The payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment - Greening

MS notifications in 2015 – state of play

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This working document has been prepared by DG AGRI staff in order to facilitate the discussion in the Expert group for direct payments. It has the purpose to inform the Expert group of the results of the notifications sent in 2015.

The assessment of the notified decisions and provided information is still ongoing. The information reported at this stage does not prejudice any further clarifications requests from the Commission to MS.

This document cannot in any circumstances be regarded as the official position of the Commission.
Forms in 2015

Forms already opened in 2015

- Equivalence: formal decisions ongoing
- EFA (EFA – collective-regional – forest exemption): under assessment, we expect to finalise the assessment for end of January

Forms for deadline 15 December 2015

- Monitoring output indicators
- Permanent grassland:
  - ESPG: annual review of ESPG form
  - Reference and annual ratio 2015: first annual form
  - Adapting reference ratio: form always open, no need to send it if the adaptation is not applied by the MS
Monitoring indicators

- Sent so far by **13 MS**
- We are **checking the data and asking some clarifications** to MS
  - data should **always** be sent through the form using the excel template
  - we will validate the data to be used only after these clarifications
  - in some cases adjustments of the data will be needed → a correct version of the excel template to be re-sent
- DB for reporting already operational, under implementation

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Foreseen analysis for the Staff Working Document on review after one year
- Tables for main indicators at MS level
- Maps at NUTS 3 level for all main indicator
Map prototype

Number of farmers under at least one greening obligation (absolute value) on NUTS 3 regions
Permanent grassland

RATIO OF PERMANENT GRASSLAND
• Sent so far by 16 MS
• Some partial figures:
  ▪ Prior authorisation system in 3 MS
  ▪ No reconversion obligation

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PERMANENT GRASSLAND
• Sent so far by 21 MS
• Some partial figures:
  ▪ 1 MS designated new ESPG areas outside Natura 2000
  ▪ In some cases data on designated ESPG slightly adapted and justified
  ▪ Some other cases with big changes, often not justified, to be followed up

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Reminders sent for both forms through ISAMM