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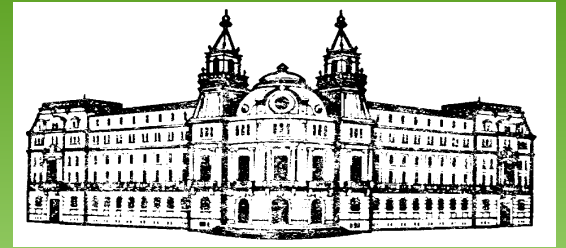
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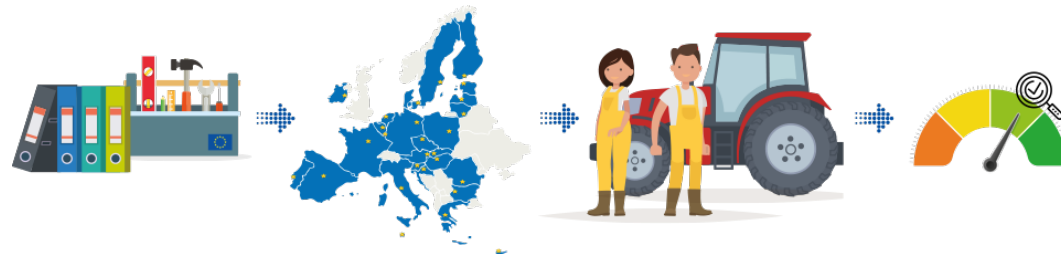


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Challenges for Bulgarian agriculture and benefits of EU cooperation



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Bulgarian agriculture

- ❑ The agricultural sector plays an important role for the economy
- ❑ Around 4% of the Gross Value Added (GVA)
- ❑ More than 6% of the total employment in the country
- ❑ Agriculture contributes positively to the trade balance
- ❑ Traditional sectors - meat, dairy and fruit and vegetables
- ❑ Major part of the agricultural production value in Bulgaria comes from crop production: cereals and industrial crops (oilseed, protein and tobacco)
- ❑ Bulgaria demonstrates export potential for rose and lavender oil, honey, fruits, vegetables, pig meat and poultry



Bulgarian agriculture

- ❑ About 41% of Bulgaria's territory (or 4 564 150 hectares) is agricultural land
- ❑ Rural areas represent 22% of Bulgaria's territory and are home to 13% of the population (900 963 people)
- ❑ The total number of agricultural holdings is 132 742, while the total number of registered farmers in 2021 was 76 372



Challenges for Bulgarian agriculture

- ❑ Reduction the income gap:
 - ✓ between agricultural sector and the rest of the economy
 - ✓ between small and medium-sized farms and larger holdings
- ❑ Ensuring balanced territorial development
- ❑ Setting up a framework for risk and crisis management
- ❑ Increasing the productivity and competitiveness of agricultural sector



Challenges for Bulgarian agriculture

- ❑ Improvement of cooperation between farmers and the processing sector
- ❑ Improvement the market access of small and medium-sized farmers through:
 - development of short supply chains and local markets
 - revealing the economic potential of local and regional traditional foods.
- ❑ Climate change adaptation and reducing the negative impact of climate change through implementing environmentally- and climate-friendly agricultural practices
- ❑ Development of organic farming



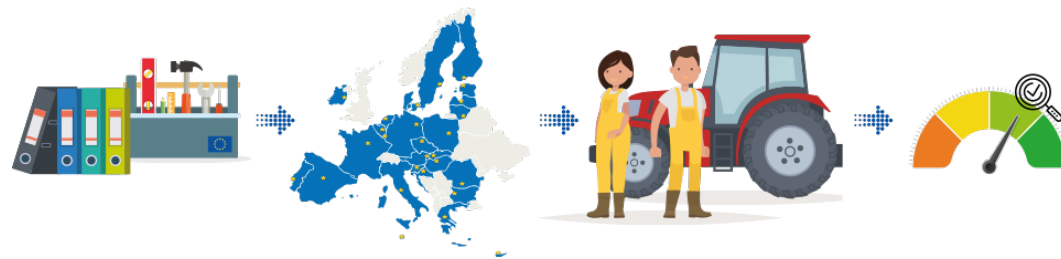


Benefits for Bulgaria from EU cooperation within CAP network and advisory services

- ❑ Improvement the functioning of the Bulgarian AKIS
- ❑ Easy access to innovation and knowledge including through the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) and operational groups
- ❑ Modernization and improvement the quality of advisory services including through application by NAAS and other advisors of new advisory service digital and other tools and techniques
- ❑ Improvement the level of education and training of farmers
- ❑ Support digitalization of Bulgarian agriculture



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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