



The LPIS QA in the CAP policy framework

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IACS: a key tool to manage the CAP budget

- All area-based and animal-based payments (Pillar 1 and Pillar 2) managed in IACS
 - More than 40 billion EUR
- Shared management: COM and MS share responsibility for managing the CAP budget correctly
 - COM conformity clearance procedures: checking that the IACS system works properly
- Purpose of IACS
 - The right money goes to the right farmers for doing the right thing (legality and regularity)
 - Supporting farmers to submit correct declarations

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The LPIS: a back-bone of IACS

- LPIS = database of eligible agricultural land
- Key purposes of the LPIS (Art. 5 of R640/2014) from the perspective of protection of the Funds
 - Quantification of the maximum eligible area
 - Unambiguous localisation of agricultural parcels declared by farmers (in some LPIS designs, the GSAA)
- Cross-checks with other IACS databases, primarily the GSAA, enable paying agencies to establish areas that are eligible for payments for 100% of beneficiaries (→administrative checks)

**LPIS is essential in providing assurance on
how the CAP is spent**

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Why an LPIS QA?

- From MS perspective: to impose administrative burden ☺
- From COM's perspective:
 - to give MS a tool to screen (verify) your LPIS, analyse the issues revealed and take action to remedy the situation
 - avoid running into serious deficiencies with the LPIS
 - prevent LPIS-related audit findings
 - N.B. a recent D3 analysis revealed a correlation between audit findings and non-conforming LPIS QA results*
 - to give COM a tool to support MS in making their LPIS systems better

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DG AGRI LPIS QA activities

- Goal: supporting MS in making LPIS systems better
- Analysis of ETS reports and remedial action plans (RAP)
 - Structured process of assessing the quality of your systems and, where issues are found, addressing them by RAPs
- LPIS QA missions
 - Chosen on the basis of a risk-analysis
 - Focused on clarifying the methodology (get the numbers right)
 - Giving recommendations for improving the LPIS QA and LPIS
- This workshop ☺

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DG AGRI, JRC and MS themselves are investing in the work on LPIS QA.

An improvement is overall visible but **progress could be better.**

**How can we help you to do better?
Is it a matter of resources? Awareness? Sthng else?
(workshop discussion)**

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The CAP post-2020

- LPIS QA remains an obligatory tool
- Where issues are revealed, RAPs have to be adopted (→status quo)
- COM may ask MS to set up an action plan (→new)
 - Focused on serious issues
- Where MS do not implement the action plan or the action plan is manifestly insufficient to remedy the situation, a suspension may be triggered (→exceptional situations, scenario "when all goes wrong", last resort)

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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?