IACS and Implementation Support: an update

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Unit D3 – Implementation Support and IACS

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Agriculture and Rural Development

Outline

- **DG AGRI and JRC cooperation**
- **Main issues in 2019 and 2020**
  - **Checks by Monitoring**
  - **Preparing for the future CAP**
  - **Digital transformation**
  - **IACS data sharing**
  - **LPIS QA and action plans**

AGRI-JRC cooperation

DG AGRI and JRC: the secret of a long-standing, successful cooperation to support policy implementation in Member States

- **Complementary expertise**
- **Close contact with Member States**
- **Willingness to innovate, modernise and simplify**
- **The example of Checks by Monitoring**

Technical feasibility	Member States' willingness	Policy change
(Sentinel satellites, algorithms, AI)	Malta Declaration	Implementing Act, Q&A and modifications to implementing act
2016-2017	May 2017	May 2018

Checks by Monitoring update

CbM update in a nutshell: it works!

➢ **So far very positive result of first year of CbM**

E.g. Belgium Flanders, provisional results 2019

Red Parcels 0,5%

Yellow parcels 2,9%

Green parcels 96.6%

Presentation by Flanders at Civil Dialogue Group on Direct Payments, 11 October 2019

➢ **Member States wishing to start in 2020 to notify by 1st December 2019**

New window of opportunity in 2021…

More details about all aspects of Checks by Monitoring in the presentation of Ana Brncic and colleagues in the dedicated session tomorrow

Preparing for the new CAP

- ***The CAP proposals: work in progress***
  - *In the meantime Transitional Regulation*
- ***Messages to retain***
  - *Area Monitoring System – AMS*
  - *Performance Framework built on indicators coming from IACS*
  - *Modernisation and simplification*

Digital Transformation

Cannot be higher on the political agenda…

- ***"I want Europe to strive for more by grasping the opportunities from the digital age…"***
  Ursula von der Leyen, President elect of the European Commission, Political guidelines for the next European Commission 2019-2024, A Europe fit for the digital age

- ***"The Digital Europe program, with a planned overall budget of €9.2 billion, will shape and support the digital transformation of Europe's society and economy",*** Multiannual Financial Framework proposal for the Digital Single Market, June 2019

Digital Transformation

… as well as in the CAP reform proposals

- ***…"cross-cutting objective of modernising the sector by fostering and sharing of knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas, and encouraging their uptake.*** Art. 5 of Cap plan regulation proposal
- ***"The CAP strategic plan shall contain … a description of the elements that ensure modernisation of the CAP"*** Art. 95 of CAP plan regulation proposal
- ***"… a description of the strategy for the development of digital technologies in agriculture and rural areas and for the use of these technologies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the CAP Strategic Plan interventions",*** Art. 102 of Cap plan regulation proposal

Digital Transformation

Digitisation as key to modernisation

Advantages for Paying Agencies

- More, better, faster information
- Saving time and money
- Closer to farmers

and for Farmers

- Improving sustainability and competitiveness
- Supporting respect of eligibility rules

But main challenges

Securing resources

- budget
- skilled staff

Ambitious timeline

- be ready for 2021

Training needs

- administration
- farmers

Overcoming the fear of Big Brother

Conclusions of Workshop 1 - Preparing the CAP Strategic Plans: the cross-cutting objective of modernization, Panta Rhei Conference, 16 October 2019

IACS Data sharing

- **INSPIRE** legislation as implementation framework
- Close **collaboration** with Member States (and other EC services)
- **Stepwise** and **use cases** driven process
- **Support** to MS from DG AGRI and JRC
  Q&A documents
  Visits in the Paying Agencies
  Critical mass (around 10 Member States involved)
- **Effective re-use** of IACS data
- **Validation workshop** yesterday; details on outcome on Thursday

LPIS and Action plans

➢ ***Purpose:***

- to address deficiencies in *"one or more of the key components of the national control system"*

- often following observations in conformity audits, but can also be triggered by other observations.

➢ *Criteria* for requesting action plan:

i) seriousness,
ii) structural character,
iii) persistence,
iv) step-wise approach relevant

LPIS and Action plans

2018 AAR

•*Reservation letters*:
•draw/reinforcement/update of the action plans

State of play

- **7** action plans on-going, *out of which:*
- 4 were updated/reinforced and currently under assessment following 2018 AAR reservations

Thank you!

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