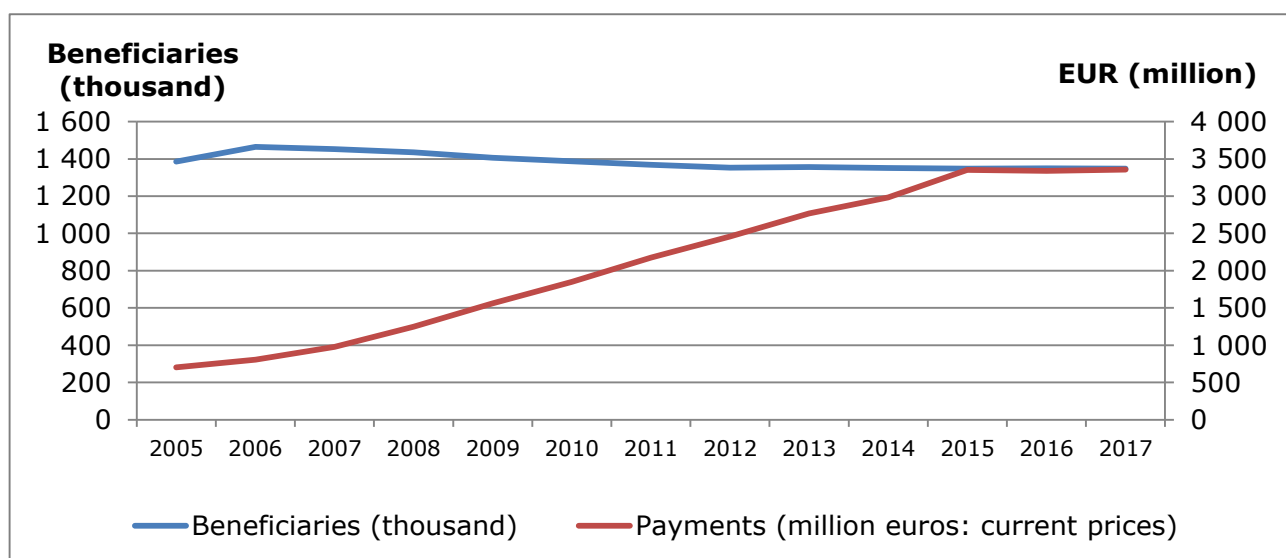




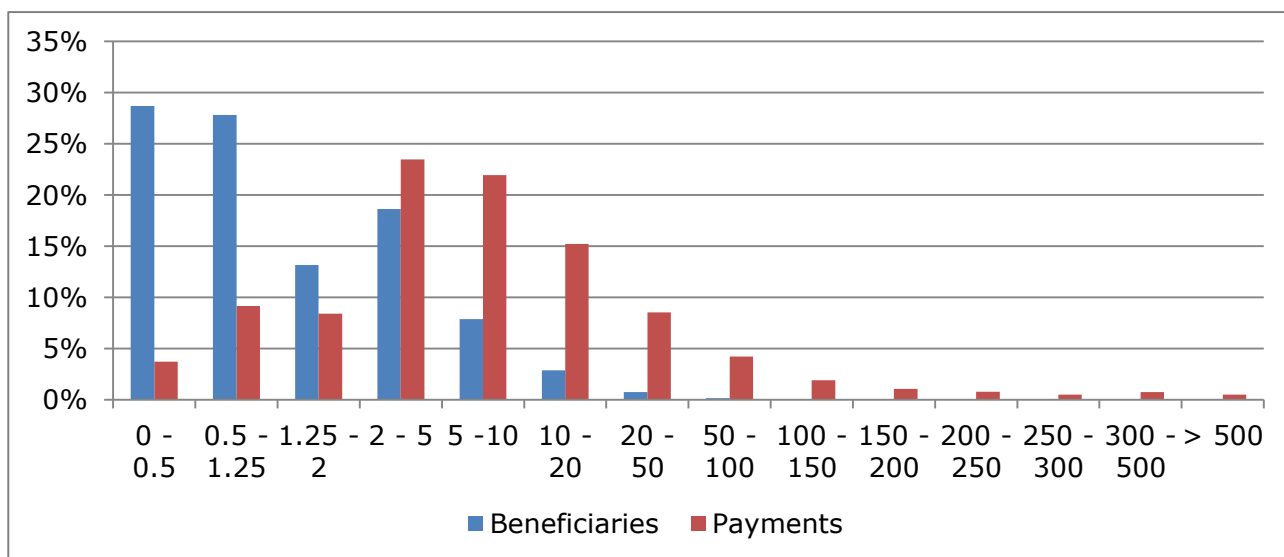
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## Poland

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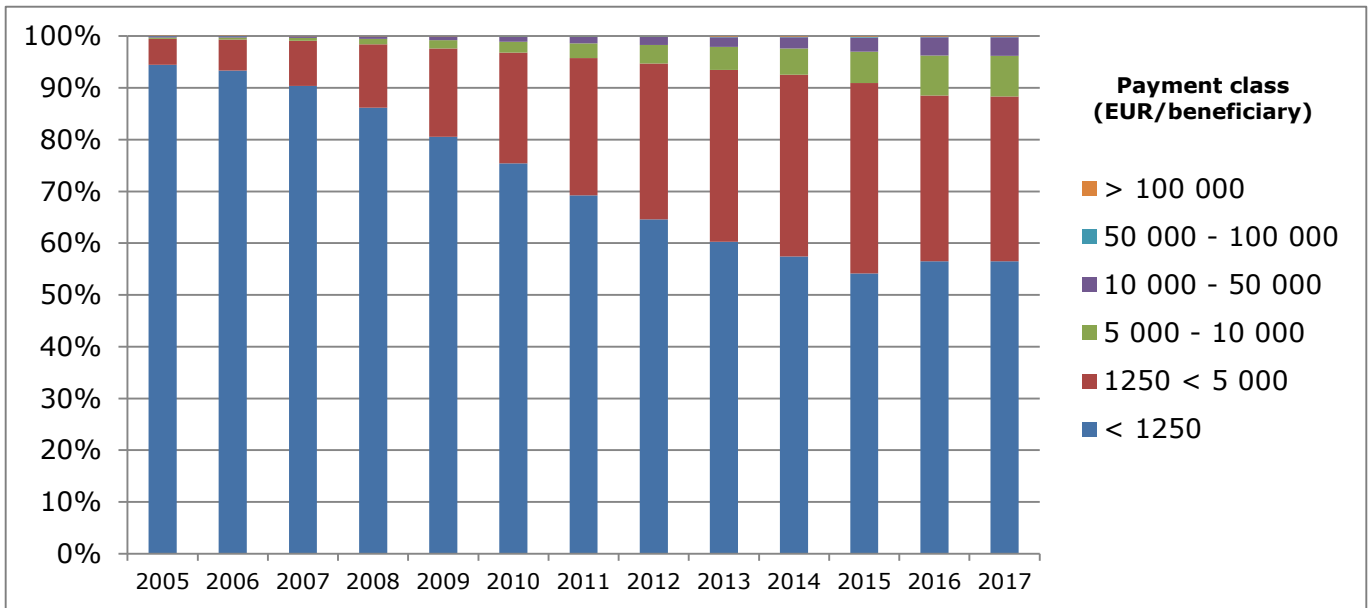


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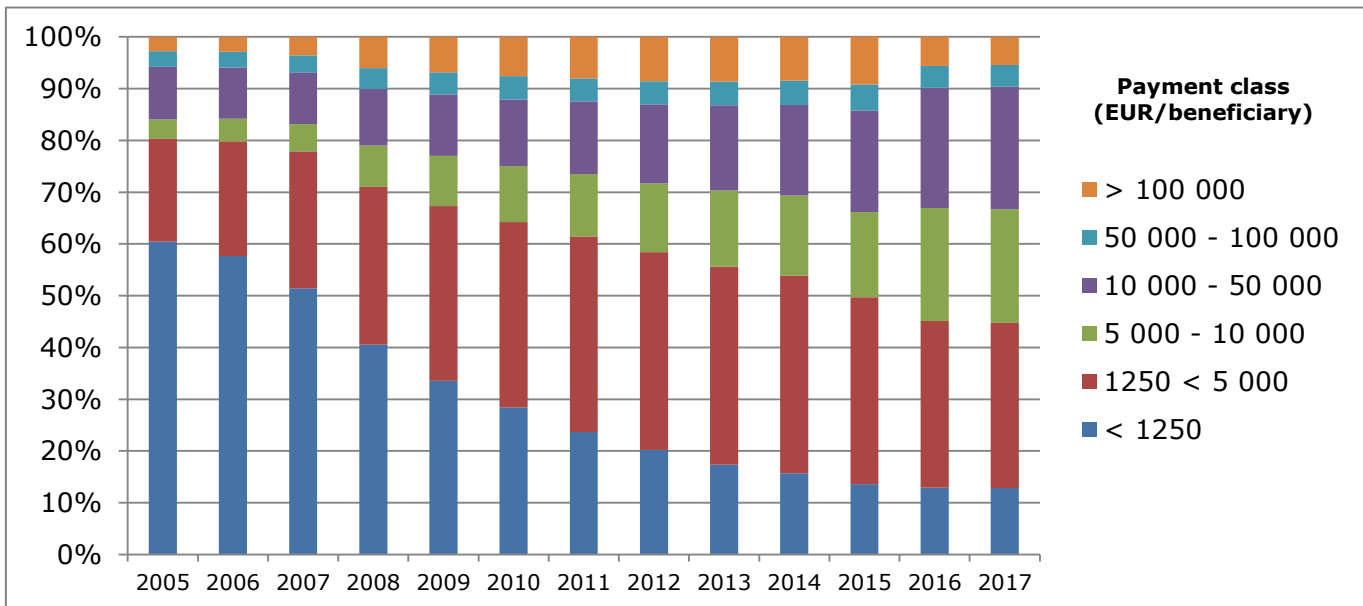




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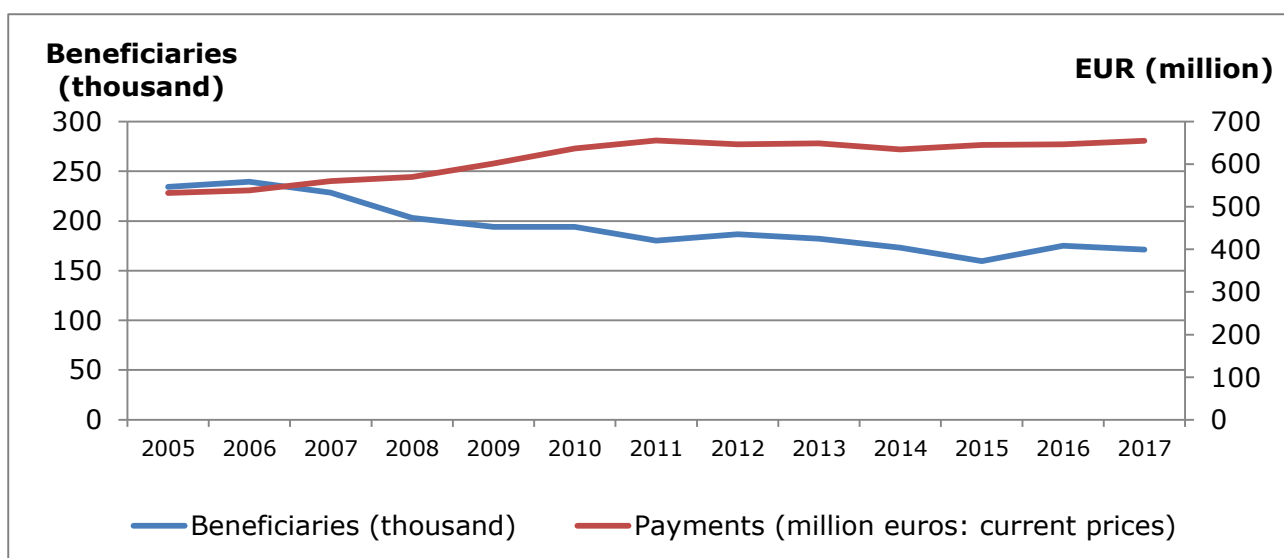




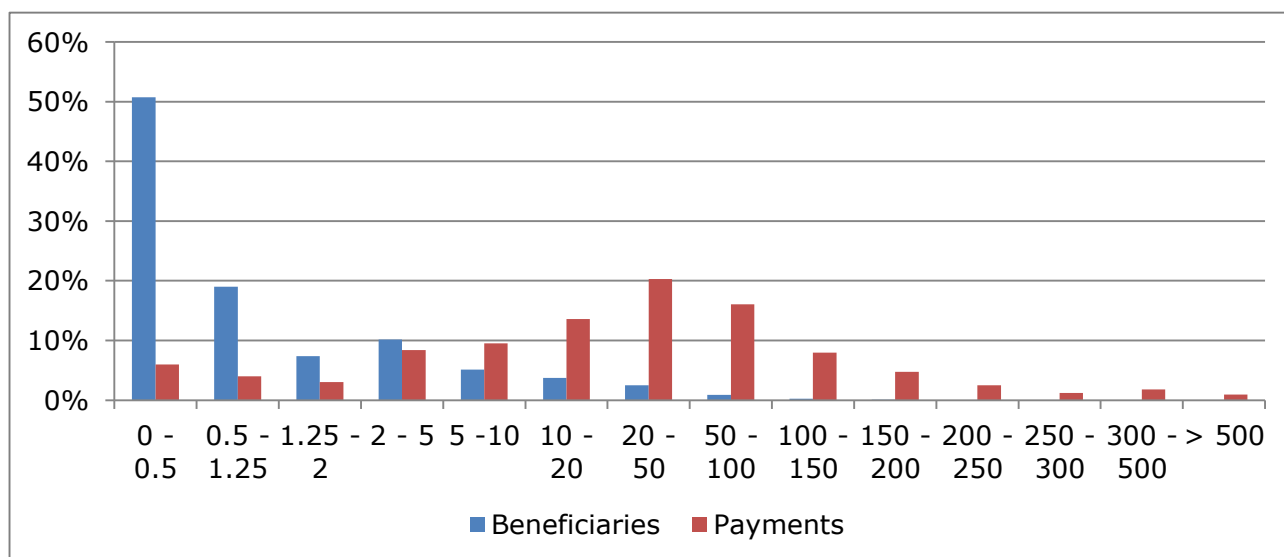
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## Portugal

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### Distribution of beneficiaries and payments by payment class

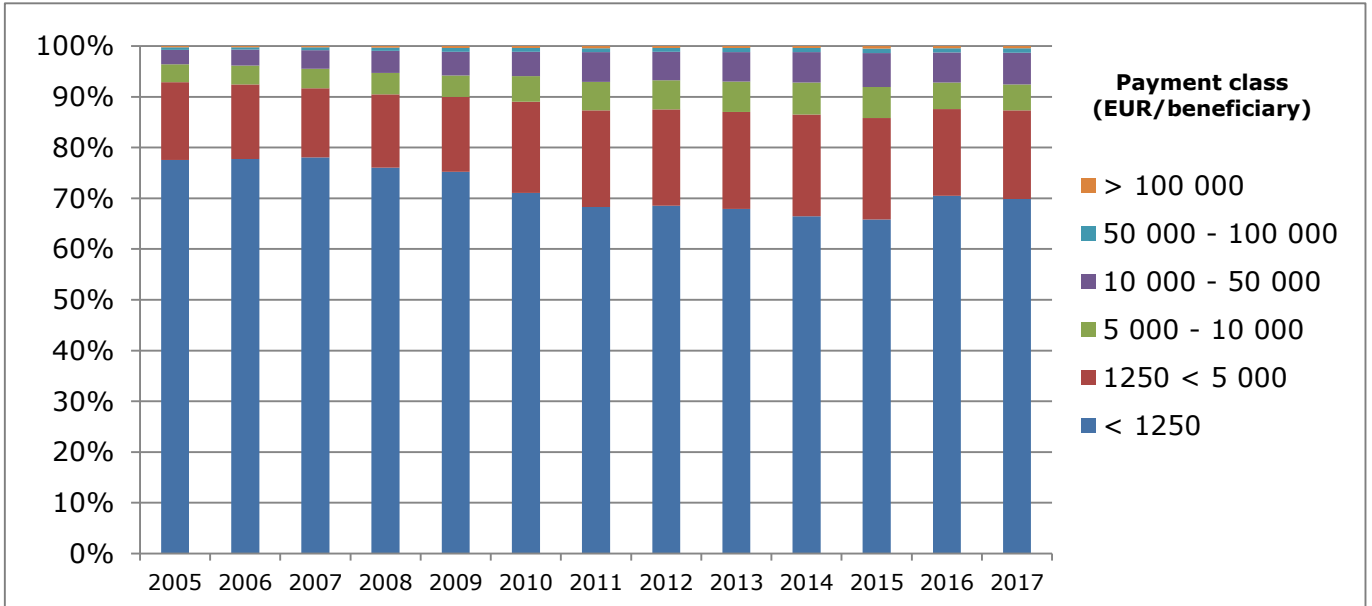




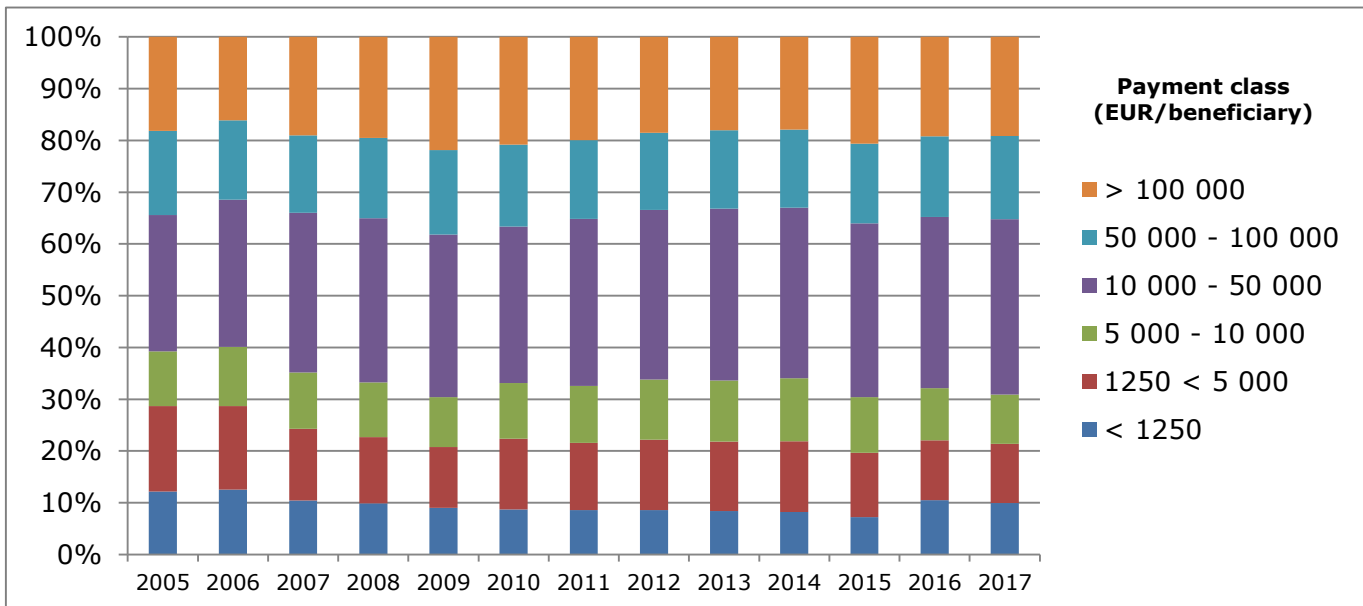


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## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



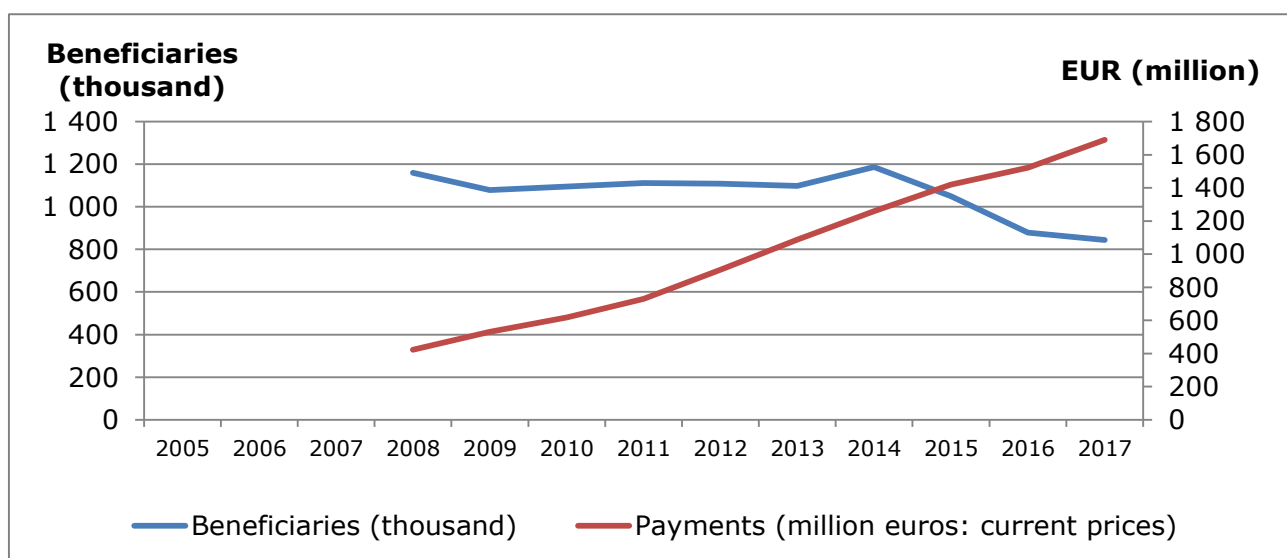
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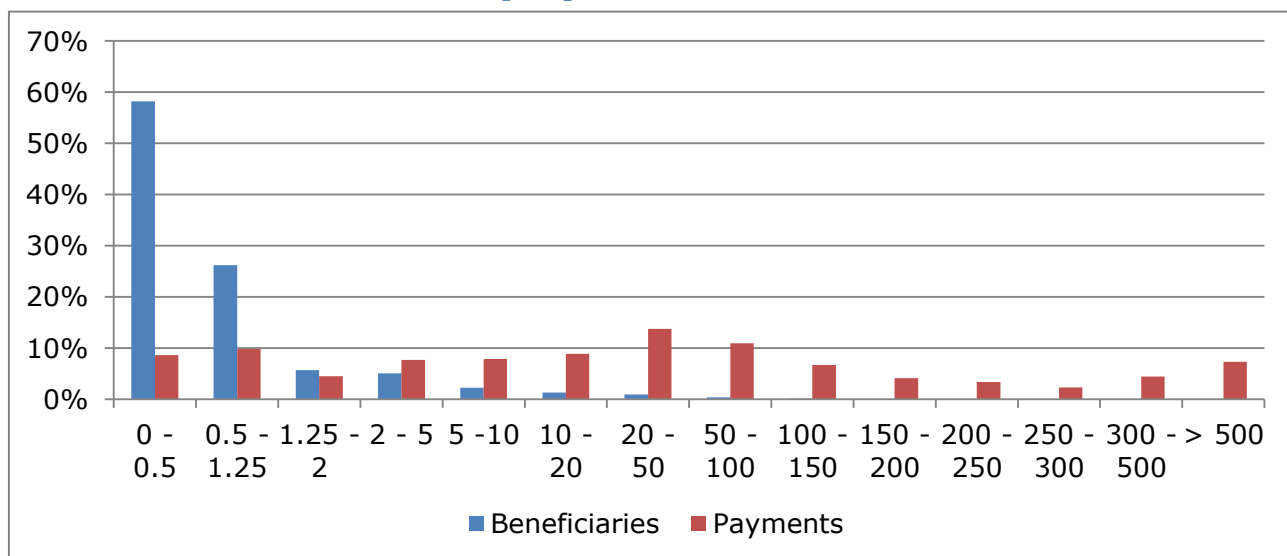


## Romania

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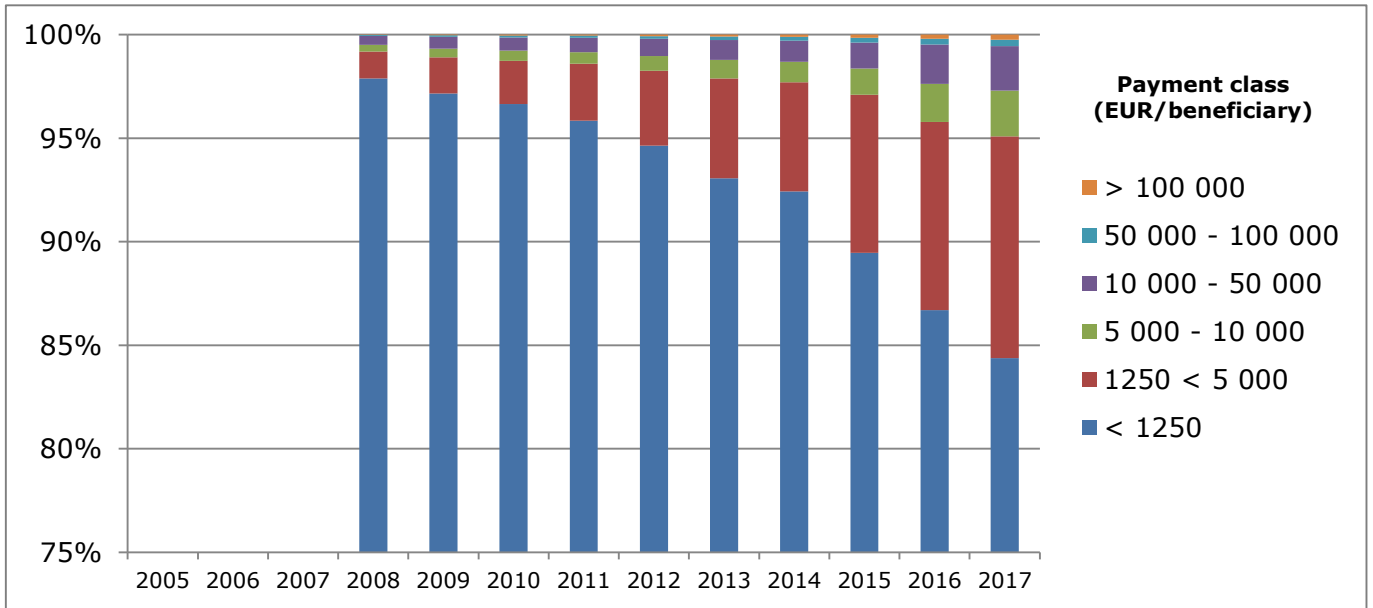
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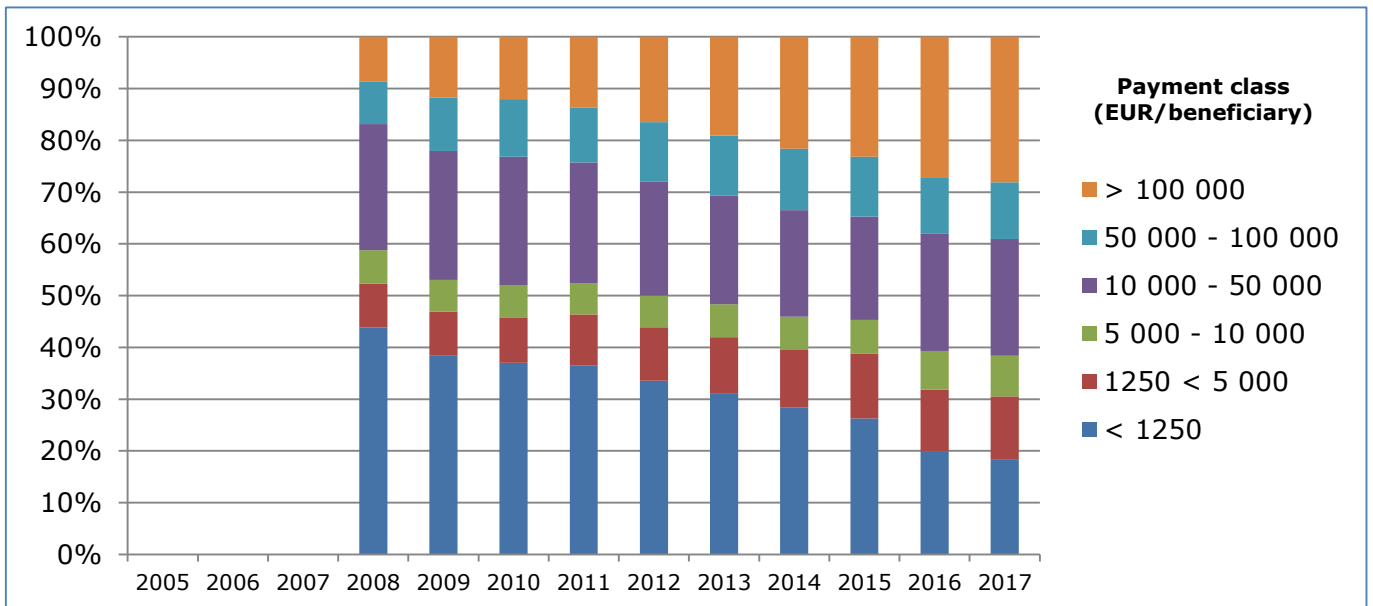


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## Evolution of beneficiaries by payment class



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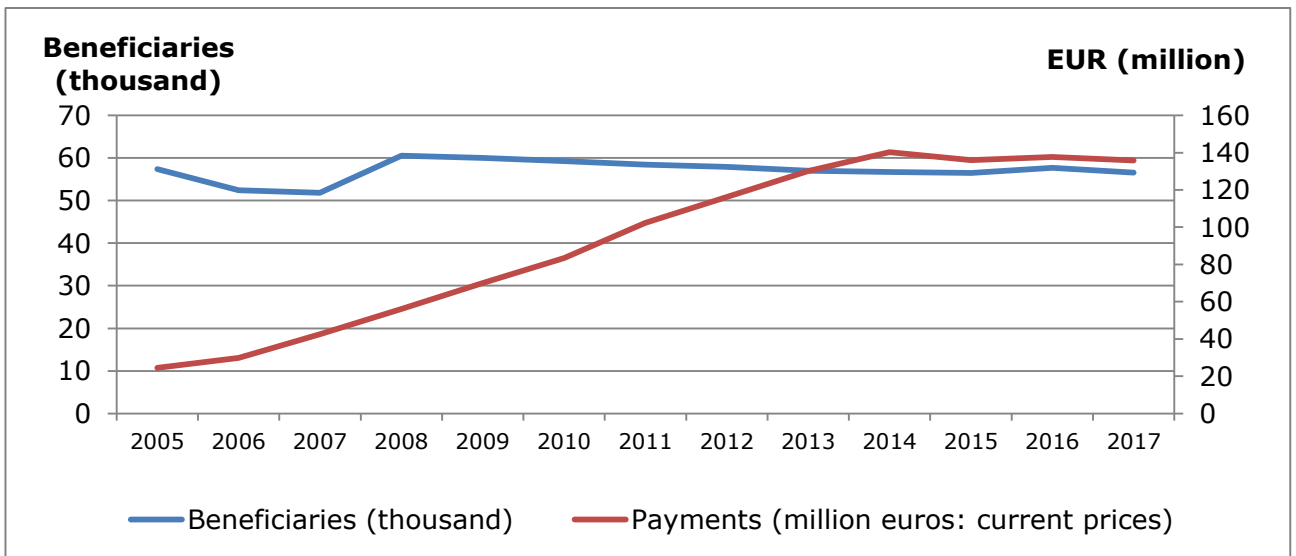




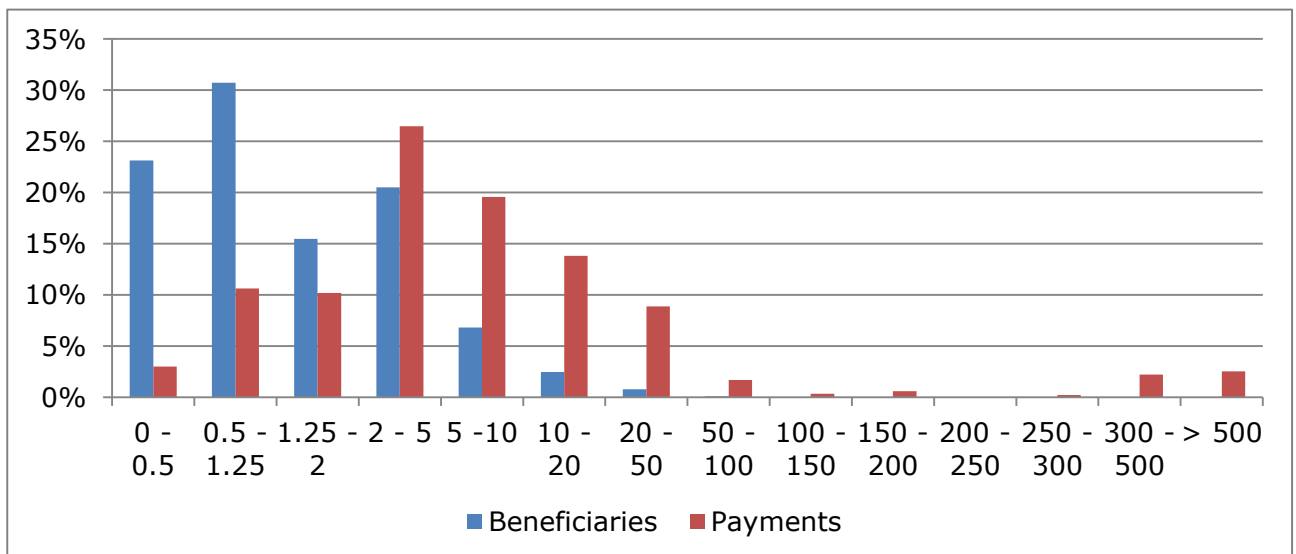
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## Slovenia

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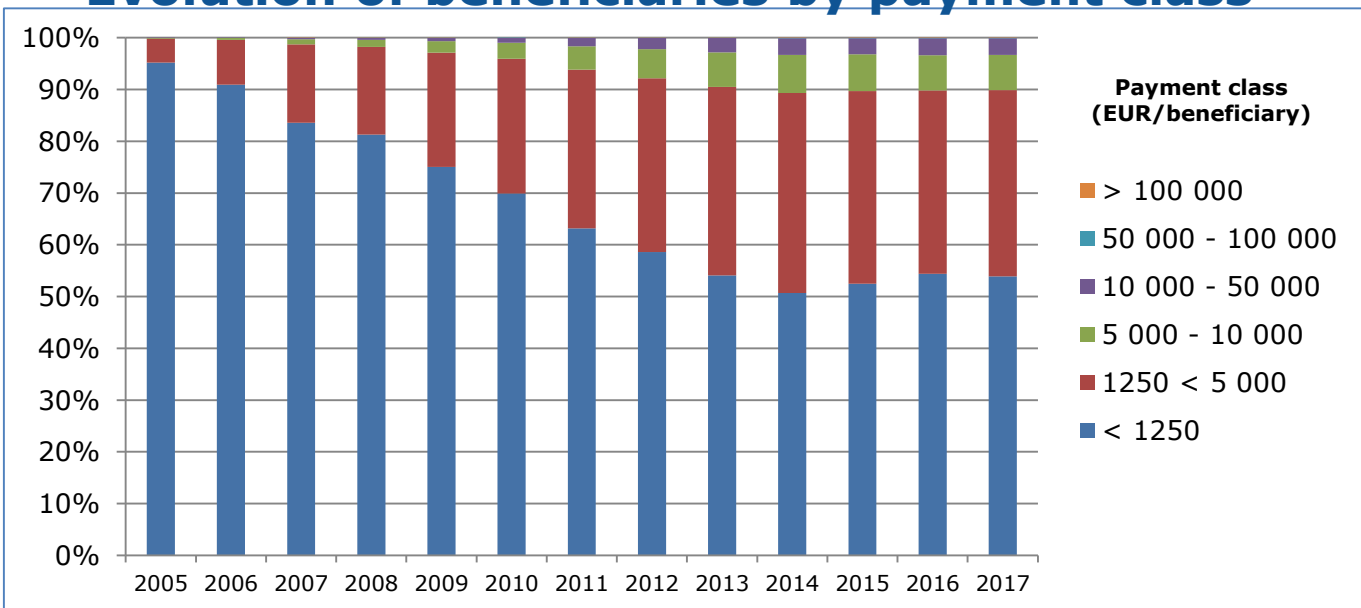
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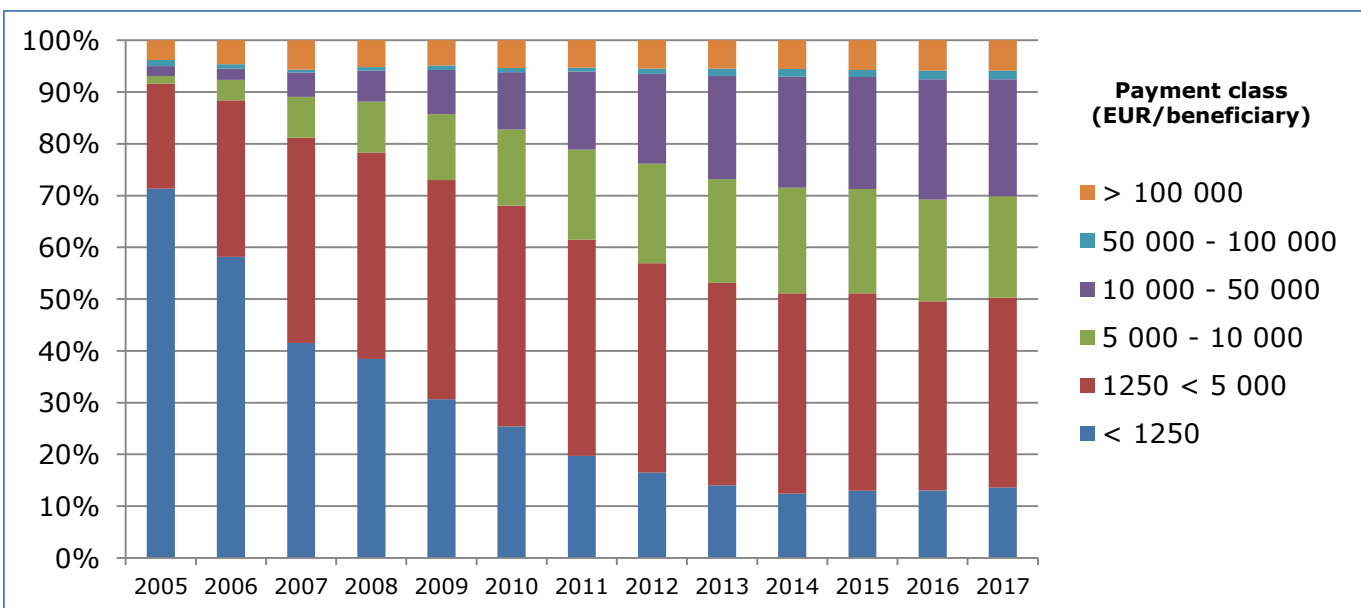


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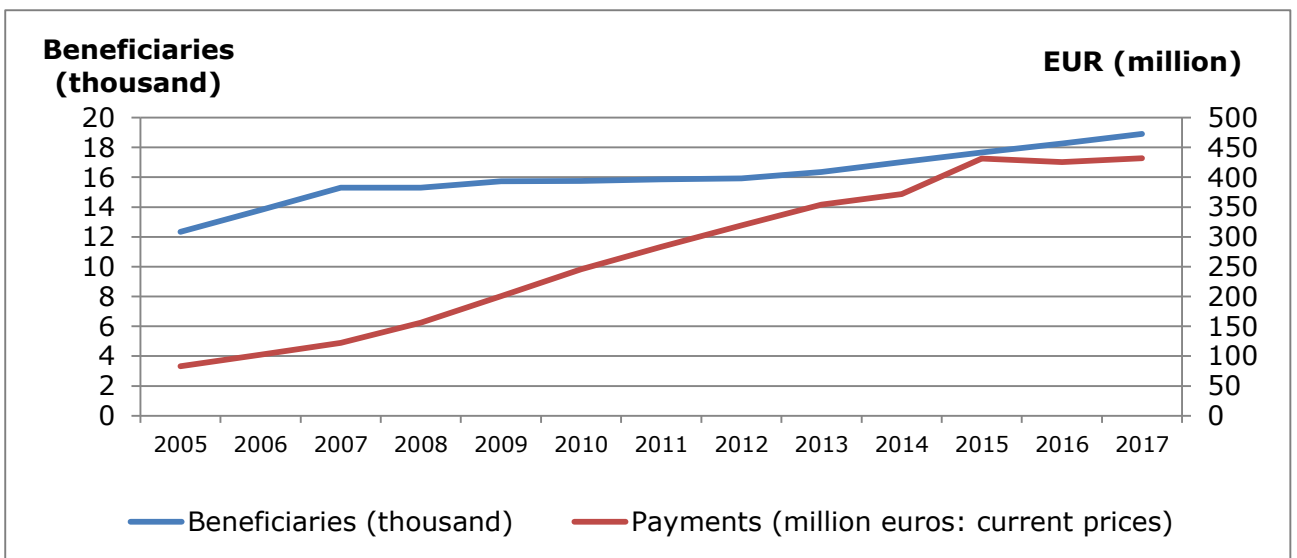




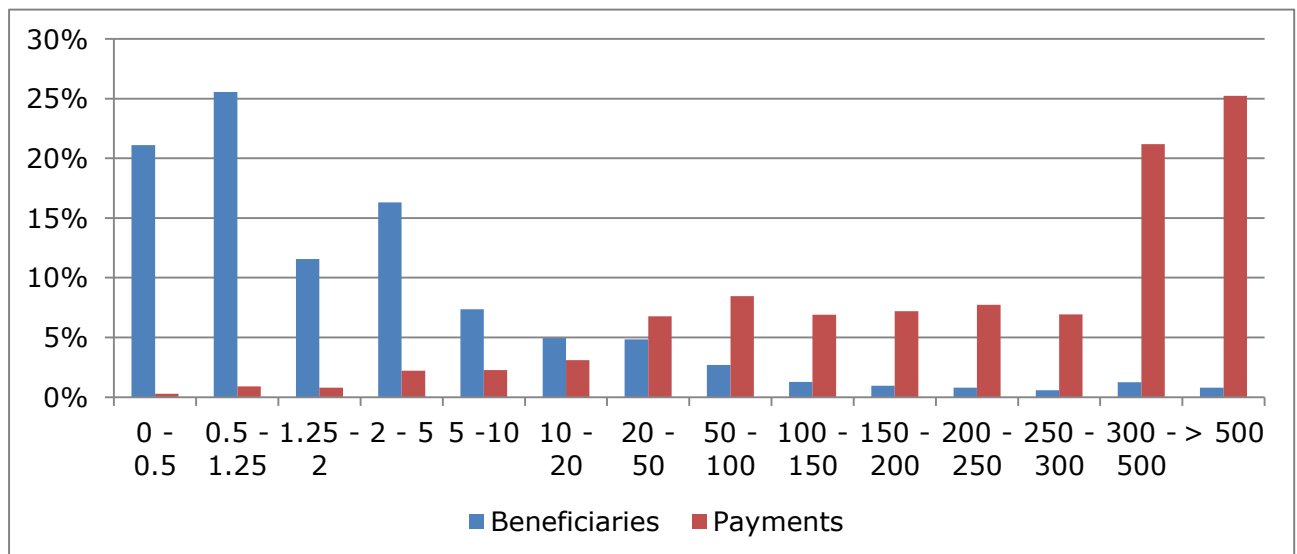
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## Slovakia

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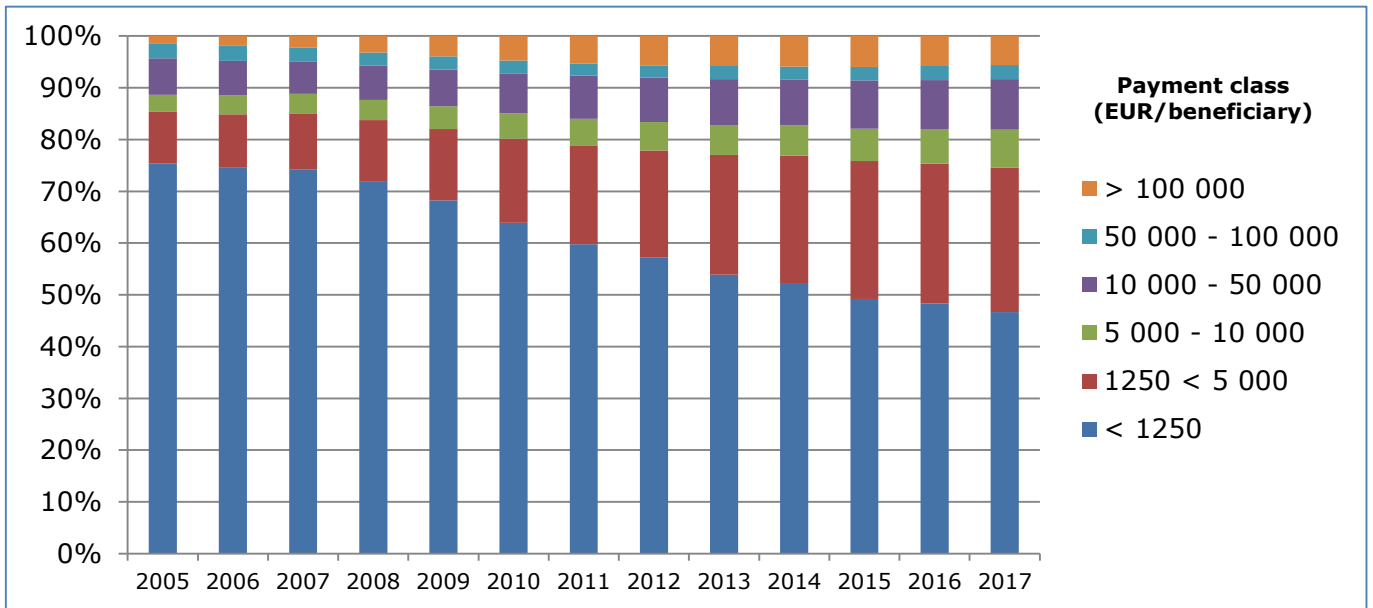


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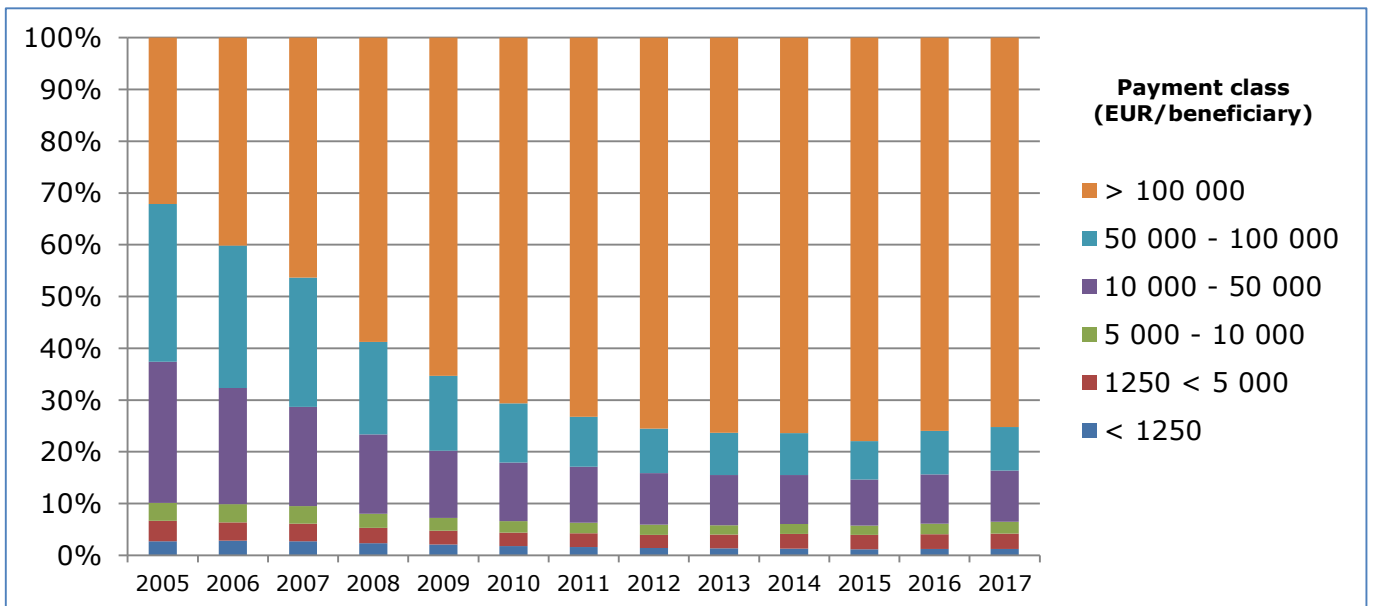




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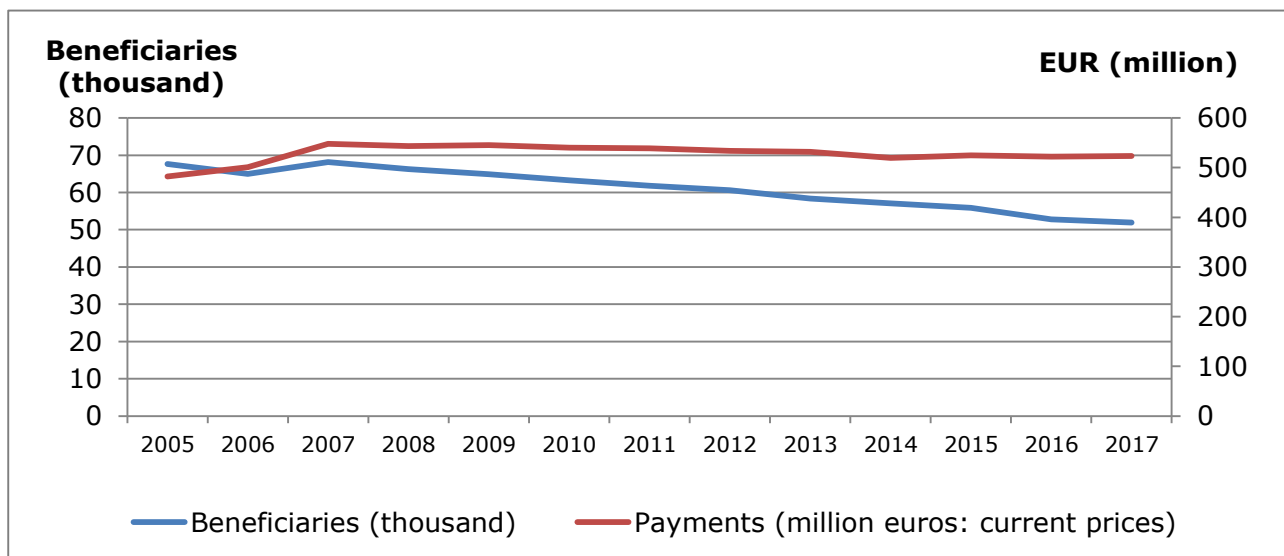




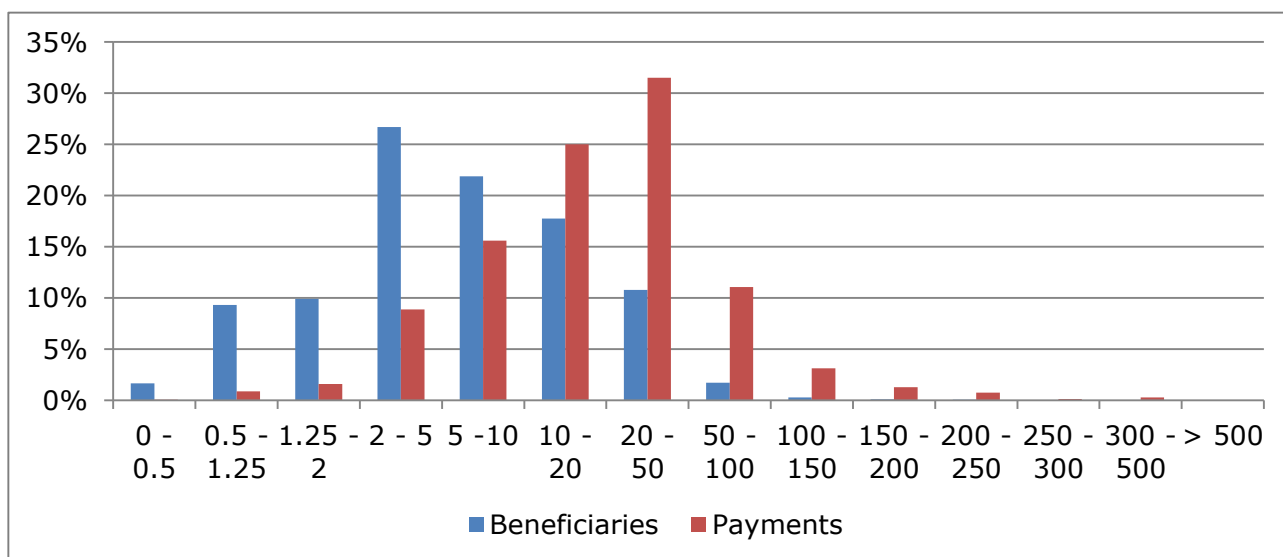
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## Finland

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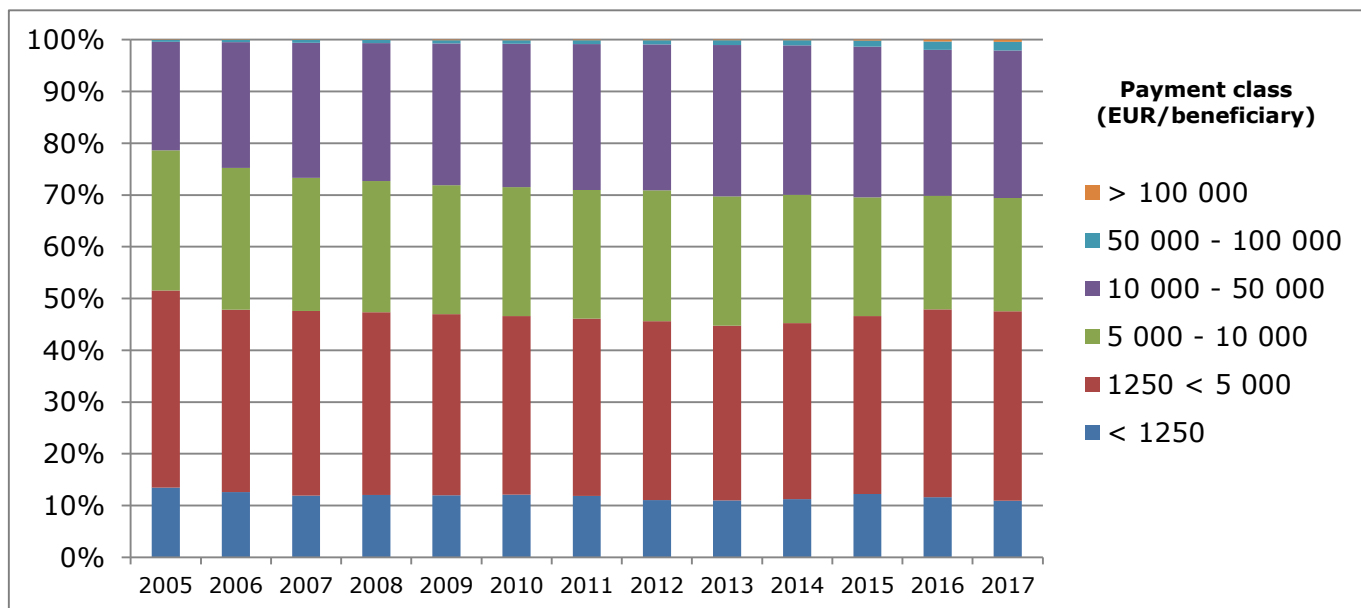
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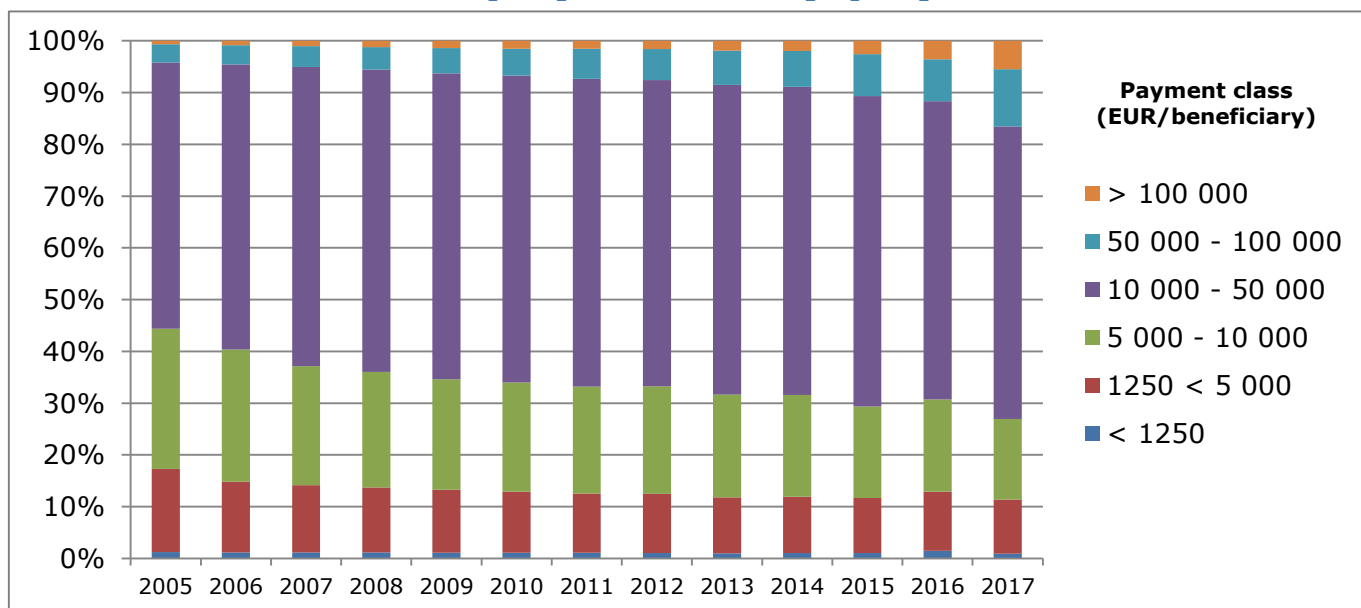




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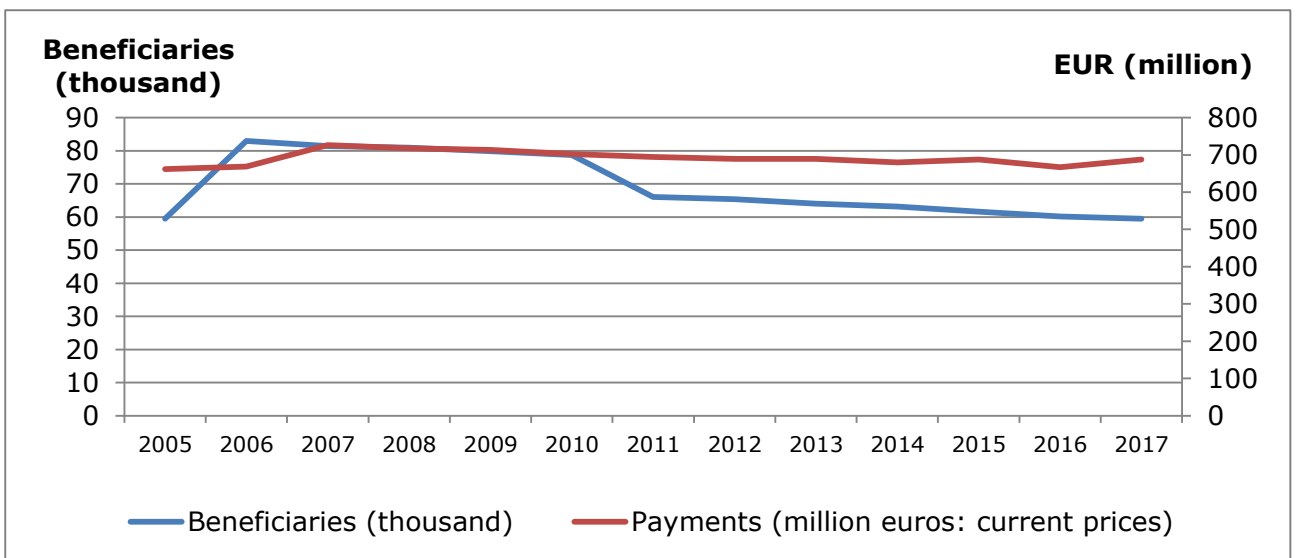




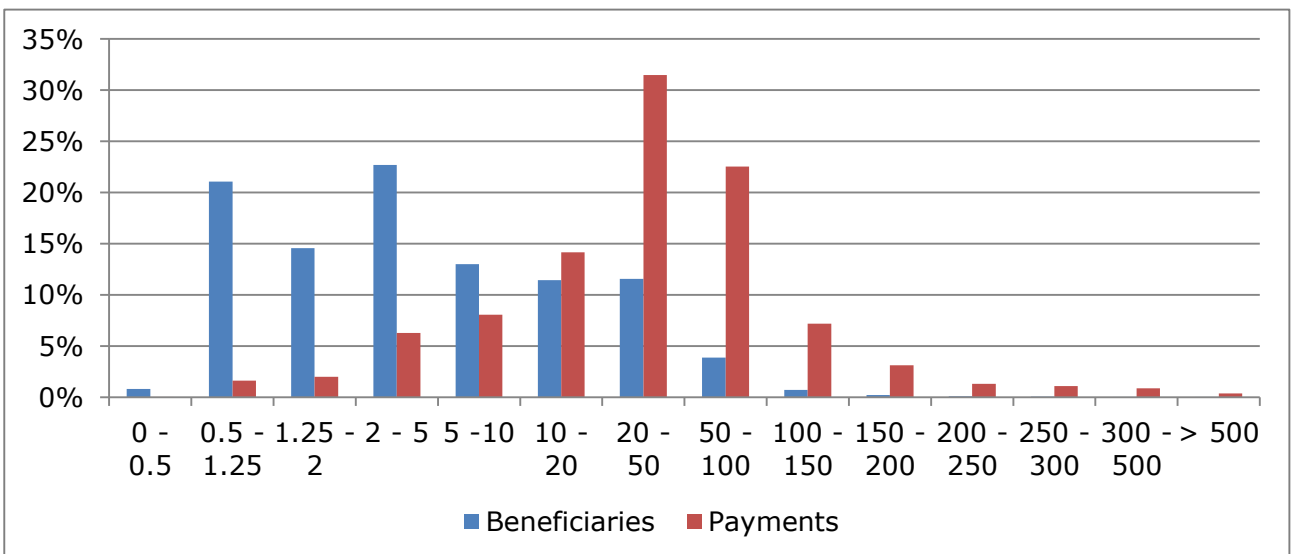
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## Sweden

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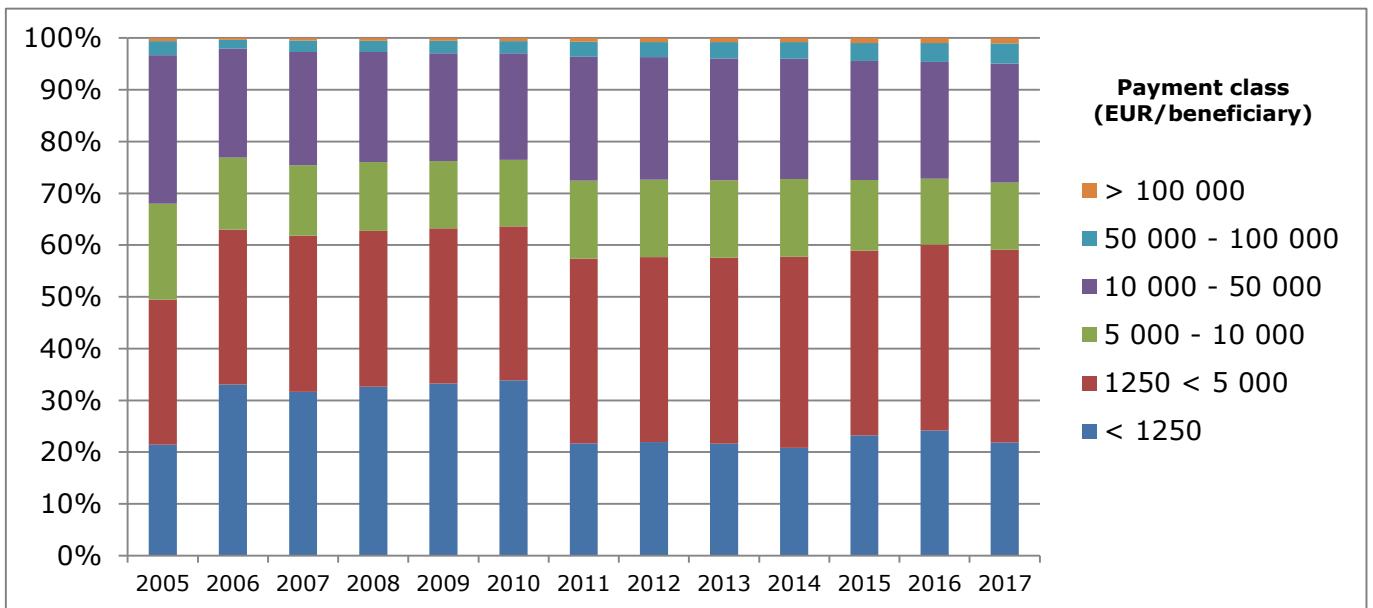


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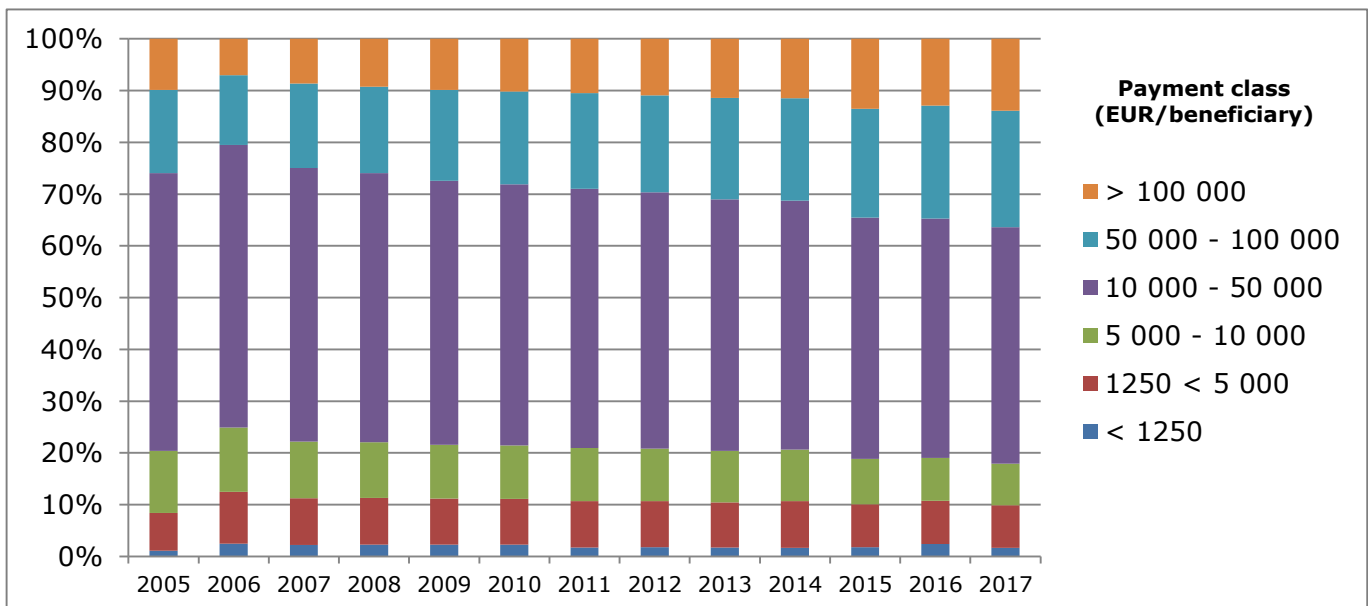




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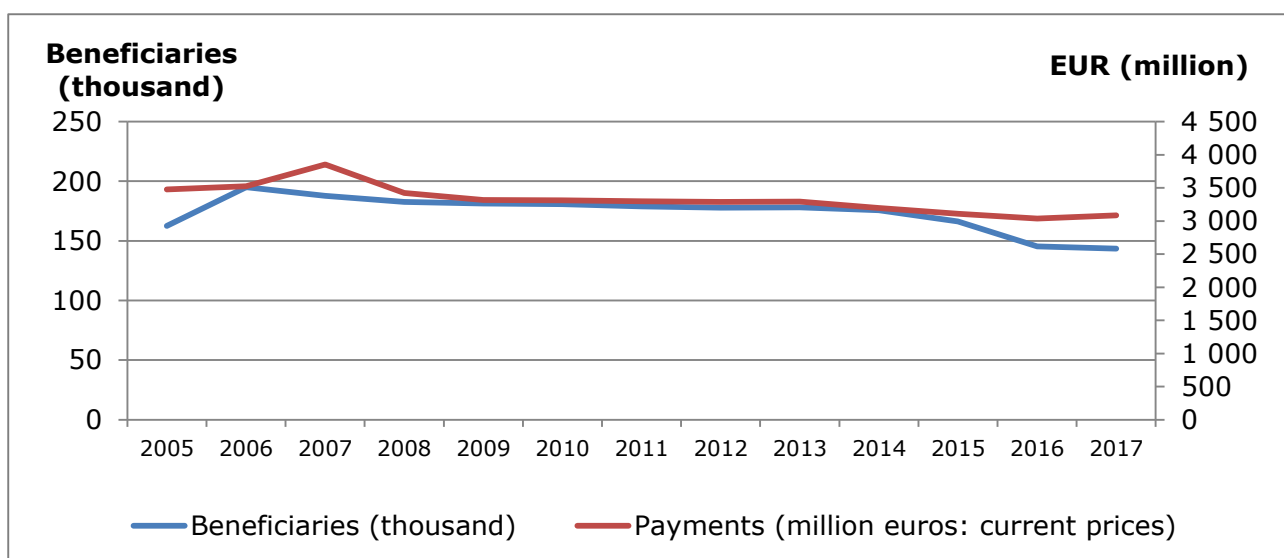




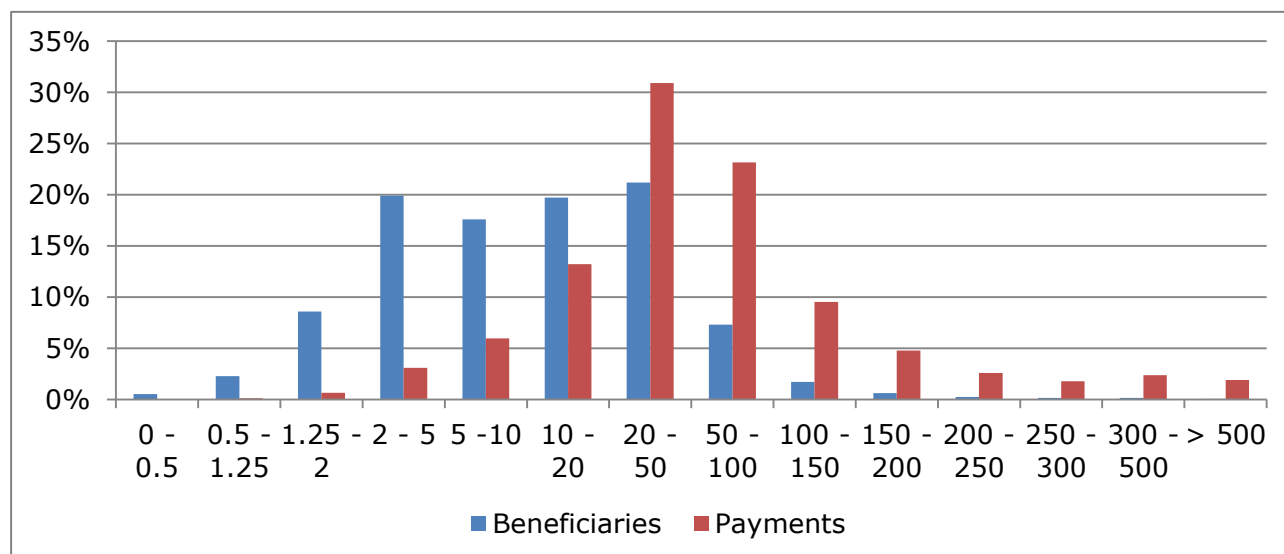
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# United Kingdom

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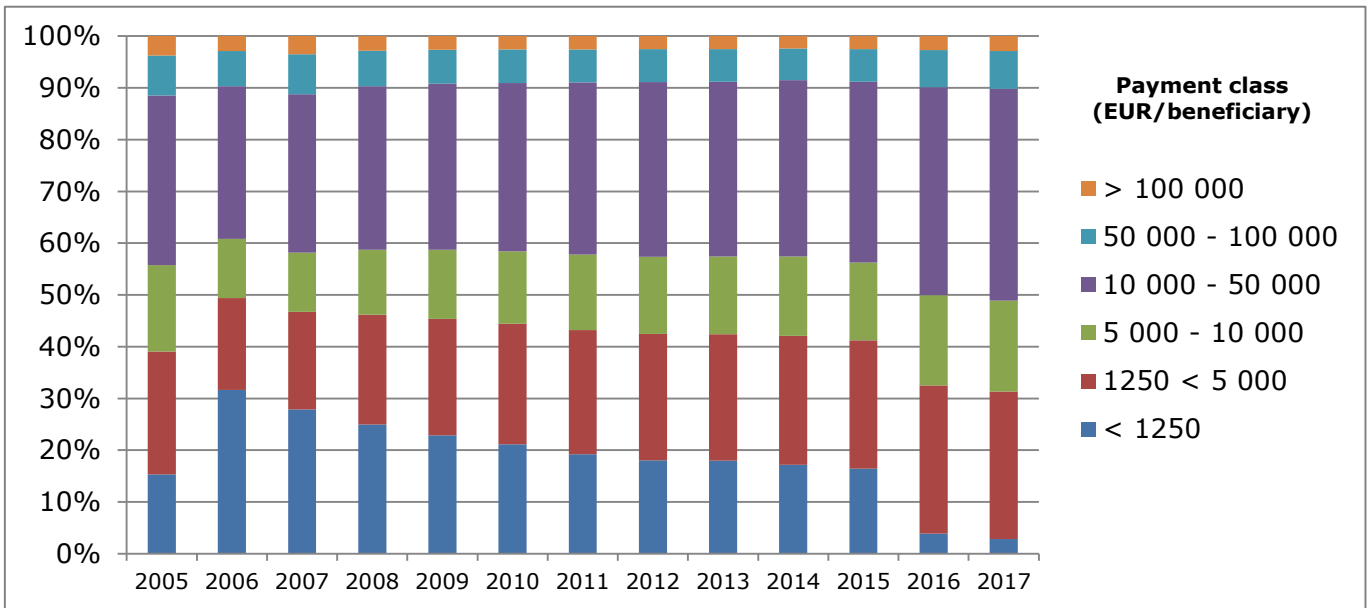
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