FLINT - Farm level indicators for new topics in policy evaluation

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Project outline

• Challenges facing agriculture are changing: e.g. sustainability, climate, innovation

• In response - CAP has evolved
  – Income and productivity still important but also other sustainability issues

• When policy changes – information needs change – data must keep up
Consortium overview
Project results

• Definition of set of sustainability indicators at farm level
• IT infrastructure for collecting, managing and using farm level sustainability data
• Farm level sustainability performance measurement at 1000 farms in Europe
• Show cases to show added value for policy making and research (in progress)
• Recommendations for future infrastructure (in progress)
• Reports and scientific papers
Impact

• Integrated dataset for scientific analysis of trade-offs and jointness of different sustainability themes
• Evaluation and better targeting of policy measures
• Benchmarking and improvement of sustainability performance based on farm level indicators
• Dissemination through international interest groups and publications
• Community of practices involved in project
• Dialogue with policy makers at EU and national level
Lessons learnt

• Close links between research, government and farming sector are important
• Priority and awareness of sustainability issues differs between countries, affects data availability and willingness
• Data collection can be successful under different organisational models and different data collection processes
• Integration with other data collection improves quality and feasibility
Links with future research

• Knowledge on sustainability measurement (incl. data collection) for government, research and sector
• Research projects analysing sustainability. Flint collected data on 1000 farms. Wide range of new research opportunities.
• ICT projects for data exchange (private and public interaction, e.g. agriplace, edi-circle).
• Innovation-multi actor projects aimed at farm behaviour with respect to sustainability
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