Designing rural development interventions – management commitments

Article 65: Environmental, climate and other management commitments

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Description of intervention – general features

- Definition of specific interventions within the "type of intervention" (art. 65), i.e. consistent package of types of operations, or a set of commitments, responding to same need & targeting same result(s)
- Generally these interventions are expected to belong to these categories:
- Agri-environment-climate commitments
- Organic farming
- Animal welfare
- Forest-environment-climate services
- Genetic resources



Description of intervention – general features

- Description of the defined interventions
- The level of details in describing commitments/requirements necessary for assessing their nature, ambition, potential to deliver on the corresponding specific objectives and targets
- Length of commitments (based on options provided by legal FW)
 - -> for animal welfare commitments: at least 1 year
- Type of commitments (management based, result-based)
 - -> example: Niedersachsen (DE) fattening pigs (intact tails as indicator for pig welfare)



Description of intervention – eligibilities

- > Eligibility conditions
- Beneficiaries: farmers (and other beneficiaries)
- Baseline & consistency with other CAP instruments
 - Identification of <u>relevant</u> baseline elements & explanation how commitment goes beyond mandatory requirements (for animal welfare: relevant minimum requirements for AW (SMRs, national legislation, "normal practices"))
 - not sufficient to refer to source of baseline's rules or to reproduce entire content of national rules
 - good practice: demonstrate articulation betw. commitments & relevant baseline elements in a table
- Additional eligibility conditions set by MS in their CAP SP



Description of intervention – support

> Support

- Support rate: unit amount at level of each defined intervention or commitment, calculated based on income foregone & additional costs principle
- Unit amount can also include transaction costs
- Type of outputs: ha (for AEC interventions, organic farming and forest-environment-climate) & other units if justified for other interventions, such as LU for animal welfare
- Method of calculating support and certification of its adequacy & accuracy



Description of intervention – other elements

- > Other elements of the description
- WTO requirements: para 12 of Annex II (possibility to notify AW under other paragraph of Annex 2 if judged more suitable)
- Indicators:
 - annual planned outputs: one output indicator per each defined intervention, annual planned outputs broken down by unit amount (or more aggregated as per Council position)
 - result indicators: link between indicator(s) and an entire intervention - or a type of operation within an intervention if different types contribute to different result indicators



Points of attention

- If certain needs are identified and not addressed through the relevant categories of interventions - MS to explain how this need will be addressed outside the CAP SPs
- Integrated approach (combining various interventions) is particularly relevant for management commitments
 - -> e.g. combining animal welfare commitments with other interventions such as training/advice, investments, etc.
- CAP evaluations, studies and ECA recommendations: important sources of information for designing interventions



Thank you For your attention!

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