Dear participants,

As announced in previous correspondence about this workshop, and in line with the feedback given by many participants to previous workshops, you will find below a list of possible issues for discussion in each of the three working groups. This list is not exhaustive but it will give an idea of what could be discussed.

**Working group 1: Maintaining areas in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation**

1. **Criteria for considering an area maintained in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation**
   - From the point of view of verifiability and controllability, which criteria did you find relevant/useful? Can you mention examples of concrete annual activities or characteristics of the land which you could single out?
   - In case you use different criteria for different types of agricultural areas, do you think it was a good choice? In case you did not use this differentiation, did you experience any problems in applying the same criteria to any kind of agricultural area?

2. **Challenges in controls (OTSC)**
   - How did you distinguish between ineligible areas and areas that are poorly maintained but still considered maintained in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation? What kind of guidance did you give to inspectors in that respect?

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**Location:**

**Working groups:**

1. Maintaining agricultural areas in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation (Article 4 (1) (c) (ii) of Reg. (EU) No 1307/2013): **room AB2A**
2. Agricultural activity on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation (Article 4 (1) (c) (iii) of Reg. (EU) No 1307/2013): **room AB020**
3. Permanent grassland – established local practices (Article 4 (1) (h) of Reg. (EU) No 1307/2013): **room AB310**

**Date:** 09/12/2015
• Have you used controls with remote sensing?
• Timing of controls: did you encounter challenges?
• Did you take into account the intensity/extension of the activity?
• Did you combine OTSC with OTSC for other area-based schemes and/or Pillar 2 schemes?

3. LPIS issues

• How do you deal with ineligible areas in your LPIS (ineligible due to land not being maintained in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation/temporarily ineligible)? Do you exclude them or not?
• For areas found ineligible due to non-maintenance, will you provide any information on these areas in the 2016 application?

Working group 2: Minimum activity on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation

1. Definition of naturally-maintained areas
   • How did you base your assessment to determine that these areas are present/absent in your MS?

2. Criteria for minimum activity
   • From the point of view of verifiability and controllability, which criteria did you find good/useful? Can you mention concrete examples?

3. Challenges in controls (OTSC)
   • Timing of controls: did you encounter challenges/issues?
   • In case you used stocking density, how do you verify the fulfilment of this requirement on these areas linked to the land?
   • Have you used controls with remote sensing?
   • Did you combine OTSC with OTSC for other area-based schemes and/or Pillar 2 schemes?

4. LPIS issues
   • How did you identify all of your areas in the LPIS (in accordance with Article 5 of Reg. 640/2014)? What were the challenges you encountered in identifying all of your areas in the LPIS? Can you share some good practices?
   • How do you deal with ineligible areas in your LPIS (ineligible due to non-performance of minimum activity on these areas)? Do you exclude them or not?
   • For areas found ineligible due to non-maintenance, will you provide any information on these areas in the 2016 application?

Working group 3: PG-ELP

1. Definition of PG-ELP
   • How did you define these areas in your Member States? What do you find useful in terms of controllability/verifiability?
2. **Identification in the LPIS**
   - In case you have decided to extend the definition of PG, have you identified these areas as such in the LPIS?
   - If yes, how? Was it useful in terms of controls?
   - Any challenges related to this?

3. **Challenges of controls**
   - Which challenges did you encounter?
   - How do you check accessibility to animals and grazeability of those areas?
   - Did you draw up a list of grazeable species? Was it useful?
   - Have you used controls with remote sensing? Was it useful?
   - Timing of controls – possible issues

4. **Information to farmers**
   - Did you inform farmers about (new) eligible areas? If yes, how?