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CAP Strategic Planning in Germany – Designing Descriptions of Interventions

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Overview

1. German Institutional Framework
2. Working Groups on the Designing of Interventions in Germany
3. Example of an Intervention on Organic Farming

German Institutional Framework

- 13 regional responsible authorities, paying agencies, administrative agencies for the EAFRD as well as certification bodies
- Direct payments: legislative power for implementation acts on Federal level („konkurrierende Gesetzgebung“; BRat)
→ the Länder are the competent level for the administrative implementation
- Sector specific programmes: competence of the Federal level and the Länder depends on the specific area; administrative implementation is task of the Ländern in all areas
- EAFRD: design of details and administrative implementation by the Länder; regionally differentiated implementation in 13 programmes of the Länder (national Co-Financing to a major extent by federal resources of the Common Task Agriculture and coast shelter)

Working Groups on Interventions in GER

- WG Area-related measures
- WG Non-Area-related measures
- WG LEADER
- WG Sector programmes

Example of an Intervention on Organic Farming

Intervention "Agri-environment-climate — Organic farming"	
Fund	EAFRD
Intervention category	Environmental, climate and other management obligations (Art. 65 (a) CAP SP Regulation)
Territorial scope	Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany
Linked specific objectives and, where relevant, sector specific objectives	<p>Article 6(1) of the CAP SP Regulation</p> <p>(e) foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air;</p> <p>DE understands that there can be a link to different specific objectives (SO) according to preferences of the Länder.</p> <p>Accordingly there will be different SO and result-indicators for this intervention as a basis for the performance reporting on national level.</p>
Result indicator	R.20 Protection of water quality: Percentage of agricultural land subject to management requirements in relation to water quality
<p>General point of discussion concerning other descriptions of interventions: Can the intervention also be linked to one SO and one result indicator only? Germany supports this view.</p>	

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Beneficiary	<p>CAP SP Regulation Article 65(4): Member States shall only grant payments to farmers and other beneficiaries who undertake, on a voluntary basis, management commitments which are considered to be beneficial to achieving the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1).</p> <p>DE understands that beneficiary can be circumscribed on an abstract level in the CAP-SP so the Länder can decide on the details on their level („pick and choose“).</p>

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Specific design/requirements of the assistance ensuring an effective contribution to the specific objectives (s)

DE reading that the explanation in this passage should be linked to the needs assessment in Chapter 2 of the CAP-SP.

Eligibility conditions

According to the certificate issued by the approved control bodies, the holding/company fully complies with the production rules laid down in Article 11 and with the requirements under Article 29(1) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (the Basic EC Eco Regulation) for the whole holding (including, where applicable, the exemptions permitted under Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 and the adjustment of livestock farming during the 24 month conversion period as from the start of the commitment).

DE concludes that the exceptions and specific rules on the eligibility conditions can be drawn up outside the CAP-SP on Länder-Level.

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A) Baden-Württemberg

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Maintenance:

- A4 EUR 230 per hectare of arable land and grassland
- A5 EUR 550 per hectare of land used for horticultural purposes
- A6 EUR 750 per hectare of permanent crops used for agriculture

B) Bavaria

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Maintenance:

- EUR 4 273 per hectare of arable land and grassland used for agriculture
- EUR 5 468 per hectare of land used for horticultural purposes
- B6 EUR 975/hectare of permanent crops

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Level of funding/premiums/calculation methods (including differentiation for groups of territories where applicable) and, where relevant, the extent to which they are appropriate for achieving the objectives, including for the base line

Points of discussion: DE interprets

- that the Länder may set different level of payment per hectare (also taking into account the type of land)
- Länder-charts for the calculation methods are admissible.

General point of discussion on handling of unit amount, e.g. is a maximum deviation to the top or maximum units amounts an alternative to the COM-proposal.

Thank you!