



Young farmers: Policy implementation after the 2013 CAP reform

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Overall Context

- Fewer, bigger farms, offering limited opportunities for younger farmers to set up
- Rapidly aging of population of farmers in the EU
- Young farmers are generally well trained
- Young farmers have generally a higher innovation and adaptation potential

Policy Response: 1st Pillar - Young Farmer Payment

- Eligible farmers:
 - setting up for the first time an agricultural holding as head of the holding, or who have already set up such a holding during five years preceding the first application for the scheme
 - no more than 40 years of age in the year of setting up
 - possessing appropriate skills and/or training requirements (optional for MS)
- Payment (per/ha) granted for a period of five years, for a maximum number of ha (decided by MS)
- National Ceiling: up to 2 % of the direct payments' envelope



1st Pillar - Young Farmer Payment (1) 2017

*In 2017 around **364 000** farmers received YFP out of **6 302 216** all beneficiaries.*

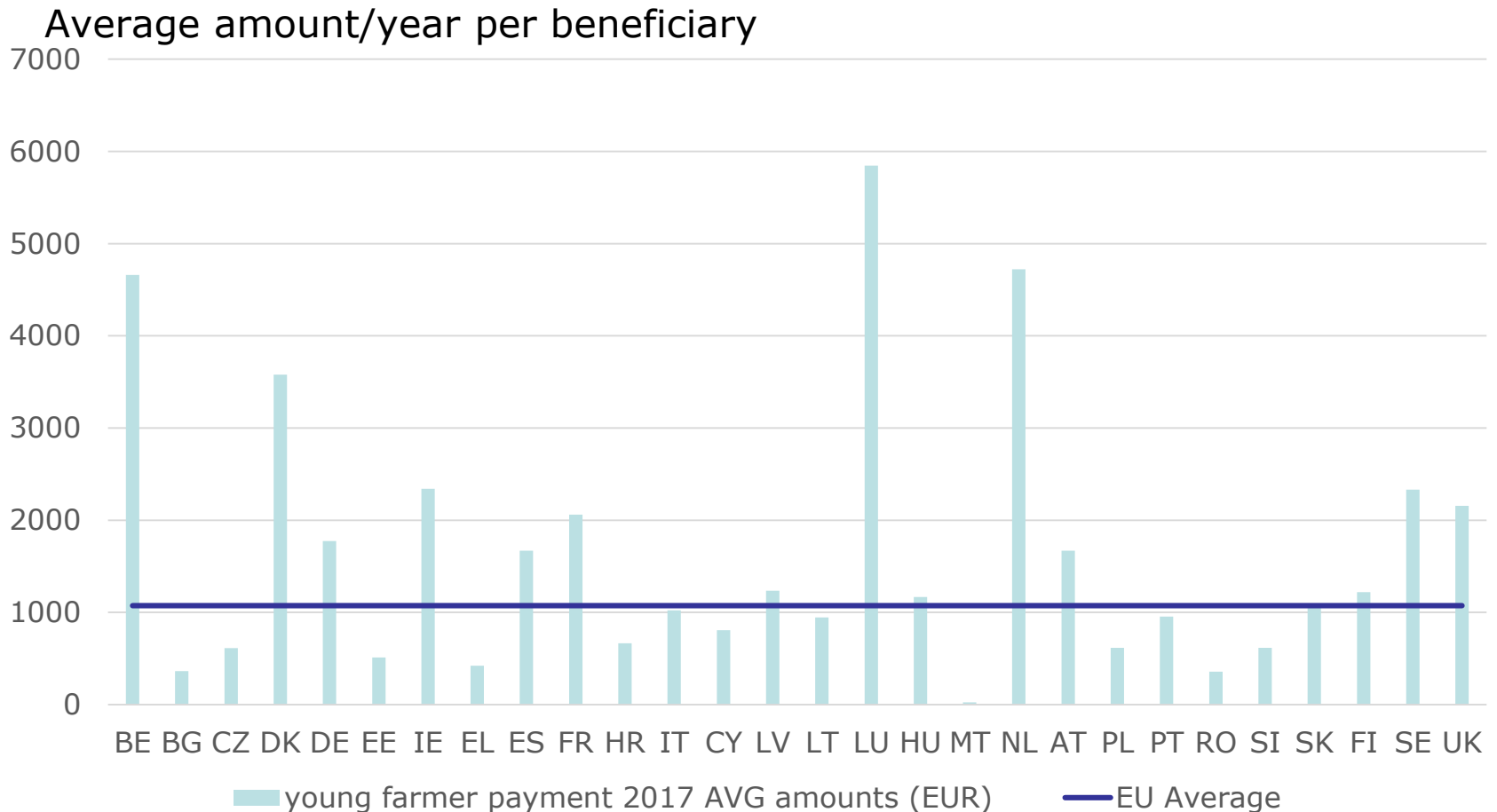
*They represent around **5.8%** of all eligible farmers (including the Small) under direct payments in the EU.*

1st Pillar - Young Farmer Payment (2) 2017

*Average **payments per ha** differ amongst MS according to the calculation system: between **20** and **90 Euro/ha***

*Average **amount per YFP** beneficiary also varies between **5 800 Euro/beneficiary** in LUX and **23 Euro/beneficiary** in MT*

1st Pillar - Young Farmer Payment (3) 2017



Policy Response: Rural Development & Young Farmers

- Available measures:
 - Business start-up aid for young farmers setting up for the first time in an agricultural holding
 - Investments in physical assets
 - Knowledge transfer and information actions, advisory services
 - Co-operation for developing new products, organising joint work processes, or sharing facilities
 - Operational groups of the EIP
 - Financial Instruments: specific products for young farmers
- Targeting young farmers is possible through specific selection criteria and higher aid intensities for investments

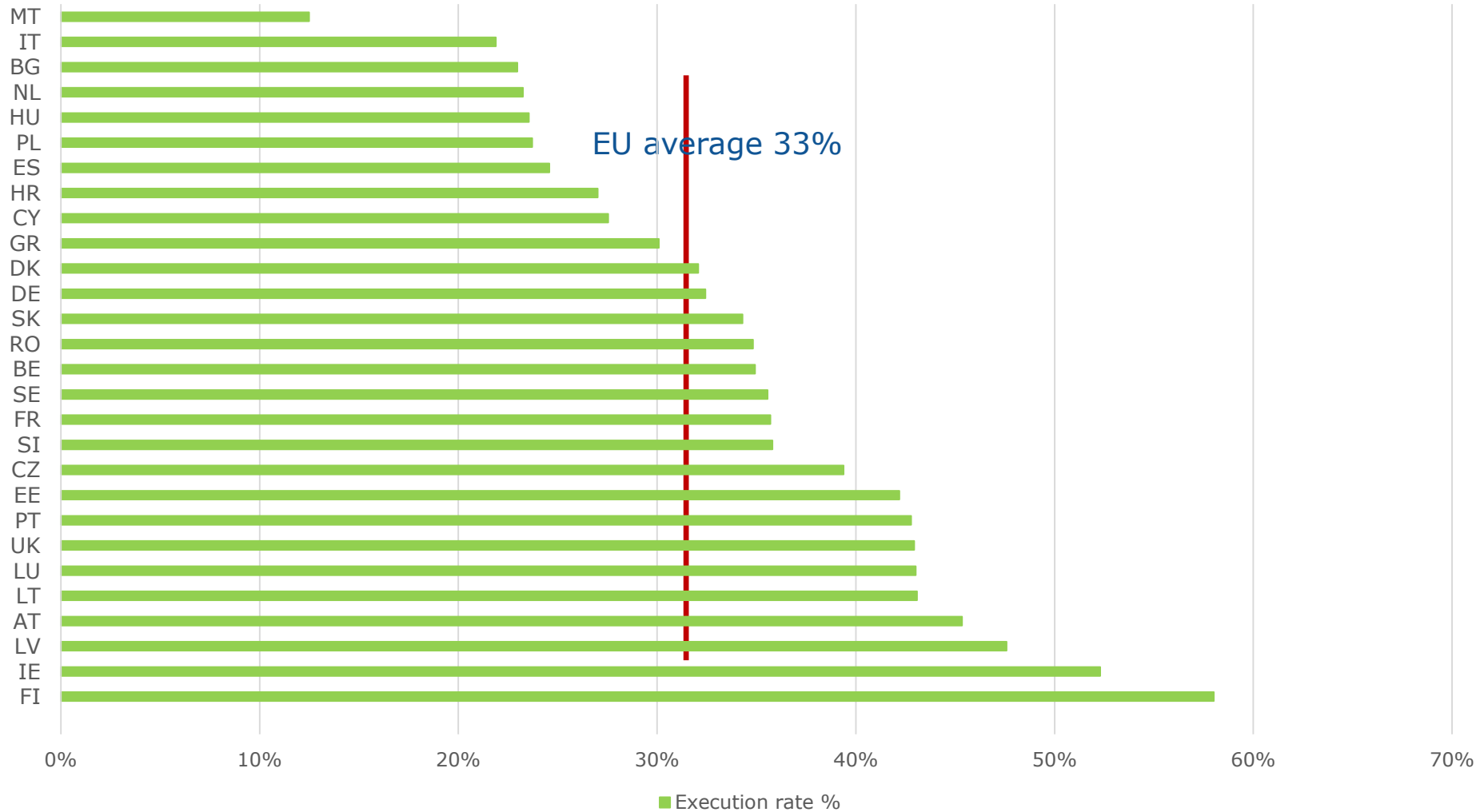
Young Farmers 2014-2020 programming period

- **€ 5.4 billion:** planned public expenditure for M6.1
- **181 047:** Number of young farmers planned to be supported
- DK, IE & NL did not activate M6.1 (Germany – only Saxony-Anhalt)
- HU: thematic sub-programme for young farmers

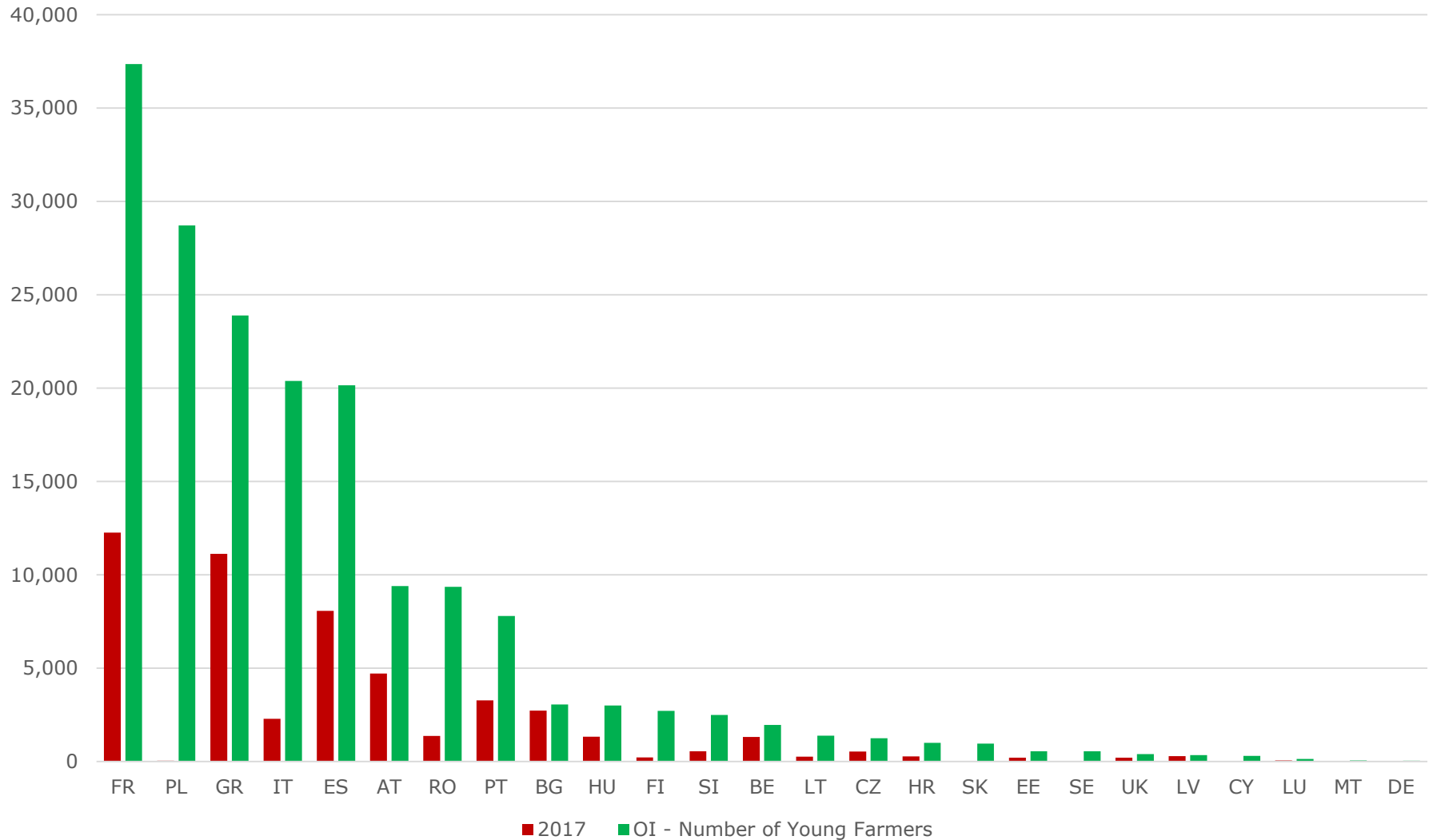
Implementation modalities - key findings

- Implementation of business plans differ in the period for which they are implemented / length of business plan
- Differentiation of support by favouring areas with natural constraints, mountain territories or young farmers setting outside the family farm or according to size of the intended business or creation of additional jobs
- Favouring of young farmers under various measures (support rates, selection criteria)

Rural development: implementation rate by MS



Young Farmers supported - business start-up





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