Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability (CRISS)



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Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability

- CRISS aims at improving the distribution of direct payments through redistribution towards smaller and medium-size farms;
- provides a "top up" payment to the first hectares or ranges of hectares;
- is an annual decoupled area based payment;
- No ceilings or thresholds defined at EU level;
- CRISS may not exceed the national average amount of DP per ha for that claim year.



Eligibility conditions and form/rate of the support

- Eligibility for BISS is a prerequisite to be eligible for CRISS.
- The support is granted based on the eligible hectares declared by the farmer.
- MS may decide to put minimum and maximum limits in terms of hectares.



CRISS: amounts and specifics

- MS is to establish the range(s) of hectares for CRISS to ensure the desired redistribution.
- MS should lay down an amount per hectare or different amounts for different ranges of hectares for every year of the programming period.
- Unit amounts should be based on the analysis and needs assessment by each MS, taking also into consideration other aspects.
- Expected outputs should be in line with the MS farms structure.
- To comply with WTO, CRISS cannot be based on type or volume of production, prices or factors of production.



Consistency aspects

- The obligatory reduction of payments/capping contributes to the same end: more effective use and better distribution of direct payments.
- CRISS should also be analysed together with, if applicable, the round sum payment.
- Minimum requirements.

Simplification

- The current redistributive scheme is deemed to be rather straightforward to implement, as the payment is done per hectare.
- MS should balance the potential risks and benefits of creating different ranges of hectares.



Question

What would you consider are the main challenges for implementation of the CRISS intervention in your Member State?

